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## POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



**SCOTT SHIRKEY**

April is here, and spring has officially sprung, bringing with it plenty of exciting happenings! Dodge City hosted another incredibly successful Shrine Circus this year—8 shows over three days, with fantastic attendance. Kudos to Dodge City Shrine club & everyone involved in keeping the Shrine Circus alive and thriving!

This year, we also had a sold-out bus trip to Barber County, packing all 56 seats! Huge thanks to **Jim Hallberg** & Lady Angela for their amazing work in organizing and filling the trip. The event was packed with fun and fantastic food—thank you, Barber County, for putting on such a wonderful event!

The highlight was undoubtedly the St. Patrick's Day party. What a day it was! The parade may have been a little chilly, but it was as well-attended by Wichita as ever. Midian had an impressive presence in the parade, and Parade Marshal **Jeff St. Peter** did a great job keeping everything in order—excellent work, **Jeff!** Afterward, **Shaun Reeves** & Lady Tiffany, along with the Aides team, hosted a FANTASTIC after-party. The Oasis was absolutely packed, and everyone had a blast. Outstanding job, team!

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## The St. Patrick's Day Parade kicked off Midian's 2025 Parade Season!



## St. Patrick's Day Parade



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2025 APPROVED PARADE LIST

Table with 5 columns: Date, Day, Parade Location, Line up, Time. Rows include Belle Plaine Festival and Benton Days Parade.

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.

In Memoriam

Through March 21, 2025

Table with 4 columns: NAME, BORN, CREATED, DECEASED. Row for Noble Walter G. Kuykendall.

Potentate

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Additionally, many members of the Divan made the journey to Des Moines for the Mid-Winter Meeting to prepare for CSSA this year. It's shaping up to be an incredible time, and I can't wait to see everyone there, competing and having fun!

Membership Day! Remember, the third Tuesday of every month is Masonic Information Night. If you know of any prospective members, let's get them to a meeting.

Lastly, let's not forget today is

We'll thrive in 2025!

Scott Shirkey Midian Potentate 2025

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Midian Shrine Tentative Schedule of Events

Subject to change

Table with 2 columns: APRIL, MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER. Lists various events and dates throughout the year.

# Membership Minute

Last month we mentioned the danger of complacency in life and the detrimental results that can result if allowed to continue. This month we will outline how to avoid complacency and live each day with purpose, contributing to a more fulfilling life, the achievement of goals, and in the process, becoming a more successful person. The great thing about living life in this manner is we grow out of our comfort zone, which normally leads to complacency and build upon our self-worth. This process allows us to become confident enough to pursue loftier goals on a continuous basis.

Essential components to this process:

1. Creating a Vision
2. Setting obtainable goals that are just outside of our comfort zone
3. Outlining an action plan to achieve our goals
4. Setting up a review timeline and process to evaluate progress
5. Redirecting or changing efforts from the review process
6. As goals are reached, reset to loftier goals
7. Continuing the process for life

Personal Vision and Goals might be Spiritual; Financial; Interpersonal Relationships with family, friends, and coworkers; Improvement of personal habits; Health related areas; among many others.

A little background:

**Vision:** What you might mentally envision a particular area of your life to be as ultimate to you were there no obstacles.

**Obtainable Goals:** These goals would be oriented around removing the obstacles you identify but will require you to reach deep within yourself to act on.

**Action Plan:** Specific action items you outline to achieve the goals but, in the process, will force you to act on since they lie just outside what feels comfortable.

The rest of the outlined process should be self-explanatory.

Now to Membership. The process is applicable to all areas of life including our membership challenge. Though we haven't discussed a clear Vision, I will give you mine. My Vision would be to get back to 3,000 members. When we reach this level of membership, we relieve ourselves of financial worries. We could have surpluses again. Realizing this is a bit lofty, I believe a more reasonable vision for Nobility is 2000 members. With 2000 members and our fundraisers we would not have to rely as heavily on our LTI.

Now to goals. We have set up Unit and Club goals which we believe adhere to the above process, so how about an action plan? Let's say your Unit goal is 3 new Nobles. We will estimate that we only have about a 10% success rate that we make through our direct contact with good men of character. That would mean that we should contact at least 30 candidates during the year to reach the Unit goal. From this we discuss among our members in our unit each person's responsibility and adjust during the year as necessary and follow the remainder of the process. The process is very simple but demands discipline, which we are all capable of if we understand the ramifications of not living a life of purpose daily.

*Let's Live a Life of Purpose each day! Commit to the growth of our Fraternity!*

Lynn Ungles

## 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.

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**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.

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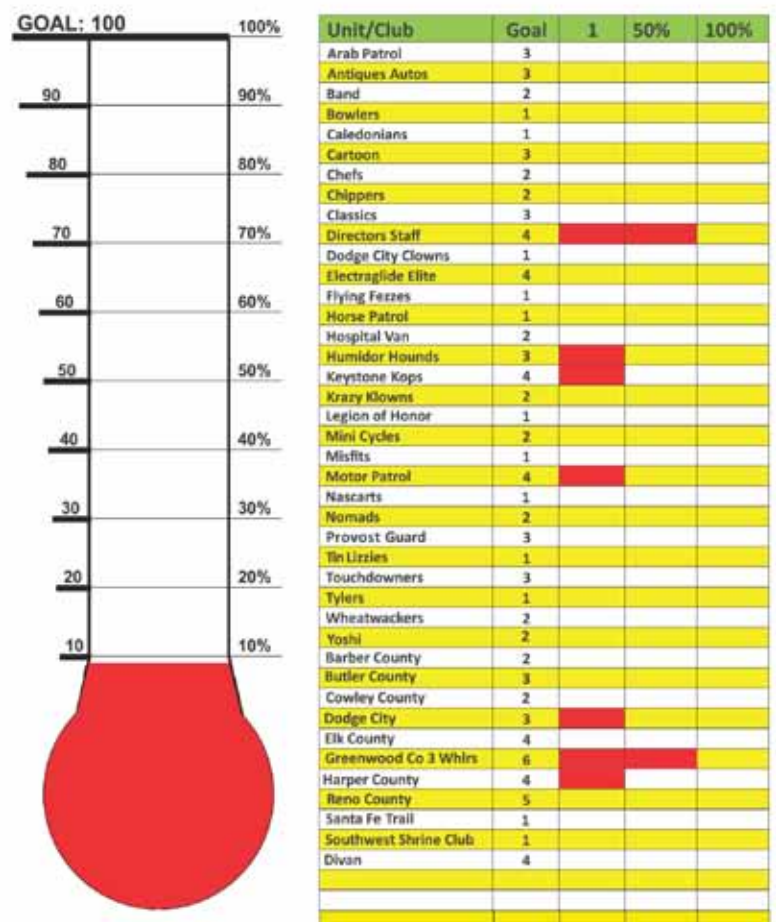
- You will pay \$180 for one month which will pay your annual dues.

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### 2025 Membership Goals



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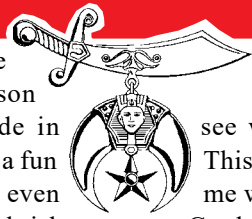
# CLUBS

## Greenwood County 3-Wheelers

CARL "C.F." COX  
Reporter

Spring is finally here and we have kicked off our parade season with the St. Paddy's Day Parade in Delano at Wichita. This is always a fun parade with lots of spectators and even though the north wind was a little brisk, it was dry, which hasn't always happened at this parade. Next up is Benton and then Spring Ceremonial. If you haven't yet got your bike out of the winter mothballs, now is the time!

We had a terrific Mexican feast at our March meeting and it was great getting back together after having to cancel the February meeting due to winter weather. The 2025 committee list was presented for our various functions and even if you aren't on the committee list, it takes all of us to make our events a success, so please jump in and get involved in YOUR shrine club! Remember, Spring Ceremonial is right around the corner. Do you have a candidate for Greenwood County and Midian Shrine? Our membership goal this year is 6 and we are already well underway to achieving this goal. Our Captain **Scott Starkey** has lots of plans coming into spring, so watch your email, our Facebook page, and attend our meetings for more information.



This is the third TOPICS

I have asked for feedback to see who is reading this article... This time I am asking you to tell me what your plans are for spring; Gardening, vacations, sports, Shrine functions? Next time you see me, please let me know. The only way you will know to tell me is if you are reading this article. Please play along!

Unfortunately, the Black Camel has taken a couple of our long time Shriners from Greenwood County. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of Nobles **Jack Downing** and **Gene Sprague**. Noble **Jack** was a member of Greenwood County for many years and even though he wasn't a regular at our meetings, he always supported us through the Shrine Circus and other donations. Noble **Gene** was very involved in the early years of the 3-Wheelers, but due to recent health issues, hasn't been active for several years. God Bless to both of these Nobles and best wishes to their families.

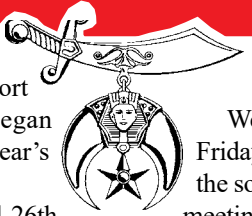
Our next regular meeting will be the 9th at the Shed, with hospitality at 6:00 and a meal and meeting to follow. Watch your email for a menu. Hope to see you there!

## Butler County

CRAIG BREWER  
Reporter

First off, I want to say thanks to everyone for all the amazing support we received last year once we began parading again. Can't wait for this year's parades.

We are having a Social on April 26th starting at 3:00 p.m. We would like to invite all Nobles and Ladies. We are calling it the "F's" of Spring. (Food, Fishing & Fellowship) down on the Palmer Ranch, 270 Rock, Piedmont, Kansas. Seven miles south and three miles east of Beaumont. Bring your fishing poles



and a chair and join us for a great time.

We have our meetings the fourth Friday at Rio Grill and Cantina, with the social starting at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m.

The officers for this year are **Craig Brewer** – President, **Don Nelson** – Vice President, **Kevin Worrell** – Secretary, and **Don Brunhoeber** – Treasurer.

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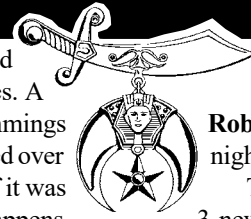
## Midian Classics

#2 ON THE LIST  
Reporter

The March meeting was held at Cliff's Car Barn with the Ladies. A wonderful dinner with all the trimmings was had by all. The meat was roasted over an open fire by VP **Groff**. None of it was burned to a crisp, as sometimes happens.

There were fourteen members present for the lengthy meeting, chaired by President **Giesen**. Second Ceremonial Master **Parker** filled us in on all the upcoming events scheduled for this spring. Parades, unknown trips and meetings were discussed in great detail.

The Benton parade is coming up in the near future. President **Bob** has directed the Classics to have all cars polished and ready to parade. A late lunch get-together is scheduled to follow the parade. If you would like more



information on this or any other event, please call President **Robert P. Giesen** anytime of the day or night at 641-0375.

The unit goal this year is to bring 3 new members into the Shrine. Think membership.

April meeting will be held at the Temple following dinner in the Oasis Room on Wednesday the 9th of April.

Noble **Stewart** is recovering with great speed after the injury to his foot, nose and a black eye. Now he wants to sell the little Nash convertible. It still has three good fenders and the top is not torn.

Check your dip sticks before every parade.

## Million Dollar Band

RICK MILHON  
Reporter

The Million Dollar Band decided in March to sponsor a Wichita High School musician to the All-State Marching Band Camp. When we looked at the list of those seeking sponsorship we saw a familiar name, Rohde. Gabe Rohde is a North High junior and a trumpet player, following the footsteps of his father, Bill Rohde and his mother, Misty Rohde. The name is familiar to we Shrine band members in that both parents played with our group on several occasions. When Noble **Lee Elliott** died in 2006, Bill Rohde filled in as Director of the Concert Band and the DanceKatz. At North High School Gabe is in the Marching Band, the Orchestra, and the Jazz Band. He said his favorite is the Marching Band. He is also on the Track Team, hurling the discus. He participated in the Masonic Band Camp last year. It takes place in the 5 days that end with the Kansas Shrine Bowl. Gabe said that teachers who coach the musicians at the camp were excellent. Gabe's favorite thing about



the All-State Band was that he was playing for a good cause, raising money for the Shriners Children.

He also participated in two other camps: The Bethany College Band Camp in 2024 and the 2023 Drum and Bugle

Camp in Hutchinson where the teachers were from the Blue Devils Drum and Bugle Corp. The latter led to him joining the Skyryders.

Gabe intends to attend Emporia State University to study music and to become a music teacher. The Million Dollar Band is proud to sponsor Gabriel William "Gabe" Rohde to the 2025 Masonic All-State Marching Band Camp in Dodge City, June 17-21.

Meanwhile the Million Dollar Band keeps on working and playing and you are welcome to join in on the fun. Join the Concert Band Thursdays 7pm Horace Mann School, south of 13th North on Main. For Polkatz contact [sjaschmitter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sjaschmitter@sbcglobal.net). For Dixiekatz [sax4clar1@gmail.com](mailto:sax4clar1@gmail.com)

## Humidor Hounds & Foxes

NORM CONLEY PP  
Reporter

The Hounds meet in the Oasis monthly for a cigar and fellowship. The Humidor was moved to the bar to make it more access able and we are running specials on some cigars to make room for new stock.

The Hounds are looking for Nobles to join our ranks. Like our President **Jason Peterson** said last month, if you like relaxing with a good smoke and a libation, we could be friends. I don't know what that entails for **Jason**. The Hounds meet on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Oasis. Meetings are open to all Nobles and their Lady. Come see if we are a good fit for that free space in your life. Food is available in the Oasis. You are encouraged to come early and eat a meal. The Meetings consist of a giveaway at the end of every meeting to any Noble, Lady, or guest in attendance before the meeting is called to order. (President **Jason Peterson** (316) 371-8616.

The purpose of this Shrine Club is to promote friendship and fellowship among its members and among all Shriners in



the great tradition of Shriners International, where a warm heart and a hearty smile abound; and to arrange other fraternal activities, entertainment and trips for the benefit of Midian Shrine and the members of this Shrine Club.

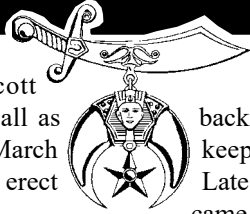
All members of this Shrine Club must be members in good standing of Midian Shrine, or be the Lady of a current member of this club. Ladies will not be required to pay dues. The annual dues are \$20.00, payable prior to December 31st. Dues are not required from Ladies, however they will be accepted if offered.

The Hounds bylaws have an interesting provision for being a member and over 70 years of age that may give some of us a reason to join.

Life Members will be issued a permanent Life Membership card and will be entitled to all the rights and privileges of regular members, including membership in the uniform group. Life Members will remain as dues paying members, until becoming exempt at seventy years of age.

# Arab Patrol

**NORM CONLEY P.P.**  
Reporter



Captain **Brian West** led the patrol in honoring Potentate Scott Shirkey at the 2025 Potentates Ball as you saw last month. The Patrol's March social was helping PP **Jay Danler** erect a gazebo in his back yard.

The first Sunday helping PP **Jay Danler** erect a Gazebo saw very dedicated Patrol men. You could see the skill level from master carpenter, journeymen, tyros and even a 'little helper'. The incentive for the project was going over for Pizza and Beer and 'helping'. The excitement was Finding out what you thought was an IKEA type Gazebo sold by lumber yards was that we were starting with large trees that had just

had the bark removed and the first pass planing done. Patrol backs were busy carrying beams and keeping batteries on tools charged. Late in the day the corded power tools came out. Some beams fought back from being cut. At the end of the day six of the seven posts were set. Now let's see how next weekend goes. The fellowship was outstanding and those of us tyros learned a lot from Noble **Devon Olson** about this kind of construction. Pictures of the Captain lifting were taken for insurance purposes.

The Patrol supported the St. Patrick's Day party at Midian.



# Provost Guard

**BRIAN CAVANAUGH**  
Reporter



Your Provost Guard has been busy organizing this year's fun shoot. This is our primary fundraiser and is always a great time. We are offering limited sponsorship opportunities for this event so spread the word. We would like to see as many Nobles and Ladies as possible come out and shoot with us. Be sure to tell your friends. There's no better way to celebrate Mother's Day weekend than treating that special lady to a day at the range.

In March, we held a champagne social to welcome our 2025 Liaison **Steve Julian** and Lady Sissy. We are looking forward to a fun year with both of you.

We are also holding a raffle for a \$1500 D&M Guns gift card. Yes, you read that right—\$1500! Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. You can get tickets from any Provost member. The 2025 Fun Shoot is quickly approaching.

This fantastic event will be held at Sportsman's Training Center on Saturday, May 10th. This event is always a blast. Visit our Facebook page for signup information or to

sponsor a station. All Midian Units and Clubs are encouraged to field a squad and compete!

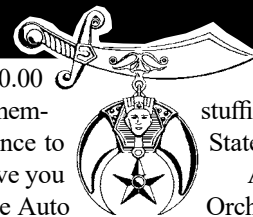
Speaking of STC, all Provost Guard members are eligible for half price memberships. Sportsman's Training Center in Augusta, KS offers three Sporting Clays Courses and two Trap fields. Yet another reason to be a Provost member.

The Provost Guard meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM at Midian. Join us for a meeting and/or dinner beforehand in the Oasis. Please note the new meeting time.

Happy Easter!

# Antique Autos

**KEE CLAR**  
Reporter



Antique Auto Club dues are \$50.00 and \$25.00 for Veterans. Please remember to bring your proof of insurance to Midian so they can copy it and give you your 2025 parade sticker. Antique Auto does require your vehicle to have a Scimitar sticker as well. The office does have Scimitar stickers for sale. They are \$5.00 each or 2 for \$8.00. The new shirts are in. Please pay for and pick up from Noble **Grant Richecky**.

We had a good showing at the Saint Patrick's Day Parade and party afterward.

Dates to jot down:

April 5 - Kops 50-year party at Midian

6:00 p.m.; April 10 - Easter Egg stuffing at Midian 6:00 p.m.; April 16 - Stated Meeting

April 19 - Easter Egg Hunt at Orchard Park 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.;

May 2-13 is Ceremonial weekend at the Shrine; May 16-18 - Golf tournament at Winfield; May 21 - Stated Meeting; May 28 - June 1 - Potentate trip to Las Vegas

Prayers for Noble **Jerry Elscott**, Lady Trish Gilbert, Noble **Willie Williams**, Jessie Stevens and Leum Stevens.

Happy Anniversary to Noble **Scott Peterson** & Lady Emily

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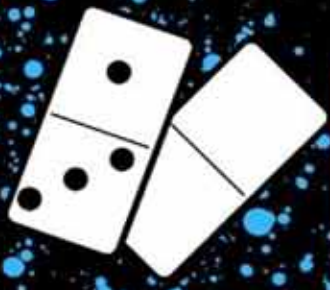
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# Motor Patrol

RUSTYBUCKET  
Reporter



The Motor Patrol's monthly meeting was hosted by **Jeff Breault**. March's meeting had **Ron, Norm, Mickey, Mark, Kent, John, Jeff, Gary, Derek, Chad, Bob, Austin, and Alvin** present. Thank you Jeff for your hospitality!

Our Chief Aide found a backup driver for the Mattster this month. I don't think his feet can reach the pedals though.

Our Treasurer had a whooping/hollering good time scouting out dinner locations in Des Moines.

Motor Patrol had great participation at the St Paddy's Day Parade. **Alvin, Chad, David, Derek, Gary, Jeff, Jeremy, John, Kent, Mark, Matt, Mickey, and Norm** met up

at Whiskey Dicks and were joined by several members of Elk County, Yoshi, and the Keystone Kops, including Illustrious Sir.

The Saint Paddy's Day Party after the parade was outstanding. Singing, Fun and Games, Good Food, and Good Spirits made for an awesome Day!

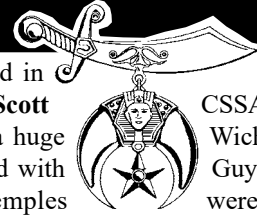
The Midwinter meeting for CSSA in Des Moines is coming up as this article is being written. Several Motor Patrol members will be there for the CSASMC business meetings. A full weekend of events is scheduled.

Spring Ceremonial is May 3rd. Keep up the excellent work with membership!



# Keystone Kops

BOBBY "TURF" DUKES  
Reporter



Thanks to all those involved in the planning and set up, Ill Sir **Scott Shirkey's** Potentate Ball was a huge success. It was a sell-out crowd with representatives from CSSA Temples and a lot of Midian supporters to honor and pay their respects to Ill Sir **Scott**. Also attending was fellow Kop's from Sesostris and Abou Ben Adhem to join in the celebration and maybe to see what mischief they could get into. ABA did attempt to sprite off with the Marque from the Ball but either saw the errors of their ways or maybe a bit of fear of retaliation. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the music and dancing with the party continuing up in the rooms afterwards. There were reports of noise complaints coming from the 8th floor but luckily veteran Kop, OG **Woody Woodson**, was on hand to speak with security, oh wait, it was his room that was reported.

Our KC Mid-Winter meeting went rather well. We cussed and discussed a couple of issues then moved on to fellowship with our Brother Kop Units, catching up on what we had been up to. A group of Midian and ABA Kops stayed for the night, in the same hotel, for an evening of fun and games. It's always fun to see and pal around with the other

Kop Units and hope to do more at CSSA. Three of us made the return trip to Wichita, making our traditional stop at Guy N Mays BBQ in Williamsburg. We were welcomed as always and we were happy to be there as they are celebrating their 50th year. Speaking of BBQ, the Kops want to express our gratitude to All Things BBQ for all of their support over the years helping us with our fundraisers. Good people with good products.

The Kops are busy planning their 50th Anniversary party, May 9th, and everyone at Midian is invited to come join us for a night of fun and games, door prizes. Rumor is there may be free beer to the first comers till gone and maybe a musical surprise? Set the date and plan on coming down and celebrating with us, we'd love to have you there.

It's tough being a Kop: Hey Chief, you find your briefcase yet? What is it about the paddy wagon always needing repairs after coming out of winter storage? Just how much fun did **Cox** have at the nut fry? Congratulations to Veteran Kop, OG **"Woody" Woodson** on welcoming his first grandson. He already bought him a Subway store. Can you spell spoiled!



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# LADIES

## Arami Court

JAN HIEBERT, PGHP  
Reporter

**Winter. Spring. Winter.** Wish Mother Nature would make up her mind!

Lady Cheryl Sowder, PHP and her officers completed their year with flying colors! There were fantastic fundraisers, happy meetings and a busy calendar. THANK YOU, Lady Cheryl!

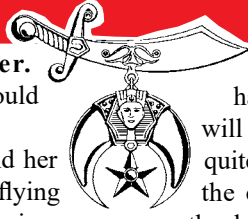
Not to put a damper on things but LOSNA and Arami Court lost two of its long-time supporters. Lady Bea Hillman, Past Grand High Priestess and Lady Margaret Allison were taken from us recently. May both Ladies rest in peace.

Zara Court #113 of Dallas, PA is now an official new Court of Ladies' Oriental Shrine. Welcome to the family Ladies.

Auset Club of Topeka, KS will become a Court during the Grand Council Session in May. It will be so nice to have these Kansas Ladies join the Mid-States group of Courts.

April showers bring May flowers! Actually, Arami is bringing flowers. Flower orders are being processed and may be picked up on April 5 at Midwest Plastics Supply, 2248 S. Mead St. Don't forget to pick up your order or be sure someone picks them up for you. Questions? Check with Ladies Cheryl Sowder, Terri Wells or Dianna Clay. Thank you for supporting our flower sale!

A couple of weeks after the flower delivery watch for activity in the flower beds at



Midian. The Bloomin' Buddies have scheduled a clean-up day and will plant new flowers at that time. It's quite a job to keep them growing with the current watering restrictions but thanks to Lady Dianna Clay and Noble **Ray Richecky** they manage to keep them looking great all spring, summer and fall. A BIG thanks to them!

Folks are loving the heck out of our flavored meat sticks. Lady Julie Smith has had to place another order. She has them with her at most LOS and Midian events. They are 2 for \$3.00. Check with Julie!

**JUNE 27 - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** That's the date for our next BUNCO night. Admission is \$10 per person, payable at the door of Midian Oasis. We're accumulating some super prizes. Check with Lady Makzinie Hogan if you have donations or questions about the event. You don't have to know how to play, we'll teach you. Come have a barrel of fun with us!

2025 Grand Council Session is coming up quickly - May 18-24 in Kansas City, MO. With the close proximity there will be a "bunch" of Ladies and Nobles attending. It's nice not to have to fly to the session. The Ladies of Tarrara Court #83 are great sisters of our Arami Court and we look forward to having a lot of fun with them and continuing learning how to make our Courts successful.



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Re-shoot Option \$45 per person (\$180 per team)  
Mulligans \$5 each

Lunch included. Check-in starts at 9 am. Shoot starts at 10 am.  
(50 Targets, 4 person teams, If your short shooters Provost will help fill-in)

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(Tickets 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5; Must be present to win)

Lunch provided by Ladies of Midian Shrine's Electraglide Elite

Extra food for sale, (additional lunch is \$15).

Awards for Top Man, Top Woman and Top Team announced after the shoot

### Contact Information

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