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January Temple
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ARARAT SHRINE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024

Ballroom • Heavy hors d'oeuvres & cash bar following meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024

Ballroom • Heavy hors d'oeuvres & cash bar following meeting

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024

Ballroom • Heavy hors d'oeuvres & cash bar following meeting

Meeting 7:00PM • Regular Order of Business
Balloting on Petitions • Visiting Nobles Welcome
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Nick Baldi
Recorder

Mark Koontz
Illustrious Potentate

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Pote's Notes

What a great day to be a Shriner! Our first 90 days as the 128th Potentate of Ararat Shrine and First Lady have been fantastic. With all the well wishes from friends, family, nobles and ladies, we are off to a great start.

We had the opportunity to give back earlier this year. Ed's Posse does so much for us by fundraising for the Shrine and the Hospitals. When they came to us requesting to use Bennett Auditorium for a fundraiser, the Shrine jumped right in! Ed's Posse had a fantastic fundraiser to help their member pay for the cancer treatments he needed.

Earlier in March, we did it again! The Community Blood Center was looking for donation sites and Noble Glenn Helverson, our Public Outreach director, spearheaded a "Back the Badge" blood drive. A great showing for our nobility.

We had our first parade of the season in North Kansas City's "Snake Saturday" parade. Uniformed Units Director, Noble Sonny Hibbs, and his staff did a great job. Only 7-8 more parades to go Sonny!

Our Shrine Club Director, Noble Mick Owens, and staff have been busy too. Visiting every shrine club monthly to share the news and activities of Ararat. Good work guys!

With all this hard work, it's time for a party! M*A*S*H Bash party, 4077th style, is May 11th! Prizes for best costume, live band, specialty drinks and snacks. Come dressed as your favorite M*A*S*H character or in camo. Let's see a bunch of Hot Lips, Klingers and Colonel Potters on the dance floor!

Again, thanks for a great start. Lady Donna and I look forward to spending time with everyone as we continue "Doing more in '24"!

Fraternally yours,

Mark Koontz

Potentate Mark Koontz and Lady Donna



Ararat Shriners attended the March 16, 2024 Snake Saturday Parade in NKC, MO. The weather cooperated for us this year bringing sunny skies and warming up to the mid-60s. Although we had to line up extremely early for this parade due to the streets being closed off so early, everyone seemed excited to attend. The attendance for the parade showed with the weather being so warm and the streets were lined up solid. I want to personally thank the clubs and units who were able to attend this fun parade. I am proud to announce that we were recognized for our group efforts with an award in our division we entered the parade in.

Congratulations to all for your efforts! We should all be proud to be recognized for it. Our next parade will be the Raytown Easter Parade with Line-up being at 10. Hope to see everyone there. Fraternaly, Sonny Hibbs

2024 Parades

March 30 - Raytown

June 8 - Warsaw

June 22 - Boonville

July 4 - Sugar Creek

September 21 - Blue Springs

September 28 - Spring Hill

October 26 - Independence

*Check Ararat Advisor for step off times

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

APRIL

- 4..... Bingo (Patrol)
- 8..... Divan Meeting
- 10..... Temple Meeting
- 11..... Bingo (Cooking Club)
- 12-13..... Swap Meet
- 13..... Car and Motorcycle Show
- 18..... Bingo (Anyone can Help!)
- 20..... Hambash
- 20..... Richmond S.C. Golf Tournament
- 25..... Bingo (Greeters)
- 27..... Blues, Booze and BBQ

MAY

- 2..... Bingo (Blue Springs S.C.)
- 6..... Divan Meeting
- 8..... Temple Meeting
- 9..... Bingo (Jackson County S.C.)
- 11..... Aides Party
- 16..... Bingo (Tractors)
- 23..... Bingo (Drones)
- 30..... Bingo (AM Radio)
- 31..... Ole Cars Fish Fry

JUNE

- 6..... Bingo (Motor Escort)
- 8..... Warsaw Parade
- 10..... Divan Meeting
- 12..... Temple Meeting
- 13..... Bingo (Pipes and Drums)
- 20..... Bingo (Clowns)
- 22..... Boonville Parade
- 27..... Bingo (Richmond)

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Hospital Van Drivers

All Nobles of Ararat Shrine are encouraged to get involved with the work of our fraternity. Our Hospital Transportation Club is the tip of the spear in the effort to help our kids. We strongly encourage you to call the Hospital Transportation office at (816) 923-5429 or (816) 923-1319 and join the elite team of Nobles who transport our children to our St. Louis Hospital. We encourage every Noble to become a driver and to experience the life changing effect of working with the younger and the weaker. We need office workers and drivers so regardless of ability, all can lend a hand.

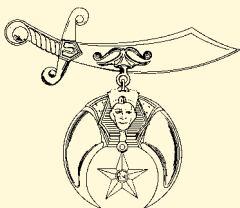
Thank you to the following Nobles who drove for a total of 58 hours the month of January!

Dan Bruckner 15 hours
Randy Bruso 14 hours
Leroy Graham 15 hours
Richard Wisely 14 hours

Thank you to the following Nobles who drove for a total of 62 hours the month of February!!

Randy Hicks 12 hours
Sam Manthei 19 hours
Dennis Marchant 19 hours
Richard Wisely 12 hours

Please remember that for every hour the drivers receive 25 Crown Jewel Points. It's a great way to earn your points.



50-Year Members for May 2024

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Blood Drive

On March 18th Ararat Shriners held a blood drive in Bennett Auditorium. Thank you to everyone that came out to help our community!

Thank you so much for supporting our community by coordinating the recent blood drive at Ararat Shriners. Mobile blood drives such as yours are essential in providing the blood needed to keep our hospitals adequately supplied. Without your help, it would be difficult to collect the 580 pints need each day for our family, friends, and neighbors.

At your Monday, March 18 blood drive the Community Blood Center staff registered 25 volunteers and collected 22 units of blood. There were 10 first time donors.

Please pass on our gratitude to the volunteers who supported the blood drive. If there is anything I can do to assist you, please give me a call. I can be reached at (816) 2164771.

Thank you for your commitment to the Community Blood Center and patients in need.

Gratefully,

Lisa Nelson
 Account Manager, Community Blood Center

Thank you to the following people for making our Blood Drive a success:

MARY D BAUER
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Warsaw Shrine Club presented generous donations for the Cornerstone Fund and the 2024 Circus to Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz and Chief Rabban Jeremy Yates at their March meeting.





Ararat Needle Guild

BY JERRI DOWDY

On February 27 Ararat Needle guild celebrated Founders Day. There were 22 ladies in attendance. The "Shrine Sewing Circle" was organized in February 1937 by the Potentate's Lady, Mrs. Herb "Babe" Ford. They started with five donated second-hand sewing machines.

In 1942 and 1943 the ladies, in addition to sewing for the Shrine, volunteered to sew two more Tuesdays for the Red Cross. They started a campaign for electric sewing machines and many of the Ararat Uniformed Units & the ladies had benefit parties. They were able to purchase 12 electric sewing machines. In 1947 Potentate Chet Hayes took a special interest in the Sewing Circle and changed their name to Ararat Shrine Needle Guild & presented them with a gold and black plaque with the new name and Shrine emblem.



Houn Dawg meeting March 2024

March 2024 Monthly meeting Ararat Houn Dawg Shrine Club. A great group of nobles and ladies. One of the members shared a program book from 1973 with members for Houn Dawg.



HAMBASH 2024

Sanctioned by ARRL

Ararat Shrine

5100 Ararat Drive Kansas City, MO. 64129

www.Hambash.us

SATURDAY, April 20th, 2024

Featuring:

Flea Market, ARRL Seminar,
Emergency Service Vehicles on display.

ATM Available

PRIZES:

Grand Prize Drawing 12:00 PM

Raffles Throughout Morning

Talk-in 145.13 (Minus Offset, Tone 151.4)

RAFFLE TICKETS: AT DOOR: \$5.00 EACH IN ADVANCE: 3 FOR \$10.00

Set up 6:00 a.m. Close 1:00 p.m.
Open to the public at 8:00 a.m.
FREE Parking
Handicapped Accessible
Security Officers on Duty

Commercial Exhibitors
Traders Area
Breakfast and Lunch
Seminars all day
Testing by W5VI

<http://arrrl.com/what-to-bring-to-an-exam-session>

8-foot Trader's Tables
Advance Trader Tables: \$15.00
(At the Door \$20.00)
Three tickets per order.
Limited Electricity Available
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Saturday, April 20th, 2024

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Entry Fee: \$340 TEAM, \$85 PER PLAYER

Includes: Turkey/Pork Meal, 2 Drink Tickets, Cart & Green Fee

3 Places in 3 Flights (based on full field)

Mulligan Ticket: \$10 includes (4 mulligans per team / long drive)

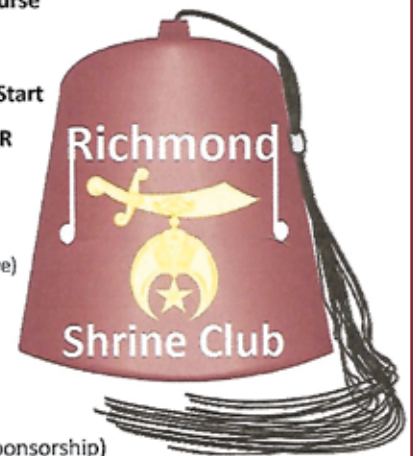
On Course Games and Margarita Hut, Hole in one prizes

Sponsorship Opportunities

Hole Sponsorship \$100 (Name on sponsorship sign)

Corporate Package \$440 (1 Team entry and 1 Hole Sponsorship)

Donations Cash or Merchandise for Silent Auction



Silent Auction, Dinner, and Results following tournament at Richmond Shrine Club

- Results Include: Team Results, Putting Contest, Long Drive, Marshmallow Drive

- Hole Sponsorship – (Name on Sign) _____
- Donations - \$_____ Type of Merchandise _____
- Corporate Package - (Name on Sign) _____
- Team Entry

Names of players Phone Number E-Mail Address

1. _____ / _____ / _____
2. _____ / _____ / _____
3. _____ / _____ / _____
4. _____ / _____ / _____

Send entry fee and check to : Steve Minnick 9413 Wollard Blvd. Richmond ,Missouri 64085

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February 2024 Temple Meeting Notes

BY STEVE COSTIGAN JR., ORIENTAL GUIDE

The February 14th stated meeting of Ararat Shriners was called to order at 7:00 PM in A&B by Illustrious Sir Mark Koontz. He noted that tonight's meeting is an open meeting, and some protocol would be suspended for this evening.

Temple officers present were Illustrious Sir Mark Koontz, Potentate, Noble Jeremy Yates, Chief Rabban, Noble Ben Allen, Assistant Rabban, Noble Steve Costigan Jr, Oriental Guide, Noble Keith Stoneking, High Priest and Prophet, Noble Westin Miller, Treasurer, Noble Nick Baldi, Recorder, Noble Tony Broome, Ceremonial Master, Noble Larry Potter, Jurisdictional Marshal, Noble Dave Hutton, Jurisdictional Marshal and Noble Wes Wingfield, Chaplain.

The meeting was opened in due form. Chaplain, Noble Wes Wingfield, read the following list of Nobles who had been visited by the Black Camel: Larry Wallace Sr, Mac Porter, Vernon "VJ" Phillips. The Chaplain then gave the invocation.

The meeting was opened in due form.

Resulting from an open meeting February 14th, 2024, meeting minutes reading was suspended.

The Potentate congratulated Delmar and Sharon Dothage on their 56th wedding anniversary and presented them with a card. A gift was handed to all the ladies in attendance.

The Potentate called for Gifts and Contributions. Noble Delmar Dothage made a gift to the General Fund. Noble Fritz Kingsley also donated money collected from the snack bar at bingo.

The Potentate called for the introduction of visiting Nobles. Noble George Thompson reported that no visiting Nobles had registered.

The Potentate called for Committee reports: Noble Jeremy Yates, Chief Rabban, gave a report on status of the liquor license, and it was still a work in progress. He also gave progress of the 2024 Ararat Shrine Circus. We will have a circus, and starting in March circus meetings will begin on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Noble Tony Broome, Ceremonial Master, presented a sizable contribution to the general fund from the Bingo Committee and a nice donation from the Bingo players to the Hospital Patient Transportation Fund. Noble J. W. Page, Sportsmen's Event Chairman, gave a report on the 2024 Sportsmen's Gun Raffle. He hopes to have tickets starting at the March meeting and all the guns have been purchased.

Noble LeRoy Graham, Hospital Committee Chairman, gave a report on the Hospital Transportation Activities. Noble Glenn Halverson, Noble Mike Montgomery, and Noble Kimball Wilcox, of Community Outreach and Membership, provided some information. They are working on a 5k run and possibly a soccer tournament. They also plan to have a hospital trip, with a date to come soon.

Illustrious Sir Mark Koontz called upon Noble Steve Costigan Jr, Oriental Guide, for the Onion report. He stated that we are selling onions again this year. Order forms need to be turned into the office no later than April 1st.

The Potentate called on Noble Dave Johnson for the Swap Meet report. They are working on some new ideas and plan to have a Motorcycle and Car Show this year along with the Swap Meet.

Noble Sonny Hibbs gave the dates for the 2024 parades and let us know that the dates and maps should be available on the Ararat Advisor and at the office.

The Potentate gave some dates of upcoming events.

The Potentate called for Good of the Order: Noble Gary Davis reminded everyone of the upcoming Richmond Shrine

Club golf tournament. Noble Dave Johnson spoke on the upcoming March 2nd Windy Dinner. Noble John Foster gave a nice donation with money he earned in South Texas.

The Potentate recognized the following Emeriti members: Noble Nick Baldi, Treasurer Emeritus, Noble Mike Wheeler, Recorder Emeritus, and Noble Jacque Mote, Vocal Emeritus.

The Potentate recognized the following Past Potentates: Illustrious Sir Ed Graves, P.P. 2015, Zamora Shriners, Birmingham, Alabama, Illustrious Sir Henry McDaniel, Jr., P.P. 2018,

Illustrious Sir Michael Aulgur, P.P. 2021 and Illustrious Sir Donnie Fowler, P.P. 2022.

A 50/50 drawing was held with Noble John Foster holding the winning ticket.

The Potentate called on the Chaplain for the Benediction. Noble Wes Wingfield gave the Benediction.

Waiving all forms and ceremony the Potentate closed the meeting at 7:45PM.

Ararat Shriners

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JANUARY TEMPLE MEETING



M*A*S*H
B*A*S*H

It's a Party 4077TH Style

May*11*2024
6:30pm

\$5

Dress as your favorite character or wear camo

Specialty Cocktails

Best Costume Prize

Live Band

The proceeds of this event benefit Ararat Shriners Potentate's Aides. Donations and/or purchases are not tax deductible.

ARARAT SHRINE SWAP MEET

APRIL 12 & 13, 2024

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APRIL 13, 2024
9AM

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ADMISSION \$5 CAR SHOW INCLUDED

\$20 ENTRY FEE TO COMPETE

March 2024 Temple Meeting Notes

BY STEVE COSTIGAN JR., ORIENTAL GUIDE

The March 12th stated meeting of Ararat Shriners was called to order at 7:00 PM in A&B by Illustrious Sir Mark Koontz.

Temple officers present were Illustrious Sir Mark Koontz, Potentate, Noble Jeremy Yates, Chief Rabban, Noble Ben Allen, Assistant Rabban, Noble Keith Stoneking, High Priest and Prophet, Noble Westin Miller, Treasurer, Noble Nick Baldi, Recorder, Noble Tony Broome, 1st Ceremonial Master, Noble Bud Higginbotham, Captain of the Guard, Noble Larry Potter, Jurisdictional Marshal, Noble, Dave Hutton, Jurisdictional Marshal, and Noble Wes Wingfield, Chaplain.

The meeting was opened in due form. Chaplain, Noble Wes Wingfield, read the following list of Nobles who had been visited by the Black Camel: Marvin Cutshall, Jon Riley, Lavere Braucht Jr, Allen "Rufus" Hilbus, Charles" Cliff" Rutter, David Hochstetler, and Carl Smith. The Chaplain then gave the invocation.

Resulting from a motion suspending the reading of the minutes of stated Temple meeting for the duration of the term of office of the current Potentate, the minutes of the February 14th stated meeting were not read.

Illustrious Sir Mark Koontz called for the election and reading of new candidates. Noble Nick Baldi, Recorder, then read the following names. Greg Krisel, John Boone, Douglas King, Matt Franklin, Adam James. The Recorder announced that the above required a ballot and if there was no objection he made a motion that all of the candidates be voted on collectively and by a show of hands. A second came from the floor, there was no discussion, the motion passed, and the candidates were then elected.

The Potentate called for the reading of petitions. The Recorder, Noble Nick Baldi, read a Petition for Matthew Dowd, Tristan Opperman, and Aaron Shoemaker. This was a matter of recorder.

The Potentate called for the reading of petitions Affiliation, Association and Restoration. The Recorder, Noble Nick Baldi, reported that we did not have any at this time.

The Potentate called for the reading of demits. The Recorder, Nick Baldi, stated that Keith Edwards being clear upon the books of Ararat Shrine and at his request was granted a demit to Kabba Shrine.

The Potentate called for the reading of remissions. The Recorder announced that there were no requests for dues remission.

The Potentate called for the Treasurer's report. Noble Weston Miller, Treasurer, gave the report and budget for the 2024 year. A motion and second was made to adopt the budget for the 2024 year and the motion was approved.

The Potentate called for a short form ceremonial for the eight new Nobles.

The Potentate called for Gifts and Contributions.

Noble Bill Yardley Warsaw Shrine Club made a great donation to the general fund and 2024 circus. Gene Erwin made a donation to the general fund.

The Potentate called for the introduction of visiting Nobles. Noble George Thompson reported that Noble Jerry Barr of Al Amin Shrine, Corpus Christ, TX was joining us this evening.

The Potentate called for Committee reports: Illustrious Sir Jim Kerns made a presentation to Nobles for the 2023 circus incentives. He presented gifts to the following Nobles: Jim McGuire, Ed Morton, Cleo Custis, George Thompson, David Huddleston, Larry Teters, Gary Davis, Nick Baldi, John Foster, Jeremy Yates, Rodney McGrath, David Johnson, Weston Miller.

Noble Jeremy Yates, Chief Rabban, gave a report on the 2024 Ararat Shrine Circus. There will be a circus meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Noble Tony Broome, 1st Ceremonial Master, presented a sizable contribution to the general fund from the Bingo Committee and a nice donation from the Bingo players to the Hospital Patient Transportation Fund.

Noble Keith Stoneking, High Priest and Prophet, gave

an update on onions. Orders need to be turned in no later than April 1st.

Noble Leroy Graham, Hospital Committee Chairman, gave a report on the Hospital Transportation Activities.

Noble Dave Johnson reported that the Swap Meet was going to be a little different this year as it will also have a food truck event and a car and bike show April 12th and 13th. He reminded everyone we can always use help with this event, and they will have a planning meeting March 25th and encouraged anyone that is going to help, attend this meeting.

Noble Ben Allen, Assistant Rabban, called upon Noble J.W. Page for the Gun Raffle report. Tickets are available for purchase. Flyers should be available in the next couple of weeks. The drawing will be on September 21st.

Noble Sonny Hibbs gave the dates for the 2024 parades and let us know the dates and maps should be available on the Ararat app.

The Potentate gave some dates of upcoming events.

The Potentate called for Good of the Order: Illustrious Sir Jim Kerns spoke about the Ararat app and how to get your events out to the Nobles. Noble Gary Davis with Hospital Transportation spoke to the Nobles about how to help

them out. Noble Trenton Kelly with Widow Sons is hosting a trap shoot March 23rd at Lake Latawana Sportsmen Club. Noble Glen Halverson reminded everyone of the blood drive at Ararat on March 18th. Noble Sonny Hibbs reminded everyone of the Jackson County Shrine Club Easter breakfast. Noble John Hooper, Cooking Club, let everyone know about Booze Blues and BBQ on April 27th tickets are \$20. Noble Mike Montgomery, Richmond Shrine Club, told Nobles about the golf tournament April 21st.

The Potentate recognized the following Emeriti members: Noble Stan Harrington, Motor Man Emeritus, Noble Nick Baldi, Treasurer Emeritus, Noble Mike Wheeler, Recorder Emeritus, Noble Gene Erwin, Money Man Emeritus, and Noble Jacque Mote, Vocal Emeritus.

The Potentate recognized the following Past Potentates, Illustrious Sir John Hay, P.P. 2003, Illustrious Sir Ed Graves, P.P. 2015, Zamora Shriners, Birmingham, Alabama, Illustrious Sir Butch Pugh, P.P. 2019, Illustrious Sir Henry McDaniel, Jr. P.P. 2018, Illustrious Sir Jim Kerns, P.P. 2020, Illustrious Sir Michael Algur, P.P. 2021, and Illustrious Sir Danny Smothers P.P. 2021 Molina Shrines, St. Joseph MO.

A 50/50 drawing was held with Noble Danny Smothers holding the winning ticket.

The Potentate called on the Chaplain for the Benediction. Noble Wes Wingfield gave Benediction.

Waiving all forms and ceremony the Potentate closed the meeting at 8:25PM





Welcome to the New Nobles created at our March Temple meeting!

Matthew Dowd, Tristan Opperman, Aaron Shoemaker, Greg Kreisel, John Boone, Douglas King, Mark Franklin, Adam James

PAST MASTER BREAKFAST





In this picture, you will see the Ararat Shrine Cooking Club modeling their new uniforms as well as displaying their new toy, a 60-inch stainless steel grill! If you have eaten a meal at the Temple or event, then you have most likely tasted the handy work of the Cooking Club or some of its members. Our club consists of Past Masters, Past Potentates, Past Directors and Presidents of Units and Clubs! It is made up of the hardest working Nobles in all of Shrinedom! It is truly a privilege and pleasure to share the company of such great Nobles, Masons and Men. If you would like to join us, we meet every 3rd Monday in the Ararat kitchen; 6:30 social, 7:30 meeting and best of all, no annual dues. Also, don't forget to join us at one of our annual events:

Windy Dinner in March • Blues, Booze & BBQ – April 27th • Ribfest – July 2nd • Chili Cookoff – October 5th

These are the most heavily attended functions at the Temple. Hope to see you there!

~ *Illustrious Sir Michael A. Aulgur*

BINGO ASSIGNMENTS

The following is a list of units/clubs scheduled to furnish 3 members to assist in helping the Bingo Committee on their assigned Thursday evening.

Workers report to Nick Baldi in Bennett Auditorium at 5pm on your scheduled night. Directors/Presidents, if you are not able to fulfill the assignment, please contact Dave Johnson at 816-349-7930 so that he can find replacements.

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- 27-Richmond



CIRCUS MOM & DAD PINS



NAME _____
 MEMBER NUMBER _____
 CLUB/UNIT _____

MOM PIN \$20 X _____ = \$ _____
 DAD PIN \$20 X _____ = \$ _____
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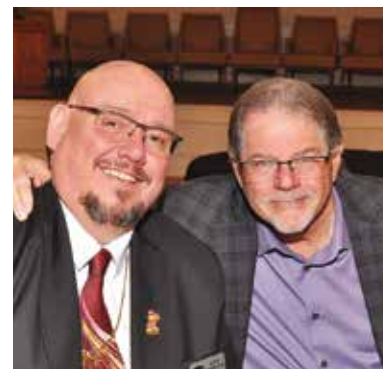
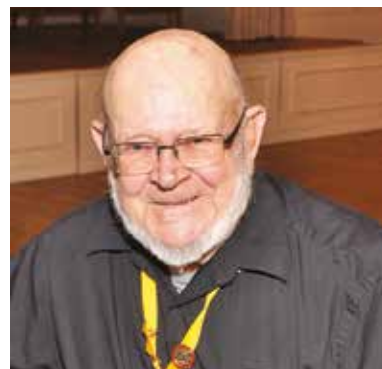
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The Windy Dinner



Original Chiefs Red Coater reflects on decades of memories ahead of another Super Bowl appearance



BY CLAIRE BRADSHAW

Raymore, MO – When the Kansas City Chiefs moved to the city in the early 60's someone needed to fill the stadium. That is the origin story of the Chiefs Red Coaters organization.

Howard McHenry, 94, is one of the original Chiefs Red Coaters. As a car dealership owner out of Harrisonville, he joined other area businessmen to sell season tickets.

"I think my tickets in those days, season tickets, were \$4 a piece," said McHenry.

He has experienced so many noteworthy moments since 1963. He worked with Lamar Hunt on making the two-point conversion official in the NFL by writing a letter to the NFL commissioner at the time. During his time as the Chiefs Club President, McHenry said he remembers making a fan trade deal with St. Louis to live up the empty parking lots at GEHA Field at Arrowhead Stadium. Years later, tailgating is bigger than ever.

"You would look at the parking lot and it was like a morgue...our club decided to invite the St. Louis Booster Club to bring a couple of busloads of people to our game and we would go to their game next year," said McHenry. "Someone said I'll furnish the beer, someone said I'll furnish the hotdogs, and I said I'll furnish the band."

That band was called the Dixieland Band. They would play off the back of the truck at tailgate parties. Howard is an avid trombone player. For him, the Chiefs and music are his two passions. That brings us to one of his favorite memories that he says most people seem to have forgotten – that the Chiefs once had a fight song.

It was written by then-head coach Marv Levy and played by the World of Fun Band. However, McHenry said it was short lived.

"The Chiefs were really, really terrible. It was awful. I think we went two or three games and that's when we knew we needed to put together a really good marketing program.



That's when the fight song came along," said McHenry.

Today, he carries on its legacy by performing it with his small brass band.

As for today's Kansas City Chiefs, there is no fight song – but the team still has a lot of fight.

"I've seen hundreds of games but to see this combination of Mahomes and Kelce, we will never see this again. I just hope we can continue to do it," said McHenry.

He attended the first-ever Super Bowl when it wasn't even called the Super Bowl. He was at "The Longest Game" of the NFL and is in the league's documentary. He carries fond memories of Lamar and Norma Hunt and former KC Mayor H. Roe Bartle aka "The Chief." Yet he still finds joy in looking back at the history that played out in front of him.

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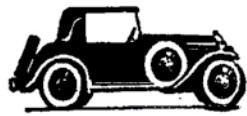
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Alpha #659	2121 Gentry	N. Kansas City	64117	2nd & 4th Monday
Amsterdam #141	State Hwy Y and State Hwy J	Amsterdam	64723	2nd Tuesday 7:30
Angerona #193	State Hwy, JJ	Missouri City	64072	1st & 3rd Tuesday
Appleton City # 412	315 E. 3rd Street	Appleton City	64724	3rd Monday 7:30
Arrow Rock #55	307 7th ST	Arrow Rock	65320	2nd Thursday
Barbee #217	503 S Locust	Sweet Springs	65351	3rd Thursday
Barry Daylight #17	2000 NW Barry Rd	Kansas City	64154	3rd Wednesday
Belton-Grandview #450	307 N Scott	Belton	64012	1st & 3rd Tuesday
Blue Springs #337	908 Main St	Blue Springs	64015	1st & 3rd Thursday
Brookfield #86	200 Linn	Brookfield	64628	2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Buckner #501	611 S Sibley St	Buckner	64016	1st & 3rd Tuesday
Butler #254	1203 N. Orange	Butler	64730	1st & 3rd Thursday
Cairo #486	209 Martin	Cairo	65239	2nd & 4th Thursdays
Callao #38	300 Market St.	Callao	63534	1st & 3rd Mondays
Cambridge #63	627 Industrial Blvd	Stater	65349	1st Tuesday
Cass #147	405 Independence	Harrisonville	64701	1st & 3rd Thursday
Cecile Daylight #305	120 S. Pleasant St.	Independence	64050	2nd & 4th Wednesday
Censor #172	201 Pearl St.	Macon	63552	2nd & 4th Mondays
Christian #392	1901 S. Broadway	Oak Grove	64075	2nd & 4th Thursday
Clark #610	Main and Hubbard	Clark	65243	1st & 3rd Thursday
Clay #207	110 1/2 Main St. PO Box 424	Excelsior Springs	64024	1st & 3rd Mondays
Clinton #548	1109 E. Ohio	Clinton	64733	2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Compass #120	2121 Gentry	North KC	64118	2nd Thursday
Cooper Lodge #36	717 Main St.	Boonville, MO.	65233	2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7pm
Corinthian #265	402 E Russel Ave	Warrenburg	64093	1st & 3rd Monday
Country Club #656	3516 Blue Ridge Cut-off	Kansas City	64116	1st & 3rd Monday
Crescent Hill #368	24 E. 3rd St.	Adrian	64720	2nd & 4th Thursday
Fayette-Howard #4	182 Hwy 5 North	Fayette	65248	2nd Thursday
Fidelity #339	5625 NW Hutson Rd	Farley	64151	1st Wednesday
Grand River #276	1905 E 281 street	Cleveland	64734	2nd Monday
Granite Lodge 272	601 W Broadway	Sedalia	65301	3rd Tuesday 7pm
Hale City #216	139 Hwy & 8th St.	Hale	64643	1st & 3rd Monday
Harry S Truman #1941	5100 Ararat Drive	Kansas City	64129	4th Tuesday
Higbee #527	Division St.	Higbee	65257	2nd & 4th Thursdays
Higginsville #364	701 W. 22nd St.	Higginsville	64037	2nd & 4th Monday
Holden #262	1192 S.W Hwy 58	Holden	64040	1st & 3rd Thursday
Huntsville #30	110 N. Main St.	Huntsville	65270	1st & 3rd Tuesday
Independence #76	120 S Pleasant	Independence	64050	2nd & 4th Monday
Index #54	709 Old Hwy 7	Garden City	64747	4th Monday
Ivanhoe #446	8640 Holmes Rd.	Kansas City	64131	1st & 3rd Thursday
Jackson #82	300 State St.	Linneus	64653	2nd & 4th Monday
Jewel #480	1480 Broadway	Pleasant Hill	64080	2nd Tuesday
Kansas City #220	1330 E Linwood Ave.	Kansas City	64109	2nd & 4th Tuesday
Knob Noster #245	1124 N.E. 75	Knob Noster	65336	2nd & 4th Thursday
Lexington #149	126 1/2 N 11th St	Lexington	64067	3rd Tuesday
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Marceline #481	201 Main St.	Marceline	64658	1st & 3rd Thursdays
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Raytown #391	6309 Overton	Raytown	64133	1st & 3rd Thursday
Richmond #57	315 Clark St.	Richmond	64085	3rd Monday
Rising Sun #13	2000 NW Barry Rd	Kansas City	64154	1st Saturday
Shawnee #653	425 Benton St.	Warsaw	65355	2nd & 4th Tuesday
Sheffield #625	903 Harrison	Kansas City	64106	2nd Thursday
Summit #263	2409 S. M-291 Hwy	Lees Summit	64064	1st & 3rd Tuesday
Swope Park #617	8521 Oldham Rd	Kansas City	64138	2nd & 4th Thursday
Temperance #438	119-A N. Bridge St.	Smithville	64089	1st & 3rd Wednesday
Temple Gate #299	903 Harrison St	Kansas City	64106	1st 3rd Tuesday
Trilumina #205	18 E Morrow	Marshall	65340	1st Thursday
Wakanda #52	14 N Main	Carrollton	64663	2nd & 4th Thursday
Wallace #456	Herndon St. and Gladstone Ave.	Bunceton	65237	2nd & 4th Wednesday
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Blues, Booze & BBQ Party

Saturday April 27th

Ararat Shrine Temple...6PM

\$20 for ribs and all the fixin's, plus cash bar



THE ARARAT COOKING CLUB PRESENTS

2024 BBQ RIBS COMPETITION

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH

ARARAT SHRINE TEMPLE

5100 ARARAT DRIVE, KCMO 64129

RIBS PREPARED ON SITE, YOUR CHOICE OF GRILL, 4PM JUDGING

4 slabs to enter

1 slab for judging

donate 3 to BBQ dinner fundraiser

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