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Welcome to the Newest Noble

New noble, Zane Brown, grandson of Captain of the Guard Bud Higginbotham and Lady Carol was created during the July Temple Meeting in a Cold Sands ceremony.



Nobles,

We are halfway through the parade season, and on behalf of myself and my assistants, I want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has participated in the parades we've attended. The weather has been fantastic so far!

I hope that the presence of the ladies has inspired even more support for our mission and the oath we took as Shriners. Future parade information for upcoming parades will be found on the *Ararat Advisor* and from your respective Club/Unit presidents or directors for all upcoming parades.

Reach out to those members who haven't yet joined us to come out and enjoy the fun. I look forward to seeing you all on the parade route soon. With CSSA coming soon the parade will be that Saturday, Aug. 31st and we would love to have a great showing so close to home.

The Spring Hill parade in September will be a great parade to attend, as we will be joining Abdallah Shriners across the border for a parade in Illustrious Potentate Ronnie White's hometown. I'm sure we will have a great time with them. They will join us for our Halloween parade in Independence in October. Exciting times for us all. Thanks again and see you out there.

In Fellowship,
Sonny Hibbs
Director of Uniformed Units



2024 Parades
September 21- Blue Springs
September 28 - Spring Hill
October 26 - Independence
*Check Ararat Advisor for step off times

Ararat Shriners Fall Ceremonial



October 19, 2024

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ARARAT SHRINE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2024
Heavy hors d'oeuvres & cash bar following meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024
Heavy hors d'oeuvres & cash bar following meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2024
Heavy hors d'oeuvres & cash bar following meeting

Meeting 7:00PM • Regular Order of Business
Balloting on Petitions • Visiting Nobles Welcome
Current Card Required • Wear Your Fez

Nick Baldi
Recorder

Mark Koontz
Illustrious Potentate

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Pote's Notes

As our Provost Marshal says, "What a Great Day to be a Shriner!", and it is!

We're all moved into our new, although temporary, location in Blue Springs and Bingo is going crazy! We've seen an influx of new area people stopping by and joining Bingo, along with our regular players. Bingo is growing like never before!

This would not be possible without the support of our Nobles. Every Thursday, I see Duke Diamond, our Bingo Chairman, and his dedicated crew working hard from the time we open until the last game is played and the last player leaves the building. Nick, Jeremy, George, Matt, Larry (and the other Larry), Gene, Ben, Mike, Stan, Charlie, Richard, Mayor Mike, Steve, Jacque, Jerry, Mick, O-69, Bobby, Tom, John, Ralph, Leroy and the provost crew work hard every Thursday to make Bingo one of our top fundraisers! Have you noticed that new hard working snack bar team? The snack bar team is actually Duke's wife and family. Wow!

I want to give a "shout out" to Illustrious Sir Michael Aulgur and Noble Chris Steffen for making our new location look more like home by hanging our pictures, memorabilia, emblems and memories throughout the building. This is truly appreciated and what a difference it makes!

Illustrious Sir Jim Kerns and his team have been working hard to ensure the safety and security of the new Temple by installing new cameras, security systems and lock hardware. We thank Jim and his team for being the silent ninjas to ensure that this critical aspect of keeping everyone safe was taken care of.

The Potentate's Ball is right around the corner on August 10th and CSSA will be following that at the end of August. Don't forget to sign up for both as we'd love to see you there.

Lady Donna and I look forward to seeing everyone around the temple and at the upcoming events as we continue "Doing More in '24!"

Mark Koontz
Potentate Mark Koontz and Lady Donna



July Temple Meeting



UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 1..... Bingo (Patrol)
- 8..... Bingo (Cooking Club)
- 9..... Jackson County SC Old Timers BBQ
- 10..... Potentate's Ball
- 12..... Divan Meeting
- 14..... Temple Meeting
- 15..... Bingo (Anyone can help!)
- 22..... Bingo (Greeters)
- 28-30..... CSSA Topeka
- 29..... No Bingo

SEPTEMBER

- 5..... Bingo (Blue Springs S.C.)
- 9..... Divan Meeting
- 11..... Temple Meeting
- 12..... Bingo (Jackson County S.C.)
- 19..... Bingo (Tractors)
- 26..... Bingo (Drones)
- 28..... Spring Hill Parade

OCTOBER

- 3..... Bingo (AM Radio)
- 5..... Chili Cookoff
- 7..... Divan Meeting
- 9..... Temple Meeting
- 10..... Bingo (Motor Escort)
- 17..... Bingo (Pipes and Drums)
- 19..... Fall Ceremonial
- 24..... Bingo (Clowns)
- 26..... Independence Halloween Parade
- 31..... Bingo (Richmond S.C.)

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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.

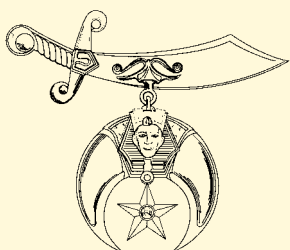
Thank you to the following Nobles who drove for a total of 26 hours the month of May!

Randy Hicks 13 hours
Sam Manthei 13 hours

Thank you to the following Nobles who drove for a total of 53 hours the month of June!!

Dan Bruckner 14 hours
Leroy Graham 13 hours
Sam Manthei 13 hours
Dennis Marchant 13 hours

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



How Sweet It Is: Vidalia Onions Are Lasting Legacy For Shriners

Posted Friday, May 10, 2024 4:36 pm
 Jennifer Jackson

Every September down in Georgia, farmers start growing world-famous Vidalia sweet onions. First, onion seeds are germinated in a controlled environment, then the seedlings are planted by hand in the fields to grow over the winter. In mid-April, the onions are harvested by hand and shipped all over the country.

Last Thursday, a truck-load of Vidalias arrived in Clinton where they were sold by Joel Semler, Zach Hill, Bud Eason and Ken Cox of the Golden Valley Shrine Club outside Ace Hardware.

"Rain or shine, we're selling onions," Joel said.

Every year, the Golden Valley Shrine Club orders 500 bags of Vidalia onions, Joel said. They went on sale last Friday for \$12 each. By Friday afternoon, the Shriners had sold 375 bags of onions. Usually by Sunday they have 6 or 8 bags left, Joel said, but this year, sold out by mid-afternoon Saturday.

"Every year, we get calls after the sale asking 'Do you still have any onions?'" Zach said.

The money from onion sales goes to the Ararat Temple in Kansas City, who handle the bookkeeping, returning about 3 and half percent, \$350 to \$400, to the Clinton club.

The Golden Valley Shrine Club puts the money they make towards local projects, they said, but there's not a set charity. Last spring the club members replaced all the benches in front of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, located in the old train depot.

One year, Joel said, the club paid for tuition to send Boy Scouts to summer camp.

"It's where the need is," Zach said.

Sales of Vidalia onions also help support Shriners hospitals for children. Joel said he used to drive the 17-passenger hospital van from Kansas City to the hospital in St. Louis, picking up children and an adult family member at pick-up points along I-70. The longest round trip he made was 12 hours.

"We picked up a lot of Amish," he said of those he gave a ride to the St. Louis hospital.

Shriners St. Louis specializes in pediatric orthopedic surgery and research, he said, and also treats breathing problems, Joel said, recalling a passenger who Joel was afraid wouldn't make it to the hospital.

Joel also drives a mini-car as part of the Shrine Club's entry in parades.

"They are fun to drive and the kids love them," he said. "They all have horns that make different sounds."

It was a Georgia farmer in Toombs County who discovered in 1931 that the Granex sweet onions he grew were sweeter than those grown elsewhere. The Vidalia Onion Act of 1986 trademarked the product and limited the area where it could be grown, within a 35 miles radius of Vidalia, west of Savannah.

In 1990, the Vidalia onion became the official vegetable of Georgia. The town of Vidalia, known as "The Sweet Onion City," has a Vidalia Onion Museum, a Vidalia Onion Hall of Fame, and a Vidalia Onion Festival, complete with a mascot, "Yumlon."

"Pretty much all the people around Vidalia are associated with onion growing," Joel said.

Because the harvesting is all done by hand, not by machine, there are no bruises on the onions, he said. And bags of onions are shipped soon after harvest, so don't sit around a warehouse.

"They're fresh," Bud said.

Vidalia onions will last for months if stored in a cool, dry place. Zach said he stores his Vidalias in the crisper drawer in the

refrigerator and they are good through Christmas. Joel said he used his last ones in February.

Pat Harrell of Clinton was one of the first customers to drive up and buy two bags of onions last Friday morning. Vidalia onions are wonderful, she said, saying she comes and gets some every year.

"I grill them and we eat them raw," she said.

Zach and Joel, who joined the Golden Valley Shrine Club in 2012, said the Golden Valley Shrine Club has been selling Vidalia onions for 20 or more years. They didn't know how long the Shriners have been involved selling Vidalias, but noted that the growers put special labels on the onion bags that are packaged for the Shriners, he said.

Georgia farmers attribute the sweetness of the Vidalia, aka the "caviar of onions," to the low-sulfur soil and the rain-fall pattern. Vidalia onions contain 12.5 percent natural sugar, about the same as an orange, and 1.5 percent higher than an apple. In addition to a sweet, mild flavor, the Vidalia onion does not cause indigestion or bad breath.

For the 2024 season, growers in Georgia planted 11,000 acres of Vidalia onions. Each acre contains around 90,000 onion plants.

The Shrine Club also has a sweet legacy. When Joel wears his Shriner's uniform, he said, people often come to him and say "I was a Shrine kid," meaning they were treated at a Shrine Children's Hospital.

For more information, go to the Golden Valley Shrine Club Facebook page.



A SIGN OF SPRING, Zach Hill loaded two bags of Vidalia Onions into Pat Harrell's van during the Golden Valley Shrine Club's onion sale.

The first night of Bingo in our new building on May 23rd was a success. There were over 150 players present! Thank you to all that came out and played or worked!



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June 2024 Temple Meeting Notes

BY STEVE COSTIGAN JR., ORIENTAL GUIDE

The June 12th stated meeting of Ararat Shriners was called to order at 7:00 PM at 499 HWY 7 by Illustrious Sir Mark Koontz.

Temple officers present were Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz, Potentate, Noble Jeremy Yates, Chief Rabban, Noble Ben Allen, Assistant Rabban, Noble Keith Stoneking, High Priest and Prophet, Noble Steve Costigan, Oriental Guide, Noble Nick Baldi, Recorder, Noble Weston Miller, Treasurer, Noble Tony Broome, 1st Ceremonial Master, Noble Barry Hord, Marshall, Noble Bud Higginbotham, Captain of the Guard, Noble Larry Potter, Jurisdictional Marshall 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: Noble Joe VanDolah. 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 May 8th stated meeting were not read.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz took this time to thank everyone for the hours it took all of us to get the new location set up and ready for business.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz then asked for reading of elections. Noble Nick Baldi, Recorder, announced Zane Brown. Election was held and motion carried.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz, then asked for the

reading of petitions, creations, affiliations and associations Noble Nick Baldi, Recorder, announced we had none at this time.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz, asked for the reading of restoration. Noble Nick Baldi, Recorder read the following names: Chester Southworth, J Purkaple and Roger Brenner.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz, called on Noble Weston Miller, Treasurer for the treasurer report. He gave the year-to-date expenses along with moving expenses with ending balance on all accounts.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz, called for gifts and contributions. Fritz made a nice donation on behalf of the snack bar. He also made a donation for money from the Hambash event.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz, called for any visiting Noble. Noble George Thompson announced that we did not have any this evening.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz asked Noble George Thompson to the front and presented him with a Greeters Director Emeritus Fez.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz then reminded everyone that this location will run the same as the old. If you need to schedule a club or unit meeting or event to contact the office to get that scheduled.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz called for committee reports. Illustrious Sir Jim Kerns reported on the 2024 circus. Tickets are on sale. They need help with advertisements for the program and meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month.

Noble Tony Broome gave the report on bingo and made a great donation. He also left us with one of his famous jokes.

Noble Tony Broome gave the Membership report on the upcoming Ceremonial on October 19th at our current location and looks forward to being a great event and look for more information soon.

Noble Leroy Graham gave the Hospital Transportation report and noted the group didn't miss a step with the move.

Noble Mick Owens gave a Festival of Trees report. He noted this event is just around the corner and is a great fundraiser for Ararat. He does have paperwork for clubs and units. Noble John Spottswood is selling raffle tickets to the Craftsmen tool chest.

Noble J.W Page gave the gun raffle report. Guns are here and ready to relaunch after the building move slowed them down.

Noble Will Rust updated everyone on the parade schedule and reminded everyone that this info comes out in the Ararat Advisor.

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 Jim Kerns P.P. 2020, Illustrious Sir Michael Aulgur, P.P. 2021.

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 7:55PM

July 2024 Temple Meeting Notes

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The July 10th stated meeting of Ararat Shriners was called to order at 7:00 PM at 499 Hwy 7 by Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz at 7:00pm.

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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: Kenneth Withrow, Vernon Hilliard, James Lamb, Lewis Ross, Kyle Lake, and John Allison.

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 June 12th stated meeting were not read.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz then asked for reading of elections. Recorder Nick Baldi announced we had none at this time.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz, then asked for the reading of petitions, creations, affiliations and associations. Noble Nick Baldi, Recorder, announced Zane Brown was read as a creation. A Vote was held, and Zane Brown was elected to become a member of Ararat Shrine.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz, asked for the reading of restoration. Noble Nick Baldi, Recorder read the following names: George "Ryan" Saunders.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz called for suspension of meeting to hold a cold sand for Zane Brown. A ceremonial was held, and the new Noble was Fezzed by his grandfather Noble Bud Higginbotham, Captain of the Guard and grandmother Carol Higginbotham. All Nobles in attendance have a standing ovation for the newly created Noble Zane Brown.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz called for the reading of demits. The following names were read: Billy Courtney Jr and Gary Benefield.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz did some housekeeping from the Imperial session held in Reno June 30th -July 4th.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz, called on Noble Weston Miller, Treasurer for the treasurer report. He gave the year-to-date expenses along with moving expenses with ending balance on all accounts. Noble Weston Miller gave a very in-depth report on a 1-month savings on the new location and how this money is gaining in funds.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz, called for gifts and contributions. Illustrious Potentate Ronnie White of Abdallah Shrine made a great donation to the 2024 circus.

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Noble Leroy Graham gave the Hospital Transportation report and noted the group could always use extra drivers.

Noble Mick Owens gave a Festival of Trees report. He noted this event is just around the corner and is a great fundraiser for Ararat. He has not received any paperwork from clubs and units in support of this event. Noble John Spottswood delivered the Craftsmen tool chest to the lucky winner.

Noble J.W Page gave the gun raffle report and noted that the early bird drawing was held and the winner would be receiving it shortly.

Noble Sonny Hibbs updated everyone on the parade schedule and reminded everyone that this info comes out in the Ararat Advisor.

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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 7:55PM



2024 Reservation Form

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Noble Name _____ Ladies Name _____

Shrine Number _____ Club/Unit _____

Group Rate are available Wednesday, 8/28, through Saturday, 8/31 only

Room Preference (not guaranteed) **\$159/night**

1 Bed _____ 2 Beds _____ Handicapped Accessible _____

Nights Staying:

Wednesday, 8/28 _____

Thursday, 8/29 _____

Friday, 8/30 _____

Saturday, 8/31 _____

Hotel total \$ _____

Additional required fees:

CSSA registration (\$50/person; \$100/couple) \$ _____

Hospitality Room (\$25/person; \$50 / couple) \$ _____

Optional fees and activities:

Ladies Luncheon (Thursday, 8/29, 11am-2pm; \$40/person) \$ _____
(Hotel Topeka @ City Center, 1717 SW Topeka Blvd)

Golf Outing (Thursday, 8/29, 10am-3pm; \$100/person) \$ _____
(Cypress Ridge Golf Course)

Pub Crawl (Thursday, 8/29, 4:30pm - ??? \$25/person) \$ _____
(starting from and returning to Hotel Topeka @ City Center)

Grand Total Due

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One Of The Lucky Ones: Young Author Tells His Story In Clinton

Posted Thursday, April 25, 2024 11:54 am

Jennifer Jackson

When Wyatt Shield was 5 years old, he told his teacher, Mrs. Brun, that he would write a book that would be in the school library by the time he graduated from kindergarten.

Wyatt almost made that deadline, writing a book that was published the day before he entered first grade. Last Thursday, Wyatt, who is 8 years old, was in Clinton with his parents and his grandfather to read his book to the Sunrise Optimist Club at 7 a.m., at the Henry County Library at 10 a.m., and to the Clinton Rotary Club at noon.

What motivated him to write the book? “I wanted people to know that God made us all different, and that it’s okay to be different,” Wyatt said. “Some people have green eyes, some people have blue eyes or brown eyes, and some of us have 12 fingers.”

Wyatt considers himself one of the lucky ones. He was born with an extra digit on each hand. When he was a year old, he had surgery at Shriners Children’s St. Louis to remove the extra digits, and when he was 5 years old, returned to correct the angles of the growth plates in his hands.

It was when he was in kindergarten that Wyatt told his mother, Amanda Shield, that he knew his story, and asked her if she should write it down. So she went and got a piece of paper and Wyatt dictated it to her straight through, starting with “God made all his people special in their own unique and awesome ways.”

The result was “Wyatt’s Big Adventures with the Shriners,” published on Aug. 5, 2022. By Sept. 15, the story had gone global.

“We met with a reporter in Los Angeles, and the story got picked up on every continent except Antarctica,” Amanda said. “We sold 1,500 to 2,000 books in a year and a half.”

The readings in Clinton were arranged by Fred Bunch, a local attorney and a Shriner, who is a friend of Wyatt’s grandfather, Kyle Rhorer, also a Shriner. Wyatt is naturally outgoing, and is not fazed by speaking in public, his mother said, recalling the first presentation they were asked to make at a local Shriners club.

“I carefully prepared a talk with slides and timed it,” Amanda said. “I put Wyatt in a chair, and he pulled the microphone over and said, ‘Hi, I’m Wyatt.’”

Bunch arranged the appearances after learning that Wyatt and his parents and grandfather, who live in Wichita, were going to the 100th anniversary celebration of Shriners Children’s St. Louis and Clinton would be a good halfway stop. Wyatt gives part of the sales of each book to the St. Louis hospital and to the Shriners’ Plane of Mercy program, which pays for patients’ airfare to the hospital.

Wyatt also donated 375 books to the hospital to share with pediatric orthopedic patients, his mother said, and participated in a virtual fundraising walk for the hospital after his second surgery.

“The first year he raised more than \$2,500 and was the top fundraiser,” Amanda said. “He walked nine miles in a week wearing a cast up to his shoulder.”

The next year, Wyatt was again the top fundraiser, leading the walk and bringing in more than \$3,000. Between the walks and the books, Wyatt has given back \$10,000 to the hospital, Amanda said.

Wyatt has also made author appearances in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. The family went back to the first hand surgeon they had consulted after he was born, who had told them that Wyatt would need eight to 10 surgeries and not be able to write his name when he was in kindergarten.

Instead, Wyatt was a published author with a global following. He signed his name in cursive at the end of the book, which he read aloud to his first grade class. “I wanted to prove that little kids can do big things,” said Wyatt, who was inspired by his kindergarten teacher and the biblical story of David.

The book led to other big things. Wyatt has thrown the first pitch at a Kansas City Royals Game and was named the honorary team captain at a University of Oklahoma baseball game.

When he was 6 years old, he was one of the guest authors at the Kansas City Book Fair, participating in a panel of youth authors. Asked if he could read his book aloud, Wyatt replied, “Well, I read it last week to 250 women.”

Last Thursday afternoon, after the three readings in Clinton, the Shield family drove to St. Louis. On Friday, Wyatt was scheduled to meet with the Shriners Children’s board of directors, and on Saturday, to march in the procession at the hospital’s 100th anniversary party at the Chase Park Plaza Hotel.

The party celebrated 100 years of hope and healing at Shriners Children’s St. Louis, one of 22 hospitals the Shriners operate across the country. Six specialize in pediatric orthopedics. Shriners Children’s St. Louis opened on April 8, 1924, and offers medical treatment to children regardless of the family’s ability to pay. It is, as Wyatt wrote in his book, “the best hospital in the whole wide



A REMARKABLE WORK THAT’S GONE GLOBAL, Wyatt Shield penned a book at age 5. Shield visited Clinton and was accompanied by his grandfather Kyle Rhorer and mother Amanda Shield. The trio met with Fred Bunch at the Henry County Library during a book reading by Shield.

world,” an opinion echoed by his parents.

Two surgeons operated on his hands when he was a baby, Amanda said, to limit the time he was under sedation. They did the second round of surgeries when he was five on one hand at a time, she said, but he was not allowed to run, jump or climb for the five weeks the cast was on. Wyatt spent hours building Legos with his good hand, his mother said, using his toes to pick up errant blocks.

People who are born with an extra digit on their hand or foot are said to be especially creative, imaginative and successful, and have a strong connection to the universe and empathy with other people.

The extra digit is also a sign that they will go on a journey of self-discovery. Wyatt still goes to St. Louis for annual checkups, his mother said. In the book, he recalled the long drives the family made from Wichita, but also the fun of eating out, swimming at motel pools, playing games and reading books.

Wyatt also remembers going to Shriners Children’s in St. Louis to get the cast off and how itchy his arm was.

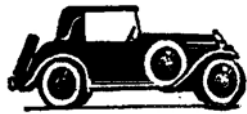
Wyatt is now in second grade at Trinity Academy in Wichita, where “Wyatt’s Big Adventures with the Shriners” is on the shelves of the classroom libraries. It’s also on the shelves of both branches of the Henry County Library. Librarians video-taped Wyatt’s presentation, which can be viewed on the library’s Facebook page, and also recorded him reading the book for the library’s “Dial a Story.” For more information about his book, go to Wyatt Shield’s Facebook.

The local Golden Valley Shrine Club meets at Dietz Family Buffet, 1520 E. Ohio St., on the first Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Interested people are welcome to come and learn more about the group, whose main focus is supporting Shriners Children’s hospitals.

Parade chairman Darren Taylor said that after a break from participating in parades, the Golden Valley Shriners have been getting their fleet of miniature cars in shape, and are planning to drive the mini-rods during Olde Glory Days and in Urich and Appleton City parades this year. Shriners in clown outfits and fezzes driving miniature vehicles in parades is a tradition that was started with home-made mini-cars in the mid-20th century to entertain children, and hit its stride in the 1950s and 60s, when go-kart kits became available. Shriners in Maine drive mini-lobster boats. Shriners in the Moolah Temple in St. Louis drive a fleet of yellow Model-A hot rods, and several Shriners clubs in the country own a vehicle with a ramp on top that Shriners can ride their mini-cars or go-karts up and down on.

Part of the Ararat Temple in Kansas City, the Golden Valley Shrine Club will have one of their mini-rods on display at their annual sale of Vidalia onions, a fundraiser scheduled at Westlake Hardware this spring.

For more information, go to the Golden Valley Shrine Club Facebook or call Darren Taylor, 660-351-4040.



Ole Cars

It has been a great season parading so far this year. Ole Cars has had anywhere from 8 to 12 Cars depending on the parade. We've recently enjoyed the Lathrop parade, Warsaw, Boonville, and most recently Sugar Creek's 4th of July parade. We truly love our time out in public with our Fez on. We look forward to CSSA coming up as well as the rest of the parade season.



IN MEMORIAM

NOBLES WHOSE LIVES

We Celebrate!

The Officers and Nobles of Ararat Shrine express their sincere sympathy to the families and friends of these departed Nobles:

Joseph Van Dolah Overland Park, KS 12/12/1941-5/28/2024

Kenneth Withrow Olathe, KS 05/08/1936-06/15/2024

Vernon “Vern” Hilliard Lee’s Summit, MO 06/05/1943-06/22/2024

James Lamb Lee’s Summit, MO 09/04/1937-05/15/2024

Lewis Ross Blue Springs, MO 05/26/1933-05/15/2024

Kyle Lake Marceline, MO 02/04/1943-07/03/2024

John Allison Shawnee, KS 10/27/1944-06/29/2024



SOCK’S IN SEPTEMBER

ARARAT SHRINE CENTER & JOB’S DAUGHTERS

COLLECTING NEW SOCKS – ALL AGES & SIZES

COLLECTION GOAL 1000 PAIRS SOCKS - NEW TO BE DELIVERED TO SHRINE’S CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL ST LOUIS, MO.

COLLECTION DATE ENDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT :
JACKIE OWENS 816-810-3843
ASHLEY KELLEY 816-804-6812



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 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.

AUGUST

1-Patrol

8-Cooking Club

15-Anyone can help!

22-Greeters

29-No Bingo

SEPTEMBER

5-Blue Springs S.C.

12-Jackson County S.C.

19-Tractors

26-Drones

OCTOBER

3-AM Radio

10-Motor Escort

17-Pipes and Drums

24-Clowns

31-Richmond



MASH PARTY





Attention Nobles and Ladies!!

The 2024 Festival of Trees is back! After an astonishing 2024 FOT event, we are gearing up for a 5th year. Last year we had over 30 trees adorning the shop at Independence Center. This fundraiser helped raise over last four years \$75,000 to support our fraternity! We greatly appreciate all the hard work that was put in by volunteers, sponsors, and families for this event.

This year, we would like to outdo last year. Our goal is to provide over 50 trees to display and raffle off. We will be opening shop doors at Independence Center on November 8th, 2024, as the kickoff and will have the drawing on December 7th, 2024. Please see the attached sign-up sheet for your entry in the

2024 Festival of Trees!

DATES FOR COMMITMENTS

Enrollment form Ararat Shrine Festival of Trees – AUGUST 15, 2024
Inventory Donated item(s) list – October 15, 2024
Setup Tentatively – NOVEMBER 1ST TO NOVEMBER 3RD, 2024
Store Front opens November 8th thru December 7th 2024
Fridays – Saturdays – Sundays

Questions Contact: Mick Owens 816-225-0991 or Keith Stoneking 660-229-0981

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ARARAT FESTIVAL OF TREES 2024STORE HOURS --- DOORS OPEN 11/08/24.

FRIDAY'S 11:00AM TO 7: OOPM SATURDAY'S 11:00AM TO 7:00PM SUNDAY'S 12:00PM TO 6:00PM



PLEASE SIGNUP TO WORK STORE FRONT INDEPENDENCE CENTER

CONTACT: Jackie Owens 816-810-3843

Friday and Saturday 2 shifts 11:00am to 3:00pm or 3:00pm to 7:00pm

Sundays 2 shifts 12:00pm to 3:00pm or 3pm to 6:00pm

The festival of tree committee asked, please signup to work a shift or all day.

****Signup as a club or unit to sponsor the day or weekend.**

****VOLUNTEERRS, 4 helpers per shift.**

DOORS CLOSE 12/7/2024 – DRAWNING NAMES TREE WINNERS 6:00PM

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2024 FIFTH ANNUAL EVENT – ARARAT SHRINE FESTIVAL OF TREES

Weekends Only November 8th, 2024, thru December 7th, 2024 - Independence Center

Close Door December 7th, 2024, 6:00pm for the drawing and start contacting winners by phone.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Committee Meeting – Ararat Shrine Center 6:30pm

Monday May 13, 2024

Monday June 17, 2024

Monday July 15, 2024

Monday August 19, 2024

Monday September16, 2024

Monday October 14, 2024

Tree Enrollment Form 2024 – signup to Donate a tree Decorations and \$250 of fun gifts, gift cards, and other accessories.

August 15, 2024, or Contact Mick Owens 816-225-0991

Tree List of Items and Description form

October 15, 2024, or Contact: Mick Owens 816-225-0991

Tree Setup Date:

November 1, 2024, Friday thru November 3, 2024, Sunday

Store Front weekends Open Hours: Independence Center

Friday and Saturday 11:00am to 7:00pm – Sunday 12:00pm to 6:00pm

Trees Winners Pickup

Sunday December 8th, 2024, 12:00pm to 6:00pm

Monday December 9th, 2024, 11:00am to 3:00pm

Ararat Shrine Festival of Trees Enrollment Form 2024

Business / Individual Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Point of Contact Name _____

Point of Contact Phone _____

☐ Yes! I would like to donate a Tree, Decorations, and at least \$250 of fun gifts, gift cards, and other accessories to advertise our business and show support for the Ararat Shriners Festival of Trees!

☐ Yes! I would like to donate an item(s) to be placed on a Communal Tree that shows our support to the Ararat Shrine Festival of Trees!

☐ Yes! I would like to donate a Tree / Decorations so that others may decorate it to show our support for Ararat Shrine's Festival of Trees!

☐ YES! I would like to donate \$500.00 so others may purchase decorations, and gift a tree for our organization/business it to show our support for Ararat Shrine's Festival of Trees!

Please complete 2024 Ararat Shrine Festival of Trees enrollment form August 15, 2024

Return to Mick Owens or Ararat Shrine Office 5100 Ararat Shrien Dr. KC, MO. 64129

Questions Contact: Mick Owens 816-225-0991 or Keith Stoneking 660-229-0981

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Circus Dad and Mom Pins

The following Nobles have invested in our Circus by purchasing the 2024 Shrine Circus Mom and Dad Pins. THANK YOU!
They will receive 25 Crown Jewel Points for each pin.

DAD PINS

Morris A. Carter
Brandon L. Cooke
Leroy C. Graham
Darrell W. Haddock
Gloyd R. Johnson
Mark S. Schroer
James H. Vaughan
Larry F. Walters
Jack A. Weidmann
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MOM & DAD PINS

Michael A. Aulgur, P.P.
Bobby J. Ball
Garrett D. Budzinski
William J. Carboneau

2024 Circus Program Book, Advertisement Form

Information

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We are proud to hold our Annual Ararat Shrine Circus!
Our program book is distributed at 6 performances and is read by thousands of people.
Location: Cable Dahmer Arena (Independence Event Center),
19100 E Valley View Pkwy, Independence, MO 64055
Thursday Nov. 21: 7:00 pm
Friday Nov. 22: 7:00 pm
Saturday Nov. 23: 10:00 am, 2:30 pm & 7:00 pm
Sunday Nov. 24: 1:00 pm

Your Information:
Company: _____ Date: _____ 2024
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____ Phone: _____
Company Representative: _____
Title: _____
Email: _____

Advertisement Size and Price:
☐ Reuse my advertisement from previous program. Page: _____
*** (All color advertisements will be converted to Black & White)
☐ Business Card** - \$125 (Black & White Only)
☐ Quarter Page* - \$250 (Black & White Only) (receive 4 premium tickets)
☐ Half Page* - \$350 (Black & White Only) (receive 6 premium tickets)
☐ Full Page* - \$550 (Black & White Only) (receive 6 premium tickets)
(Includes a 8"-3" tall x 11"-9" wide, digital screen advert)
☐ Add on a full Side Digital Screen* (8"-3" tall x 35"-4" wide)
\$250 with any print page purchase.
☐ Add on a full Large Digital Screen* (12"-5" tall x 71"-9" wide)
\$500 with any print page purchase. (receive 6 additional premium tickets)

Payment Information
☐ Check (Payable To Ararat Shrine). Mail check and this form to the address below.
☐ Credit Card (☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa ☐ Discover)
Name on Card (please print): _____ Exp: _____ 3 Digit Code (on reverse of card)
Card # _____ Noble Name / Number _____

Mail your check and this form to:
Ararat Shrine Center 5100 Ararat Drive Kansas City, MO 64129
Email PDF artwork to: Artwork@AraratShrine.org
Questions? Please call: 816-923-1975

*** Artwork is Required.**
Artwork must be submitted in PDF format to Artwork@AraratShrine.org
**** Business Cards** may be attached to this form instead of emailing.
--- All advertisements are Black & White
Note: This Form, Artwork & Payment must be turned in by October 18, 2024
Premium tickets vouchers will be mailed to your company.

Be sure to get your 2024 Circus Ad forms from the office & sell more ads!

CIRCUS MOM & DAD PINS



NAME _____
MEMBER NUMBER _____
CLUB/UNIT _____

MOM PIN \$20 X _____ = \$ _____
DAD PIN \$20 X _____ = \$ _____
TOTAL \$ _____

____ CHECK HERE FOR SHIPPING
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

GET YOUR CIRCUS T-SHIRTS!



LADIES V-NECK

\$20



STANDARD

NAME _____
MEMBER NUMBER _____
CLUB/UNIT _____

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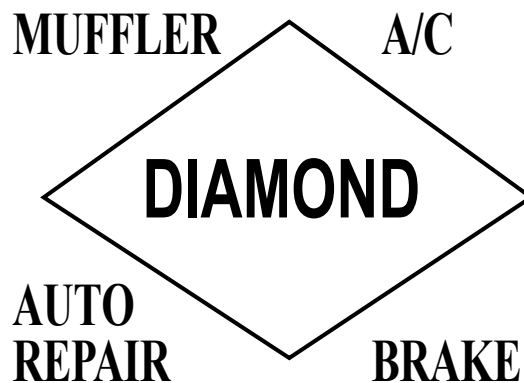
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| LODGE | ADDRESS | CITY | ZIP | MEETING TIMES |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------|------------------------|
| Ada #444 | 305 SW Front St | Orrick | 64077 | 2nd & 4th Thursday |
| Alpha #659 | 2121 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 | Slater | 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 ½ 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 | 1st & 3rd Tuesday |
| 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 |
| Liberty #31 | 10 E Franklin | Liberty | 64068 | 2nd & 4th Monday |
| Marceline #481 | 201 Main St. | Marceline | 64658 | 1st & 3rd Thursdays |
| Mc Donald #324 | 120 S Pleasant | Independence | 64050 | 1st & 3rd Monday |
| Milton #151 | Hwy 63/24 | Milton | 65270 | 2nd & 4th Friday |
| Moberly #344 | 401 W. Rollins | Moberly | 65270 | 2nd & 4th Monday |
| Mount Hope #476 | 6898 N 131 Hwy | Odessa | 64076 | 1st & 3rd Thursday |
| Mt Washington #614 | 9515 E. Independence Ave | Independence | 64053 | 2nd & 4th Friday |
| Platte City #504 | 100 Main St. | Farley | 64028 | 2nd Monday |
| Ray #223 | 205 W. Main St | Camden | 64017 | 1st & 3rd Thursday |
| 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 |
| Warren #74 | 300 W. Bridge St. | Keytesville | 65261 | 2nd & 4th Thursday |
| Waverly #61 | 108 E Kelling Ave. | Waverly, | 64096 | 2nd Tuesday |
| Windsor #29 | 107 Commercial St. | Windsor | 65360 | 1st & 3rd Tuesday |

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