

ARARAT SHRINE NEWS

Ararat Shrine
will be closed
December 25-26
& Jan 1



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Class Honoree: Noble Michael Wheeler, Recorder



Welcome to our New Nobles!

The new Ararat Shrine Nobles & Class Honoree Michael Wheeler are pictured here with your 2023 divan.

NEW NOBLES: (in no specific order) Mark Collier, Troy Collins Sr, Donald Counts Jr, Alex Cupp, Larry Duncan, Harold Holler, Javier Migores-DeSantiago, Bruce Miller, Grady Miller, Randall Mote, Christopher Steffen, Douglas Taylor, Thomas Tryon



OFFICER'S SEMINAR
JANUARY 13, 2024

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING NOTICES

ARARAT SHRINE

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13, 2023
OFFICER ELECTIONS

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024
OFFICER INSTALLATION

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024

Ballroom • 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

Michael Wheeler
Recorder

Mark Dobson
Illustrious Potentate

Articles for the next issue
of the Shrine News are due by
MONDAY, JAN. 15

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ARARAT SHRINE NEWS

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2023 DIVAN

Mark Dobson Potentate
Mark Koontz Chief Rabban
Jeremy Yates Assistant Rabban
Ben Allen High Priest & Prophet
Keith Stoneking Oriental Guide
Weston Miller Treasurer
Michael Wheeler Recorder
Ian Evans First Ceremonial Master
Phil Meisenheimer Second Ceremonial Master
Ian Ramage Director
Jerry McClary Asst. Director
Steve Costigan Jr Marshal
Bud Higginbotham Captain of the Guard
Tom Riley Outer Guard
Larry Potter Jurisdictional Marshal
David Hutton Jurisdictional Marshal
Ian Evans/Kim Wilcox Membership Chairman
Rev. Wesley H. Wingfield Chaplain

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Mark Dobson Illustrious Potentate
Mark Koontz Chief Rabban
Jeremy Yates Assistant Rabban
Ben Allen High Priest & Prophet

REPRESENTATIVES/OFFICERS

CENTRAL STATES SHRINE ASSOCIATION

Mark Dobson Illustrious Potentate
Mark Koontz Chief Rabban
Jeremy Yates Assistant Rabban
Ben Allen High Priest & Prophet
Michael Wheeler Recorder
Jim Kerns, P.P. CSSA Officer - President 2027
Nick Baldi CSSA Director General 2027

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Mark Koontz Chief Rabban
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Ron Facklam Motor Corps
Bradley Jackson Motor Escort
Charles Chaffee Ole Cars
David Bennefeld Patrol
Mike Allen Pipes & Drums
Larry Teters Sandbuggies

SHRINE NEWS

Jim Kerns, P.P. Editor

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(Temple stated meeting nights, open until 7pm)

A Personal Message from Mark Dobson, Potentate of Ararat Shriners

Dear Nobles and Ladies of Ararat Shrine,

As we move toward the end of 2023, I am filled with gratitude and a profound sense of pride for the incredible journey we've undertaken together as members of Ararat Shrine. The past year has been a testament to the spirit of camaraderie and dedication that defines our fraternity even in the face of changing times.

This year, we embraced the theme of "Celebrating Our Past While Planning for the Future," and it has been a guiding light for all our endeavors. Reflecting on the rich history of Ararat Shrine, we found inspiration in the achievements and traditions that have shaped us. It is through honoring our past that we have built a strong foundation upon which to continue our noble mission.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to each one of you for your unwavering commitment to our shared vision. The events, fundraisers, and social gatherings we organized this year were not only successful but also very meaningful to me personally. I also want to thank our ladies who always make sure we remember our meetings, remind us about our parades, and make sure we are dressed appropriately for our events and parties. Thank you for supporting the Ararat family in so many ways.

I believe our celebration of Ararat's 135-year history was also a catalyst for propelling us into a future brimming with promise and certainly change. By planning strategically for our facility needs as well as fostering innovation in our Clubs and Units, we are ensuring that Ararat Shrine remains a beacon of brotherhood and service for generations to come, guided by the wisdom of our past and fueled by the masonic spirit that defines Ararat Shrine.

I want to express my deepest gratitude for the honor and privilege of not only serving as your potentate but more importantly, serving alongside such dedicated and passionate individuals. My Divan leadership journey started back in 2016 as the Ararat Divan Marshal and through these past 8 years I cannot express enough how important and special the friendships I made along the way will continue to carry me throughout the rest of my life.

A special thank you to our Chief Aide Scott Towler and Lady Lisa, along with the entire team of 2023 Potentate's Aides for making the year enjoyable and presenting the nobility such fun parties!

As we embark on a new year, let us carry the lessons of our past with us, as we continue to make a positive impact on the lives of those we touch through our philanthropy.

In closing, my lady Mindy and I, wish you all a joyous holiday season and we look forward to the exciting opportunities that await us in the coming year and beyond!

Mark Dobson

Yours in the Faith,
Mark Dobson – Potentate 2023



ARARAT SHRINE NEWS

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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

DECEMBER

2.....	Greeters Christmas Ball
7.....	Bingo (Patrol)
9.....	Children's Christmas Party
11.....	Divan Meeting
13.....	Temple Meeting
14.....	Bingo (Corvettes)
21.....	Bingo (Cooking Club)
25.....	Merry Christmas
28.....	Bingo (Mini Indy's)
31.....	Camels Milk

JANUARY

1.....	Happy New Year! (Office Closed)
4.....	Bingo (Greeters)
7.....	Christmas Take Down
8.....	Divan Meeting
10.....	Temple Meeting
11.....	Bingo (Blue Springs S.C.)
13.....	Officer's Seminar
15.....	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
18.....	Bingo (Jackson County S.C.)
25.....	Bingo (Tractors)
27.....	Aides Party

FEBRUARY

1.....	Bingo (Drones)
8.....	Bingo (AM Radio)
11.....	Super Bowl Sunday
12.....	Divan Meeting
14.....	Temple Meeting
14.....	Happy Valentine's Day
15.....	Bingo (Motor Escort)
18.....	Potentate's Trip Begins
19.....	President's Day
22.....	Bingo (Pipes and Drums)
29.....	Bingo (Clowns)



*The Official Airline of Ararat Shrine
Hospital Transportation.*



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.

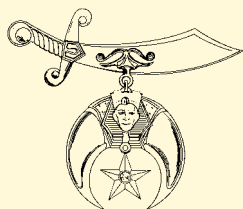
Thank you to the following Nobles who drove for a total of 22 hours the month of September!

Randy Bruso 11 hours
Sam Manthei 11 hours

Thank you to the following Nobles who drove for a total of 70 hours the month of October!!

Dan Bruckner 13 hours
Randy Bruso 23 hours
Leroy Graham 12 hours
Sam Manthei 12 hours
Richard Wisely 10 hours

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



Houn Dawg S.C.

The Houn Dawg Shrine Club of Warrensburg had the pleasure of sharing the accomplishment and pride of a Noble that was recognized for 50 years of Shrine service.

Noble Fred Higginbotham, of Warrensburg, was initiated a Shriner in November 1973.

Noble Higginbotham had several of his family present for the ceremony, (son Russ and his wife Mary; grandson Dillon; granddaughter Lacey, her husband Luke, their young son Lincoln and daughter Layton).

During the Houn Dawg Shrine Club dinner meeting, we had several officers of the Ararat Temple present to make the presentation. Noble Keith Stoneking and Noble Bud Higginbotham shared pride and congratulations. Noble Mick Owens read the letter from Shriners International.



Festival of Champions

BY DAVID KEY

The Ararat Shrine Temple and the Houn Dawg Shrine Club provided support to the University of Central Missouri Music Department's FESTIVAL OF CHAMPIONS on Saturday, October 28. This is a high school marching band competition that involved 22 high schools. There were schools from the Kansas City metro, the Warrensburg area, and the Springfield area. It is great to watch the dedication and skill that these high school students put into their craft.

There were over 2000 high school students present, and over 8000 spectators (families and friends) in the stands. It was a cool, cloudy, overcast day that offered several periods of rain. But the Shriners stood tall and shared the stories of our philanthropy to several inquiries.

We had two different parents stop and visit with some Shriners to say thank you and share that their sons were Shriners Hospital kids. We had one college age young man stop to share that the Shriners Hospital fixed his leg, and he was able to play high school football. We love hearing these stories.

The Ararat Shrine Temple and the Houn Dawg Shrine Club are already planning to support this event next year on Saturday, October 19, 2024.



ARARAT SHRINE

Children's Christmas Party

Open to the public *Gifts for all kids*

DEC 9	Come meet Santa and the gang GIFTS FUN CRAFTS BOUNCE HOUSE
10-NOON	5100 Ararat Dr, Kansas City, MO 64129

CAMELS Milk

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023
1PM-4PM
ARARAT BALLROOM

Hors d'oeuvres served by Henry and the boys

Another Successful Circus!

Be sure to check out the next issue of Shrine News for more photos.

BLUE SPRINGS PARADE



October 2023 Temple Meeting Notes

BY MICHAEL WHEELER, RECORDER

The October 11, 2023 stated meeting of Ararat Shriners was called to order at 7:00 PM on Wednesday October 11, 2023 in the Frank S Land Ballroom by Illustrious Sir Mark Dobson.

Temple officers present were Illustrious Sir Mark Dobson, Potentate, Noble Mark Koontz, Chief Rabban, Noble Jeremy Yates, Assistant Rabban, Noble Keith Stoneking, Oriental Guide, Noble Weston Miller, Treasurer, Noble Mike Wheeler, Recorder, Noble Ian Evans, 1st Ceremonial Master, Noble Bud Higginbotham, Captain of the Guard Noble Wes Wingfield, Chaplain.

After Oriental Guide, Noble Keith Stoneking prepared the altar, the Potentate called on Chaplain, Noble Wes Wingfield to share with the Nobility those Nobles who were visited by the Black Camel. Noble Gaylord Thomas Created May 7, 1966, Expired September 7, 2023, Noble Wendell Kiser Created November 19, 1977, Expired August 6, 2023 and Noble Gary Ficken Created June 8, 1979, Expired October 10, 2023. The Chaplain then gave the Invocation.

The International Pledge of Allegiance was given to the and after the Star Spangled Banner was sung, Illustrious Sir Mark Dobson welcomed everyone in attendance.

The Potentate then called on the Recorder to read petitions for Creation, Affiliation and Association. Recorder, Noble Mike Wheeler read petitions from the following for Creation: Larry Roland Duncan, Alex Dean Cupp and Patrick W. Riley III. A petition for Affiliation from Noble Scott Senn Boswell, Sr. accompanied by a demit from Moolah Shriners – St. Louis, Missouri, and a petition for Association from Noble Robert L. Myers, III accompanied by a certificate of good standing from Kaaba Shriners of Davenport, Iowa were presented. 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 all of the candidates were then elected.

The Potentate called for petitions for Restoration. The Recorder announced that Noble Michael Fischer had petitioned for Restoration and that reading the name at a Temple meeting was a matter of record.

The Potentate called for the reading of Demits. The Recorder reported that the following Nobles being clear upon the books of Ararat Shrine and at their requests were granted demits. David E. Hedenberg and Rex A. Murdock.

The Potentate called for the reading of remissions. The Recorder reported that there were no requests for remissions in the previous month.

The Potentate called for the Treasurers' Report. Noble Weston Miller, Treasurer, gave a report on the finances of Ararat Shrine.

The Potentate called for Gifts and Contributions. Noble Stan Harrington, Motor Man Emeritus, presented a check that cleared the following members of Ararat Motor Corps for their 2023 Circus Script: Illustrious Sir Jim Kerns, Noble Jeff Quibell, Noble Ron Facklam, Noble Stan Harrington, Noble Don Hendrickson, and Noble Jim Murray. Members of Richmond S. C. including Noble John Foster, Noble Gary Davis, Noble Ralph Wright, and Noble Mike Montgomery presented a large donation from the proceeds of the Jambalaya event to the Cornerstone Fund. Noble John Foster presented his winnings from the Chili Cookoff sponsored by the Ararat Cooking Club to the Hospital Patient Transportation Fund. Noble Larry Potter and Noble Lonnie Sensenich from Carroll County S. C. made sizable contributions to the Cornerstone Fund,

the 2023 Ararat Shrine Circus, the 2023 Festival of Trees, the Ararat Provost, and a special donation from Noble Charles Dysart to the 2023 Circus.

The Potentate called for the Introduction of Visiting Nobles. Noble George Thompson, Director of the Greeters, announced that no visiting Nobles had signed in.

The Potentate called for Committee reports:

Noble Mark Koontz, Chief Rabban and Illustrious Sir Jim Kerns, P.P. 2020 gave a report on the 2023 Ararat Shrine Circus.

Noble Ian Evans gave a report on the upcoming Ceremonial to be held Saturday October 14, 2023.

Noble Jeremy Yates, Assistant Rabban, and Noble Mick Owens, gave some updated information on the 2023 Festival of Trees.

Noble Tony Broome came forward with a nice donation from the proceeds of Bingo to the Operating Fund and a generous donation from the Bingo players to the H.P.T.F.

Noble Leroy Graham gave a report on the condition of the Hospital Patient Transportation Office. He reiterated the constant need for Van Drivers

Noble Kim Wilcox gave a membership report.

Noble Dave Johnson, Director of Uniformed Units gave some information on the final parade of the season to be held on October 28, 2023, in Independence.

The Potentate gave the dates of some important upcoming events.

The Potentate called for Good of the Order. Noble Rod McGrath announced that he was selling cars at a dealership in the Northland and that he would donate \$50.00 for every car purchased by a Shriner to Ararat Shrine. Noble Gary Davis announced that Noble Alvin Kallenberger had a nice lake property in Climax Springs, Missouri for sale and very much worth the money. Noble Bud Higginbotham announced the need for volunteers at the Annual Festival of Champions to be held at Warrensburg on October 28, 2023.

The Potentate recognized the following Emeriti members: Noble Jimmie Jones, Circus Ringmaster Emeritus, Noble Jerry Grimes, G. O. B. Emeritus, Noble Stan Harrington, Motor Man Emeritus, Noble Nick Baldi, Treasurer Emeritus and Noble Mike Wheeler, Recorder Emeritus.

The Potentate recognized the following Past Potentates: Illustrious Sir John Hay, P.P. 2003, Illustrious Sir Richard M. Floyd, P.P. 2012, Illustrious Sir Henry L. McDaniel, Jr., P.P. 2018, Illustrious Sir Jim Kerns, P.P. 2020, Illustrious Sir Michael Aulgur, P.P. 2021, Illustrious Sir Danny Smothers, P.P. 2021 of Moila Shriners and Illustrious Sir Donnie Fowler, P.P. 2022.

A 50/50 drawing was held with Noble Sonny Hibbs 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 8:00 PM.



November 2023 Temple Meeting Notes

BY MICHAEL WHEELER, RECORDER

The November 8, 2023, stated meeting of Ararat Shriners was called to order at 7:00 PM on Wednesday November 8, 2023 in the Frank S Land Ballroom by Illustrious Sir Mark Dobson.

Temple officers present were Illustrious Sir Mark Dobson, Potentate, Noble Mark Koontz, Chief Rabban, Noble Jeremy Yates, Assistant Rabban, Noble Ben Allen, High Priest & Prophet, Noble Keith Stoneking, Oriental Guide, Noble Weston Miller, Treasurer, Noble Mike Wheeler, Recorder, Noble Phil Meisenheimer, 2nd Ceremonial Master, Noble Bud Higginbotham, Captain of the Guard and Noble Wes Wingfield, Chaplain.

The Temple meeting was opened in due form after which the Potentate called on Chaplain, Noble Wes Wingfield to share with the Nobility those Nobles who were visited by the Black Camel and offer an invocation. The Chaplain read the following: Noble Robert James, Created June 25, 1996, Expired October 21, 2023, Noble Loyd Wiseman, Created July 3, 1976, Expired October 22, 2023, Noble Bob L Davis, Created November 20, 1964, Expired March 21, 2023, Noble Earl Seeley, Created May 27, 1978, Expired January 5, 2023, Noble Douglas Fields, Created August 5, 2006, Expired October 28, 2023, Noble Robert George, Created May 27, 1978, Expired August 5, 2023, Noble Bruce McKeon, Created May 12, 2001, Expired September 5, 2023, Noble Amos Cox, Created Ma 31, 1975, Expired February 6, 2023 and George Jursch, Created November 27, 1976, Expired October 31, 2023. The Chaplain then gave the invocation.

The Shriners Pledge of Allegiance was given and after the Star Spangled Banner was sung, Illustrious Sir Mark Dobson welcomed everyone in attendance.

There was immediately an alarm at the door. The Potentate suspended the meeting to ascertain the cause of the alarm. Representatives from Ed's Posse Motorcycle Club made a sizable donation to the 2023 Ararat Shrine Circus from money collected at various intersections through the metropolitan area to a warm reception by the Nobility.

The Potentate then read a list of Nobles who had reached 50 years of membership in Ararat Shrine during the second half of 2023. None were present to receive the 50 year pins and certificates but the following were acknowledged. Noble James E Guilford, Noble William B Henderson, Noble Frederick W Higginbotham, Jr., Noble Donald L Huggins, Noble Robert J Karbinas, Noble Jerry A Lake, Noble E Dean Latimer, Noble Doyel E Roller, Noble Roy W Schulenberg, Noble Jack L Thomson, Noble Charles J Wansing and Noble

William Claude Wolfe.

The Potentate then called the meeting back to order.

Resulting from a motion made at the February 8, 2023 stated meeting, the minutes of the last stated meeting were not read.

The Potentate then called on the Recorder to read petitions for Creation, Affiliation and Association. Recorder Noble Mike Wheeler announced that there were no petitions for Creation, Affiliation or Association.

The Potentate called for petitions for Restoration. The Recorder announced that there were no petitions for Restoration.

The Potentate called for the reading of Demits. The Recorder reported that the following Nobles being clear upon the books of Ararat Shrine and at their requests were granted demits. Robert C Lee, Michael J Bukaty, Edward B McInteer and Joel C Womack all demitting to themselves.

The Potentate called for the reading of remissions. The Recorder reported that the committee on remissions had met and recommended the permanent remission of dues for one deserving Noble and made a motion to that effect. The motion passed.

The Potentate called for the Treasurers' Report. Noble Weston Miller, Treasurer, gave a report on the finances of Ararat Shrine.

The Potentate announced that it was Divan step up night and turned the meeting over to Chief Rabban Noble Mark Koontz and presented him with the world's smallest gavel to conduct the meeting.

The Chief Rabban called for Gifts and Contributions. Noble Ed Stark, Noble Jack Everly and Noble Porter Hensen from RaKla S. C. made a donation to Shriners Hospitals for Children. Noble Fritz Kingsley made a donation to the HPTF from tips received at the concession stand he runs on Bingo nights.

The Chief Rabban called for the Introduction of Visiting Nobles. Noble George Thompson, Director of the Greeters, announced that no visiting Nobles had signed in.

The Chief Rabban called for Committee reports:

Illustrious Sir Mark Dobson reported that the Temple had received a Letter of Intent to purchase the Ararat Shrine Property from a church group in south Kansas City. Negotiations are ongoing in that pursuit.

Noble Mark Koontz, Chief Rabban and Illustrious Sir Jim Kerns, P.P. 2020 gave a report on the 2023 Ararat Shrine Circus that is being held next week.

Noble Jeremy Yates, Assistant Rabban and Noble

Mick Owens, gave some updated information on the 2023 Festival of Trees.

Noble Ben Allen, High Priest & Prophet and Noble J. W. Page, Provost Marshal gave announced the top selling individuals and Units, Shrine Clubs and Lodges of gun raffle tickets and presented commission checks as well as wooden engraved plaques to the top 10 selling groups.

Noble Tony Broome came forward with a nice donation from the proceeds of Bingo to the Operating Fund and a generous donation from the Bingo players to the H.P.T.F.

Noble Leroy Graham gave a detailed report on the condition of the Hospital Patient Transportation Office and the process of obtaining air transportation for our patients.

Noble Kim Wilcox gave a membership report highlighting the recent Ceremonial and invited all of the newly Created Nobles who were present to come up and introduce themselves. Each new Noble offered a joke or one liner.

The Chief Rabban gave the dates of some important upcoming events.

The Chief Rabban called for Good of the Order. Illustrious Sir Kevin Sleyster, P.P. 2010 came forward and told of the importance of choosing the right candidate in next month's Temple election. Noble Dennis Merchant announced the Greeter's Holiday Ball and need to make reservations early.

The Chief Rabban handed the meeting back to the Potentate at this point.

The Potentate recognized the following Emeriti members: Noble Jimmie Jones, Circus Ringmaster Emeritus, Noble Jerry Grimes, G. O. B. Emeritus, Noble Nick Baldi, Treasurer Emeritus, Noble Mike Wheeler, Recorder Emeritus and Noble Gene Erwin, Money Man Emeritus.

The Potentate recognized the following Past Potentates: Illustrious Dr. Larry Davis, P.P. 1986, Illustrious Sir Kevin Sleyster, P.P. 2010, Illustrious Sir Richard M. Floyd, P.P. 2012, Illustrious Sir Ed Graves, P.P. 2015 Zamora Shriners, Birmingham, Alabama, Illustrious Sir Henry L. McDaniel, Jr., P.P. 2018, Illustrious Sir Butch Pugh, P.P. 2019, Illustrious Sir Jim Kerns, P.P. 2020, Illustrious Sir Michael Aulgur, P.P. 2021, and Illustrious Sir Donnie Fowler, P.P. 2022.

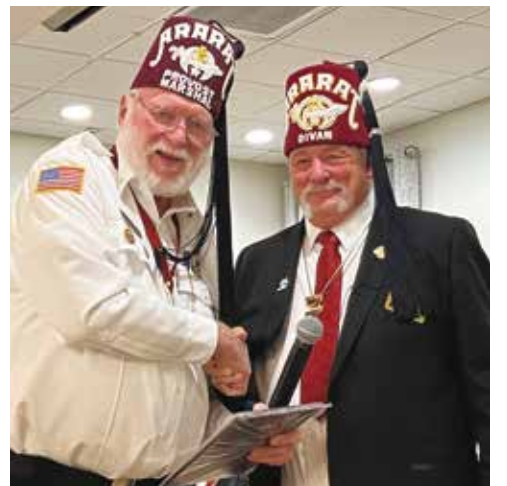
A 50/50 drawing was held with Noble Rick Hatch holding the winning ticket.

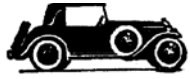
The Potentate called on the Chaplain for the Benediction. Noble Wes Wingfield gave the Benediction.

Waiving all forms and ceremony the Potentate closed the meeting at 8:20 PM.

A light meal was served following the meeting.







Ole Cars

We've come to the end of the 2023 parade season. Ole Cars would like to thank all of the Ararat nobility that helped us make this season great. The crowds always love to see us there, and the best thing we can ever do for our fraternity is wear our Fez in public. We look forward to the 2024 season and all the fun we'll have together.




SOUTHWEST AIRLINES SUPPORTS ARARAT SHRINE HOSPITAL TRANSPORTATION

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.

DECEMBER

- 7-Patrol
- 14-Corvettes
- 21-Cooking Club
- 28-Mini Indys

JANUARY

- 4-Greeters
- 11-Blue Springs S.C.
- 18-Jackson County S.C.
- 25-Tractors

FEBRUARY

- 1-Drones
- 8-AM Radio
- 15-Motor Escort
- 22-Pipes and Drums
- 29-Clowns



The Ararat Cooking Club Presents

2024 "Windy" Dinner

...a rootin', tootin' hot meal on a cold winter's night
featuring

Henry McDaniel's always popular Ham and Beans recipe
and assorted desserts.

\$8 plus a cash bar

March 2nd at 6PM... Ararat Grand Ballroom

Contact an Ararat Cooking Club Member for information

Stock Mufflers • Custom Duals

MUFFLER

A/C

DIAMOND

AUTO
REPAIR

BRAKE

204 East Blue Parkway
Lee's Summit, Mo. 64063
Phone: 525-3553

IN MEMORIAM

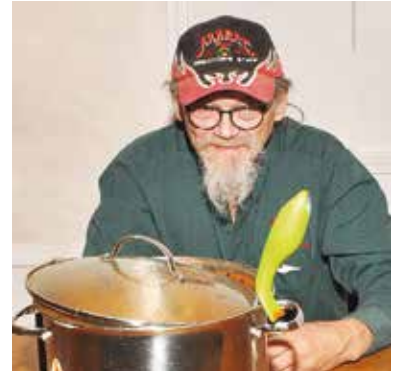
NOBLES WHOSE LIVES

We Celebrate!

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

- Gaylord Thomas Independence, MO 07/06/1930-09/07/2023
- Wendell Kiser Kirksville, MO 03/06/1935-08/06/2023
- Gary Ficken Parkville, MO 05/16/1942-10/10/2023
- Robert James Enid, OK 01/11/1947-10/21/2023
- Loyd Wiseman Harrisonville, MO 01/24/1929-10/22/2023
- Bob Davis Clinton, MO 08/17/1936-03/21/2023
- Earl Seeley Asbury, MO 04/23/1941-01/05/2023
- Douglas Fields Independence, MO 04/05/1943-10/28/2023
- Robert George Clinton, MO 08/31/1955-08/05/2023
- Bruce McKeon Kansas City, MO 02/06/1948-09/05/2023
- Amos Cox Kearney, MO 04/09/1934-02/06/2023
- George Jursch Belton, MO 12/23/1927-10/31/2023
- Jeffrey Janes Lee's Summit 06/20/1955-11/12/2023

2023 CHILI COOK-OFF



A huge Thank You to everyone who helped make this year's circus a success!

2023 CIRCUS SALES

(AS OF 11/16/23)

TOP SALESMEN

Robert E. Morton, Jr. \$5,450.00
 Cleo M. Custis \$5,021.91
 George B. Thompson..... \$3,066.68
 Lawrence H. Teters..... \$2,440.00
 David L. Huddleston \$2,255.00

TOP UNITS/CLUBS

C - Warsaw Shrine Club \$16,292.00
 C - Richmond Shrine Club \$11,789.00
 U - Greeters \$7,887.68
 U - Ole' Cars..... \$6,614.25
 U - Director's Staff..... \$6,171.91

Circus Dad and Mom Pins

The following Nobles have invested in our Circus by purchasing the 2023 Shrine Circus Mom and Dad Pins. **THANK YOU!**

They will receive 25 Crown Jewel Points for each pin.

DAD PINS

Leland W. Brown
 Darrell W. Haddock
 Gloyd R. Johnson
 Lawrence R. Lyons
 Henry L. McDaniel , P.P.
 Joseph S. Russell
 Larry L. Saunders
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On Saturday 10/28/2023 Sam Manthei, Bob Duncan, Ralph Wright, Leroy Graham, Randy Buso and I went to Saint Louis Shriners Hospital. Our purpose was to meet several Star Wars Characters that were in costume to entertain the Staff and Kids at the Hospital. The Staff and the kids had a ball taking pictures with the Star Wars People. We met a Child from Ohio, a Child from Uruguay and 3 children from Panama.

This Trip was coordinated by Sam Manthei, Bob Duncan and Past Master Raytown Lodge Jim Thyane. Jim drove to Saint Louis with his R2-D2 Robot and had 6 other characters from Saint Louis meet us at the hospital. Their Web Site is www.501st.com. This group has several thousand members. Check out their web site. This trip was also coroneted with Laura Teague at Saint Louis hospital.

We want to THANK EVERYONE INVOLVED for making this a Successful Adventure.

The Characters: R2-D2, Chewbacca, Kylo Ren, Boba Fett, Bo-Katan Kryze, Obi-Wan Kenobi



On behalf of the patients, families and staff, we want to thank you and the Ararat Temple for bringing the Star Wars characters here to spend some time at our hospital last Friday. They were amazing and did an excellent job. Our patients and families loved this and it really made their day go so much better. They also enjoyed the candy that was handed out to them.

Thank you again for doing this and we hope to be able to have the group here again sometime next year.

Laura

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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
Bee Hive #393	420 N Pennsylvania	Lawson	64062	2nd & 4th Monday
Belton-Grandview #450	307 N Scott	Belton	64012	1st & 3rd Tuesday
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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 1/2 Main St. PO Box 424	Excelsior Springs	64024	1st & 3rd Mondays
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Cooper Lodge #36	717 Main St.	Boonville, MO.	65233	2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7pm
Corinthian #265	402 E Russel Ave	Warrenburg	64093	1st & 3rd Monday
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Crescent Hill #368	24 E. 3rd St.	Adrian	64720	2nd & 4th Thursday
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Fidelity #339	5625 NW Hutson Rd	Farley	64151	1st Wednesday
Gower #397	PO Box 406	Grower	64454	3rd Thursday
Grand River #276	1905 E 281 street	Cleveland	64734	2nd Monday
Granite Lodge 272	601 W Broadway	Sedalia	65301	3rd Tuesday 7pm
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Higbee #527	Division St.	Higbee	65257	2nd & 4th Thursdays
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Lathrop #506	Box 379	Lathrop	64465	1st Tuesday
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
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Rising Sun #13	2000 NW Barry Rd	Kansas City	64154	1st Saturday
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FALL CEREMONIAL NOTES

BY NOBLE MICHAEL WHEELER, RECORDER

Ararat Shriners was opened for business and ceremony by Potentate Mark Dobson on Saturday October 14, 2023, at 12:30 PM in the Divan Room. Discussion was held and plans announced for the remainder of the day's activities.

At 1:45 PM twelve candidates and their ladies were welcomed into Bennett Auditorium. Introduction of the Divan was made and class photos with the candidates, ladies and Divan members were taken.

Illustrious Sir Mark Dobson announced his choice for the class of honoree for this ceremonial was Noble Mike Wheeler, who was introduced with his Lady Cherrine, presented with a certificate and plaque, and afforded an opportunity to speak to the class.

The ladies were invited to the Ladies program in the Frank S. Land Ballroom and the novices were created Nobles of the Mystic Shrine during the 1st Ceremonial Section presented by the Ritual Cast under the direction of Noble Mike Wheeler. The following were Created Nobles of the Mystic

Shrine during the 1st Ceremonial Section: Donald M. Counts, Grady Keith Miller, Christoher Jon Steffen, Randall Wayne Mote, Harold Leroy Holler, Thomas Woodrow Tryon, Douglas Allen Taylor, Mark Allan Collier, Troy Wayne Collins, Javier Migores, Larry Roland Duncan and Alex Dean Cupp.

After the 1st Section the Nobles were reunited with the ladies and were presented with Fezzes by their lady or top line signer.

Following the fezzing ceremony all were entertained by a presentation of the Arch Production directed by Noble Leroy Graham with Nobles from many Shrine Clubs and Units of Ararat Shrine. The highlight of the Arch Production is always the child who represents all of the thousands of children helped by Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Immediately after the Arch Production the entire Nobility present was treated to a fabulous barbeque supper and dancing to the sounds of "Just Killin' Time" a great band with a retro sound.

At 9:30 PM the Ceremonial Session was closed without form or ceremony.

