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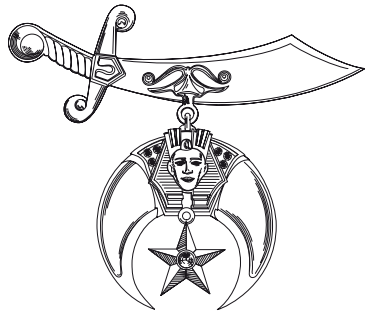
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~ March 18 ~
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ARARAT SHRINE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023

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

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Bradley Jackson Motor Escort
Charles Chaffee Ole Cars
David Bennefeld Patrol
Mike Allen Pipes & Drums
Larry Teters Sandbuggies

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Pote's Notes



2023 Greeting to all Ararat Nobles, Ladies, and families,

What a fantastic time to be an Ararat Shriner!

Why? Besides the obvious reasons of the Fun, Fellowship and Philanthropy we enjoy by being a Shriner, 2023 should hold a special place in our hearts. On June 25th, we will celebrate Ararat's 135th "birthday".

On that date in 1888, Ararat came out of dispensation from the previous year and officially received its charter as the newest Shrine temple. Fast forward to today, so much has changed... Kansas City has grown into a major mid-western city and Ararat experienced a significant growth in our membership throughout the years. Great and influential men proudly worn the Ararat fez before us. Great and influential men (you) continue to wear that same fez and great and influential men will become proud members in Ararat's future.

As we pause and celebrate our history, lets also create our legacies now so that as we plan and move towards our future, we will be remembered for our accomplishments and achievements by future generations who will look back on our time and be thankful and appreciative for both our individual and collective efforts of continuing to be masonically based leaders in our communities, our businesses and work careers as well as men of great character in our churches and other non-shrine / masonic organizations.

In 2022, Illustrious Sir Donnie Fowler's theme was "Bring Nobles Back Together Again". He initiated the meal before the meeting program for 2022 and did in fact bring nobles back together. That is wonderful, but now that nobles are starting to return, what are we going to do to make Ararat a place we WANT to continue to be a part of? I'm not sure there is a simple answer to that question, however, we can start by thinking about and creating fun new shrine clubs and activities. If you and a few other nobles have a shared interest in something, don't be afraid to start a new Shrine club! The Ararat Drone Club and Tractor Club are two great examples of brothers coming together over a shared hobby and experience and enjoying each other's company while participating in that same hobby and interest.

In 2023, lets "Celebrate our history, while looking towards our future" and let's do it together so that Ararat Shriners in the future can continue to celebrate these great milestones!

I am honored and humbled to serve as the 127th Potentate of Ararat Shrine and I am looking forward to serving the fraternity and our philanthropy alongside each of you.

Yours in the Faith,

Mark A. Dobson

Noble Mark A Dobson, Illustrious Potentate 2023

ARARAT SHRINE NEWS

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NOTICE: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic greatly reducing Shrine activities/news, and in an effort to reduce costs, the Shrine News has transitioned to a bi-monthly schedule.

BREAKING NEWS



You can now submit your ads, flyers, photos and announcements via link on the Ararat Mobile App, request a link from the Ararat Office contact nicole@araratshrine.org

<https://form.jotform.com/araratprteam/ararat-shrine-content-submitter>

Content must be received by 6pm
Sundays for Wednesday posting

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

2.....	Bingo (Drones)
6.....	Divan Meeting
8.....	Temple Meeting
9.....	Bingo (AM Radio)
11.....	Aides Party-Wine & Whiskey
16.....	Bingo (Motor Escort)
18.....	Robert Burns Dinner
23.....	Bingo (Pipes & Drums)

MARCH

2.....	Bingo (Clowns)
4.....	Ham & Beans "Windy Dinner" – Cooking Club
6.....	Divan Meeting
8.....	Temple Meeting
9.....	Bingo (Richmond)
11.....	Snake Saturday Parade
16.....	Bingo (Ole Cars)
18.....	Potentate's Ball
23.....	Bingo (Dir. Staff)
24-25	CSSA Mid-Winter Meetings
30.....	Bingo (Hosp. Trans)

APRIL

6.....	Bingo (Patrol)
8.....	Raytown Parade
9.....	Easter Breakfast-Jackson County S.C.
10.....	Divan Meeting
12.....	Temple Meeting
13.....	Bingo (Corvettes)
14-15	Swap Meet
20.....	Bingo (Cooking Club)
22.....	Richmond Shrine Club Golf Tournament
27.....	Bingo (Mini Indys)
29.....	BBQ Rib Contest-Cooking Club



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 28 hours the month of November!!

Dan Bruckner 14 Hours
Ben Kenney PP 14 Hours

Thank you to the following Nobles who drove for a total of 110 hours the month of December!!

Leroy Graham 15 Hours
Steve Elliott 24 Hours
Richard Wisely 55 Hours
Ralph Wright 16 Hours

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



Hospital Transportation Christmas Party 2022

NOBLE PRESIDENT GARY DAVIS

Hope everybody had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2023!!

We had our Christmas Party December 10, 2022, in the Patio Room at the Temple.

We had a great time with the main meal being delivered by Hy-Vee on 23rd St in Independence. Glenda did the center pieces and made the appetizer trays and to top the evening off the GREAT Cake from Costco. We presented a plaque to Ron Greip for all his years of service driving the Hospital Van.

We were glad to have Illustrious Potentate Donnie Fowler and Lady Mary at our Party.

Members in attendance with their Lady's were: Gary Davis, Ralph Wright, Steve Elliott, Jack Weidman, Lee Brown, Leroy Graham, Ron Greip and Richard Wisely (no lady). Martha did the setup and serving for us. Was great to see Martha doing her thing and everyone had a good time catching up with her.

Hospital Van Drivers are badly needed. We have had several drivers turn 80 in last couple of years and our Insurance company says they cannot drive anymore. So REMEMBER Brothers taking care of Kids is our purpose so please think about signing up to drive the hospital van. Paperwork can be picked up at Transportation Office daily.





Ararat Dixieland Band

BY THE BANJO MAN

Front row (L to R): Jim Harris, Ararat member playing Trombone, (the leader of the band); Roy Cooper, Abdallah member playing Trumpet; Kelvin Gunn, guest, playing several instruments; Mike Eaton, Ararat member playing valve Trombone; Allen Troxel, guest, playing keyboard. Back row: Hoot Mann, Ararat member, playing Tuba; Bill Grayham, guest, playing Drums; Jimmie Jones, Ararat member, playing Tenor Banjo. We had our new red and white vests on. The photo was taken by Eleanor Jones during the performance, not posed but taken as we played.

The Ararat Dixieland Band has had an outstanding year, playing prior to each monthly business meeting for about one hour. We have used several additional guests on different instruments to fill in for vacations, sickness, playing other venues around the area.

We want to say "Thank You" to all the clubs and units that furnished food prior to the meeting and letting the Band eat early so we could start playing on time.

On Thursday evening prior to the Circus, we had a larger band and played over one hour prior to the start of the show. This performance had lots of folks surprised at the music upon arrival. A special "Thank You" to the Ararat team for supplying and serving food prior and during the show at the food tent.

Now for the next large event for the Ararat Dixieland Band. Ararat Chief Rabban Mark Koontz asked the Dixieland Band to play at the Independence Mall on Sunday afternoon, in conjunction with Ararat and the Festival of Trees.

We had folks dancing in the area in front of the band, upstairs on the walkways and in the area of the Festival of Trees, as well as shoppers along the balconies upstairs just listening. The shoppers seemed to enjoy the music. The mall management made videos of our performance which appeared on Channel 9 during the evening news.

Thanks to Potentate Donnie Fowler and Assistant Rabban Mark Koontz for all your time and effort in making this happen.

It is great to be a Shriner



Ole Cars

BY CHARLES CHAFFEE

The Ole Cars unit is looking forward to another great year at Ararat Shrine. The winter months are a slower time for us not being able to parade and have our cars out, but we look forward to this parade season. We are excited about the new year with Illustrious Sir Mark Dobson and eagerly await what the future holds for our great temple. See you all at the parades in 23.

The Ararat Cooking Club Presents

A "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 4th at 6PM... Ararat Grand Ballroom

Contact an Ararat Cooking Club Member for information

December 2022 Temple Meeting Notes

BY BEN ALLEN, ORIENTAL GUIDE

Illustrious Potentate Donnie Fowler Called the meeting to order at 7:00, December 14, 2022, Bennett Auditorium.

Assistant Rabban, Mark Koontz, informed the Captain of the Guard, Bud Higginbotham, that the Potentate was about to open Ararat Temple for business. That done, Captain of the Guard, Noble Bud informed the Outer Guard, and then reported to Noble Mark, who informed Illustrious Sir Fowler that the Temple was under a double and trusty guard.

Chief Rabban, Mark Dobson, then surveyed the crowd and informed the Potentate that our Temple was free from jeopardy as there were none present save members of our order. Illustrious Sir Fowler said, "Tis Well".

Noble First Oriental Guide, Ben Allen, Prepared the Alter Noble Chaplain, Wes Wingfield, remembered our Nobles who had been visited by the Black Camel and gave the invocation.

The Colors were placed prior to the business meeting beginning. The assembled Nobles, led by Chief Rabban, Mark Dobson, recited the Shrine Pledge of Allegiance, and Noble Wes Wingfield led the singing of the National Anthem.

Illustrious Potentate Fowler thanked the Band for their entertainment tonight, and the Directors Staff for the Dinner.

Illustrious Potentate Donnie Fowler noted that resulting from a motion made, seconded, and passed on February 9, 2022, that the reading of the previous month's minutes be suspended for the duration of the term of the current Potentate.

Recorder, Noble Mike Wheeler, was called upon and announced that there were No Petitions for Creation, No Petitions for Affiliation, No Petitions for Association, No Partitions for Restoration.

There was one request for Demit.

Call for the Reading of Remissions

Recorder, Noble Mike Wheeler, reported that the committee on remissions met and recommends the remission of one year's annual dues for one (1) deserving Nobles and permanent remission of dues for twenty- three (23) others.

Motion to remit was made and seconded and Passed.

Call for the Reading of Suspensions

Recorder, Noble Michael, reported that he has a list of 51 Nobles whose 2022 annual dues remain unpaid, according to the bylaws of Ararat Shriners, if they remain unpaid on December 31, 2022, these Nobles must be suspended by a vote of the Nobility at a stated meeting. Motion to suspend was made seconded and Passed.

CALL FOR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Recorder, Noble Mike Wheeler, gave the Reading of Annual Membership Report for 2021

YDT:

START 1669, CREATE 18, AFFILIATION 2, RESTORE 13, ASSOC. 2, DEMIT 26, SUSPENDED 51, EXPIRED 90, ASSOC DROPS 2, PROJ TOTAL 1555

Treasurer, Noble Weston Miller, was called upon to give the Treasurer's Report dated November 30, 2022. This report is available at the Temple Office for all Nobles who would like to review it.

Illustrious Potentate Donnie Fowler, called on Marshal, Keith Stoneking, to introduce those presenting gifts and contributions. Nobles from Richmond Shrine Club presented \$3252 from their pecan sales at the circus. Noble John Hooper presented \$1200 from Harry S Truman Lodge for the use of the building. Nobles from Houn Dawg Presented \$2000 for the Hospital Transportation from the Festival of Champions. Noble Doug Fields presented \$1000 from an unnamed friend to the St Louis Hospital.

Illustrious Potentate Donnie Fowler called for the introduction of visiting Nobles. It was reported that there were no visiting Nobles, but there were 109 Nobles present tonight.

Illustrious Potentate Donnie Fowler called for the drawing for the Winchester that Ill. Sir John Hay donated. Ill Sir Hay drew the winner. The Winner was Noble Larry Gonnello. The

Winchester brought in \$1480 for the Cornerstone Fund.

Illustrious Potentate Fowler called for committee reports.

Membership – Noble Tom Riley thanked the Nobility for the good membership numbers reported by the Noble Recorder. He also noted that Shriners International is rerunning all their training programs.

2022 Circus Follow-up – Illustrious Sir Jim Kerns reported that the Circus did well this year and they were still working on a final report. The "thank you" party for the workers will be coming soon and so will the circus incentives. Thanks for your help this year.

2022 Festival of Trees – Noble Mick Owens reported that all though all the number are not yet in, it looks like we made around \$12,000, with 26 trees.

Bingo – Noble Tony Broome thanked all the workers that are there every week. He urged everyone to come out and help. He presented \$10,000 to the Temple. This brings this year's total to \$125,000. He also presented \$481 in donations from the players for the Kids.

Election Of Officers

The Potentate called for the election of officers.

Ill. Sir Jim Kerns, P.P. 2020, nominated Noble Mark Dobson for Potentate for the year 2023. He stated that if there was no objection and there are no further nominations that the Recorder be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot of those present for Noble Mark Dobson for Potentate for the year 2023. No other nominations appearing, Recorder Michael Wheeler cast a unanimous ballot of those present for Noble Mark Dobson for Potentate for the year 2023. Noble Dobson accepted the nomination.

The Potentate called upon Ill. Sir Henry McDaniel, Jr., P.P. 2018 who nominated Noble Mark Koontz for Chief Rabban for the year 2023. He stated that if there was no objection and no further nominations that the Recorder be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Noble Mark Koontz for Chief Rabban for the year 2023. No other nominations appearing, Recorder Mike



Wheeler cast a unanimous ballot of those present for Noble Mark Koontz for Chief Rabban for the year 2023. Noble Koontz accepted the nomination.

The Potentate called upon Ill. Sir Henry McDaniel, Jr., P.P. 2018 who nominated Noble Jeremy Yates for Assistant Rabban for 2023. He stated that if there was no objection and no further nominations, that the Recorder be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Noble Jeremy Yates for Assistant Rabban for 2023. No other nominations appearing, Recorder Mike Wheeler cast a unanimous ballot of those present for Jeremy Yates Assistant Rabban for 2023. Noble Yates accepted the nomination.

The Potentate called upon Ill. Sir Jim Kerns, P.P. 2020 who on behalf of Ill. Sir Butch Pugh P.P. 2019, nominated Noble Ben Allen for High Priest and Prophet for 2023. He stated that if there was no objection and no further nominations, that the Recorder be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot of those present for Ben Allen for High Priest and Prophet for 2023. No other nominations appearing, Recorder Mike Wheeler cast a unanimous ballot of those present for Noble Ben Allen for High Priest and Prophet for 2023. Noble Allen accepted the nomination.

The Potentate called upon Noble Ian Evans who nominated Noble Tony Kenna for Oriental Guide for 2023.

The Potentate then called upon Noble Andy Horine who nominated Noble Keith Stoneking for Oriental Guide for 2023.

A paper ballot was spread with a majority of the Nobility voting to elect Noble Keith Stoneking Oriental Guide for 2023. Noble Stoneking accepted the nomination.

The Potentate called upon Noble Mike Wheeler who nominated Noble Weston Miller for Treasurer for 2023 and stated that if there was no objection and there were no further nominations that he be allowed to cast a unanimous ballot of those present for Noble Weston Miller for Treasurer. No other nominations appearing, Recorder Michael Wheeler cast a unanimous ballot of those present for Weston Miller for Treasurer for 2023. Noble Miller accepted the nominations.

The Potentate called upon Ill. Sir Maurice Camerlynck Jr., P.P. 2014, who nominated Noble Mike Wheeler for Recorder for

2023. He stated that if there was no objection and there were no further nominations, that the Treasurer be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot of those present for Noble Mike Wheeler for Recorder for the year 2023. There being no objection and no further nominations appearing, Treasurer Noble Weston Miller cast a unanimous ballot of those present for Noble Mike Wheeler for Recorder for 2023. Noble Wheeler accepted the nomination.

The Potentate called upon Ill. Sir Maurice Camerlynck, Jr. P.P. 2014, to nominate the following as Representatives to the Imperial Council, Shriners International. Noble Mark Dobson, Potentate elect, Noble Mark Koontz, Chief Rabban elect, Noble Jeremy Yates, Assistant Rabban elect and Noble Ben Allen, High Priest and Prophet elect and if there no objection and no further nominations, that the Recorder to cast a unanimous ballot for those individuals listed for representatives to the Imperial Counsel of Shriners International for the year 2023. No other nominations appearing, Recorder Mike Wheeler cast a unanimous ballot of those present for those individuals listed for representatives to the Imperial Counsel of Shriners International for the year 2023. All those individuals listed accepted the nominations.

The Potentate then called upon Ill. Sir Maurice Camerlynck Jr., P.P. 2014 to nominate the Representatives to Central States Shrine Association. He nominated Noble Mark Dobson, Potentate Elect, Noble Mark Koontz, Chief Rabban Elect, Noble Jeremy Yates, Assistant Rabban elect, Noble Ben Allen, High Priest and Prophet elect and Noble Michel Wheeler, Recorder as representatives to Central States Shrine Association for 2023, and if there was no objection and no further nominations, that the Recorder be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot of those present for the individuals listed as representatives Central States Shrine Association for the year 2023. There being no objection and no further nominations appearing, Recorder Mike Wheeler cast a unanimous ballot of those present for the individuals listed as representatives to Central States Shrine Association for the year 2023. All those individuals listed accepted the nominations.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE ELECTED OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

Illustrious Potentate Donnie Fowler ANNOUNCED UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 23-26 TEMPLE
CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 30.....ILL. SIR DONNIE'S SEAFOOD CHOWDER AT RICHMOND
DECEMBER 31..... CAMEL'S MILK
(NOBLES ONLY) 1-4 PM
JANUARY 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR
JANUARY 2 TEMPLE CLOSED
JANUARY 11 TEMPLE MEETING AND
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
JANUARY 20 OFFICERS SEMINAR

Illustrious Potentate Donnie Fowler called on Noble Marshal, Keith Stoneking for the good of the order. Noble JW Page presented the Provost Distinguished Service Award to Noble Jerry Grimes. Noble Grimes was also presented with his Lieutenant Bars. Congratulations Noble Grimes.

Illustrious Potentate Fowler recognized Emeriti Members, Noble Jimmie Jones, Ringmaster Emeritus, Noble Vern Hilliard, Shrine Club Director Emeritus, Noble Jerry Grimes, GOB Emeritus, Noble Stan Harrington, Motor Man Emeritus, Noble Nick Baldi, Treasure Emeritus, Noble Mike Wheeler, Recorder Emeritus.

Past Potentates attending were recognized, 2003 Illustrious Sir John Hay, 2012, Illustrious Sir, Richard Floyd, 2014, Illustrious Sir Maurice Camerlynck Jr., 2018 Illustrious Sir Henry McDaniel Jr. 2020 Illustrious Sir Jim Kerns, 2021 Illustrious Sir Michael Aulgur. Illustrious Sir Steve Elliot, Tangier.

The Drawing for the 50/50 pot was for \$165 and the lucky winner was George Thompson

Chaplain Wes Wingfield gave the Benediction.

Waving all signs of ceremony, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm.

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.

FEBRUARY

2-Drones
9-AM Radio
16-Motor Escort
23-Pipes & Drums

MARCH

2-Clowns
9-Richmond
16-Ole Cars
23-Dir Staff
30-Hospital Transportation

APRIL

6-Patrol
13-Corvettes
20-Cooking Club
27-Mini Indys

January 2023 Temple Meeting Notes

BY IAN EVANS, FIRST CEREMONIAL MASTER

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Chief Rabban, Noble Mark Dobson then surveyed the crowd and informed the Potentate that our Temple was free from jeopardy as there were none present save members of our order.

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The Colors were placed prior to the business meeting beginning. The assembled Nobles, led by Chief Rabban, Noble Mark Dobson recited the Shrine Pledge of Allegiance, and Noble Jack Mote led the singing of the National Anthem.

Illustrious Potentate Donnie Fowler noted that resulting from a motion made, seconded, and passed on February 9, 2022, that the reading of the previous month's minutes be suspended for the duration of the term of the current Potentate.

Recorder Emeritus Noble Mike Wheeler was called upon and announced that there were three Petitions for Creation. All three petitions were approved by the Nobility.

0 Petitions for Affiliation, 0 Petitions for Association, 2 Petitions for Restoration were read.

CALL FOR THE READING OF DEMITS was read with 2 Nobles demitting to themselves.

There were no Remissions.

Treasurer Weston Miller provided a detailed report of the month ending financials for December 2022.

Illustrious Potentate Donnie Fowler called for the introduction of visiting Nobles. Noble Jack Mote reported that there were no visiting Nobles

Illustrious Potentate Donnie called for committee reports.

Noble Tom Riley reported the information that was in last month's annual report. He told us how we need to find was to get new members interested.

Circus Recap report. Illustrious Sir Jim Kerns updated the nobility that circus wrap ups were underway and should be able to provide the complete numbers in the near future.

2023 Officers Seminar, Noble Mark Koontz reported that the 2023 Officers Seminar would be moved from Saturday January 21st to Friday January 20th starting at 6:00pm. Chief's parking is still scheduled for the 21st prompting the change.

Sportsmen Event, Noble Ben Allen reported that the Gun Raffle was under way with yet again with the initial guns having been purchased. Some for the raffle and some for the early bird giveaways. Tickets will be in your packets at the Officers Seminar.

Noble Tony Broome made an announcement in regard to Bingo, that we are still having Bingo every Thursday and any additional help would be appreciated. Donations from the players and a check from the Bingo Chairman for December were presented.

SUSPEND THE MEETING, INVITE IN THE LADIES AND GUESTS.

ANNOUNCE 2022 APPOINTMENTS

Noble Mark Dobson Announced the following announcements for the appointed and elected Divan for 2023:

First Ceremonial Master – Noble Ian Evans
Second Ceremonial Master – Noble Phil Meisenheimer
Director – Noble Ian Ramage
Assistant Director – Noble Jerry McClary
Marshal – Noble Steve "Tater" Costigan Jr.
Captain of the Guard – Noble Bud Higginbotham
Outer Guard – Noble Tom Riley
Jurisdictional Director – Noble Larry Potter
Jurisdictional Director – Noble Dave Hutton
Membership co- chairman Kim Wilcox
Chaplain – Rev. Wes Wingfield
Chief Aide – Scott Towler

CALL FOR INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Ill. Sir Maurice Camerlynck, P.P. 2014, Installing Officer

Ill. Sir Jim Kerns, P.P. 2020 Installing Marshal

The following Officers of Ararat Shrine Divan were installed.

Potentate – Illustrious Potentate Mark Dobson
Chief Rabban – Noble Mark Koontz
Assistant Rabban – Noble Jeremy Yates
High Priest and Prophet – Noble Ben Allen
Oriental Guide – Noble Keith Stoneking
Treasurer – Noble Weston Miller
Recorder – Recorder Emeritus Michael Wheeler
First Ceremonial Master – Noble Ian Evans
Second Ceremonial Master – Noble Phil Meisenheimer
Assistant Director – Noble Jerry McClary
Marshal – Noble Steven Costigan, Jr.
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Membership – Noble Tom Riley
Chaplain – Noble Rev. Wes Wingfield

FEZZING THE JUNIOR PAST POTENTATE By Mary Fowler, Former First Lady

FEZZING NEW POTENTATE Illustrious Sir Jim Kerns

FEZZING Chief Aide Lady Lisa Towler

PRESENTATION OF TEMPLE LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND TRUMAN PETITION TO Donnie Fowler by Illustrious Potentate Mark Dobson.

Chaplain Reverend Wes Wingfield gave the Benediction. Waving all signs of ceremony, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm





Getting Back to Dance: Kira's Scoliosis Story

Is there dance after a spinal fusion? Yes!

Kira, a dancer since age 2 and a competitive dancer since age 6, never thought she would be stopped in her tracks from pain that might have ended her dancing career.

She was strong, flexible and a successful competitor. But as Kira continued to grow, she began complaining of severe back pain. Even after seeking chiropractic and massage treatments, the pain persisted. In 2019 her pediatrician found a curve in her back at a well-child visit. She had scoliosis.

"When Kira's pediatrician first noticed her scoliosis, I wasn't too concerned," said Kira's mother Beth. "He thought that her curve was around 30 degrees." Beth reached out to the mother of a dancer friend of Kira's who also had scoliosis. She recommended they see Michelle Welborn, M.D., at Shriners Children's Portland.

"I will never forget sitting in that room when Dr. Welborn showed us the X-ray of Kira's back," said Beth. Not only was the curve more severe (43 degrees) than the pediatrician thought, Dr. Welborn also diagnosed Kira with spondylolisthesis. Dr. Welborn explained what this all meant. If Kira's curve were to progress past 50 degrees, it would likely continue to progress and could ultimately have an impact on her heart and lungs.

Spinal Fusion

After monitoring her progress for several months, it was decided that Kira would need a spinal fusion. Surgery terrified Kira and Beth. "How could she possibly ever dance again with two rods in her back?" asked Beth. "Kira cried at the thought of having surgery, but Dr. Welborn was amazing and talked with Kira until she calmed down."

Beth was impressed with how well Dr. Welborn handled the situation and successfully reassured Kira that there would be life after surgery. "We left with a plan and felt confident that we were at the right place with an amazing doctor."

When the surgery day came, the family felt fully prepared. After Kira's pre-op appointment, they left with a wealth of knowledge and knew exactly what to expect. "Dr. Welborn met my husband, Kira and me on the morning of her surgery," said Beth. "She sat with us until we were 100% comfortable."

All of our needs and concerns were always handled with so much care and compassion. We truly had the best experience and I always recommend Shriners Children's whenever I have the opportunity to do so.

~ BETH, KIRA'S MOM

Beth had been nervous in the days leading up to the surgery, but the morning of, she felt completely calm and noticed that Kira felt the same. Beth appreciated the nurses and all of the staff members who helped to keep them calm. "We were constantly notified of Kira's progress and if we ever had a concern, all we had to do was text the number they gave us and we would receive an immediate update."

"My surgery experience was so great," said Kira. "When in the hospital recovering from surgery, there were always nurses at the ready to help me with whatever I needed. One of them was even nice enough to wash my hair for me!" Kira is also grateful for how smooth the recovery process was. "The surgery hardly caused me any pain because I was given medicine at the right times and had comfortable items nearby at all times."

Dr. Welborn knows that having a scoliosis diagnosis can be scary for families, and she is committed to being there with them through the whole journey. "My goal is for this to overall be a positive experience and a source of strength," she said. "To know that they can be proud of themselves and

they can do hard things!" Dr. Welborn knew Kira would do great things after the surgery and was there every step of the way. "It was a long journey to figure it out, but we did it together."

In addition to great care, Kira was able to make a friend who was having the same surgery that day. "We had lots of similar interests and she was so nice! We still stay in touch to this day," said Kira. "My surgery is so nostalgic to me and I always love thinking about those happy memories."

Beth appreciates how well they continue to be treated at every appointment at Shriners Children's Portland. "They remember her name and her hobbies. You can feel how compassionate all of the employees are. The culture is amazing." Staff members like Becky Davis, RN, who feels more like a friend than their nurse; the receptionist, registration, scheduling and care management staff members all contributed to their incredible experience.

Back to Dancing!

Since her surgery, Kira is now back dancing and even qualified for the same team she was on before her surgery. "I'm back to doing my crazy flips and tricks, which is insane," said Kira. "I won't lie, I did have some doubts about what I could and couldn't do when I started dancing and moving again six months post-op. I was very impatient with myself and I felt like I had started from the beginning again. I wanted to be able to do everything again right there at that moment." Through her persistence, Kira discovered her muscles knew what to do, and she again became an incredible performer.

In addition to competitive dancing, Kira is teaching two hip hop classes and is maintaining a 4.0 GPA.

"I'm just so thankful that my family, friends, dance instructors, nurses and doctor all had so much faith in me and believed that I would be where I'm at today. They truly made me believe in myself."

Kira has advice for others who might be facing a spinal fusion surgery: "It may feel like you're starting from scratch again but you'll get where you used to be in no time!"



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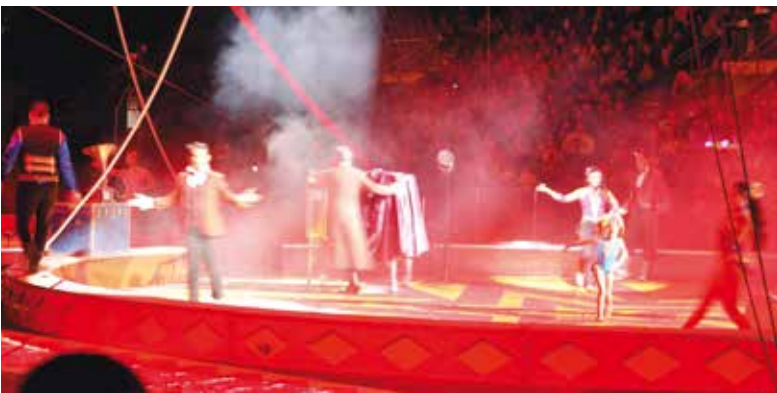
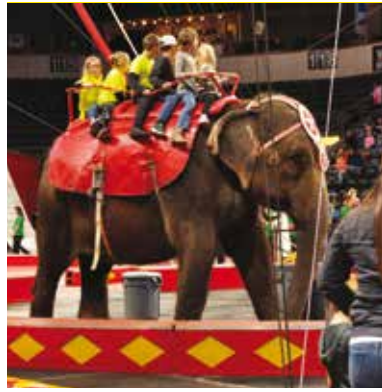
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Cass #147	405 Independence	Harrisonville	64701	1st & 3rd Thursday
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Censor #172	201 Pearl St.	Macon	63552	2nd & 4th Mondays
Christian #392	1901 S. Broadway	Oak Grove	64075	2nd & 4th Thursday
Clark #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	1st & 3rd Tuesday
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
Hale City #216	305 N. Jefferson	Carrollton	64633	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
Kearney #311	420 N. Pennsylvania	Lawson	64062	2nd & 4th Thursday
Knob Noster #245	1124 N.E. 75	Knob Noster	65336	2nd & 4th Thursday
La Plata #237	P.O Box 84	La Plata	63549	1st & 3rd Thursday
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
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
Plattsburg #113	109 1/2 Locust	Plattsburg	64477	1st Thursday
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
Vincil #62	911 N. Ashland	Cameron	64429	1st & 3rd Monday
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
Weston #53	507 Main St.	Weston	64098	1st & 3rd Thursday
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