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MEETING NOTICES

ARARAT SHRINE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025
Heavy hors d'oeuvres & cash bar following meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025
Heavy hors d'oeuvres & cash bar following meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025
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

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Tim Monath.....Motor Escort
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Pote’s Notes

Dear Nobles,

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering confidence in my leadership. Your trust and support mean the world to me, and I am committed to serving you with dedication and passion.

I am eagerly looking forward to seeing many of you at the Vegas Wedding Party on February 15th. It promises to be a spectacular event filled with joy and celebration. A big thank you to our wonderful aides for their hard work and meticulous planning. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and we are incredibly grateful for your dedication.

As we anticipate many fun events this year, including the Potentate’s Ball on April 19th, I am excited to share these moments with all of you. Let’s make this year unforgettable with fun and camaraderie.

With warm regards,
Jeremy



UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

- FEBRUARY**
- 2..... Cooking Club Breakfast
 - 6..... Bingo (Drones)
 - 10..... Divan Meeting
 - 12..... Temple Meeting
 - 13..... Bingo (AM Radio)
 - 14..... Valentine’s Day
 - 14..... Steak Dinner at JCSC
 - 15..... Vegas Wedding Aides Party
 - 20..... Bingo (Motor Escort)
 - 27..... Bingo (Pipes and Drums)
- MARCH**
- 1..... Turkey Fries Dinner at JCSC
 - 6..... Bingo (Richmond)
 - 8..... Windy Dinner
 - 10..... Divan Meeting
 - 12..... Temple Meeting
 - 13..... Bingo (Ole Cars)
 - 15..... Snake Parade
 - 20..... Bingo (Director’s Staff)
 - 21-22 CSSA Mid-Winter, Des Moines, IA
 - 27..... Bingo (Hospital Transportation)

- APRIL**
- 3..... Bingo (Patrol)
 - 7..... Divan Meeting
 - 9..... Temple Meeting
 - 10..... Bingo (Cooking Club)
 - 12..... Swap Meet
 - 12..... Deon Williams Shrine Club Classic
 - 17..... Bingo (Anyone can help!)
 - 19..... Potentate’s Ball at Elk’s Lodge, Blue Springs, MO
 - 19..... Raytown Parade
 - 20..... Easter
 - 20..... JCSC Easter Breakfast at JCSC
 - 24..... Bingo (Greeters)
 - 26..... Blues, Booze and BBQ

	2025 PARADES
	MARCH 15 - SNAKE
	APRIL 19 - RAYTOWN
	MAY 3 - RICHMOND
	JUNE 7 - WARSAW
	JUNE 28 - BOONVILLE
	JULY 4 - SUGAR CREEK
	AUGUST 23 - PARKVILLE
	AUGUST 30 - CSSA
	SEPTEMBER 20 - BLUE SPRINGS
	OCTOBER 25 - INDEPENDENCE
	WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING
	YOU AT THE PARADES THIS YEAR
	CHECK OUT THE ARARAT ADVISOR
	FOR STEP OFF AND START TIMES
	AS THEY GET CLOSER

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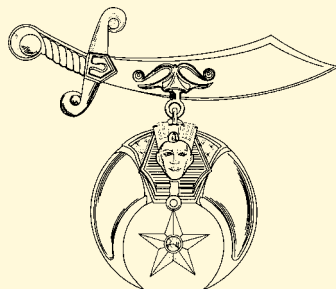
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Hospital Van Drivers

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.

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



Jackson County Shrine Club's Valentines Day Steak Dinner



Steak, Baked Potato, Salad
Served with all the favorite trimming's



Good Times!



Public Welcome

\$20 in advance
\$25 at the door

RSVP: 816-287-1953

Coffee & Beverages



Friday February 14, 6pm at....
JCSC 120 1/2 S Pleasant, Indep, Mo

Proceeds are for the benefit of Jackson County Shrine Club activities.
Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions.

Jackson County Shrine Club's

Second Annual.....

Turkey Fries

Yeah, that's right, you KNOW what they are! **\$15**
Tender and tasty. A rare treat!
All you can EAT!

Squak Squak!!!



Public Welcome

Coffee & Beverages

HUGE home made Tenderloin Sandwiches. \$15
Sampler: Huge Tenderloin & Turkey Fries \$25

Served with French Fries, Horseradish, Sliced Onions, Pickles & all the Trimmin's

RSVP: 816-287-1953

Saturday March 1 2025, 4pm to 8pm at....
JCSC 120 1/2 S Pleasant, Indep, Mo

Proceeds are for the benefit of Jackson County Shrine Club activities.
Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions.



February 15, 2025
6pm
\$15 per person
Taco Bar Included
Dress like you are going to a Vegas Wedding!

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

December 2024 Temple Meeting Notes

BY STEVE COSTIGAN JR., ORIENTAL GUIDE

The December 11th stated meeting of Ararat Shriners was called to order at 7:00 PM at 499 HWY 7 by Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz.

Temple officers present were Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz, 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 Tony Broome, 1st Ceremonial Master, Noble Bud Higginbotham, Captain of the Guard, Noble Fritz Kingsley, Director, Noble Larry Potter, Marshall, Noble Barry Hord, 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: William “Jack” Turney and Frank Rupert Stonner III.

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 November 12th stated meeting were not read.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz, then asked for the reading of petitions, creations, affiliations and associations. Noble Nick Baldi, Recorder, announced Kevin Jeffries for creation. There was a motion and a vote. The new Noble was approved. He announced Mervin Terrell, P.P. for association. There was a motion and a vote and he was approved.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz, asked for the reading of restoration. Noble Nick Baldi, Recorder, reported that there were none.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz, called for the reading of demits. Noble Nick Baldi, Recorder, reported that there were none.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz, called for the reading of remissions. Noble Nick Baldi, Recorder, announced that the committee had recommended that 23 Nobles be remitted.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz, called for the reading of suspensions. Noble Nick Baldi, Recorder, announced that there were 24 Nobles to be suspended at the end of the year.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz, called for the reading of the annual membership report. Noble Nick Baldi, Recorder, reported the following:

START	CREATE	AFFIL	RESTORE	ASSOC.	DEMIT	SUSPEND	EXPIRED	RESIGN	DROPS	END
1451	16	2	9	2	7	24	73	0	0	1376

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz called for the Treasurer’s Report. Noble Weston Miller, Treasurer, read some highlights of the report and stated the report would be available to look at when signing in.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz, called for gifts and contributions. There were none.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz, called for any visiting Nobles Noble George Thompson announced there were no visiting Nobles this month.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz called for committee reports. Illustrious Sir Jim Kerns and Noble Jeremy Yates, Chief Rabban, reported on the 2024 circus. They thanked everyone for their time and effort put in the Circus. They also announced some of the top salesmen and top Clubs/Units for supporting the Circus.

Noble Tony Broome, Ceremonial Master, gave the report on bingo and made a great donation. He thanked everyone that came out to the Greeter’s Sweater Party. He also left us with one of his famous jokes.

Noble Glenn Helverson gave the Membership report. He let us know we have joined the Blue Springs Chamber of Commerce and Lee’s Summit Chamber of Commerce. He let us know that Ararat Shrine is up for best non-profit business from the Blue Springs Chamber. He also asked for anyone interested in helping on the membership committee to reach out.

Noble Mick Owens gave a Festival of Trees report. He said sales were down a little, but overall a good fundraiser. He thanked the volunteers that helped out. It could not be done without volunteer help.

Noble Leroy Graham gave the Hospital Transportation report. He said the hospital trips were down the last few months. He also talked about an emergency flight that occurred recently.

Noble J.W Page gave the Sportsman’s raffle report and noted that the raffle sales were down a little from last year. They have started buying guns for the 2025 raffle already. Then he passed out certificates to the top salesmen and the top selling clubs and units for the 2024 raffle.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz called for the Election of Officers for Ararat Shrine for 2025.

The Potentate called for nominations for Potentate.

Illustrious Sir Henry McDaniel, Jr., P.P. 2018 nominated Noble Jeremy Yates for Potentate and made a motion that if there was no objection and no further nominations, that the Recorder be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot of those present for Noble Jeremy Yates to be Potentate of Ararat Shriners for 2025. There was no objection and no further nominations appeared, the motion passed, and the Recorder cast a unanimous ballot of those present for Noble Jeremy Yates to be Potentate of Ararat Shriners for 2025. Noble Jeremy accepted.

The Potentate called for nominations for Chief Rabban. Illustrious Butch Pugh, P.P. 2018 nominated Noble Ben Allen for Chief Rabban and made a motion that if there was no objection and no further nominations, that the Recorder be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot of those present for Noble Ben Allen to be Chief Rabban of Ararat Shriners for 2025. There was no objection and no further nominations appeared, the motion passed, and the Recorder cast a unanimous ballot of those present for Noble Ben Allen to become Chief Rabban of Ararat Shriners for 2025. Noble Ben accepted.

The Potentate called for nominations for Assistant Rabban. Noble Andy Horine nominated Noble Keith Stoneking for Assistant Rabban and made a motion that if there was no objection and no further nominations, that the Recorder be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot of those present for Noble Keith Stoneking to be Assistant Rabban of Ararat Shriners for 2025. There was no objection and no further nominations, the motion passed, and the Recorder cast a unanimous ballot of those present for Noble Keith Stoneking for Assistant Rabban for Ararat Shriners for 2025. Noble Keith accepted.

The Potentate called for nominations for High Priest and Prophet. Illustrious Sir Henry McDaniel, Jr., P.P. 2018, nominated Noble Steve Costigan, Jr. for High Priest and Prophet and made a motion that if there was no objection and no further nominations that the Recorder be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot of those present for Noble Steve Costigan, Jr. for High Priest and Prophet of Ararat Shriners for 2025. There was no objection and no further nominations, the motion passed, and the Recorder cast a unanimous ballot of those present for Noble Steve Costigan, Jr. for High Priest and Prophet for Ararat Shriners for 2025. Noble Steve accepted.

The Potentate called for nominations for Oriental Guide. Illustrious Sir John Hay, P.P. 2003, nominated Noble Tony Broome for Oriental Guide and made a motion that if there was no objection and no further nominations that the Recorder be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot of those present for Noble Tony Broome for Oriental Guide of Ararat Shriners for 2025. There was no objection and no further nominations, the motion passed, and the Recorder cast a unanimous ballot of those present for Noble Tony Broome for Oriental Guide for Ararat Shriners for 2025. Noble Tony accepted.

The Potentate called for nominations for Treasurer. Noble Mike Wheeler, Recorder Emeritus, nominated Noble Weston Miller for Treasurer and made a motion that if there was no objection and no further nominations, that he be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot of those present for Noble Weston Miller for Treasurer of Ararat Shriners for 2025. There was no objection and no further nominations, the motion passed, and the Recorder cast a unanimous ballot of those present for Noble Weston Miller for Treasurer of Ararat Shriners for 2025. Noble Weston accepted.

The Potentate called for nominations for Recorder. Noble Mike Wheeler, Recorder Emeritus, nominated Noble Nick Baldi for Recorder of Ararat Shrine for 2025 and made a motion that if there was no objection and no further nominations, that he be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot of those present for Noble Nick Baldi for Recorder of Ararat Shriners for 2025. There was no objection and no further nominations, the motion passed, and the Treasurer cast a unanimous ballot of those present for Noble Nick Baldi for Recorder of Ararat Shriners for 2025. Noble Nick accepted.

The Potentate called for nominations for Representatives to the Imperial Council. Illustrious Maurice Camerlynck, P.P. 2014, nominated Noble Jeremy Yates, Potentate Elect, Noble Ben Allen, Chief Rabban Elect, Noble Keith Stoneking, Assistant Rabban Elect and Steve Costigan, Jr., High Priest and Prophet Elect to be representatives to the Imperial Council of Shriners International for 2025 and made a motion that if there was no objection and no further nominations, that the Recorder be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot of those present for the above mentioned Nobles. There was no objection and no further nominations. The Recorder cast a unanimous ballot of those present for Noble Jeremy Yates, Noble Ben Allen, Noble Keith Stoneking and Noble Steve Costigan, Jr. to be representatives to the Imperial Council of Shriners International for 2025. Each of them accepted.

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Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz presented Illustrious Sir Jim Kerns with the Lifetime Achievement Award.



Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz presented Mick Owens with the Truman Award.

January 2025 Temple Meeting Notes

BY STEVE COSTIGAN JR., ORIENTAL GUIDE

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz called the January 18th stated meeting to order at 9:00 am at 499 Hwy 7.

Temple officers present were Illustrious Sir Mark Koontz, Potentate, Noble Jeremy Yates, Chief Rabban, Noble Ben Allen, Assistant Rabban, Noble Keith Stoneking, High Priest and Prophet, Noble Steve Costigan Jr., Oriental Guide, Noble Weston Miller, Treasurer, Noble Tony Broome, 1st Ceremonial Master, Noble Bud Higginbotham, Captain of the Guard, Noble Barry Hord, Marshal, Noble Larry Potter, Jurisdictional Marshal and Wes Wingfield, Chaplain.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz asked Noble Wes Wingfield to give an invocation.

The colors were placed prior to the business meeting. The assembled Nobles, led by Chief Rabban, Jeremy Yates, recited the Shrine Pledge of Allegiance.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz called on Noble Jeremy Yates, Potentate elect, to introduce his upcoming Divan.

ANNOUNCE 2025 APPOINTMENTS

Noble Jeremy Yates announced the following:

- Marshal – Noble Barry Hord
- Director – Noble John Foster
- Ceremonial Master – Noble Scott Towler
- Outer Guard – Noble David Johnson
- Chief of Staff - Henry McDaniel, Jr., P.P. 2018

CALL FOR INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Illustrious Sir Maurice Camerlynck, P.P. 2014 – Installing Officer

Noble Michael Wheeler – Installing Marshal

The following Officers of Ararat Shrine Divan were installed:

- Potentate – Noble Jeremy Yates
- Chief Rabban – Noble Ben Allen
- Assistant Rabban – Noble Keith Stoneking
- High Priest and Prophet – Noble Steve Costigan, Jr.
- Oriental Guide – Noble Tony Broome
- Treasurer – Noble Weston Miller
- Recorder – Noble Nick Baldi
- Ceremonial Master – Noble Scott Towler
- Director – Noble John Foster
- Marshal – Noble Barry Hord
- Captain of the Guard – Noble Bud Higginbotham
- Jurisdictional Marshall – Larry Potter
- Chaplain – Rev. Wes Wingfield

Fezzing the Junior Past Potentate by Illustrious Sir Maurice Camerlynck, P.P. 2014

Fezzing the New Potentate by Illustrious Sir Henry McDaniel, P.P. 2018

Illustrious Potentate Jeremy Yates called the meeting back to order.

Illustrious Potentate Jeremy Yates presented Illustrious Sir Mark Koontz, P.P. with a Temple Life Membership.

Illustrious Potentate Jeremy Yates presented Noble David Johnson, Outer Guard, with a fez for Shrineta Emeritus.

Illustrious Potentate Jeremy Yates presented Noble Bud Higginbotham, Captain of the Guard, with a fez for Captain of the Guard Emeritus.

Illustrious Potentate introduced Noble Sonny Hibbs as Director of Uniformed Units. Noble Sonny did a Roll Call for the Units. He then talked about some upcoming parades.

Illustrious Potentate introduced Noble Mick Owens as Director of Shrine Clubs. He introduced the Assistant Directors of Shrine Clubs and the Ambassadors. Mick then did a Roll Call for the Shrine Clubs.

Chief Rabban, Noble Ben Allen, announced the 2025 Circus and let everyone know that circus shirts and mom and dad pins are now available.

Noble Michael Wheeler, Recorder Emeritus, talked about Shrine Protocol during meetings and events.

Noble Scott Towler, Ceremonial Master, let everyone know there would be Festival of Trees again this year.

Noble David Johnson, Shrineta Emeritus, talked about the upcoming Swap Meet. It will be April 12th.

Noble Steve Costigan, Jr., High Priest and Prophet called on Noble Ben Allen, Chief Rabban, to talk about the Sportsman’s Raffle.

Noble Keith Stoneking, Assistant Rabban, let everyone know the we will have onions to sell again this year with more information to follow.

Noble John Foster, Director, let us know to direct any building questions to him.

Noble Glenn Helverson, Membership Chairman, let everyone know that there will be many community outreach events coming up this year to get our name out there.

Noble Tony Broome, Oriental Guide, gave a report on Bingo and let us know about Bingo donations to the temple. He then left us with one of his famous jokes.

Illustrious Potentate Jeremy Yates then installed the Unit and Club Officer’s for 2025.

Noble Barry Hord, Marshal, then made the proclamation that all Officer’s had been installed.

Officer’s were then presented with their gavels.

Illustrious Potentate Jeremy Yates then gave some closing remarks.

Chaplain Wes Wingfield gave the Benediction.

Waving all signs of ceremony, the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 AM.

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The Potentate called for nominations for Representatives to the Central States Shrine Association. Illustrious Sir Maurice Camerlynck, P.P. 2014, nominated Noble Jeremy Yates, Potentate Elect, Noble Ben Allen, Chief Rabban Elect, Noble Keith Stoneking, Assistant Rabban Elect, Noble Steve Costigan, Jr., High Priest and Prophet Elect, Noble Nick Baldi, Recorder Elect, Illustrious Sir Jim Kerns, P.P. 2020, CSSA Officer President 2027, to be Representatives to the C.S.S.A for 2025 and made a motion that if there was no objection and no further nominations, that the Recorder be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot of those present for the above listed officers for Representatives to the C.S.S.A. for 2025. There was no objection and no further nominations, the motion passed, and the Recorder cast a unanimous ballot for Noble Jeremy Yates, Noble Ben Allen, Noble Keith Stoneking, Noble Steve Costigan, Illustrious Sir Jim Kerns, P.P. 2020 and Noble Nick Baldi for Representatives to the Central States Shrine Association for 2025. Each Noble accepted.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz reminded everyone about the following events: Bingo every Thursday, Children’s Christmas Party, Pub Crawl, Camel’s Milk, Donnie’s luncheon, and the Officer’s Seminar.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz introduced the new Shriners Children’s board representative, Noble Dr. Tom Tryon.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz called for the Good of the Order.

Noble John Hooper reminded everyone that the Cooking Club is hosting a new event this year, Biscuits and Gravy and Eye Openers on February 2nd.

Noble Gene Erwin thanked Noble George Thompson for his many years of service working bingo.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz recognized Noble Larry Potter and Noble Mick Owens with the Harry S. Truman Award. He then presented the Lifetime Achievement Award to Illustrious Sir Jim Kerns.

The Potentate recognized the following Imperial Provost Line Members: Noble Trenton Kelley, Imperial Provost Sargent, Noble Ben Allen, Imperial Provost Colonel.

The Potentate recognized the following Emeriti members: Noble Jimmie Jones, Ringmaster Emeritus, Noble Stan Harrington, Motor Man Emeritus, Noble Jerry Grimes, G.O.B. Emeritus, Noble Nick Baldi, Treasurer Emeritus, Noble Michael Wheeler, Recorder Emeritus, Noble Gene Erwin, Money Man Emeritus, and Noble George Thompson, Greeters Director Emeritus.

The Potentate recognized the following Past Potentates: Illustrious Sir John Hay, P.P. 2003, Sir Kevin Sleyster, P.P. 2010, Illustrious Sir Richard Floyd, P.P. 2012, Illustrious Sir Maurice Camerlynck, P.P. 2014, Illustrious Sir Ed Graves, P.P. 2015, Zamora Shriners, Birmingham, Alabama, Illustrious Sir Henry McDaniel, Jr., P.P. 2018, Illustrious Sir Butch Pugh, P.P. 2019, Illustrious Sir Jim Kerns, P.P. 2020, and 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 8:23 PM.

January Temple Meeting





ARARAT SHRINE SWAP MEET CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW

ADMISSION
\$7
CAR SHOW
INCLUDED

ONE
DAY
ONLY

APRIL 12, 2025

INDEPENDENCE CENTER
18801 E 39TH ST, INDEPENDENCE, MO

VENDOR SPACE AVAILABLE
\$40

CAR SHOW ENTRY FEE
\$25



**CALL 816-923-1975 TO REGISTER FOR THE
SWAP MEET OR CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW**

2025 CIRCUS SHIRTS



Name _____

Member Number _____

Club/Unit _____

	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL
QUANTITY							

Total _____ X \$20 = _____

CIRCUS MOM & DAD PINS

Name _____

Member Number _____

Club/Unit _____



2025



Mom Pin _____ X \$20 = \$ _____

Dad Pin _____ X \$20 = \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Check if shipping is needed _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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 the Bingo Desk at 5pm on your scheduled night. Directors/ Presidents, if you are not able to fulfill the assignment, please contact Mick Owens at 816-225-0991 so he can find replacements.

FEBRUARY

- 6-Drones
- 13-AM Radio
- 20-Motor Escort
- 27-Pipes and Drums

MARCH

- 6-Richmond
- 13-Ole Cars
- 20-Director's Staff
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APRIL

- 3-Patrol
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- 24-Greeters



The Ararat Cooking Club Presents

Ribs Only BBQ Contest
followed by a

Blues, Booze & BBQ Party

Saturday April 26...6PM

Ararat Shrine Temple...499 Hwy 7, Blue Springs

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



Call David Johnson at 816-349-7930 for Information.
Proceeds are for the Benefit of the Ararat Cooking Club activities.
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**POTENTATE'S 2025
"NORTH TO ALASKA" CRUISE
June 14, 2025 - June 21, 2025**



Come Join Jeremy & Gwen on the Norwegian Bliss!

**We Have Several Categories Available
There are many optional inclusions to choose from!**



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Deon Williams Shrine Club Classic

9TH ANNUAL 4 PERSON SCRAMBLE



Shirkey Golf Course

Saturday, April 12, 2025

Check in at 10:30am – 12pm Shotgun Start

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

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

3 Places in 3 Flights (based on full field)

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

On Course Games and Margarita Hut, Hole in One / Swaffords

Sponsorship Opportunities

Hole Sponsorship	\$100 (Name on sponsorship sign)
Corporate Package	\$400 (1 Team entry and 1 Hole Sponsorship)
Donations	Cash or Merchandise for Silent Auction



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

* Results include: Team Results, Putting Contest, Long Drive, Marshmallow Drive *

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

	Names of players	Phone Number	E-Mail Address
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
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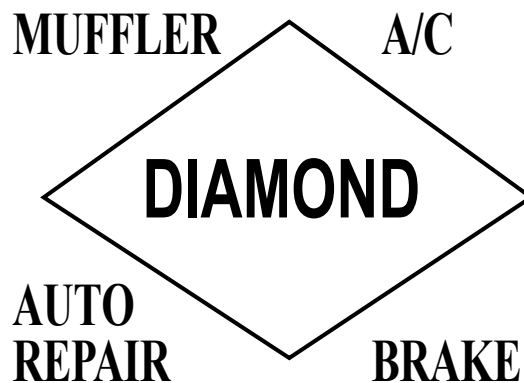
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Alpha #659	2121 Gentry	N. Kansas City	64117	2nd & 4th Monday
Amsterdam #141	State Hwy Y and State Hwy J	Amsterdam	64723	2nd Tuesday 7:30
Angerona #193	State Hwy, JJ	Missouri City	64072	1st & 3rd Tuesday
Appleton City # 412	315 E. 3rd Street	Appleton City	64724	3rd Monday 7:30
Arrow Rock #55	307 7th ST	Arrow Rock	65320	2nd Thursday
Barbee #217	503 S Locust	Sweet Springs	65351	3rd Thursday
Barry Daylight #17	2000 NW Barry Rd	Kansas City	64154	3rd Wednesday
Belton-Grandview #450	307 N Scott	Belton	64012	1st & 3rd Tuesday
Blue Springs #337	908 Main St	Blue Springs	64015	1st & 3rd Thursday
Brookfield #86	200 Linn	Brookfield	64628	2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Buckner #501	611 S Sibley St	Buckner	64016	1st & 3rd Tuesday
Butler #254	1203 N. Orange	Butler	64730	1st & 3rd Thursday
Cairo #486	209 Martin	Cairo	65239	2nd & 4th Thursdays
Callao #38	300 Market St.	Callao	63534	1st & 3rd Mondays
Cambridge #63	627 Industrial Blvd	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
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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
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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
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Harry S Truman #1941	120 S Pleasant	Independence	64050	4th Tuesday
Higbee #527	Division St.	Higbee	65257	2nd & 4th Thursdays
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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
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Jewel #480	1480 Broadway	Pleasant Hill	64080	2nd Tuesday
Kansas City #220	1330 E Linwood Ave.	Kansas City	64109	2nd & 4th Tuesday
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Mc Donald #324	120 S Pleasant	Independence	64050	1st & 3rd Monday
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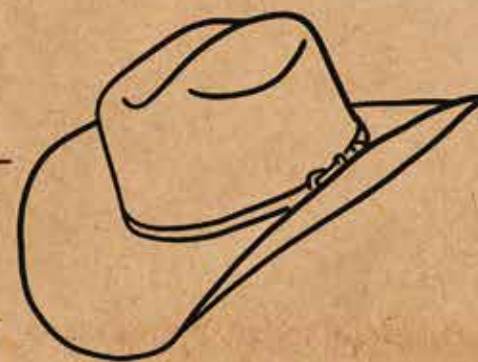
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