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MEETING NOTICES

ARARAT SHRINE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2024

Heavy hors d'oeuvres & cash bar following meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024

Heavy hors d'oeuvres & cash bar following meeting

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024

Heavy hors d'oeuvres & cash bar following meeting

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

Nick Baldi
Recorder

Mark Koontz
Illustrious Potentate

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Pote’s Notes

“What a great day to be a Shriner!” and it was proven again in Topeka, KS during the CSSA convention at the end of August.

With over 150 people in attendance, a great hospital-ity area (both inside and out), fantastic snacks and a well-stocked bar, fun was had by all! I want to thank everyone who brought food, snacks, supplies and ferried all the cool-ers to the hotel. Our chief aide, Jack Mote and his wife Toma, and the rest of the potentate aides did a fantastic job. Sharing with our brothers from across the river at Abdallah, this CSSA was one for the record books.

Several clubs and units were winners during the CSSA competitions.

Our newest club, the Drones, won first place in all categories! We expect to see a lot more competition from other shrine centers in the upcoming years.

The Motor Corp won 3rd place in the original show car category. I think we need some new judges in the old car competition next year!

The Provost shooting team was amazing! Winning the sporting clays shoot in both A & B divisions (team), Sporting clays (individuals), trap shooting in both A & B divisions, trap shooting A & B divisions (individual), and of course, the ladies trap shooting and sporting clays second place finishes.

Winning the open sights (team), A division, individual open sights shooting and the division A optical sights competition (team), the Provost pistol team was a force to be reckoned with. The ladies were in the “10” ring too with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishes in the open sights competition.

Our parade schedule for the year is finishing up. This year we are parading with our brothers from Abdallah in the Springhill, KS parade and the Independence, MO parade. Nice work Sonny and team. Let’s finish our parade season strong!

November will be an open meeting. Imperial Treasurer Brad Koehn and his wife, Cheryl, will be visiting to give us an update on the Shriner Children’s Hospital network. Please try to attend and learn more about the advancements in our health care system; the world’s greatest philanthropy!

Watch for email updates from the Ararat Advisor and be sure to check the Ararat Shriner app for upcoming events and announcements.

Lady Donna and I look forward to seeing everyone around the Shrine as we continue “Doing more in ‘24”.

Mark Koontz

Potentate Mark Koontz and Lady Donna



UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

- 2..... JCSC Shrimp Boil
- 7..... Bingo (Ole Cars)
- 11..... Divan Meeting
- 13..... Temple Meeting
- 14..... Bingo (Director’s Staff)
- 16..... Jambalaya Party
- 21..... Bingo (Hospital Transportation)
- 21-24 Circus
- 30..... Decorate the Temple

DECEMBER

- 5..... Bingo(Patrol)
- 7..... Greeters Christmas
- 9..... Divan Meeting
- 11..... Temple Meeting
- 12..... Bingo (Cooking Club)
- 14..... Children’s Christmas
- 19..... Bingo (Anyone Can Help!)
- 31..... Camels Milk



A couple photos from the Sandbuggies latest meeting held at Strouds.

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Editors notice: All ads submitted by units, clubs, committees, Masonic, Shrine & outside organizations will be charged at the internal advertising rate *unless* proceeds directly benefit Ararat Shrine, Shriners’ Hospitals for Children or have prior waiver approval from the Editor and Board of Directors. Please call the office for details on ad rates at 816-923-1975.

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Hospital Van Drivers

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

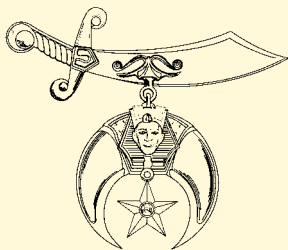
Thank you to the following Nobles who drove for a total of 60 hours the month of July!

Sam Manthei 13 hours
Dennis Marchant..... 31 hours
Bill Warren..... 16 hours

Thank you to the following Nobles who drove for a total of 32 hours the month of August!!

Dan Bruckner 16 hours
Dennis Marchant 16 hours

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





Ararat Greeters

invite you to save the date

CHRISTMAS PARTY



DECEMBER 7, 2024

★
7pm

ARARAT SHRINE
499 S 7 HWY
BLUE SPRINGS, MO 64014

CHECK ARARAT ADVISOR FOR MORE INFORMATION



Ole Cars

Ole Cars had a great showing in Topeka for CSSA this year with 13 cars. Overall, we judged very well, but didn't do as well as we hoped. We did bring home 3rd place for original show car, but we know what we need to work on to do better next year. A special thank you to all that came out and made this year's CSSA a great time. We look forward to next year.



August 2024 Temple Meeting Notes

BY STEVE COSTIGAN JR., ORIENTAL GUIDE

The August 13th 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, Potentate, Ben Allen, Assistant Rabban, Noble Keith Stoneking, High Priest and Prophet, Noble Steve Costigan, Oriental Guide, Noble Nick Baldi, Recorder, Noble Weston Miller, Treasurer, Noble Tony Broome, 1st Ceremonial Master, Noble Bud Higginbotham, Captain of the Guard, Noble Fritz Kingsley, Director Noble Larry Potter, Jurisdictional Marshall and Noble Wes Wingfield, Chaplain.

The meeting was opened in due form. Chaplain, Noble Wes Wingfield, read the following list of Nobles who had been visited by the Black Camel: Philip Rinehart, Walahn Kilgore, Robert Karbinas, Alfred Stewart, Charles Keele, Audie Brewster, William Van Meter, David Dimond, Fred Smith.

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 July 10th stated meeting were not read.

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

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz, then asked for the reading of petitions, creations, affiliations and associations. Noble Nick Baldi, Recorder, announced Gary Benefield was read

as an association. A Vote was held, and Gary Benefield was elected to become an associate member of Ararat Shrine.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz, asked for the reading of restoration. Noble Nick Baldi, Recorder read the following names: John Burch.

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, reported that there were none.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz, called on Noble Weston Miller, Treasurer, for the treasurer report. He gave the July incomes and expenses with ending balances on all accounts and investments.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz, called for gifts and contributions. Noble Morris Carter brought a check from Boonslick Shrine Club for the Circus. Noble Larry Potter, Jurisdictional Marshall, brought a check from Carroll County for the Festival of Trees and the Circus. Noble John Spottswood donated checks from three businesses he went to for Festival of Trees.

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

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz then let everyone know how much we are saving per month by being in this building.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz called for committee reports. Illustrious Sir Jim Kerns reported on the 2024 circus. He recognized the Circus Committee and thanked Clubs for their donations. The Thursday night show will recognize American Union Workers. They need help with advertisements for the program and meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month. He also recognized Robert Meier and Daniel Mull for all of their help in getting the new building set up behind the scenes with doors, alarms and computers.

Noble Tony Broome, Ceremonial Master, gave the report on bingo and made a great donation. He encouraged Nobles to come work Bingo when they have a chance. He also left us with one of his famous jokes.

Noble Glenn Helverson gave the Membership report. He let us know he is working on getting new membership and it all starts with men becoming Masons. Membership is always looking for new Nobles to help spread the word.

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

Noble Mick Owens gave a Festival of Trees report. He noted this event is gaining momentum. Noble John Spottswood has gathered many donations. He thanked the Shrine Clubs and Units that have donated.

Noble J.W Page and Assistant Rabban, Noble Ben Allen, gave the Sportsman's raffle report and noted that we could use more ticket sales. They also gave away a gift card for the early bird drawing.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz reminded everyone about the upcoming Lexington parade and reminded everyone that this info comes out in the Ararat Advisor.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz reminded everyone about the following events: Bingo every Thursday, Lexington Parade, CSSA in Topeka, Greeters Breakfast in the Park, Sportsman's Raffle Drawing, Blue Springs Parade, Spring Hill Parade, Festival of Champions, Chili Cookoff, Fall Ceremonial and the Independence Halloween Parade.

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

Noble John Hooper reminded everyone about the Chili Cookoff on October 5th.

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

The Potentate recognized the following Emeriti members: Noble Jerry Grimes, G.O.B. Emeritus, Noble Stan Harrington, Motor Man Emeritus, Noble Nick Baldi, Treasurer Emeritus, Noble Michael Wheeler, Recorder Emeritus, Noble Jack Scarbrough, Sir Clarence Emeritus, Noble Gene Erwin, Money Man Emeritus, Noble Jack Mote, Vocal Emeritus, and Noble George Thompson, Greeters Director Emeritus.

The Potentate recognized the following Past Potentates, Illustrious Sir Bob Beeler, P.P. 1993, Illustrious Sir Kevin Sleyster, P.P. 2010, Illustrious Sir Richard Floyd, P.P. 2012, Illustrious Sir Maurice Camerlynck, P.P. 2014, Illustrious Sir Henry McDaniel, P.P. 2018, Illustrious Sir Butch Pugh, P.P. 2019, Illustrious Sir Jim Kerns, P.P. 2020, Illustrious Sir Michael Aulgur, P.P. 2021, Illustrious Sir Steve Elliot, P.P. 2021 Tangier Shrine, Omaha, NE, Illustrious Sir Danny Smothers, P.P. 2021 Moila Shrine, St. Joseph, MO.

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

Waiving all forms and ceremony the Potentate closed the meeting at 7:55PM.



September 2024 Temple Meeting Notes

BY STEVE COSTIGAN JR., ORIENTAL GUIDE

The September 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: Francis “Neil” Cowan, Donald Timbers, Peter Janis, Carl Dothage, Harold Harper, William Campbell, Melvin Claypole, Charles Eager, Dwight Griffin, Richard Hickman, Richard Hutchings, Donald Orrell, Robert Welch, Ray Williams, Jerry Worley, Russ Young, Bedford Fishback, John Carroll Jr.

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 August 13th stated meeting were not read.

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

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz, then asked for the reading of petitions, creations, affiliations and associations. Noble Nick Baldi, Recorder, announced Don Mesa, Travis Burnett and Lloyd Kerr III for creation. There was a motion and a vote. Three new Nobles were 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, read one name: Earl Peters. There was a motion and a vote approving the remission.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz stated that Noble Weston Miller, Treasurer, was not present to read the Treasurer’s Report. It would be posted for Nobles.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz, called for gifts and contributions. Noble Rodney McGrath brought a check for the General Fund.

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

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz called for committee reports. Illustrious Sir Jim Kerns reported on the 2024 circus. He let everyone know the circus script letters will be going out soon. Everyone is welcome to the next circus meeting. He also thanked everyone who participated in CSSA.

Noble Tony Broome, Ceremonial Master, gave the report on bingo and made a great donation. He thanked Nobles that come work Bingo every week. 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 asked that Nobles reach out and try to gain membership.

Noble Mick Owens gave a Festival of Trees report. He asked that all trees be set up by the first weekend in November. He thanked John Spottswood for all the hard work to generate revenue for this event.

Noble Leroy Graham gave the Hospital Transportation report. He thanked Ken Nadler for his generous donation for a van. He asked that everyone think about driving for Hospital Transportation.

Noble J.W Page and Assistant Rabban, Noble Ben Allen, gave the Sportsman’s raffle report and noted that the raffle drawing is September 21. They also gave away two early bird drawing prizes.

Noble David Key gave the Festival of Champions report. It will take place on October 5.

Noble William McPherson talked about the upcoming parades. Blue Springs, Spring Hill and Independence are the final parades of the year.

Illustrious Potentate Mark Koontz reminded everyone about the following events: Bingo every Thursday, Sportsman’s Raffle Drawing, Blue Springs Parade, Spring Hill Parade, Festival of Champions, Chili Cookoff, Fall Ceremonial, Circus Kick-off Party and the Independence Halloween Parade, Jackson Shrine Club Shrimp Boil.

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

Noble Jim Harris let everyone know the Band is always looking for new members.

Noble John Hooper reminded everyone about the Chili Cookoff on October 5th.

Noble Rodney McGrath with Membership encouraged Nobles to reach out to membership and see what you can do to help.

Noble Nick Baldi, Recorder, let everyone know about Abdallah’s Cajun Cookoff on September 28.

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

The Potentate recognized the following Emeriti members: Noble Jerry Grimes, G.O.B. Emeritus, Noble Nick Baldi, Treasurer Emeritus, Noble Michael Wheeler, Recorder Emeritus, Noble Jack Mote, Vocal Emeritus, and Noble George Thompson, Greeters Director Emeritus.

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

Waiving all forms and ceremony the Potentate closed the meeting at 7:53PM.

ARARAT JAMBALAYA PARTY

NOVEMBER 16, 2024

4PM-7PM

ARARAT SHRINE TEMPLE
499 S 7 HWY
BLUE SPRINGS, MO 64015



THIS EVENT WILL
SUPPORT OUR
NEW BUILDING FUND

\$10

50/50 RAFFLE CASH BAR
DESSERT AUCTION

THE PROCEEDS OF THIS EVENT BENEFIT ARARAT SHRINERS. DONATIONS AND/OR PURCHASES ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE.



CSSA 2024

On behalf of the Central States Shrine Association (CSSA) Officers, I want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the Nobles and Ladies of Ararat Shrine for your incredible participation in this year's events. Your presence in the Provost Guard, Drone and Classic Car competitions, as well as the parade, truly stood out and made a lasting impact. The dedication and enthusiasm you showed represent the spirit of brotherhood and fun that define the Shriners and your contributions help make Central States a memorable experience for all.

Congratulations to Noble Gary McMullin for being installed at President of Central States Provost; and to Ararat Drones, Ole' Cars and all the Provost participants bringing home great trophies!!! What a great parade and turnout from so many of the Nobles and units of Ararat!

Illustrious Sir Mark Koontz, Lady Donna and the aides hosted a great hospitality for all to enjoy!

~ Jim Kerns, PP



Jackson County Shrine Club's



Mouthwatering **BIG SHRIMP**
Boiled in Exotic Spices for your pleasure

Served with delicious corn on the cob, new potatoes,
red shrimp cocktail sauce, bread and butter

For Tickets ask any JCSC Member

RSVP: 816-287-1953 or email: Doug@awiz.com

**Saturday Nov 2, 2024 4pm to 8pm at....
Ararat Shrine 499 S 7 Hwy, Blue Springs, Mo**

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

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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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:

Philip Rinehart	Kearney, MO	04/05/1943-06/20/2024
Walahn Kilgore	Moberly, MO	04/13/1934-04/25/2024
Robert Karbinas	Sedalia, MO	02/02/1941-10/23/2023
Alfred "Al" Stewart	Kansas City, MO	11/19/1928-08/04/2024
Charles Keele	Raymore, MO	04/25/1928-02/17/2024
Audie Brewster	Lee's Summit, MO	04/23/1940-08/06/2024
William Van Meter	Blue Springs, MO	06/06/1940-08/06/2024
David Dimond	Fayette, MO	12/11/1935-03/26/2023
Fred Smith	Lee's Summit, MO	11/03/1927-07/10/2024
Francis "Neil" Cowan	Independence, MO	11/20/1953-08/19/2024
Donald Timbers	Sedalia, MO	04/27/1934-08/15/2024
Peter Janis	Marceline, MO	10/06/1945-12/15/2022
Carl Dothage	Bates City, MO	02/15/1957-08/17/2024
Harold Dean Harper	Blue Springs, MO	01/07/1932-08/06/2024
William Campbell	Kansas City, MO	07/08/1932-01/17/2024
Melvin Claypole	Kansas City, MO	01/05/1945-09/06/2022
Charles Eager	Alma, MO	11/06/1933-07/28/2024
Dwight Griffin	Carrollton, MO	07/15/1941-05/04/2024
Richard Hickman	Raymore, MO	04/26/1938-11/10/2022
Richard Hutchings	Sachse, TX	04/20/1929-11/17/2023
Donald Orrell	Lawrence, KS	11/19/1930-08/17/2024
Robert Welch	Independence, MO	08/14/1933-08/28/2024
Ray Williams	Kansas City, MO	12/03/1930-07/08/2022
Jerry Worley	Raytown, MO	11/29/1942-12/05/2022
Russ Young	Kansas City, MO	03/20/1937-11/11/2023
Bedford Fishback	Overland Park, KS	01/22/1933-08/27/2024
John Carroll Jr	Leavenworth, KS	08/11/1937-09/02/2024



Ararat Shrine's
Children's Christmas Party
SAVE THE DATE
DECEMBER 14TH
499 SOUTH 7 HWY
BLUE SPRINGS, MO

BINGO ASSIGNMENTS

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

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

OCTOBER

- 3-AM Radio
- 10-Motor Escort
- 17-Pipes and Drums
- 24-Clowns
- 31-Richmond

NOVEMBER

- 7-Ole Cars
- 14-Director's Staff
- 21-Hospital Transportation
- 28-No Bingo

DECEMBER

- 5-Patrol
- 12-Cooking Club
- 19-Anyone can help!
- 26-Anyone can help!

POTENTATE'S BALL





Attention Nobles and Ladies!!

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

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

2024 Festival of Trees!

DATES FOR COMMITMENTS

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

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

kctreefestival.com

Proceeds are for the benefit of Ararat Shrine and are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution.



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

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



PLEASE SIGNUP TO WORK STORE FRONT INDEPENDENCE CENTER

CONTACT: Jackie Owens 816-810-3843

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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2024 FIFTH ANNUAL EVENT – ARARAT SHRINE FESTIVAL OF TREES

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

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

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Committee Meeting – Ararat Shrine Center 6:30pm

Monday May 13, 2024

Monday June 17, 2024

Monday July 15, 2024

Monday August 19, 2024

Monday September16, 2024

Monday October 14, 2024

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

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

Tree List of Items and Description form

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

Tree Setup Date:

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

Store Front weekends Open Hours: Independence Center

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

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

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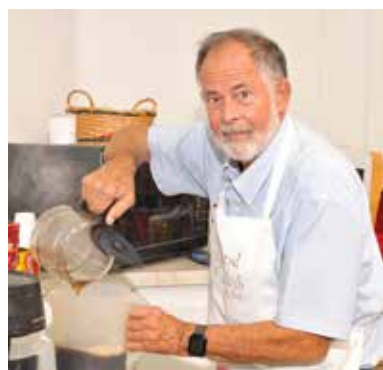
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Paralympic Gold Medalist Hunter Woodhall Tells Shriners Hospital Kids in Utah to Dream Bigger

BY KRYSYAN EDLER

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The former Shriners patient, along with his wife, Tara Davis-Woodhall, spent Wednesday afternoon giving back to the community

Tara Davis-Woodhall and Hunter Woodhall chase down Madi Sandstrom as they race during a visit to Shriners Children’s Hospital in Salt Lake City on Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024. Hunter was a patient at the hospital when he was younger. Scott G Winterton, Deseret News

Utahn Hunter Woodhall ran the biggest race of his life earlier this month when he won gold at the 2024 Paris Paralympics — but he may have just run his most fun races on Wednesday.

Woodhall and his wife, Tara Davis-Woodhall, who won gold at the 2024 Paris Olympics, stopped by Shriners Children’s Hospital in Salt Lake City to give back to the Shriners community that gave so much to him.

The couple took photos with every family in attendance, signed countless photos — and prosthetic legs — and raced the throngs of Shriners kids in attendance.

What Shriners Children’s Hospital means to Hunter Woodhall

Woodhall is a former patient and patient ambassador of the hospital. As a baby, he was diagnosed with fibular hemimelia in his left leg and a fused right ankle.

It was at Shriners that doctors recommended the amputation of both of his legs as the best solution for Woodhall’s range of motion. It’s also where he received his first running blades and learned how to run.

“A lot of people that are in this hospital helping you guys out, encouraging you, are the same people who helped me out, helped me get to where I am today,” Woodhall told the crowd of Shriners families Wednesday. “You guys are in the right spot with the right people, and incredible things are going to happen.”

Sharing his and his wife’s journey to become the first husband and wife to win gold at the same Olympics and Paralympics, the gold medalist encouraged the patients to dream big, set goals, endure through adversity and to compete against yourself to get better every day.

“One thing that I wish somebody would have told me is it’s OK to dream big. If you got a big dream, make it bigger, right? Whatever you want to do in this world, whatever you want to do in life, it is possible,” Woodhall said.

Since his time at Shriners, Woodhall has competed and medaled in three Paralympics. But he didn’t win his first gold



until this summer, and Shriners made sure to support Woodhall through it all.

Shriners held a watch party to cheer on Woodhall when he competed in the final of the 400-meter T62 event. After Woodhall crossed the finish line, he shared a message for Shriners in his post-race interview, as the [Deseret News previously reported](#).

“This gold is as much mine as it’s yours,” he said. “That’s one of the first things Tara and I planned, going back to Salt Lake City Hospital, seeing you guys and now we’re bringing two gold medals, baby.”

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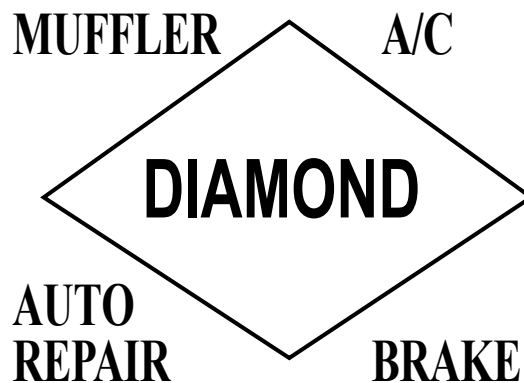
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Amsterdam #141	State Hwy Y and State Hwy J	Amsterdam	64723	2nd Tuesday 7:30
Angerona #193	State Hwy, JJ	Missouri City	64072	1st & 3rd Tuesday
Appleton City # 412	315 E. 3rd Street	Appleton City	64724	3rd Monday 7:30
Arrow Rock #55	307 7th ST	Arrow 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
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Clark #610	Main and Hubbard	Clark	65243	1st & 3rd Thursday
Clay #207	110 ½ Main St. PO Box 424	Excelsior Springs	64024	1st & 3rd Mondays
Clinton #548	1109 E. Ohio	Clinton	64733	2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Compass #120	2121 Gentry	North KC	64118	2nd Thursday
Cooper Lodge #36	717 Main St.	Boonville, MO.	65233	2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7pm
Corinthian #265	402 E Russel Ave	Warrenburg	64093	1st & 3rd Monday
Country Club #656	3516 Blue Ridge Cut-off	Kansas City	64116	1st & 3rd Monday
Crescent Hill #368	24 E. 3rd St.	Adrian	64720	2nd & 4th Thursday
Fayette-Howard #4	182 Hwy 5 North	Fayette	65248	1st & 3rd Tuesday
Fidelity #339	5625 NW Hutson Rd	Farley	64151	1st Wednesday
Grand River #276	1905 E 281 street	Cleveland	64734	2nd Monday
Granite Lodge 272	601 W Broadway	Sedalia	65301	3rd Tuesday 7pm
Hale City #216	139 Hwy & 8th St.	Hale	64643	1st & 3rd Monday
Harry S Truman #1941	5100 Ararat Drive	Kansas City	64129	4th Tuesday
Higbee #527	Division St.	Higbee	65257	2nd & 4th Thursdays
Higginsville #364	701 W. 22nd St.	Higginsville	64037	2nd & 4th Monday
Holden #262	1192 S.W Hwy 58	Holden	64040	1st & 3rd Thursday
Huntsville #30	110 N. Main St.	Huntsville	65270	1st & 3rd Tuesday
Independence #76	120 S Pleasant	Independence	64050	2nd & 4th Monday
Index #54	709 Old Hwy 7	Garden City	64747	4th Monday
Ivanhoe #446	8640 Holmes Rd.	Kansas City	64131	1st & 3rd Thursday
Jackson #82	300 State St.	Linneus	64653	2nd & 4th Monday
Jewel #480	1480 Broadway	Pleasant Hill	64080	2nd Tuesday
Kansas City #220	1330 E Linwood Ave.	Kansas City	64109	2nd & 4th Tuesday
Knob Noster #245	1124 N.E. 75	Knob Noster	65336	2nd & 4th Thursday
Lexington #149	126 1/2 N 11th St	Lexington	64067	3rd Tuesday
Liberty #31	10 E Franklin	Liberty	64068	2nd & 4th Monday
Marceline #481	201 Main St.	Marceline	64658	1st & 3rd Thursdays
Mc Donald #324	120 S Pleasant	Independence	64050	1st & 3rd Monday
Milton #151	Hwy 63/24	Milton	65270	2nd & 4th Friday
Moberly #344	401 W. Rollins	Moberly	65270	2nd & 4th Monday
Mount Hope #476	6898 N 131 Hwy	Odessa	64076	1st & 3rd Thursday
Mt Washington #614	9515 E. Independence Ave	Independence	64053	2nd & 4th Friday
Platte City #504	100 Main St.	Farley	64028	2nd Monday
Ray #223	205 W. Main St	Camden	64017	1st & 3rd Thursday
Raytown #391	6309 Overton	Raytown	64133	1st & 3rd Thursday
Richmond #57	315 Clark St.	Richmond	64085	3rd Monday
Rising Sun #13	2000 NW Barry Rd	Kansas City	64154	1st Saturday
Shawnee #653	425 Benton St.	Warsaw	65355	2nd & 4th Tuesday
Sheffield #625	903 Harrison	Kansas City	64106	2nd Thursday
Summit #263	2409 S. M-291 Hwy	Lees Summit	64064	1st & 3rd Tuesday
Swope Park #617	8521 Oldham Rd	Kansas City	64138	2nd & 4th Thursday
Temperance #438	119-A N. Bridge St.	Smithville	64089	1st & 3rd Wednesday
Temple Gate #299	903 Harrison St	Kansas City	64106	1st 3rd Tuesday
Trilumina #205	18 E Morrow	Marshall	65340	1st Thursday
Wakanda #52	14 N Main	Carrollton	64663	2nd & 4th Thursday
Wallace #456	Herndon St. and Gladstone Ave.	Bunceton	65237	2nd & 4th Wednesday
Warren #74	300 W. Bridge St.	Keytesville	65261	2nd & 4th Thursday
Waverly #61	108 E Kelling Ave.	Waverly,	64096	2nd Tuesday
Windsor #29	107 Commercial St.	Windsor	65360	1st & 3rd Tuesday

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2024 FALL CEREMONIAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024

1:30 - Check-in

2:00 - Welcome

*2:15 - Ladies Program***

2:30 - First Section

4:00 - Fezzing & Class Picture

4:30 - Arch Production

5:15 - Introduction of Clubs & Units

*6:00 - New Noble Celebration/CSSA Victory Party
Dinner and Band*



*** RSVP is required for the Ladies Program as limited seating is available. Please call Ararat Shrine at 816-923-1975 to reserve your spot.*