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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



SCOTT SHIRKEY

How is it already June? This year is flying by, and so much is happening as we approach the first day of summer!

We had a fantastic turnout at the 2025 Spring Ceremonial, welcoming 18 new nobles into our ranks. Illustrious Sir **Fred Smith** led the charge throughout the weekend, keeping everything running smoothly and ensuring our new Nobles started off on the right foot. I had the honor of Fezzing the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Kansas, **Derik Hockett**, with his Midian Grand Master Fez—a truly special moment. The Ladies enjoyed a wonderful luncheon with a Kentucky Derby theme—many thanks to everyone who helped bring that event to life!

Meanwhile, the Keystone Kops celebrated their 50-year anniversary in style, and what a night it was! The Oasis was packed, the energy was high, and a great time was had by all—fantastic job, Koppers!

Kyle Rhorer hosted yet another successful Midian Golf Tournament at Quail Ridge, with a strong turnout. Hats off to the Chefs for serving up a phenomenal steak dinner on Saturday night!

The Kansas Masonic Foundation

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SPRING CEREMONIAL 2025 Congratulations to our new Nobles!



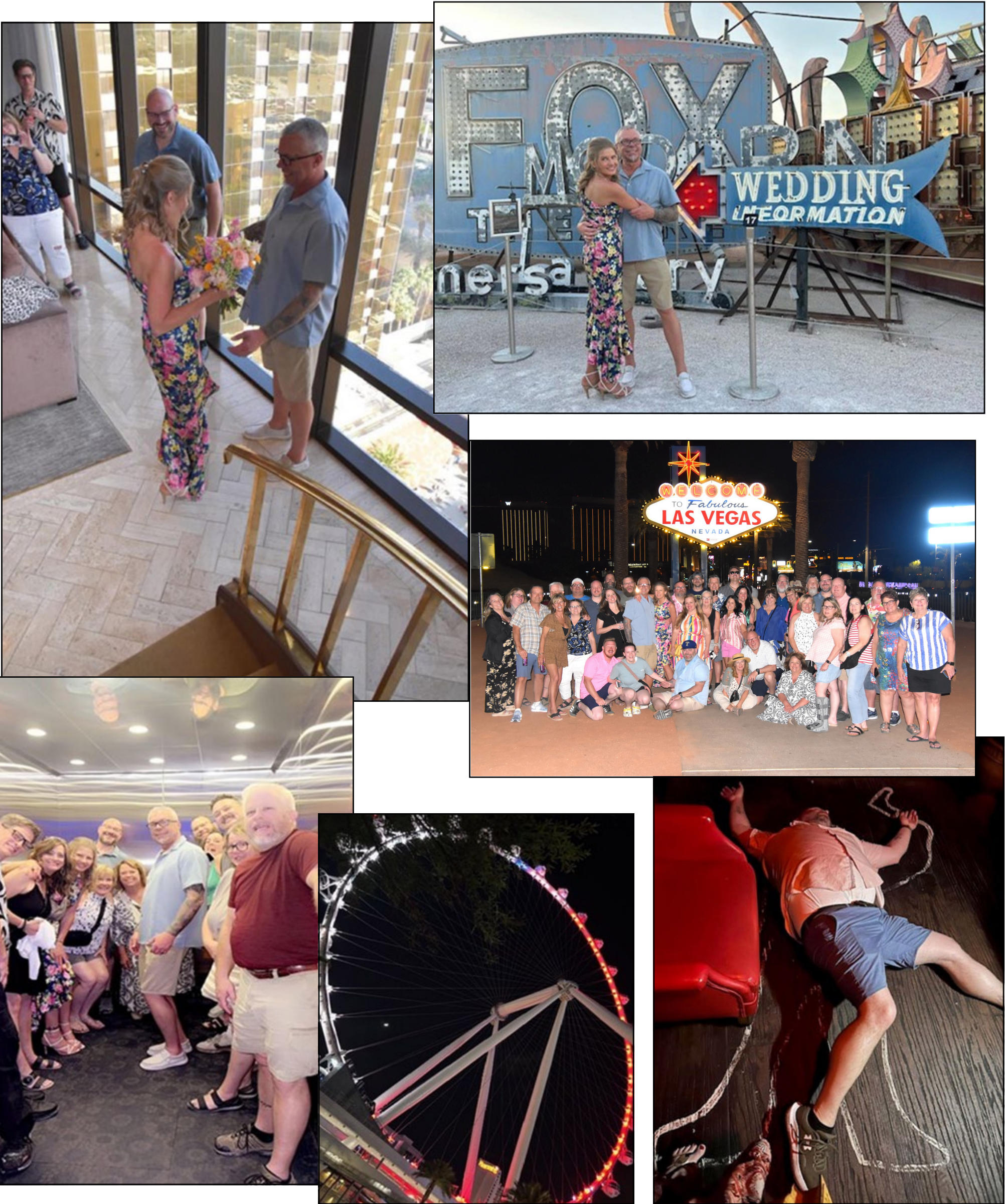
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POTENTATE LAS VEGAS TRIP



A special thank you to Francis and Sunni Chaplin for all the planning and hard work that went into making this happen and go so well!



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In Memoriam

Through May 28, 2025

NAME	BORN	CREATED	DECEASED
Noble Hugh W. Gill, IV	09/12/1968	07/19/2004	05/18/2025

Potentate

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and Midian Shrine proudly hosted another successful First Responders Appreciation Luncheon, made possible through the efforts of many. It was a fantastic event, with a great turnout from our dedicated first responders—a wonderful way to express our gratitude for their service. Kudos to everyone who helped make it happen!

And of course, we can’t forget the Potentate’s Epic Vegas Trip—50 of us ventured to Las Vegas and, remarkably, managed to bring everyone home! It was an unforgettable adventure, filled with poolside relaxation, sightseeing, a little gambling, and, believe it or not, a wedding! As the

wedding capital of the world, we couldn’t let the statistics slip—so on Friday night, Lady Tasha and I were married by officiant **Derek Cookson** in front of 50 amazing friends. Thank you to everyone who attended—you helped create memories that will last a lifetime!

A special thank you to Sunni and Francis Chaplin for all the planning and hard work that went into making this happen and go so well!

Lastly, let’s not forget that today is Membership Day!

Let’s thrive in 2025!

Scott Shirkey
Midian Potentate 2025

Midian Shrine Tentative Schedule of Events

Subject to change

JUNE	NOVEMBER
Wed 6/18 Stated Meeting	Fri 11/7 Fall Pre Glow - Midian 5:30 p.m.
Fri-Sun 6/20-6/22 Shrine-Bowl - Dodge City	Sat 11/8 Fall Ceremonial - Midian 8 a.m.
Sun-Thurs 6/29-7/3 Imperial Session Atlanta - Atlanta Ga	Sat 11/8 New Ladies Information - RCB 10 a.m.
	Sat 11/8 Fall Ladies Luncheon - RCB 11 a.m.
	Sat 11/8 Fall After Glow - RR Inn
	Sat 11/15 Veterans Party - Midian
	Sun-Thurs 11/16-20 FOT Set-up - Midian 11 a.m.
	Wed 11/19 Stated Meeting - Mecca 7:30
	Thu 11/20 FT Set-up, Lay snow, chains & ticket buckets - Midian
	Fri-Tue 11/21-25 Feztival of Trees - Midian
	Fri-Sun 11/28-30 Feztival of Trees - Midian
	DECEMBER
	Sat 12/6 Divan Christmas Party - RHCC
	Sat 12/13 Childrens Christmas Party - Midian 10-12
	Sat 12/13 Aides Appreciation Party - Midian 1-3
	Wed 12/17 Stated Meeting - Mecca 7:30
	JANUARY 2026
	Fri 1/09 Awards Banquet - Midian 6:30 p.m.
	Sat 1/10 It's a Rap & Roast Party - Midian 6 p.m.
	Wed 1/21 Stated Meeting - Mecca 7:30

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
Wed 7/16 Stated Meeting - Mecca 7:30	Fri 8/1 Sportsman’s Event Set-up - Cessna AC 4 p.m.	Sat 9/13 Post CSSA - Midian 6 p.m.	Sat 10/4 Octoberfest Theme Party - Midian
Fri-Sun 7/18-7/20 Mystery Trip - ???	Sat 8/2 Sportsman’s Event - Cessna AC 11 a.m.	Wed 09/17 Stated Meeting - Mecca 7:30	Wed 10/15 Stated Meeting - Mecca 7:30
	Sat 8/16 Margaritaville EOS Party - Midian	Wed 8/20 Stated Meeting - Mecca 7:30	Sat 10/25 Halloween Party - Midian
	Wed-Sun 8/27-31 CSSA Des Moines IA - Des Moines IA	??? Family Day ???	



2025 APPROVED PARADE LIST

Date	Day	Parade Location	Line up	T i m e
6/7	Saturday	Eureka Days Parade	10:30 AM	11:00 AM
6/7	Saturday	Leon Block Parade	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
6/21	Saturday	Shrine Bowl Parade (Dodge City, Kansas)	9:00 AM	10:00 AM
6/21	Saturday	Hamilton Days Parade	11:00 AM	11:30 AM
7/4	Friday	4th of July – Neal, KS	6:00 PM	6:30 PM
7/5	Saturday	Toronto Days Parade	5:30 PM	6:00 PM

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STATEMENTS OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., required by the Act of Congress of August 12, 1970, Section 3685, Title 39, United States Code of MIDIAN SHRINERS of Wichita, Kansas, for October 1, 1988 State of Kansas, County of Sedgwick

Membership Minute

Lynn Ungles P.P. - Reporter

Our quest toward our magic number of 100 new, restored, and associate members for 2025 is far from alive. We had 18 Nobles and Candidates prepared for the Spring Ceremonial with only 13 participating. I sincerely hope we have several working their way through Lodge for Fall Ceremonial. We need a HUGE Fall Ceremonial!

You should all be aware of the importance of working toward improving our membership. My intention has been to inspire you to meet your Unit and Club Goals. We are not alone in our declining membership as an organization, as most organizations have the same challenge. Our Fraternity should offer more to a man than most all other organizations though. We as Freemasons are good men always seeking more enlightenment. As Shriners we have a wonderful Fun organization that allows us to support the Shriners Children's Health Care System of 22 Hospitals and many more Clinics. We are world renowned!

Why don't we have men knocking down our doors to become members then? First, we must make men aware. This is where each of us has the responsibility of reaching out to good men of character when and as often as possible. We must explain what we are and what we stand for. We should enthusiastically explain the wonderful value and benefits we ourselves have received as a Mason and Shriner.

When we gain their interest, we must keep them engaged and show value for a decision to become a Mason and Shriner; always making them feel welcome and important to the Fraternity. We must be always sensitive to whether we are fulfilling the needs and reason for them becoming a part of our Fraternity. What has been important to us may not be their area of interest. Communication is imperative in staying relevant to new members. We may need to adjust some offerings.

So, we have this 100 Goal, but what do we really need to start growth? According to Shriners International we need to have a 5% increase in new members, restore 2%, and keep suspensions below 2%. This means for Midian, we need 55 Creations, 22 Restorations, and hold Suspensions no more than 22. Of course, all these percentages are interdependent and if we fall short in one or more, we must increase in one or more of the other areas. Let's Thrive in 2025! Determine to Meet your Membership Goals!



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or assistance please call:

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There are 5 options to enroll based on your situation. Just go to midianshrine.org and click the "Pay Dues" button to sign up!

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- You will pay \$30 a month for the next 6 months which will pay your next year's dues. After the 1st 6 months of \$30 you will be charged \$15 a month which is applied to your future year's dues.

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- You will pay \$15 a month for the next 12 months which will pay your following year's dues. After the 1st 12 months you will continue to be charged \$15 a month which is applied to future dues.

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Gold Rush to Success

2025 Membership Goals

GOAL: 100

100%

90%

80%

70%

60%

50%

40%

30%

20%

10%

Unit/Club	Goal	1	50%	100%
Arab Patrol	3			
Antiques Autos	3			
Band	2			
Bowlers	1			
Caledonians	1			
Cartoon	3			
Chefs	2			
Chippers	2			
Classics	3			
Directors Staff	4			
Dodge City Clowns	1			
Electraglide Elite	4			
Flying Fezzes	1			
Horse Patrol	1			
Hospital Van	2			
Humidor Hounds	3			
Keystone Kops	4			
Krazy Klowns	2			
Legion of Honor	1			
Mini Cycles	2			
Misfits	1			
Motor Patrol	4			
Nascarts	1			
Nomads	2			
Provost Guard	3			
Tin Lizzies	1			
Touchdowners	3			
Tylers	1			
Wheatwackers	2			
Yoshi	2			
Barber County	2			
Butler County	3			
Cowley County	2			
Dodge City	3			
Elk County	4			
Greenwood Co 3 Whlrs	6			
Harper County	4			
Reno County	5			
Santa Fe Trail	1			
Southwest Shrine Club	1			
Divan	4			

CLUBS

Greenwood County 3-Wheelers

CARL "C.F." COX
Reporter

We had another great meeting in May with a cookout. All of the food and desserts were awesome as usual. We were honored with a surprise special guest at our meeting. Past Imperial Potentate, Noble **Jim Smith** PP and his Lady Alice were passing through from their home in Texas on their way to their new home in Minnesota and had a lay-over with their Imperial Family Noble **Jeff Sowder** PP and Lady Cheryl. It was fun visiting with them and enjoying the friendly jabs between Noble **Jim** and **Jeff**.

Our Pre-Glow steak cookout was another great success. Even though the weather threw the cooks a little curve, we had many positive comments about the quality of the Greenwood County Steaks! It takes an army to pull this off and we came through in typical Greenwood County fashion. Thanks to all that participated. Our new membership goal was set at 6 for this year and we already have 7 new Nobles ready to go. Not all were able to make it to Ceremonial, but we are planning to get the rest through at a Stated Meeting soon. Just because we have exceeded our goal (as we do over here!) keep looking for those prospects and remember "EVERY DAY IS MEMBERSHIP DAY".

We gave our scholarships out again this year to our local high school graduates from Eureka, Madison and Hamilton. This year we had several quality applications which made the job of the selection committee very difficult. We gave out six \$250 scholarships this year. Four in Eureka, and one each in Madison and Hamilton. Those recipients are Eureka; Corrine Nelson, Cheyenne Gardner, Jace Hardenbrook, and Kalim Mouer. Hamilton; Kimber Hudson,

and Madison; Miranda Houston.

Eureka Days is right around the corner and will be happening by the time you are reading this. We will be hosting our Shrine friends on Saturday June 7th at the She Shed again this year. We will have eye openers in the morning and our group picture at 10:15. Then it will be off to line-up and the parade. After the parade we will be back at the She Shed for our hospitality lunch and maybe a dip in the pool. Even if you aren't riding in the parade, please plan to attend as it takes several to pull this off and we need a good showing of Greenwood County members to host our guests.

It is time to start planning for CSSA in Des Moines, Iowa. If you are interested in going it is time to get your room reservations in. Check Midian's website and emails for links to get registered and your room. We have a group planning to go and compete. If you are interested in competing, or just going to parade it is time to let us know. If you want be part of the CSSA group please contact Nobles Captain **Scott Starkey**, Lt. **Steve Richard** or **C.F. Cox**. We will start practicing and need to figure out transportation of our bikes soon.

For the last four months, I have put in a question that you would only know if you read this article. Out of FOUR months, I finally got a response! Thanks Imperial Sir Noble **Jeff Sowder** PP for responding... At least I now know, somebody reads this article!

Our next regular meeting will be June 11th at the Shed, with hospitality at 6:00 and a meal and meeting to follow. Hope to see you there!



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UNITS

Million Dollar Band

RICK MILHON
Reporter

As we come to May 15 (Topics Deadline) the Dixiekatz from the Million Dollar Band were readying the group for welcoming Nobles and Ladies to the May 21 Stated Meeting and to playing in the Riverfest Parade on May 30. The parade hinges on finding place and time to work on the trailer abandoned by the Oriental Band. In its present configuration the Dixiekatz cannot see one another and in a noisy environment cannot hear one another. We hope to remedy that.

The Concert Band is planning on Thursday night rehearsals at 7pm in the Mecca Room at Midian. If you used to play and have an instrument, dust it off and come sit in. It will be fun! If you happen to be a percussionist, we have drums and other percussion items, including sticks. Come sit in!

The Million Dollar Band played a concert as Nobles and Ladies came to the Mecca Room for Spring Ceremonial. A picture or two accompany this article.

The Polkatz and Dixiekatz are endeavoring to squeeze in the Monday night schedule as members have Tuesday night conflicts. For times and locations contact the leaders: Polkatz, **Steve Schmitter**, sjaschmitter@sbcglobal.net; Dixiekatz, **Rick Milhon**, sax4clar1@gmail.com.

The featured musician this month is regarded by many as "the Father of Country Music." James Charles Rodgers was born on September 8, 1897 in Meridian, Mississippi. He grew up singing and playing guitar but followed family footsteps in working for the railroad. Finally, he had to choose and music was the

path he chose. Early in his career Rodgers founded a group somewhat like the Dixiekatz. It was not a financial success. Success came as the "Yodeling Brakeman," the "Yodeling Cowboy," "America's Blue Yodeler," carefully adjusted for the audience he was entertaining. The first generation of Country Music's stars were greatly influenced by his musical style. He left a legacy of songs. One I recall is "In the Jailhouse Now."

Along the way, Jimmie Rodgers reached the rank of Master Mason in Meridian in 1931. Later that year he moved to San Antonio, Texas, where he joined the Scottish Rite. He was also associated with the Alzar Temple. He died on May 26, 1933 in New York City at the age of 35.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 EPIC POTES TRIP	2 ANTIQUE AUTOS YOSHI KOPPETTES KEYSTONE KOPS	3	4 PROVOST GUARD MOTOR PATROL TOUCHDOWNERS	5 DIRECTOR'S STAFF CONCERT BAND	6	7 ELECTRAGLIDE ELITE KIDS RUN
8	9 DON PATROL ARAB PATROL BAND REHEARSALS	10 TRUSTEES HOLDING CORP / BOD KRAZY KLOWNS	11 MOTOR PATROL BOD CHEFS CLASSICS MINI-CYCLES GREENWOOD COUNTY LEGION OF HONOR DODGE CITY COWLEY CO	12 CARTOON FLYING FEZZES HARPER COUNTY CONCERT BAND	13 ELECTRAGLICE ELITE NOMADS	14 NOMADS
15 <i>TOPICS DEADLINE</i>	16 HUMIDOR HOUNDS NASCARTS BAND REHEARSALS	17 KULINARY KUTIES DON PATROL MASONIC INFO NIGHT	18 TILERS DIVAN/LADIES STATED MEETING - YEARS OF SERVICE	19 LOS WAYS AND MEANS WHEATWACKERS CONCERT BAND	20 KANSAS SHRINE BOWL BANQUET	21 SHRINE BOWL
22	23 SPORTSMENS MEETING BAND OFFICERS BAND REHEARSALS	24 PAST POTENTATES MEETING	25 CALEDONIANS KRAFTY KREW HOSPITAL VAN DRIVERS	26 MISFITS HORSE PATROL CONCERT BAND	27 BUTLER CO LOS BUNCO	28
29 IMPERIAL SESSION IN ATLANTA	30 BAND REHEARSALS IMPERIAL SESSION IN ATLANTA	JUNE				

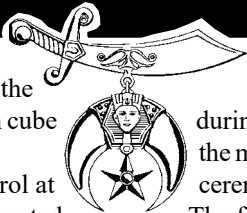
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JULY		1 IMPERIAL SESSION IN ATLANTA	2 MOTOR PATROL TOUCHDOWNERS PROVOST GUARD IMPERIAL SESSION IN ATLANTA	3 MIDIAN CLOSED IMPERIAL SESSION IN ATLANTA	4 MIDIAN CLOSED	5
6	7 ANTIQUE AUTOS YOSHI KEYSTONE KOPS KOPPETTES	8 TRUSTEES HOLDING CORP / BOD BAND REHEARSALS KRAZY KLOWNS	9 MOTOR PATROL BOD CHEFS CLASSICS MINI-CYCLES GREENWOOD COUNTY LEGION OF HONOR DODGE CITY COWLEY CO	10 CARTOON FLYING FEZZES HARPER COUNTY CONCERT BAND	11 ELECTRAGLIDE ELITE NOMADS	12 NOMADS
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20	21 DON / DON PATROL HUMIDOR HOUNDS NASCARTS	22 BAND REHEARSALS	23 CALEDONIANS KRAFTY KREW HOSPITAL VAN DRIVERS	24 HORSE PATROL MISIFITS CONCERT BAND	25 BUTLER CO	26
27	28 DON SUPREME QUEEN SPORTSMENS PLANNING BAND OFFICERS	29 BAND REHEARSALS	30 LOS MID-STATES MEETING	31 CONCERT BAND		

Arab Patrol

NORM CONLEY P.P.
Reporter

The Vidalia Onions are sold out. We thank you customers. Heat the onions up with butter and a bouillon cube and they are like eating an apple.

Captain **Brian West** led the patrol at Spring ceremonial. We were represented at the Pre-Glow. The unit met for breakfast at the Beacon restaurant for a large meal. The unit formed the Honor Guard for the Divan. We also presented the flags prior to the first



section of the ceremonial. The unit also presented the flags during the Arch ceremony. We ended the month with a social and graduation ceremony at Lt. **Devon Olson's** place. The food and fellowship were great.

Veteran Patrolman **Loyd Geist** had a scare that proved to be just a scare. "One thing is certain... This life flies".



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MIDIAN SHRINE CENTER
WICHITA, KANSAS

Motor Patrol

RUSTY BUCKET
Reporter



Congratulations to the 13 new Nobles that joined Midian Shriners and participated in our Spring Ceremonial. We hope you enjoy being part of our Fraternity as much as we enjoy you joining!

Motor Patrol was active this last month with **Chad, Alvin, Lynn, Kent, Jeremy, John, Matt, Bart, Norm, Ron, and Derek** welcoming the candidates at the Pre-Glow. Captain **Chad** led the parade on Ceremonial Day with **Lynn, Gary, Alvin, Kent, Jeremy, and Ron** following along.

Midian's Easter Party at Orchard Park on April 19th saw **Matt, Jeremy, Lynn, John, and Kent** helping with the festivities. There were a lot of little smiling faces present with their families. The hamburgers and hot dogs were a big hit!

Chad and Lynn paraded at Benton on April 26th. The weather was not cooperating, but they toughed it out along with the hospital van.

Jeff Breault once again hosted May's monthly meeting. **Gary, Jeremy, Jeff, Alvin, Lynn, Frank, Bob, John, Norm, Matt, Kent, Chad,** and Illustrious Sir **Scott** enjoyed a meal provided by **Alvin**. Kudos to **Matt Cook** for his membership work and to the unit for their fundraising.

Motor Patrol had a great presence in Argonia on May 17th. **Kent, Alvin, Chad, Lynn, Ron,** and **Jeff** brought the Jeepsters to town along with Midian's Parade Marshall **Jeff** in his go-kart. Four of the Bucking T's paraded with us for a great time. We ran into some Midian Shriners on their Motorcycles participating in a Poker Run while there, who happened to be passing through. We owe a big thank you to **Misty** for keeping the bugs off.

May was a busy month, and we look forward to Parade Season and CSSA in Des Moines!



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Humidor Hounds & Foxes



NORM CONLEY PP
Reporter

The Hounds meet in the Oasis monthly for a cigar and fellowship. The Humidor was moved to the Bar to make it more accessible and we are running specials on some cigars to make room for new stock.

Our president, **Jason Peterson**, has built a web page with Humidor unit cool clothing for your convenience <https://heartlandvcks.com/shop>

We are planning a Cigar and Whiskey event for Saturday, September 6th. When we get more information, we will share it on Facebook and in a future Topics article.

The Hounds are looking for Nobles to join our ranks. Like our President **Jason**



Peterson said last month, if you like relaxing with a good smoke and a libation, we could be friends.

The Hounds meet on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Oasis. Meetings are open to all Nobles and their Lady. Come see if we are a good fit for that free space in your life. Food is available in the Oasis. You are encouraged to come early and eat a meal. The meetings consist of a giveaway at the end of every meeting to any Noble, Lady, or guest in attendance before the meeting is called to order. (President **Jason Peterson** (316) 371-8616).



Provost Guard



BRIAN CAVANAUGH
Reporter

Fun Shoot Sporting Clays Event – A Big Success!

The annual May Fun Shoot was a blast—literally! With 12 teams competing for top honors, the event was a huge success. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all our sponsors and shooters who made it such a memorable day. We’re already looking forward to seeing everyone again next year!

Special Thanks to the Electraglide Elite Ladies

A big shoutout to the Electraglide Elite Ladies for providing a fantastic lunch that kept all our hungry shooters fueled and happy. Your

support is always appreciated!

Next Up: CSSA Prep Begins

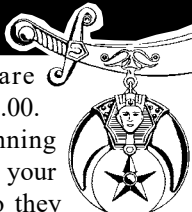
Now it’s time to gear up for CSSA! The Midian Provost Guard has a proud tradition of bringing home the hardware, and we’re ready to do it again. Interested in being part of the winning team? Reach out to any member to get involved and help keep the tradition alive.

Join Us!

The Provost Guard meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM at Midian. Come join us for the meeting—and feel free to grab dinner beforehand in the Oasis.



Antique Autos



KEE CLAAR
Reporter

Antique Auto Club dues are \$50.00. For Veterans, dues are \$25.00. Dues are considered late beginning February 1st. Remember to bring your proof of insurance to Midian so they can copy it and give you your 2025 parade sticker.

The new shirts are in. Please pay for and pick them up from Noble **Grant Richecky**.

The April social was held at Savutes with 18 couples attending. There was no social in May.

CSSA hotel information, Hilton Garden Inn, West Des Moines, Iowa. August 27th to August 30th. Rates are \$149.00

Dates to jot down:

June 17 – Masonic/Shrine information night; June 18 – STATED MEETING; June

20 – Shrine Bowl Banquet, Dodge City, Kansas; June 21 – Shrine Bowl, Dodge City, Kansas; June 29 through July 1 – Imperial Session, Atlanta, Georgia; July 16 – STATED MEETING; July 20 – Family Day; August 2 – Sportsmens’ Event

Birthdays – Noble **Gary Gelvin** and Noble **Curtis Gilbert**. Anniversary wishes go to Noble **Willie Williams** and Lady Janice, Noble **Kee Claar** and Lady Karen.

Prayers for Noble **Jerry Elscott**, Noble **Randy Edwards**, Lady Trish Gilbert, Lady Melodee Armfield, Noble **Willie Williams**.

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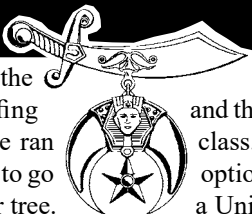
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Keystone Kops

BOBBY “TURF” DUKES
Reporter

Well, the last month has kept the Kops busy. We started off stuffing Easter Eggs, sooo many eggs we ran out of candy and OG **Woody** had to go and raid the candy isle of a dollar tree. The day of the egg hunt started out rainy but in the words of **Merle Cannon**, “the sun will shine for the Shrine”, and it did, kind of. The kids had a blast with the Klowns balloon creations, the face painting and the indoor games and when it came time for the hunt, they scarfed up all the eggs to be found.

The Kops had another successful “social challenge” with the EE Unit. We both had a great turn out but we beat them by 2 guys. The fellowship was second to none and went on till they kicked us out at midnight. Will you be the next Unit to do a “social challenge” with the Kops? At Pre Glow, Chief **Heath** presented Ill Sir **Scott Shirkey** with the first, 50yr Kops Challenge Coin. They are awesome and you can get yours from any Kop for \$20. Ceremonial morning the Kops Chiefs breakfast was prepared outside in the parking lot. We know the Divan cannot live on doughnuts alone so we did this so they could come down and have a good breakfast with us. Thank you, **Hurley** and **Kevin** for cooking the fine breakfast. The



Kops welcome the 17 new Nobles and their Ladies in the spring ceremonial class. Lots of good Units with lots of options. Please check them out and find a Unit that interest you so you can join in on the fun and team building.

The Kops 50th Anniversary Party was an Oasis packed blow out. We Thank and are grateful for all the real Kop friends who came out to celebrate with us. The food was great and even ran out of the food special. The bar did their best to keep up with all the party goers and am sure they were surprised by the size of the crowd. Three great door prizes were handed out, everyone got a free token gift and someone left a little richer winning the 50/50 drawing. **Bill Bair** kept the music playing and the people dancing. Never have I, or will again, see the largest gathering of Kops and our Ladies in one place! The one thing we failed to do was to announce and recognize all the Veterans there who paved the road years ago for us to follow to where and who the Kops are today. We Salute our senior Veterans; **Scotty “Scooter” Clark**, **Steve “Moon” Mitchell**, **Doc Jon**, **Casey Garner**, **Jackie Broyles**, **Larry “Cowboy” Papps** and **Allen “Lightning” Williams**.

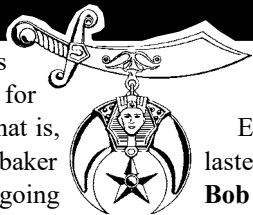


Midian Classics

#2 ON THE LIST
Reporter

As you can see from the pictures below, Classics had a full turn out for the Spring Ceremonial Parade. That is, all but the Noble with the '48 Studebaker who failed to show. Notice will be going out soon as to the next three parades that the unit will be participating in this summer. In the meantime, work on membership for the good of the Temple.

Tickets are available for members to sell for the Sportsmen’s Gun Raffle. The



finest fund- raising activity for Midian and the Classics.

Even though the April meeting lasted well into the night, President **Bob** had many items to discuss for the benefit of our Unit. A very outstanding dinner meeting formulated by VP **Groff** was also attended by Nobles and Ladies in the month of May.

Don’t forget to get your rods rebabbitted.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

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LADIES

Arami Court

JAN HIEBERT, PGHP
Reporter

It's summer already! Hope you've been watching all the flowers growing outside the entrance of Midian. Can hardly wait to see all the colors come out.

Lady Samantha Rader was the lucky winner of the BBQ Package. Hope she has about 20 people to join her for a banquet. Thank you to those who purchased tickets.

There was such a good turnout for "Pizza for a Cause" we'll be having another on Monday, July 14 from 5-8pm at Bob & Luigi's in Andover. Put it on your calendars - EVERYONE IS INVITED!

GET READY TO BUNCO! Join us in Midian's Scimitar Room on June 27 at 6:30pm. Entry fee is \$10 per person. Don't know how to play, we'll teach you (Not me. I have to be re-taught every time) but one of our other Ladies) Lots of prizes. Lots of FUN!



Seventeen (17) of our Ladies traveled to Kansas City May 17-24 for the 111th Grand Council Session. The Court officers were able to be with their respective classmates. The business sessions included reports from the various grand committees, presentation of proposed bylaw changes and election of a new Grand Outer Guard. The week also included a couple of fun nights, the presentation of permanent charts to three Courts and the institution of a new Court from Topeka, KS. Busy, busy week!

We look forward to hosting our new Grand High Priestess June 6-8. While here she will inspect all Court and Unit books, be the honored guest at a dinner and a lunch, and attend a Court meeting. A GHP visit is always a bit nerve wracking but we always come through it with flying colors.

Until next time be kind to one another.

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