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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



SCOTT SHIRKEY

Things are buzzing around Midian with a flurry of parades, Temple events, fundraising activities, and even a visit from the Easter Bunny! Spring has sprung with a bang, bringing lots of fun events. Some of Midian's Divan took a trip to Springfield for the ABA ball, rocking "Hillbilly style" outfits that were quite the sight! Belle Plaine's downtown festival parade was also a hit, with a great turnout and loads of fun.

Chief Rabban **Richard Steele** rallied an awesome crew to sell CDs at the Kid Rock concert (yes, CDs are still a thing!), with a portion of the proceeds going to Shriners Hospitals. Way to go, team!

We had a fantastic turnout to help stuff thousands of eggs for the Easter Egg hunt. The Easter Bunny made a special appearance at our annual Easter egg hunt at Orchard Park, joined by the Midian Clowns, Cartoons, LOS face painting crew, and the Chefs who whipped up a delicious lunch for everyone! Big thanks to Oriental Guide **Jeremy Woodson**, the Aides teams, and everyone who helped make this event a success.

The Sportsmen's Event ticket sales

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Despite the rainy day – Midian Shrine's Annual Easter Egg Hunt was fun for all!



Easter Egg Hunt



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Table with columns: NAME, BORN, CREATED, DECEASED. Includes Noble Melvin M. Nelson and Noble Richard L. Hamilton.

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are in full swing. If you haven't received your packet or email, reach out to Assistant Rabban Jim Hallberg for assistance. Let's get those tickets sold!

And last but certainly not least, it's Spring Ceremonial time! I hope to see many Nobles and Ladies at the pre-glow and Ceremonial to welcome our new Nobles and their Ladies. Let's enjoy the fun and fellowship that comes with it! Now, let's Thrive in 2025!

Scott Shirkey Midian Potentate 2025

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Membership Minute

In recent articles and/or Stated Meetings, we reviewed complacency and the dangers involved in allowing ourselves to fall into this mindset. We discussed the importance of living life with purpose by developing a vision of the life we seek, establishing goals outside our comfort zone, actions needed to reach those goals, and a process to measure and maintain success. All these ideas are great but depend on a very important internal character trait — COMMITMENT! Without the commitment to act upon achieving our goals and resolve to overcome all obstacles in the quest of our vision, we will always come up short in life. Commitment to action is key to success!

So how do we create an attitude of commitment? The answer lies within us. The answer for each of us is in our WHY. Why do we wish to obtain our Vision and why is it important to our very being? Our Why for achieving our Vision must be so deeply ingrained in our being that nothing will impede us from living each day with purposeful actions toward getting us one step closer toward our envisioned success. Is your Why big enough? If not, make it that way. Doing this requires us to develop our perfect mental picture of the best future that results from the achievement of our vision; to experience how great it will feel in this future state. When we have this great future state so ingrained in our psyche, we cannot be stopped from living life with passion and purpose daily.

Our outlined plan for success we have reviewed can be applied for all aspects of life. If we desire our vision enough, our why is big enough, and commit daily toward that success, we will succeed.

Now let's relate this to our Shrine membership situation. Since we all believe we are better men for being Shrine Masons, the question remains, is our WHY big enough when it comes to membership? Have we developed that perfect mental picture within our mind of how great the world and Midian will be when we assist more good men in their quest of becoming better men? When we do this, we will have surrendered to our unstoppable commitment to daily pursuing our goals toward that perfect vision? We must all find within ourselves the passion to make the world a better place one man at a time! Achievement is inevitable if we all work together toward this Vision!

Desire is the key to motivation, but it's determination and commitment to an unrelenting pursuit of your goal – a commitment to excellence – that will enable you to attain the success you seek. - Mario Andretti

Most people fail, not because of a lack of desire, but, because of lack of commitment. - Vince Lombardi



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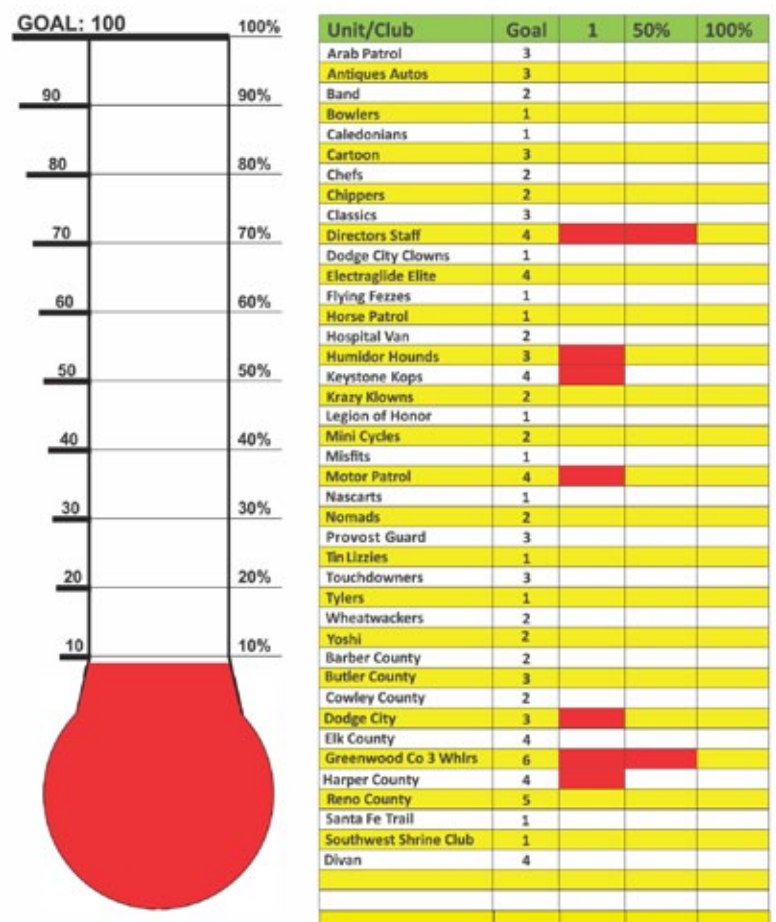
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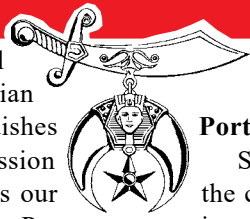
2025 Membership Goals



CLUBS

Greenwood County 3-Wheelers

CARL "C.F." COX
Reporter



We had another fantastic meal and meeting in April. It was Italian night and those that prepared the dishes did not disappoint! Lots of discussion about our next big event which is our Greenwood County Steak Night at Pre-Glow on May 2nd. This is an event that takes several to pull off and we always come through. Since this one of those events that hasn't happened yet as I am typing this, but will be in the history books by the time you are reading it, I hope that everything was smooth sailing!

Same is true for Ceremonial. Hasn't happened as I'm typing but will be over when you read this. I know we have some Patmos Lodge Masons that will be walking the "not so hot" sands to Mecca on May 3rd and will be joining us as New Nobles. Fingers crossed that everything went off just as planned and we had great shrine fellowship and favorable parade weather.

After a good showing at the St. Paddy's Day parade, our next outing was Benton Days. The next parade that hasn't happened yet is Eureka Days on June 6th. This is a big event for us to show our Shrine hospitality to our Midian friends. This will also be picture day for our club, so mark your calendars now!

For those of you that are still riding your 3-Wheelers on 40-year-old tires and/or racing slicks, the club still has 3 sets of new tires available. Some of these were spoken for, but were never purchased. That means they are up for grabs for \$500.00 for the set of three. If you need tires and are

still procrastinating, now is the time! Contact Noble **Stan Porter** to get your set.

Since summer is right around the corner, it is time to start planning for CSSA in Des Moines Iowa. If you are interested in going and competing, we have a group planning to go. We will start organizing and practicing before you know it. If you want be part of the CSSA group please contact Nobles Captain **Scott Starkey**, Lt. **Steve Richard** or **C.F. Cox**.

This is the FOURTH TOPICS I have asked for feedback to see who is reading this article... I haven't received even one response... Is anyone actually reading this article??? This time I am asking you to tell me what your summer plans are: Vacation? Parades? CSSA? The only way you will know to tell me is if you are reading this article. This time, in addition to remembering when you see me, send me a text at (620) 583-3356. Who will be first to respond? Please play along!

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Noble **Stan Porter** as he recently lost his brother. It is never easy to lose a loved one, but a sibling is particularly hard.

Our next regular meeting will be May 14th at the Shed, with hospitality at 6:00 and a meal and meeting to follow. It is going to be a hamburger and hotdog cookout (with beef hotdogs I'm sure!). The meat is being provided by the club, so bring your favorite cookout themed side or dessert. Hope to see you there!

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 make room for new stock.

We are planning a Cigar and Whiskey event for September. When we get more information, we will share it on Facebook and in a future Topics article. 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. Good food is available in the Oasis. Remember 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).

Your reporter met the grandson of a 1965 Midian Potentate. The picture he had on his wall shows his grandfather in 1954 on the Boardwalk in Atlantic City wearing a Midian Patrol Fez at Imperial Session walking, holding a cigar. This was 70 years ago and it was a ten-year line then, so Ill. Sir **Carl** was not on the Divan yet in the picture. Even then our brothers enjoyed a stick to relax. I was in the 5th grade in Miss Browns class at Caldwell Elementary school in Wichita in 1954. Most of you were not born.



UNITS

Antique Autos

KEE CLAAR
Reporter



March social was held at Spears Restaurant on the 22nd. We had a good turn-out.

Antique Auto was well represented in the St. Patty's parade with seven cars. Thank you guys!

Dates to jot down for MAY:

May 2 - Pre-Glow at Midian 5:30 PM; May 3 - Ceremonial Parade; May 5 - Antique Auto meeting - Isis Room 7:00 PM; May 16-18 Winfield Golf; May 17 - Argonia Parade - Line up @ 9:45 AM; May 21 - Stated Meeting

Birthdays for May - Noble

Gary Gelvin Jr., Noble **Curtis Gilbert**

Anniversaries for May - Noble

Willie Williams and Lady **Janice**, Noble

Kee Claar and Lady **Karen**

Sickness - Lady **Trish Gilbert**, Lady

Melodee Armfield, Noble **Willie Williams**,

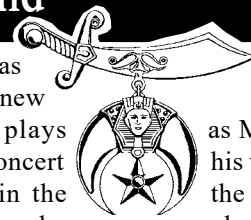
Noble **Jerry Elscott**, Noble **Kevin Pistotnik**,

Jessie and Leum Stevens (Noble **Randy**

Edwards and Lady Pam's daughter and new son)

Million Dollar Band

RICK MILHON
Reporter



The Million Dollar Band was excited in March to welcome a new Shriner. **Brian Smith**, who plays Baritone Saxophone in the Concert Band and Tenor Saxophone in the Polkatz and the Dixiekatz is a member of Sunflower Lodge and Midian Shrine. The Executive Committee of the Million Dollar Band quickly appointed him to be Member-at-Large of the Committee.

April was marked by sad news as Judy Karen Ruder, mother of our Music Director, Tia Ruder, passed away. She was a beloved high school math teacher, and a Director of Special Education.

The Concert Band has been preparing for Spring Ceremonial May 4. This month the Concert Band returns to Midian for rehearsals each Thursday at 7pm. The Polkatz will rehearse first and third Mondays at 7 when musicians and the Mecca Room is available. The Dixiekatz will gather on the second and fourth Mondays likewise. Come with your instrument and sit in on the fun!

This month we will feature Papa Haydn as our selected musician. Franz Joseph Haydn was born in Austria on March 31, 1732. The Haydn family was a poor working family but a family who enjoyed making music. As a child, Joseph showed great ability. At age six he was sent to a family friend who was a Cathedral choir master. Following that, it was a more prominent Cathedral choir. When his voice was no longer a child's voice he freelanced

as teacher and composer until a prominent family hired him as Music Director. He spent much of his working life as music director for the wealthy Esterhazy family at their palace Eszerhaza in rural Hungary. In the later years of that employment, he was free to go to Vienna where his popularity soared. He was initiated in February 1785 in "Zur Wahren Eintracht" Lodge in Vienna, Austria. Haydn was a friend and mentor of Mozart and a teacher of Beethoven. Franz Joseph Haydn died May 31, 1789.



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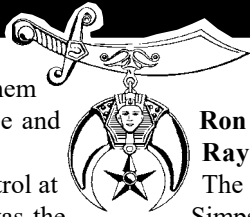
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Arab Patrol

NORM CONLEY P.P. Reporter



Vidalia Onion sales are going on. Be sure to order yours. Heat them up with butter and a bouillon cube and they are like eating an apple.

Captain **Brian West** led the patrol at our Annual Patrol Stag at what was the Beech gun club building. The stag was well attended as you can see from the pictures. Potentate **Scott Shirkey**, High Priest & Prophet **Steve Julian**, Oriental Guide **Jeremy Woodson**, Trustee **Kent Butz**, photographer **Dan Alcalá** were guests. The Midian Chef's working food preparation were PC **Dick Simpson** (who also delivered grace) and Noble **Gabe Hughes**. It was surf and turf at the Patrol Stag. The steaks and shrimp with all the fixings were outstanding. I even got rhubarb pie. We just needed ice cream. Noble **Gary Tomes** and first Lt. **Devon Olson** helped with the preparation and tending the bar. PP **Doc Rensner** got back in time to join us. **Alan Geist** was there. PP **Jay Danler** and **Roth Christopherson** took time to be at the stag. Some of the Veteran Patrol members

there were: Nobles **Al Bass, Loyd Geist, Gary Young, Ron Fisher, Jay Wohlgenuth, Ray Raymos**, and **Terry Pennington**.

The Patrol ladies **Amber West, Anita Simpson, Jackie Wilson, Debra Conley** and others were enjoying themselves at the same time.

Your reporter met the grandson of Illustrious Sir **Carl Richardson** a member of the patrol 70 years ago in 1954 and Potentate of Midian in 1965. The picture in the Humidor Hounds article shows him and other Midian Patrolmen at Imperial Session in Atlantic City in 1954.

Past Captain/Honorary Veteran Patrolman **Ray Raymos** was at stag. He gave more details on Lady Peggy, now in an extended care facility and not doing well. Please keep Peggy, **Ray** and the family in your thoughts and prayers. Past Captain **Kyle Rhorer** brought vet **Dick Miller**. "One thing is certain... This life flies".



Motor Patrol

RUSTY BUCKET Reporter



I hope you are enjoying the Spring weather and are planning on a busy parade season. Several Motor Patrol members met for breakfast and joined the Yoshi at the Belle Plaine Downtown Festival on April 12th. Motor Patrolmen at the parade were **Frank, Alvin, Lynn, and Jeremy**.

The CSSA Mid-Winter meeting was productive. Arrangements were made for the CSASMC Competition and Awards banquet on Friday June 29th. Midian Shrine's hotel for the CSSA Ceremonial Session is the Hilton Garden Inn West Des Moines, 205 S 64th Street, West Des Moines, Iowa. Reservations can be made at (515) 223-0571. Za-Ga-Zig Shriners are working hard to make

CSSA 2025 a great success.

The Motor Patrol's monthly meeting had 15 present and included Illustrious Sir **Scott, Norm, Matt, Lynn, Kent, John, Jeremy, Jeff, Gary, Frank, Chad, Bob, Bart, Austin, and Alvin**. Thank you **Jeff** for hosting! Oriental Guide **Jeremy Woodson** is our liaison this year and is doing a fantastic job!

I do not know if you knew this already, but if you lose your khakis in Kansas, it means you cannot find your pants, but if you lose your khakis in Boston, it means you cannot start your Jeepster.

And last, but not least, do not forget what day it is. Your membership efforts are important and appreciated.



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MIDIAN SHRINE
SPRING CEREMONIAL
MAY 2-3, 2025

FRIDAY

5:30 - ??? Pre-Glo - Greenwood County Steak Feed & DJ in the Oasis

SATURDAY

8:00 - 9:00 Registration of New Novices

9:00 Novices report to Scimitar Room (Dining Room)

9:00 - 9:30 Band Concert in Mecca Room

9:30 Opening Ceremonies for Spring Ceremonial in Mecca Room

10:15 New Ladies Meeting in Isis Room

10:15 - 11:00 First Section (Nobles Only) Mecca Room

11:00 - 12:30 Lunch for Nobles and Novices at the Shrine Center

11:30 - 2:00 Ladies Luncheon Social at THE LOFT -
River City Brewery - 150 N Mosley - (*Derby Day Attire*)

12:30 - 2:00 Midian Experience in Mecca Room

2:30 Hospital Film in Mecca Room

2:45 Arch Ceremony with Fezzing of New Nobles

4:00 Shrine Parade

5:00 After-Glo - MECCA ROOM - Clubs and Units can set up
tables after Parade for New Nobles to visit

Provost Guard

BRIAN CAVANAUGH
Reporter



Welcome new Nobles and Ladies!

We hope that you enjoyed the Spring Ceremonial and all the festivities. If you're looking for a unit to join, then look no further. We always welcome Nobles that are into shooting of all kinds, hunting, fishing etc.

The Provost Guard was at the Chisolm Trail Gun show last month. There was a little excitement at the show Saturday morning, but we came out unscathed. We also supported the Big Al's Bash and showcased the ever popular Plinko game. Congrats to the winner of our patriotic Glock.

Get your Squad together...the 2025 Fun Shoot is quickly approaching. This fantastic event will be held at STC on Saturday, May

10th. This is our primary fundraiser and is always a great time. We would like to see as many Nobles and Ladies as possible come out and shoot with us. Be sure to tell your friends. There's no better way to celebrate Mother's Day weekend than treating that special lady to a day at the range.

We are also holding a raffle for a \$1500 D&M Guns gift card at the Fun Shoot on May 10th. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. You can get tickets from any Provost member. Get them before they're gone!

The Provost Guard meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM at Midian. Join us for a meeting and/or dinner beforehand in the Oasis. Please note the new meeting time.



Keystone Kops

BOBBY "TURF" DUKES
Reporter



Once again, the St. Patrick's Day parade was not disappointing. The crowds were overwhelming, filling the sidewalks and into the streets and intersections. There were a reported 35,000 people who came out to enjoy the parade. Even the paddy wagon had to make a three-point turn to get around the corner. There was a bit of a chill in the air so the Kops made it through the parade using no water. The after party in the Oasis was a total blow out! Like older days, it was standing room only and everyone was in the spirit and having fun. It was encouraging to see so many Shiners and their Ladies having so much fun and enjoying each others' company. Kudos to the party planners.

The Kops did something a little different for our March social. We moved it to the Oasis and we challenged Yoshi to join our social. The challenge was the Unit with the fewest members there owed the other Unit a round. The Chef prepared us a food special and after dinner, we all sat together and swapped lies and stories to everyone's amusement. Even though Yoshi had a good turn-out, the Kops WON the first Unit challenge. How about you other Unit's? Are you up for the Social Challenge? I hear Motor Patrol might be wanting to take us on. Let us know and we will be happy to schedule you in. We want to try and do this on the last Friday of the month and it makes a slow night in the Oasis a lot more profitable. Come on you other Units, let's get together, do some bonding and get to know each other better.

The Kops had another successful Birthday Party and we truly want to thank everyone who came out and enjoyed the steak dinner and auction to support us. Old Bill Bailey showed he still has an auction or 2 in him.

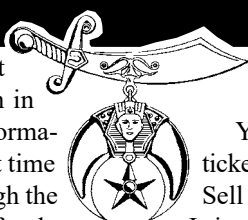
Thanks Bill. The Kops also want to thank CM Jim Underwood for designing and getting us our new 50yr T's, they look great!

It's tough being a Kop: Mike Devine learned that the food processor works better when you put a blade in it. Ron Cammerer found out just what the real secret ingredient is in our garlic coleslaw. Our professional cooks, Charlie Brown and Kevin Holub came to start the fire for the grill since human torch Hubbard couldn't be there. Even Ill Sir Scott Shirkey found himself working behind the concession stand at our BD Party, now that's a Kopper!



Midian Classics

#2 ON THE LIST
Reporter



The April meeting was held at the Temple with President Giesen in charge and was chucked full of information for the month of May. It's that time of year to run the old jalopy through the car wash and polish the bumpers for the upcoming parades, car shows and the Drag Douglas Night.

It is anticipated that the Spring Ceremonial will have one of the largest parades in the last forty years. Ya'll do remember the parade of 1985?

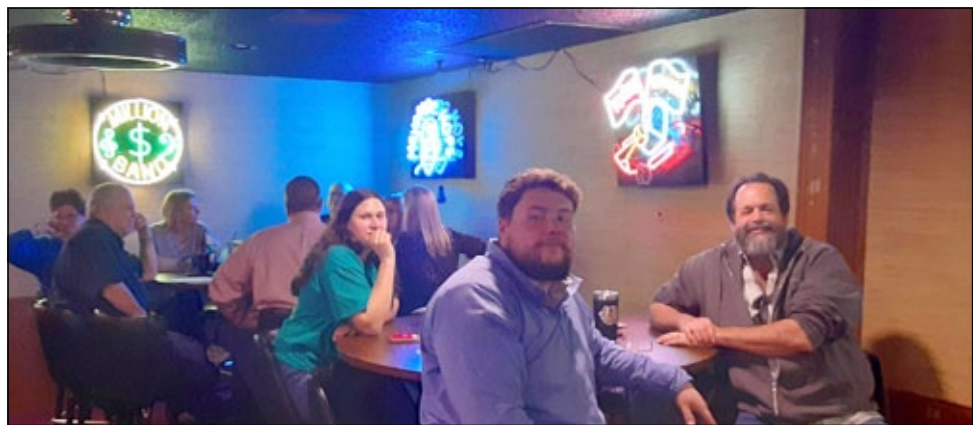
The unit had a great turnout for the Benton parade and lunch afterwards. Thanks

to all the Ladies that made it a great success.

You should have received your tickets for the Sportsmen's Event 2025. Sell tickets and then sell some more.

It is a great fundraiser for the unit. In order to prevent an assessment this year, Noble Towns is recommending we all sell gun raffle tickets.

May meeting will be held right after dinner in the Oasis Room on Wednesday the 14th. Fill up your gas tank before the parade starts.



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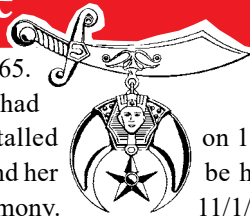
DAWN KOERPERICH
Reporter

Greetings from Zohar Temple 65. On March 29, 2025 our Temple had our annual installation and installed our new Queen, Rachel Range, and her officers. It was a beautiful ceremony. Queen Rachel is the spouse of Noble **Chris Range**. She has 2 lovely daughters who are involved with Rainbows for Girls, Emily and Anna. She has been a member of Zohar Temple since 2020.

The other elected officers are: Princess Royal: Regina Freige, Princess Tirzah: Makinzie Hogan, Princess Badoura: Dawn Koerperich, Princes Recorder: PQ Sue Alamo, Princess Banker: PQ Lisa Bahruth.

The Appointed Officers are: Princess Marshal: PQ Michelle Grillot, Princess Chaplain: PQ Tammara Bowen, Lady of the Keys: Mitzi Fecht, Lady of the Gates: Erika Head, Princess Nydia: Linda Gibson, Princess Zulieka: Amanda Thompson, Princess Zenobia: Nicole Reed, Princess Zora: Alta Montonye, Princess Zuliema: Micki Wilson, Princess Musician: PQ Sue Towns, Attendants: Julie Smith & Melissa Streit.

We have great things coming from our Temple. We are currently selling Spears Pie Cards for \$20. Please reach out to any



member to purchase a gift card. We plan to have Quartermania on 10/3/2025 at Midian. We will also be having our Soup & Chili feed on 11/1/2025, also at Midian.

If you are interested in joining us: Please contact our Princess Recorder: PQ Sue Alamo, donzohar65@outlook.com or 316-788-2064.



Arami Court

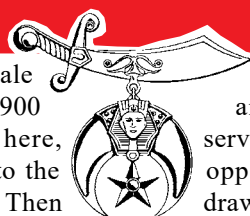
JAN HIEBERT, PGH
Reporter

WOW! Our Spring Flower Sale was spectacular. We sold nearly 900 plants. With Spring actually here, it's time to get those plants into the ground, a pot or a flower bed. Then watch for colorful blooms to appear soon. Thanks to everyone who purchased flowers.

Annual reports were just submitted to the Grand Chairmen. Our membership report was fantastic. We now have 120 members. Keep handing out those petitions, Ladies. If you're interested in knowing about Ladies' Oriental Shrine, just stop one of our Ladies and ask. You know who we are, you've seen us around Midian.

The recent Pizza for a Cause at Bob & Luigi's in Andover was a BIG success. In fact, another one is scheduled for July 14 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Put it on your calendar. The pizza is scrumptious.

\$20, that's all it cost for one ticket to win the Kulinary Kutie's BBQ Package. It includes approximately 15 lbs. of smoked



beef, 3 family-size side dishes and dessert. The package will serve about 20-30 people. Purchase opportunities to win by April 30; drawing will be on May 1. Call 316-734-3197 for more info.

Members you will want to attend the May 1 Court meeting. We will celebrate our mothers.

Seventeen (17) Arami ladies will be attending the 2025 Grand Council Session in Kansas City, MO, May 17-24. This is very exciting for us as WE DON'T HAVE TO FLY! During the week a new Court will be instituted and receive their charter - Aust from Topeka, KS and two other Courts will receive their charters. Looking forward to a fantastic, fun week!

BUNCO! Another fun night of Bunco is set for June 27 at Midian Shrine from 5:00 p.m. 'til ??? It's \$10 per person. There will be LOTS of great prizes. It's always a load of fun.

See you there. Until next time, be kind to one another.



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