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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

## POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

Dear Nobles,



It is my honor and pleasure to serve as your Potentate, and I am going to enjoy every minute of this year working with all of you. I promise to do everything in my power to get the unit rooms started and continue to work on the build-out of our new Shrine home, but I need your help and support to get these things done.

February kept us busy with at least two parades, the Palacios parade and the Go Texan parade in Conroe. Some of the units even got in a third parade when they attended Charro Days down in Brownsville. We also had three official visits and thoroughly enjoyed visiting with everyone at those Shrine Clubs. Guess we are having some fun!

Hopefully, most of you were able to put in some time at your local IHOP working the IHOP Benefit Day on February 24th. I know our High Priest and Prophet, Dale DeFoor, appreciates your hard work. It is looking like this may be a record year for IHOP collections. Dale will keep you posted on the final figures.

Mike Ellis is busy getting his circus ready and we all need to come to the Circus Turn In meetings and support Mike and Phyllis. Remember, it's YOUR Circus!

I know that there are several Mid-Winters coming up in March, but remember there are also some events that all of us need to try to attend as well. The St. Patrick's Parade in Houston on March 14th is always a good parade and we need all of our units to come and participate. The Willis Benefit Weekend is March 20th and 21st. There is a dance in Willis on Friday evening, in honor of the Shrine, and everyone is welcome to attend. Saturday is a full day, with food judging, a cake walk, and an auction. Nobles and Ladies, we need you to come out and wear your Fez and show your support for the Shrine.

In closing, I ask that you attend the stated meetings and other Temple functions and keep informed about what is going on at our Temple. I encourage your input. My goal this year is to create within the Temple a place of peace and harmony, friendship and FUN!

Fraternally yours,

Ken Aldridge, Potentate

**NOTICE! – NOTICE! – NOTICE!**

The April Stated Meeting will be held  
**Saturday, April 11, 2009, at 10:00 AM**

Please mark your calendar accordingly.

# ARABIA TEMPLE

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## ARABIA SHRINE CENTER DIVAN

Ken Aldridge (Sharyn) ..... Potentate  
Mike Ellis (Phyllis)..... Chief Rabban  
John McDonald (Terri) .....Assistant Rabban  
Dale DeFoor (Janet)..... High Priest & Prophet  
Robert Sharpe (Linda).....Oriental Guide  
David Ashley (Melissa) ..... Treasurer  
Harry Pressman (Joni)..... Recorder

## ELECTED IMPERIAL REPRESENTATIVES

Ken Aldridge ..... Potentate  
Mike Ellis ..... Chief Rabban  
John McDonald.....Assistant Rabban  
Dale DeFoor ..... High Priest & Prophet

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

L. Gene Hightower.....2007-2009  
Jack C. Mershon.....2007-2009  
Billy Alford.....2008-2010  
Jerry Parrish, P.P. ....2008-2010

**Voting will take place at  
the March stated meeting  
for two (2) 2009-2011  
Board of Trustee positions**

## NOTICE OF STATED MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next regularly scheduled meeting of Arabia Temple will be held **Monday, March 17, 2009**. Baked potatoes will be served. **RSVP TO JEAN, 713-664-3437, BY MARCH 13.**

The stated meeting will begin at **7:00 PM**. Business to be conducted will include such business as may come before the nobility.

Wear your fez – 2009 dues card required.

Harry Pressman  
Recorder

Ken Aldridge  
Potentate

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE RECORDER

Nobles,

Three issues to bring to your attention:

- 1) In order to serve you better, after the roster is distributed, we must know when you move or change phones, spouses, or an e-mail address. Please call the office and let us know.
- 2) Arabia Temple only carries a noble for one (1) year if his dues are not paid. This has been our policy for the last three (3) years. If you have not paid your dues for the current year by December 31st, you will be suspended. A petition for reinstatement will be required along with the past dues and the dues for the current year.
- 3) Starting with the September issue, we will be mailing *The Arabian* only to members who do not have an e-mail address.

Please help us so we can help you!!!

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## IN MEMORY



James E. Cook, Jr.  
Gordon W. "Bill" Ehmling  
David P. Lage, Jr.  
Brian E. Lee  
James E. Woodward

**NEW CANDIDATES**

**Candidate**

**Lady**

**Top Signer**

February 3, 2009

Robert Thomas Cooley  
Jason Wesley Santeford

Toni

Duncan Chapman  
Duncan Chapman

**WIDOWS' CLUB MEETING**

2nd Wednesday  
10:00 a.m.  
Arabia Shrine Center

**WE CARE CORNER**

John Bentley  
713-634-0237



You are cordially invited to attend the installation  
of our High Priestess-elect

Lady Cindy Newbury

and the officers of Amani Court No. 72 for 2009-2010

on Sunday, the twenty-second of March, two thousand and nine  
at two o'clock in the afternoon

Arabia Shrine Center Ballroom

10510 Harwin

Houston, TX 77036

Reception Following Installation

## CONCEALED HANDGUN TRAINING COMING TO ARABIA SHRINE TEMPLE

Illustrious Sir Ken Aldridge is giving Arabia's Nobility, their ladies and families the opportunity to obtain their Texas Concealed Handgun License. Noble Glen Payne, owner of Pistol Prowess Concealed Handgun Training, will be holding a class at Arabia on Saturday, May 2nd, starting at 9:00 AM. The regular cost of this course is \$140, however, the cost to the Nobility will be only \$90. The tuition covers all aspects of the CHL course, classroom material, notary fees, passport photos, fingerprinting and range fees. The only other expenditures you will have are the ammunition you shoot to qualify and the state's application fee.

Noble Payne is the Temple's Outer Guard, the Security Marshall for Arabia's Provost Guard and a member of the Guard's pistol team. He is also an NRA and DPS certified instructor and has shot competitively in local, state and national events.

For more information or to reserve your place in the class, please feel free to contact him at 832-248-6887 or look him up on the web at [www.pistolprowess.com](http://www.pistolprowess.com).

### RING FOR SALE

Shriner ring for sale. Ring size is 7 or 8, but can be resized. Gold with a red inlay on top. Emblems include the Shrine emblem on top, a camel on one side and a fez on the other side. Original price was \$450, but will sell for \$200. Contact Shirley Arnold at 979-240-0575 for more information.



### COLONEL'S CORNER

By: Paul Weber

The 50th Annual Houston St. Patrick's Day Parade will be on March 14th in downtown Houston. The lineup is in front of the clock tower at Minute Maid Park at 11:00 a.m. Step off will be at 12:00 noon. I suggest getting there about 10:30 AM as the streets around Minute Maid Park start closing.

The 75th Annual Texas Shrine Association Ceremonial in Wichita Falls, Texas will be June 4, 5, & 6, 2009. Maskat Shriners have requested that units provide the names of your nobles and ladies who are planning to attend and the number of nobles competing at the TSA Ceremonial. Letters will be mailed and please respond to Jean Shaw at the Shrine Center no later than March 10th.

**A LIVING MEMORIAL LIVES ON**

Lest we forget our Hospital Benefit Programs are year round by virtue of their continuing needs. “**A LIVING MEMORIAL**” can add meaning to your remembrance for a friend or loved one and will help a physically challenged child to walk or a burned child to live. “**A LIVING MEMORIAL**” will answer parents’ prayers. More and more of our members are taking advantage of the postage paid memorial envelopes for such tributes.

I respectfully ask and urge you to support this portion of our Hospital Benefit Program.

**Dale DeFoor, High Priest & Prophet  
2009 Benefit Chairman**

“LIVING MEMORIAL” envelopes can be obtained through the Temple Office.

**The following is a list of DONORS:**

Frances Jean Carwile  
Dorothy Griffin  
Hilda J. Hamilton  
Betty Schultz  
Josefina Vega

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Wilma Simon

Mary J. Green  
Bobby & Carolyn Hallmark  
Gary Peyton & Sherrie Peyton  
Vana Road Boring Services

**UPCOMING HOSPITAL BENEFIT**

**WILLIS CHILI COOK-OFF – MARCH 20-21, 2009**

All Shrine clubs, units and clubs are invited to come to the American Legion Post in Willis on March 20-21, 2009 for their annual Chili Cook-Off benefiting our Hospitals.

FRIDAY – 6 PM      SATURDAY – 7:30 AM

\* Friday Night Dance \* Raffles \* Cake Walk \* Live Auction \*

Judges needed for Chili, Bloody Mary’s & Beans  
Cakes needed for Cakewalk  
Liquor needed for Liquor Wagon

Free breakfast provided to all Nobles, Ladies and their Guests on Saturday Morning.

Rooms available at the Best Western Motel in Willis on I-45 for Friday night.  
For reservations, please call (936) 856-1906.

Contact Dale DeFoor at (281) 980-8844 or  
d4djtd4@swbell.net for more information.

## MOTOR CORPS

By: Sherman Markowitz

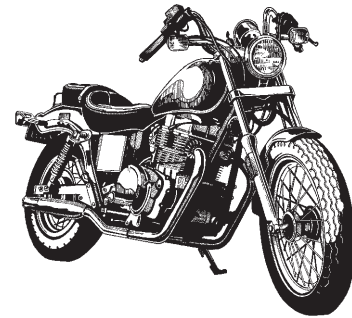
The Corps started the month by being real nice to our ladies. We took some of our ladies on a trip to Palacios on Valentine's Day, which just happened to be holding a parade (imagine the luck) and the following weekend we were in Conroe for their Go-Texan Parade which is always a blast. Of course, the last weekend of February several of the Corps were in Brownsville for Charro Days. I don't believe that Mrs. Robles (Ruben's mother) realized that she was adopting so many children when she opened her home to us. The Corps always enjoys going to her home with its warm, loving atmosphere and quiet (until we get there). The children in Brownsville go crazy when they see the Red Racers coming down the street. Both of our groups, Red Racers and Motorcycles are polishing the chrome and making sure that our engines are working properly, we need to protect our standing as the best of the best in the State. Everyone works real hard to project this image since we attend so many events throughout the state. Arabia Motor Corps is building a reputation which is second to none. A local Toyota dealership and the sponsors for the Houston Auto Show invited the Corps to man a booth to help get the FEZ and Shrinedom in the public eye. Along with that, the Mayor of Kemah has invited us to participate in their Mardi Gras parade. A big THANK YOU goes out to all those Nobles and 5 Past Potentates who donated their time. That's what I call working together.

Our next big event will be our annual Bike Ride the first weekend of April. Talk about a fun gathering, good fellowship, great food, music, good fellowship, silent auction of several items and did I mention the great fellowship. Most other groups have to work at having fun, with the Motor Corps, it just comes natural.

Noble David Janda (our official Trip Captain) comes up with some great rides to different parts of the state when the time allows and we don't have other Shrine events to attend. Can't wait to see what he comes up with next.

Come join the most exciting unit within Arabia Shrine. We meet at the Shrine Center the 2nd

Sunday each month starting at 10:00 AM to practice our routines and sharpen our skills for TSA, Imperial and Obstacle Course. If you're interested, contact Commander Jim McKinney, 281-253-5753, [jmckinney16@comcast.net](mailto:jmckinney16@comcast.net) or Sherman Markowitz, 713-805-6114, [sherman1937@comcast.net](mailto:sherman1937@comcast.net).



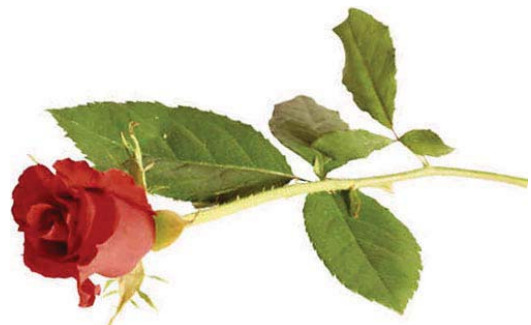
### THANK YOU

To all our dear friends that attended the service or expressed sympathy in other ways when our son Brian passed away, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Brian was very proud to be a mason and a Shriner. To all of you that participated in the Masonic Service, we thank you.

May God bless all of you. We love you all dearly.

Herb & Dottie Lee



## GOLFERS

By: Sergio Garza, Jr.

First, the Arabia Golfers would like to congratulate Illustrious Sir Ken Aldridge and the Divan, along with his staff, and wish them all the best and, most of all, GOD'S Blessing that they may continue with the success of our Center. Without them, our tasks would be more difficult to achieve. Now, let's get started, it's the beginning of a new season as we start getting our equipment in order, ready to swing away. Who knows, maybe it's time for a new driver or perhaps that putter you always wanted. How about that new line of equipment for 2009, and let's not forget those closeouts – got to check them out. We've all been there with the confidence that this year you're going to drop your handicap a notch or two. Why stop there, let's shoot for 4 or 5, aah, the goals we set for ourselves. We also set goals for the unit. As we know, our goals of last year set us back a bit due to that dang IKE, so we've got some catching up to do. Our officers are working hard to ensure we all have a great season and, most of all, great times.

Let's get going on some of the up and coming events so make sure you mark your calendars. We will not go back to February for the simple fact that by the time you read this that month has come and gone. On March 10th we have our Golfers meeting, just one week prior to our TSGA Mid-Winter event which is 19th thru 20th of March. This year we have the honor of hosting this event and we will be playing at Glennloch Golf Club in Spring, TX. March's meeting is a must to attend since we need all the help we can get, along with any brain storming ideas you may have. If you have not had your fill of partying and playing golf, then let's go south down Highway 77 and attend the Rio Grande Valley invitation in Harlingen. This event will be held April 18th-20th. A little heads up when you go down to the valley, should anyone decide to go across the border to shop and what not, please travel in groups. There's safety in numbers and get back across before night comes upon you. It's sad that we need to do such things, but times have changed and some changes are not for the better. In June we head up Northwest to that awesome little city they call Wichita Falls and get the party going for TSA, June 4th-6th. We will be sending out more details on these events so look for them in your e-mail or mailbox. Our meetings are on the second Tuesday of every month and, until we get our club room, we will meet in the Gold Room.

How about that for getting the year started. I do not know about you, but the officers of the unit are sure excited and a little exhausted, but we love doing it. We said we were going to have some great times this year and a lot of catching up to do, and we plan to deliver. So let's get this party going and do your best to come out to our play days, events, meetings and the Shrine stated meetings. We all need some fresh ideas and let us not forget that it's your Arabia Shrine so come on out and join in all the fun. One more final note, and that's to remind the nobility of the annual dues, let's get them to our Treasurer. Hope to see you out on the course or meetings. Until then, GOD Bless.

## CALLING ALL SHRINERS!

Help us help you. Please contact Bill Walker at [wow1b2@gmail.com](mailto:wow1b2@gmail.com) or 281-844-8433 to update your information in the roster. He needs information for the clubs and units as well as everyone's address, phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

Also, please contact John McLeod at [mcleod-web-pub@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mcleod-web-pub@sbcglobal.net) with any articles you might want to add to *The Arabian* or updates

for the web site. He also needs information for the clubs and units (officer information, pictures, write-ups). **Remember, all articles need to be to him by the 5th of the month prior to the next issue** (i.e., May's articles need to be e-mailed by April 5th). All articles should be in Microsoft Word 2003 format using Arial font.



## **PATROL**

By: Norman Bates

March is here and with it came Texas Shrine Patrol Mid-Winter hosted by Arabia Shrine Patrol here in Houston on March 6th and 7th. We had visitors from many Shrine Centers in Texas. It was a very enjoyable gathering for fun and business. Unfortunately, by the time you receive this Arabian, it will be over, but I'll bet we had a great time!!!

Drill Sign Up Night was held at the Shrine Center on Friday, February 13, 2009. It's nearly time to begin our practice – let's get serious and start working on our Championship Drill Team for 2009!!!

"Rookie" drill practice will also begin soon. This is not limited to new Patrolmen. It is necessary and will be extremely helpful to have some "more accomplished" Patrolmen present to assist with the indoctrination, teaching and learning process! Let's get our 2009 competition drill team formed and on its way to another TSA and Imperial championship. Be there!!

The Conroe "Go Texan Parade on February 21st was a great success. This was our first parade for 2009 and gave us an opportunity to "show off" and get tuned up for the rest of the official parades coming during the year.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is in full swing having begun in late February and continues for most of the month of March. Many of our own nobles are actively involved with this huge community event. It is going to be a busy month. But,

we will have fun!!

"Circus Turn-In" meetings are rolling around. Circus starts April 22nd and ends on the 26th, at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds in Rosenberg. This is our fifth year at this location. Last year was a very good year and we must work to make this year even better. As usual, we will need a lot of participation and assistance from all of you Patrolmen and your ladies. This is an opportunity to help with funds for both Arabia Shrine Center and the Patrol. Are you out doing your thing in support of the Shrine Center and Your Unit? **SELL AND WORK CIRCUS!!**

## **SPORTSMEN**

By: Rudy Staudt

I know it is a little late to thank everyone that attended our annual Christmas Party, but if you were not there, you missed a very enjoyable evening of food and entertainment. It was attended by 55 members, the Divan and their ladies.

We started off the year by electing Mike Enmon as our new president. Sherman Markowitz agreed to remain as treasurer and Rudy Staudt as secretary.

The 5th Annual Fishing Tournament will be held May 16th,

Matagorda Harbor, Matagorda, TX. Mike Enmon is organizing the event and needs the help of all our members. His phone number is 713-294-9904.

By the time this issue is received, we will have helped with the IHOP Benefit and gone fishing at Lake Calcasieu in Louisiana. We also voted to move our Annual Sporting Clay Tournament to the Fall. A date has not been set. You will be informed as soon as we have a date.

Our unit is for anyone that enjoys the great outdoors. We have several hunting and fishing events for our members to participate in each year. Monthly meetings are held at the Shrine Center on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. If you need any information on our unit, call me at 281-356-6797.



get ready for a  
**Coushatta Trip!!!**

**\$15 per person** (includes sack lunch & drink)

**Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8 am • 10510 Harwin Dr • Houston, TX 77036

*(The NEW Arabia Temple Location)*

Once we arrive at Coushatta, we will stay  
for 6 hours and then return to Houston.

\*\*Proceeds to benefit 96<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session in Houston, May 2010  
Hosted by Amani Court #72, LOSNA

**Bingo - \$1 per game**  
**Soft Drinks/Water - 50¢**

RSVP and mail your check to Leslie Carrigan to reserve your seat on the bus by April 17<sup>th</sup>  
leslie.carrigan@yellowbook.com • 281-312-8606 • make checks payable to: 96<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session

Mail to: Leslie Carrigan • 26885 Kings Crescent Drive • Kingwood, TX 77339

March 2009

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April 2009

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# ARABIA 2009 SHRINE CIRCUS



**ALL ABOARD!**

**Let's Circus!**

at

Fort Bend County Fairgrounds

April 22-26, 2009