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MAY 1959 PARADE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF MIDIAN SHRINE TEMPLE

While scanning a collection of family photographs recently, we discovered about 30 35mm slides of a parade in downtown Wichita. A little research on Newspapers.com established that this parade was held on May 23, 1959 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Wichita Midian Shrine Temple, and included nearly 12,000 Shriners from Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri. The May 24th Wichita Eagle quoted “veteran traffic officer Fred Stewart,” who estimated that approximately 30,000 people lined the streets to watch the hour-long parade of marching bands, horses, funny cars and floats.



The photographer who took our pictures had a terrific seat for the parade, viewing the participants head on as they came down Douglas and turned south on Water toward the Forum. Our best guess is that the photos were taken by Lorene Cotton, whose husband and father-in-law were both Shriners, and probably marching in the parade.



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NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR LIBRARY COLLECTION

How to read a suit: a guide to changing men's fashion from the 17 th to the 20 th century	I 332
Encyclopedia of the Second World War	R-670 294
The Story of the Great War; the complete historical record of events to date.	R-670 295 V1-8

SHRINER PARADE (CONT)



The pictures are clear enough that, if you knew a Shriner active in 1959, you might recognize him. There are also glimpses of signs for businesses at the intersection of Douglas and Water.

These pictures have been scanned and placed online in our digital collection website. You can view them all by going to <http://mhgswichita.org/om/> and typing "midian" into the search box.

These little treasures are why we love to get donations of full family photo collections, and not just the "genealogy" photos. We never know what nuggets of history are hiding in there!

TWELVE COMMANDMENTS FOR SENIORS

Talk to yourself. There are times you need expert advice.

“In Style” are the clothes that still fit.

You don’t need anger management; you need people to stop making you mad.

Your people skills are just fine. It’s your tolerance for idiots that needs work.

The biggest lie you tell yourself is, “I don’t need to write that down. I’ll remember it.”

“On time” is when you get there.

Even duct tape can’t fix stupid – but it sure does muffle the sound.

Wouldn’t it be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?

Growing old should have taken longer.

Aging has slowed you down, but it hasn’t shut you up.

You still haven’t learned to act your age and hope you never will.

And one more: “one for the road” means going to the bathroom before you leave the house!

ANNUAL MEETING REMINDER

The annual meeting of the Midwest Historical and Genealogical Society is scheduled for SATURDAY MARCH 11 at 1:00. We would like to have many members in attendance, but if you are unable to attend remember you can send in your proxy vote by mail.

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GENEALOGY ROUNDTABLE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP	DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
Second Tuesday @ 1:30 to 3 pm Led by Julia Langel	Fourth Tuesday @ 1:30 pm Led by Twila Ackley Brown
PHOTO MYSTERIES	
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