

ABDALLAH PLAYGROUND



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HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY



Potentate's Message...

Nobles and Ladies,

I want to Congratulate the Abdallah Shrine Rodeo Committee and all the Nobles, Ladies and volunteers on a successful event. Preliminary figures look for this year to be the most profitable event we have had in the last 10 years. This couldn't be possible without all of you!

Congratulations to our 2025 Rodeo Queen Emma Kaiser. She will represent our Shrine Rodeo and Abdallah Shriners well. She's already on the road promoting us. If you're on Facebook I encourage you to follow her.

A few of us fought the 30+ mph winds on the road and in Dodge City for the 52nd annual Kansas Shrine Bowl. It's great to see all of the players, band members, cheerleaders and our patient ambassadors interacting and having fun together. I know this is something they will all remember for a long time. It was a great, hard-fought game and even though the East Team lost, the Shriners Children's program won. As an added bonus, Lansing High School player, Ayden Ellington, was named the East team's most valuable player!

As you're reading this, Tony, Allen, and I are representing Abdallah Shriners at the 2025 Imperial Session in Atlanta. As the Imperial Chief Rabban resigned a few months ago, there will be several candidates running for the Imperial Potentate office.

Bring your friends to our activities and let them see what belonging to such a great organization is about. Deb and I look forward to seeing everyone at our Abdallah activities this year.

Fraternally,

Mike Guillinger
Potentate



Having Fun & Helping
Kids while Keeping it
Alive in '25



Abdallah Shriners

Elected Divan

Potentate	Ill. Mike Guilinger
Chief Rabban	Tony Pagel
Assistant Rabban	Allen Baiamonte
High Priest & Prophet	Rob Swecker
Oriental Guide	Tim Preece
Treasurer	Ill. Ronnie White, PP
Recorder	Ill. Herb Merrick, PP

Appointed Divan

1st Ceremonial	Chris Harrison
2nd Ceremonial	Chris Snell
Marshall	Calvin Smith
Captain of the Guard	Chase LaPorte
Outer Guard	Larry Riggs
Chaplin	Jerry Ogden

Bingo Committee

Chairman	Chris Snell
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Membership Committee

Membership Chairman	Mark Sager
Assistant Chairman	Jacob Davisson
Recruitment	Kurt Osmundson
Restoration	Ill. Tim Williams, PP
Retention	Ill. Bennie Smith, PP
Relationships	Jacob Davisson

Building Association Trustees

Term 2021 - 2025	Ralph Anderton
Term 2022 - 2026	Lynn Baker
Term 2023 - 2027	Ill. Kevin Larson, PP
Term 2024 - 2028	Dennis Hubler
Term 2025 - 2029	Ill. Jeff Johnson, PP

Parade Marshall

Mark Sager

Potentate Aides

Chief Aides	Dennis & Sue Hubler
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Personal Aides

Gaylon Jones & Anna Marie Swearengin

TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

TELL: 913-362-5300

EMAIL: office@abdallahshrine.org

5300 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park, KS
66202

Send address changes to Temple Office



ABDALLAH SHRINERS STATED MEETING



ABDALLAH MAIN HALL

5300 Metcalf AVE, Overland Park, KS 66202

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

7:30 PM

Mike Guilinger
Illustrious Potentate

Ill. Herb Merrick, PP
Recorder

BINGO

July Schedule

Jul. 7	Greeters
Jul. 14	TASS
Jul. 21	Escorts
Jul. 28	Oriental Band

August Schedule

Aug. 4	Antique Cars
Aug. 11	Provost/LoH
Aug. 18	Blue Racers
Aug. 25	Greeters

A minimum of six (6) Nobles and/or Ladies are needed for Bingo Nights by 5:45 pm. If for any reason you cannot work your scheduled time, please try to change with another Unit or Club and then notify the Shrine Office at least one week in advance of the scheduled day.

Thank you in advance for helping with Bingo. This is one of our biggest fund raisers!



In Memory:

Tom Nibarger
Greg Seymour
Jerry Stokes
Richard "Dick" Yunghans



Around The Temple...

Coffee Club



Join us the 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 9am for Coffee, Fellowship and something to eat. On the 2nd Wednesday we have a hot breakfast prepared by Chef Jeffery and on the 4th it's doughnuts. If you can let Jerry know your attending in advance, it will help our planning to make sure we have enough. 816-260-8882 or imastart@kc.rr.com.

If it's a last minute thing, come on anyway. Feel free to bring a good story or joke with you! Hell, even bring your lady along if she won't let you out of the house without her. Hope to see you there.

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Meeting Dinner 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and
French Fries, Tea & Coffee
\$5

Ladies are welcomed and encouraged to
join us for dinner!

Units and Clubs

Don't forget to write an Article for the
PLAYGROUND.

Our readers would like to hear about your past and
future events and other activities that they missed
out on.

It's a good way to get information out to the New
Nobels and Ladies (as well as other members) to
peak their interest in your group. Email your
articles (don't forget to includes pictures) to
abdallahgplayground30@gmail.com.

2025 Parades

Date	Parade	Location
3/16	St Pats—	Shawnee
6/21	KSB Parade—	Dodge City—
7/4	4th of July	Lenexa
7/23	Miami Co Fair	Paola
7/29	Leavenworth Co Fair	Tonganoxie
8/2	Jo Co Fair	Gardner
8/23	Tiblow Days	Bonner Springs
8/30	CSSA	Des Moines
9/27	Spring Hill Days	Spring Hill
10/11	Turner Days	Turner
10/25	Halloween Parade	Atchison
10/31	Halloween Parade	Hiawatha
11/11	Veterans Day	Leavenworth

Abdallah Google Calendars

Abdallah Shriners uses Google calendar to manage and track our activities. Several of these calendars are available to the public which you can access. They are Abdallah Activities, Parades and Unit & Committee Meetings. It is best to have a google account and have google calendar installed to see these. They may work with other calendar programs but no guarantee. They are accessible by adding the following links to your calendar:

Activities

Unit & Committee Meetings

Parades

July Birthdays...

**Don't forget, Birthday Friday
is July 11th this month!**



Sydney G Smith	7/2	Meredith H Caram	7/19
Jerome N Alberts	7/3	Dennis J Werner	7/19
Allen M Peyton	7/3	Zebulon C LaPorte	7/19
Chad D Wyancko	7/3	Kevin W Hughes	7/20
Joshua R Wingerd	7/3	V. P Lessig	7/22
Tommie O Nibarger	7/4	Jimmie L Grassi Sr	7/23
Stephen C Saunders	7/5	Frank J Kneaves	7/24
Kurtis D McCormick	7/5	Richard B Laman	7/24
Ronald E Harvey	7/6	Mike Matteson	7/24
Randy R Mahan	7/6	Kenneth N Courtney	7/25
Casey R Strong	7/7	Charles A Windler	7/25
Matthew C Fehr	7/11	Glen E Beatty	7/27
John E Mowen	7/12	James G Neighbor	7/27
Richard W Siecgrist	7/12	Lynn E Gaston	7/28
Bradley S Johnson	7/14	Charles W Siecgrist	7/29
Enrique Valdovino	7/15	Donald S Lynch	7/29
James O Cate II	7/18	Nickolas A Baldi	7/29
III. Timothy E Williams PP	7/18	III. Doug R Voss PP	7/30

Last Month...



III. Mike Gullinger and June Birthday Celebrants.

Next Birthday Friday - July 11th!

Come on down to the Abdallah Oasis to celebrate this month's Birthdays along with your fellow Nobles.

Birthday Friday in July will be on the second Friday of this month and starts at 7:00 pm (for open bar). Feel free to bring a snack to share.

See you there!

Around The Temple...

Meet Ayden Ellington..Again

As you read last month, one of our area Kansas Shrine Bowl players, Ayden Ellington (Lansing) was going to sing at our Rodeo on Thursday and Friday night. He came out and did an outstanding job on both nights!

Not to outdo himself, after the Rodeo, Ayden went on to play the following weekend in Dodge City at this year's 52nd Kansas Shrine Bowl. And would you be surprised, Ayden was selected as the East All-Star MVP in the game! Wow, what an honor to have such a fine young man be a part of two big Shrine events!

Good luck to you Ayden and we wish you much success!



Ayden Ellington, East All-Star MVP

Abdallah Shriner Receives 70-Year Masonic Pin

Congratulations to Noble Roger Miller, who received his 70-Year Masonic Service pin on June 7th at Wyandotte Lodge No. 3, A.F. & A.M! His pin was presented by R.:W.: Dave Hendricks of the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of Kansas, A.F. & A.M.

Roger, a retired pharmacist, has been a long time member of Abdallah Shriners and is active in our golfing group, the Nomads. He has a passion for magic and helped entertain children at our Kid's Breakfast with Santa last December.

Congratulations Roger on such an amazing milestone!



R.:W.: Dave Henricks, Noble Roger Miller and Lady Shelia

Around The Temple...

2026 Temple Trip Meeting

Nobles and Ladies, mark your calendars for Friday, July 18th for an informational meeting on the 2026 Temple trip to Villa Del Parma, Loretto, Mexico.

The meeting will be in the Abdallah Oasis, at 7:00 pm. If you have any questions, contact Tony Pagel at 913-927-9129.

Come and learn about more - see you then!



Next

meeting is Thursday, July 24th. Social starts gathering at 5:00 pm, dinner's around 6:30 pm/

Come check out the Abdallah Social Society! Dues are \$50/year and your initiation fee is a bottle of your favorite drink. Our next meeting will be June 26th, social gathering around 5:00 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm.

Bring a cigar to share. We have a raffle for those brought in and when your number is called, you get to pick from the pile! For more information, contact Allen Baiamonte, 816-204-0945 or Chris Snell, 913-461-8888.

Abdallah's 2025 Rodeo Queen - Emma Kaiser

Abdallah Shriners held their annual Rodeo Queen competition with several contestants on May 31th. The competition included horsemanship and riding, as well as Shriner knowledge and poise.

Our 2025 Queen was announced at our 65th Rodeo at the Johnson County Fairgrounds on the second day of the Rodeo, June 13th. We are pleased to announce that Emma Kaiser of Spring Hill, KS will be representing our Temple for the coming year until our next Rodeo on June 11th & 12th, 2026.

Congratulations Emma Kaiser!



Around The Temple...

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Monday Night Bingo - New Games

Starting last month, our Bingo Committee has changed up some of our games. First, our regular game payouts have increased to \$99/game. We still have a Progressive game before intermission, with the consolation prize being \$99, but the weekly increase is now a portion of the intake from that night. Lastly, what used to be our final Progressive game, which was a Blackout, has a weekly payout of \$500 each week. We've already seen an increase in our weekly attendance with these changes.

As our Bingo grows, it's that much more important that ALL Units help out on your designated week. Please help us be successful - remind you members when it's your turn to help support one of our largest fundraisers.

Btw, come out and play, it's fun!



Door Upgrade – ADA Compliant Electronic Door Openers

The Brown Family has asked that Abdallah install ADA Compliant Electronic Door Openers on the North and South Lobby entry doors of our building. This was a wish of Joe's after having to navigate this issue with Carolyn over the last few years. In honor of Joe & Carolyn Brown, the Building Association Board has agreed to this request and a donation fund has been created for this purpose. You may have already seen a Donorbox program on Facebook.

There is also a link to it on our website in the More section. Here is the link: <https://abdallahshriners.com/donations>

Anyone who desires to make a contribution to this program may also send a check to the Abdallah office, memo: ADA Door Fund or drop it by the office. Credit Card Donations are also accepted at the Abdallah office.

Let's make this happen!



Around The Temple...



The Antique and Classic Cars Unit met at Johnny's restaurant for their June Meeting. We discussed Vidalia onion sales and turned in our money. We

did well this year with 3,000 pounds of onions. Many of us have loyal customers who look forward to the sweet onions. Our dinner was well attended by members and their ladies. We had a good meal and a good time.

June 11th was the Abdallah Shrine pre-Rodeo Fun Family night car show. The Antique cars were asked to conduct a car show at the Wednesday evening event. Most of our members showed up with a vehicle that sported door placards and unit flags. Gotta say, we looked pretty good, too. Then they began to show up. Cars and trucks, many of which were museum pieces arrived. Olathe Ford brought 3 unique trucks to the car show. Over 30 vehicles were on hand for the families who showed up to enjoy Mutton Busting and other fun family activities. Potentate, Mike Gulinger created dash plaques at his own expense and handed them out to the exhibitors. Thank you Illustrious Sir. Our Unit outdid themselves to get the word out to car clubs then became ambassadors of good will to welcome all of the car exhibitors. Well Done Unit Members! Especially Lynn Baker and Steve Christensen. You did an exceptional job!

Unit members were on-hand, volunteering at the Rodeo and Demo Derby the remainder of the week. We don't brag about our annual contribution, but we've always supported the Rodeo.

Unit member and Assistant Chief Rabban, Allen Baiamonte is a chief driving force for the Kansas East West Shrine Bowl with the Red Zone Committee. He was front and center along with Lady Jackie Baiamonte at the Shrine Bowl in Dodge City. Thank you for your dedication to the

Shriners Hospitals and the Kids they serve.

Our July meeting will be in the Oasis on the 2nd of the month. Business will be light but the conversation will be good among members. Our Unit is ready and prepared for the 4th of July Parade in Lenexa, KS. Please plan to attend the Stated Meeting on the 8th.

July 27th is the Escorts Golf Event, and any golfers are encouraged to enter and participate. You don't have to be good, just bring plenty of cash because there will be several holes you might find compelling.

If you have that special car in your garage, running or not, we may be the group you want to associate with. Our members are also members of other car clubs, and we bring that dynamic to our Unit. If you are curious, call Patrick W. Emmett, 913-744-6347 to learn more.

Respectfully submitted, Patrick W. Emmett



Temple Events...



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2025 Kansas Shrine Bowl - West Prevails over East, 26-8

The 52nd Kansas Shrine Bowl wrapped on June 21st in a very windy Dodge City, KS. Although, it looked like it was going to be a close game through the first half, the West took control in the second and ground out a commanding victory by the end of the game. Of course, in the end, Shriners Children's is the real winner!

We had a great Hospital Experience with the players, band, & cheerleaders, as well as other events such as Golf Tournament, Friday Carnival, Fan Fest, and finally, the Game.

A special shout out to the Abdallah Escorts for proving dinner at the East Player Camp in Ottawa, KS. THANK YOU to Abdallah Units and Shriners for supporting this year's Kansas Shrine Bowl; you are the reason it is a success! Until next year - Go East!



Temple Events...

2025 Imperial Session

This year's Imperial Session is in Atlanta, GA, from June 29th through July 3rd. As of publication time of this month's *Playground*, we're still in Imperial Session.

Abdallah's voting delegates included Illustrious Mike Guilinger and Chief Rabban, Tony Pagel. Other attendees from Abdallah included Assistant Rabban, Allen Baiamonte, and Ill. Mike Travares, PP.

Fellow Kansas Shriner, Imperial Sir Brad Koehn, Arab Shriners, was elected as Imperial Potentate of Shriners International for 2025-2026.





14th Annual
Golf Tournament

Four Man Scramble
Sunday, July 27th, 2025

9:30 am Registration • 1:00 pm Shotgun

Sunflower Hills Golf Course, 12200 Riverview Ave., Bonner Springs, KS

Registration deadline July 13th, 2025

Tournament is open to anyone

Player Information ☐ **Individual \$85** ☐ **4 Player Team \$320**

Includes green fees, cart, lunch, goody bag with 4 beer tickets, soda and water

Team Captain _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Player 2 _____

Player 3 _____

Player 4 _____

Please Send "Cash or Check" Only To:

Scott Steele, 7740 Long Street, Lenexa. KS 66216 913-515-4996

Cash awarded for top team in A and B flights, and prize for longest drive, longest putt and closest to the pin. Mulligans available for purchase prior to tee off.

Sponsorships

We have several opportunities available. If interested, please check type of sponsorship desired. Please include artwork and payment with registration.

- ☐ **\$500 - Corporate Sponsor With 4 Player Team • Includes Two Hole Sponsorships**
- ☐ **\$300 - Corporate Sponsor Without Players • Includes Two Hole Sponsorships**
- ☐ **\$150 - Hole Sponsorship • Hole Sign With Sponsor Logo**

Please print company name as you would like it to appear on Hole Sign and attach logo

Company Name _____ Contact Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Donations Accepted

Don't miss our Sports Memorabilia Silent Auction and a NEW game Hit or Miss!

To save your spot now, please text or call Scott Steele at 913-515-4996

Thank You For Your Support

Proceeds from this golf tournament are for the benefit of the Abdallah Escorts and are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution.

Abdallah Shriners present

Puzzles,

Pizza & Pitchers

Saturday, Aug. 23

doors open at 6:00 pm
competition starts at 7:00 pm

\$20 per team of 4 players

each team will get a large pizza, a pitcher of
drink (your choice) and a puzzle - the first
team to finish all 3 wins!

prizes awarded for the top 3
teams that finish first

RSVP by Aug. 17

RSVP @ Abdallah Office (913-362-5300)
Jackie @ 913-568-7118
Allen @ 816-204-0945

cash bar in the Abdallah Oasis

**Don't have a team of 4?
We can help**

proceeds are for the benefit of abdallah shriners activities
payments are not deductible as a charitable contribution

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**Abdallah Shriners****2025 Reservation Form***Homewood Suites* by Hilton

6220 Stagecoach Drive

West Des Moines, IA 50266

Abdallah-Ararat-Mirza Joint Hotel

Noble Name _____ Ladies Name _____

Shrine ID (7 digit) _____ Unit _____
(Not Member Number)***Group Rate is available Wednesday, 8/27, through Saturday, 8/30 only***

Room Preference (not guaranteed)

1 Bed _____ 2 Beds _____ Handicapped Accessible _____

Nights Staying:

Wednesday, 8/27 _____

Thursday, 8/28 _____

Friday, 8/29 _____

Saturday, 8/30 _____

Early Hotel Registration Special:***\$155/night by June 27, 2025******\$165/night after June 27, 2025******REGISTRATION DEADLINE***
August 12th - Must be Paid in Full***Hotel total*** \$ _____***Additional required fees:***

CSSA registration (\$50/person; \$100/couple) \$ _____

Includes additional \$25 fee pp for Hospitality Room \$ _____***Optional activities:***

Ladies Luncheon – Thursday 11am -1pm - \$40 \$ _____

Golf Outing – Thursday - \$75 \$ _____

Parking Lot Party - Za-Ga-Zig Shrine, Altoona – \$20/person \$ _____

Thursday, 8/28, 5pm – 9pm

Grand Total Due \$ _____

Please Contact Abdallah Shriners Office for reservations and payments.
913-362-5300 or office@abdallahshrine.org

Around the Realm...



Members of El Ma'at Temple No. 120 at Daughters of the Nile Supreme Session in Las Vegas are Queen Cindy Wise, Princess Royal Mary Keffer, Princess Tirzah Ronda Therooff, Princess Banker Susan McGinnis PQ, and Lady of the Keys Ruby Barclay. From fun times, friends from far places, bonding with fellow members, changing legislation (now to allow friends of members to join), to



remembering those Past Queens no longer with us by placing white roses in their honor.

With El Maat receiving three Supreme appointments and one special Princess recognized for her loyalty and service to our temple, we wish to extend congratulations to these members. It was a busy week!

Next up, we hope that everyone will join us as we

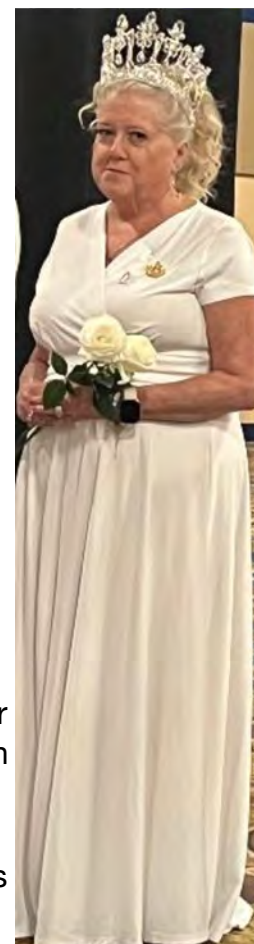
raise money for the Shriners Children's with an Annual Relief Dinner and Bazaar on Saturday, June 28th at the Old Mission Masonic Center. Start shopping at 10am and eating from 11am-3pm at a suggested donation of \$15 for a pork loin dinner (or limited chicken option) with all the fixin's. We will welcome the new Supreme Queen

El Maat Temple No. 120

Pat Stripling-Brown	2007, 2013
Martha Conley	1973



for both events -- call ahead to make sure we have plenty of food for you. We hope to see YOU there!



to the Kansas City area on Tuesday, July 29th with a Ceremonial at 3pm for members only and invite the whole Masonic family to join us for a BBQ dinner at 5:30pm at a cost of \$15, also at the Old Mission Masonic Center, 5201 W 75th Street, Prairie Village, Kansas (RSVP to Mary Keffer at 913-302-8539). Payment will be accepted at the door



Around the Realm...



Delaware Demolay Chapter is having a Country Meats Fundraiser!



Order Now at www.CountryMeats.com/fundraiser/delaware-demolay-chapter
or by scanning the QR code with your phone!



A Big Thank You
For All Your Support

You can help even more by sharing this with a friend or sharing the URL or QR code on social media with friends!



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UPCOMING EVENTS AT ABDALLAH SHRINE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		01	02	03	04	05
		Imperial Session-Atlanta	Imperial Session-Atlanta	Imperial Session-Atlanta	Lenexa 4 th of July Parade	
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Bingo-Greeters	ABDALLAH STATED MEETING	Coffee Club		Birthday Friday	Shriners Day @ ST Louis Cardinals	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Bingo-TASS				2026 Trip Meeting		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Bingo-Escorts		Coffee Club	TASS Mtg		Johnson County Derby	
27	28	29	30	31		
Escorts Golf Tournament	Bingo-Oriental Band					
	Johnson CountyFair	Johnson CountyFair	Johnson CountyFair	Johnson CountyFair		

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT ABDALLAH SHRINE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					01	02
				Johnson CountyFair		Johnson County Fair Parade Johnson CountyFair
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
Bingo-Antique Cars				Birthday Friday		Tin Lizzies/Escorts 60's Dance
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Bingo- Provost/LoH	ABDALLAH STATED MEETING	Coffee Club				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Bingo-Blue Racers						Tiblow Days Parade Pizza & Puzzles
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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