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# MEMBERSHIP

<b>January 1, 2020</b>	<b>733</b>
Creations	0
Affiliations	1
Restorations	7
Associations	1
Deceased	(21)
Demitted	(1)
Suspended	0
Withdrawn	0
Associate Dropped	0
Expulsions	0
<b>August 31, 2020</b>	<b>721</b>
Regular members	696
Associate members	25

*the Black Camel*

**In Memory**

**Leo Bayless**

**Keith Beach**

**Mathew Larson**

**Jay Myers**

## BINGO Schedule - 2020

<b>September</b>		
7	<b>Tin Lizzies</b>	A minimum of six (6) Nobles and/or Ladies are needed for Bingo Nights by 6:45 pm. If for any reason you cannot work your scheduled time, please try to change with another Unit or Club and then notify Keith Jordan at least one week in advance of the changes.
14	<b>Greeters</b>	
21	<b>Jokers</b>	
28	<b>LoH</b>	
<b>October</b>		Thank you in advance for helping with Bingo. This is one of our biggest fund raisers!
5	<b>Misfits</b>	
12	<b>TASS/Yo-Shi</b>	
19	<b>Clowns</b>	
26	<b>Escorts</b>	

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**SHRINE OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday  
 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
 Closed Saturday & Sunday

**Stated Meeting**  
**September 8, 2020**  
**6:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

# NO DINNER

Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, coffee & tea

Interested in helping the needy? You are looking for a few good men to help in the kitchen.

**Ladies are welcome and encouraged to join us for dinner. Please come support Abdallah Chefs!**



**ABDALLAH STATED MEETING**  
**September 8, 2020**  
**ABDALLAH SHRINE**  
**5300 Metcalf, Overland Park, KS 66202**  
**2020 Dues Card Required**

**7:30 PM**

## In Person & on Zoom

**Brian Wilson**  
**Illustrious Potentate**

**Bennie Smith P.P.**  
**Recorder**

## ***The POTENTATE'S MESSAGE***



Greetings to all Nobles and Ladies.

The dog days of summer are upon us for sure. I hope all of you are finding things to keep you busy until we can return to our Shrine family this fall. You know things are weird when Amy and I have not put many miles on our Harley Davidson this summer.

A huge announcement from my family is that my daughter, Shanelle, and her husband, Noble John Duke, are expecting their first child. The baby is expected to be born in March 2021. Also, Amy and I adopted a new family member this past month. We have a new fur baby named Gunner. He is a 3 year old Lhasa Poo.

Unfortunately this past month we were forced to stop all operations at the Shrine, due to a recent spike in Covid in Kansas and Missouri. As I have stated before, we want you to come and enjoy the events we have to offer. When we do resume normal operations, there will be no expectation for anyone to attend any event, but we hope that you will all want to return soon. We are doing everything we can to try to offer events that people will feel safe, and will also keep our fraternity relevant in your life.

You should have received a letter from me, in the mail, calling for a Special Building Association meeting in conjunction with our Stated Meeting on September 8, 2020, for the purpose of possibly selling our undeveloped property to the west of our building. We plan to conduct this meeting in person and also via zoom. Please plan to attend this meeting and submit your vote. This is an important decision which affects the future of Abdallah in a very real way.

The Potentates ball at Abdallah is still scheduled to be held on December 12. We continue to monitor the covid crisis and will make a decision later to determine if we can safely have the ball. If we do have the ball, the main hall will look beautiful, and we will have a good time. Please consider joining us at the Ball on December 12.

Even though we are not having events at the shrine, we are taking this time to continue to work on much needed projects to update our building. The updates to the Activity Room are complete. The updates include fresh paint, new footboard, new chair rail, new flooring, new bar front and new shelving for the AV equipment. A huge thank you goes out to Noble Ralph Anderton. Ralph has spent a lot of his own time on the activity room, and the quality of the workmanship looks incredible. Again, THANK YOU Ralph and also, thank you to Atwood Lodge for making this project look so good! We plan to continue working on other projects through the end of the year, and some outside projects when the weather cools down. We will need some workers to help out. Please watch the updates and volunteer to help when needed. A huge thank you goes out to Illustrious Sir Kevin Larson and Noble Benny Harper for mowing the grass every week. It takes a few hours every week to mow our property and it is hot, sticky work. We do need some Nobles to come help trim the weeds soon. Please consider helping out.

During this past month we have had several deaths directly impacting our Shrine family. I wish those families dealing with these deaths compassion and love. We as a Shrine family are always impacted by the death of anyone in our family. Please continue to call these Nobles and Ladies and just be willing to talk to them and ask them how they are doing, it really means a lot!

We are trying to plan for an September Ceremonial. Currently we have no new nobles to initiate. Due to the Covid crisis, the Grand Master is not currently allowing any degree work to be conducted in lodges. All I can hope for is that the Grand Master will soon lift this restriction and begin to allow lodges to resume conducting degree work. If we have new Nobles to initiate we will evaluate a ceremonial at that time. We are planning to conduct a small yearly awards ceremony for Nobles, but of course that's dependent on the state of the covid crisis. Please look at the weekly updates as sent out from the office on Sundays.

We are looking for a Noble that would like to serve as a board member for the Kansas Shrine Bowl. Illustrious Sir Mike Tavares has resigned from the Shrine Bowl Board. Abdallah is scheduled to have one of it's Directors be the President of the Shrine Bowl next year. With Illustrious Sir Mike resigning, the Divan was left with trying to replace a Shrine Bowl Board Director. Fortunately for us, Illustrious Sir Tim Williams has agreed to step up and be the Shrine Bowl Director for 2021. I am extremely confident that Illustrious Sir Tim will represent you and all of Abdallah in a great way. Illustrious Sir Tim has a passion for the Shrine Bowl and will lead the Shrine Bowl in the right direction. *(Continued next Page)*

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Noble Allen Biamonte continues to also serve as a Shrine Bowl Board Member. We do have an opening for Abdallah's third Shrine Bowl Board member. If you are interested in serving on the board, please make contact with me soon.

Finally, THANK YOU for all you all do to make Abdallah a great place. I know times like this can be stressful and leave us with negative thoughts, but now is the time to come together and show what true Brotherhood and the Shrine Family is all about. In order for Abdallah to succeed in the future we will need everyone's help, support, ideas and brotherhood. Someday, things will return to normal, but for now, let's work together for a common goal. The common goal is to do what's best for Abdallah, and not only what's best for our individual unit or clubs. We can do this as long as we look out for each other and help each other out when times seem tough. I look forward to seeing all of you soon, but until that day happens, please be safe, take care, wash your hands and wear your mask.

Brian Wilson, Potentate





Reach Out...  
Phone, Write, Visit! Say...

# Happy Birthday Noble!

From the Illustrious Potentate, Divan and  
Members of Abdallah Shriners



**Sept 2nd**

Raymond T Foster  
Albion A Bergstrom  
Roger G Frederick  
Mark D Prestley

**Sept 3rd**

Daniel R Hoffman  
Marc S Rowe  
Dewitt P Mayfield

**Sept 5th**

Orris W Crum  
Philip E Bumgartner  
David R Neal

**Sept 6th**

Richard R Stripling  
Richard A Stofer

**Sept 8th**

Joseph E Stubler  
Scott A Mead

**Sept 9th**

Fredrick H Folsche  
Steven A Meier  
Roy E Samuel III  
Steven B Nelson

**Sept 11th**

William L Moffett  
Randy D Burton  
Ryan W Filmore  
Matthew E Bennett

**Sept 12th**

Gordon L Toms P.P.  
Richard R Stovall  
Wiley N McMillan Jr.

**Sept 13th**

Jon D Robbins

**Sept 14th**

Kenneth M Kerr  
Daniel L Peterson Jr  
Stinson Underwood

**Sept 15th**

Ted C Talbert  
Michael A Cook  
Edward G Lindsey  
Gregory M Bequette

**Sept 16th**

R W Thompson  
John W Pepper

**Sept 17th**

E. G Puckett  
Kirby D Fuller  
Gary W Long

**Sept 18th**

James W Lear P.P.

**Sept 19th**

Marlon C Harrison

**Sept 20th**

David L Miller  
Michael J Kokoruda III  
Jason D Hewitt

**Sept 21st**

James W De Rodes  
James M Rush

**Sept 22nd**

Larry D Gaston P.P.  
Rick D Bellinger  
Toby A Prawl

**Sept 23rd**

Darrel L Odle  
John W Evans  
Craig R Bills  
Kevin W Larson P.P.

**Sept 24th**

Larry L Cook  
Bryan J Beaver

**Sept 25th**

Kevin C Zimmerly

**Sept 27th**

James E Owens  
Charles L Stevens  
Ruben Irizarry-Guzman

**Sept 28th**

Larry R Riggs  
David A Nash  
James W Robinson

Gary L Morris  
Terry P Lawson  
Darrell R Luce

Daniel M Clancy  
Kirk D Reimer

**Sept 29th**

**Sept 30th**

James E Paulsen  
Dennis N Cranor  
Darren E Bogart



wishing you  
the **BEST**  
birthday  
ever!

# Chaplain



By Jerry Ogden

*“Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens.” Psalm 68:19*

We have been living in very strange times lately, and it seems we will likely be in these strange moments for the foreseeable future. We don't like it, we don't want any part of it and we just want to live our lives any blessed way we want, right? Let's face it; we aren't accustomed to having 'our' routines messed with, regardless of the reasons. We don't like change unless 'we' are the ones making changes. We want to be who we are and do what we want, and the rest of the world can like it or lump it.

Have we checked lately with God, asking Him if that's what He has in mind about living our lives in His Image? Seems we owe God, our Creator and the Source of all we are, that much.

It's easy to go about our lives, problems and all, thinking we must handle every life difficulty the best way we can, knowing full well it's either we do that or no one else will. Oops, forgot to check with God. Maybe he's letting us handle the small stuff while He's carrying the really heavy loads.

So, whether it's relationships, money, health, etc. that we are facing, imagine what Burdens God must be taking care for us without troubling us in the least. When we go to God, He never complains about what He is doing for us. He just wants to hear from us and the simple words, **“Thank you Lord for everything You continue to do for me, blessing me in so many ways. I'm sorry that often I let You down, but I'll try to do better.”**

‘May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be wholly acceptable to You, Oh Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer.’

Amen

## Abdallah Greeters

**“A handshake is all it takes to meet, greet, and make friends...”**

By Bob Anver

The Abdallah Greeters held their first Fall meeting on August 25th. Final arrangements were made for the Fiesta Italiana on October 17th. It was suggested that the theme be changed to Polski Festiwal or Festiwal.

Węgierski (Hungarian Festival) since it would be easier to cook sausages than spaghetti and mac and cheese. However, these suggestions were discarded. Hopefully, the COVID-19 virus will have started to be controlled so we can continue with our planning in September.

On a lighter note:

*A mason who had just been installed as Master of his Lodge and was duly attending all the functions he could was having a hard time with his wife who said... " All those masters-in-office have to do is click their fingers and you would be there wouldn't you?.....I wish I was a master!"*

## THANK YOU!

Past Potentate Lyle Smith would like to thank all his family and friends for the phone calls, cards, and donations on the passing of Diane.

It is wonderful to have so many friends in this time of need.



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## Units and Clubs

Don't forget to write an Article to go here in this section of the PLAYGROUND.

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

It is a good way to get information out to New Nobles and Ladies to peak their interest in your group.

email your article to: [playground@abdallahshrine.org](mailto:playground@abdallahshrine.org)



**“THE LAUGH”**

The JOKER Family is all doing well!

It is with a deeply saddened heart which I share this information.

Brother and Nobel Charles (Charlie) Smith went to meet the Great Architect. Charles Robert Smith, 89, Mission, KS died Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at the University of Kansas Medical Center. Charles will be laid to rest in a private family ceremony in Wamego City Cemetery, Wamego, KS. A public celebration of Charles's life will be held later.

Charles was born February 28, 1931 to the late Charles and Margaret Smith in Kansas City, Kansas. Charles graduated from Wyandotte High School in 1948. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Washburn University and a master's degree in Guidance Counseling from the University of Kansas. Charles started his career in education in 1959 with the Shawnee Mission School District. He went on to teach at Old Mission Junior High, Shawnee Mission West and served as the Vice Principal.

He was inaugural principal for Trailridge Middle School when it opened in 1967. In the mid-70's, Charles was promoted to the district offices as the Director of Pupil services until his retirement in 1994.

Charles was a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, National Education Association, the Screen Actors Guild, and American Federation of Radio and TV Artists. He also was a member of the Elks Lodge #808 in Salida, CO. Charles was also a proud Rotarian and a charter member of the Lenexa Rotary Club where he served as Past District Governor, Dist. 5710 and Past Charter President of the Lenexa Rotary Club. He was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship Award by the Rotary International.

Charles was also a member of the Lenexa Masonic Lodge #135 and Abdallah Shrine where he was a member of the Joker's Club. Charles also served as the consumer member of the Kansas State Board of Mortuary Arts. Charles was most proud of being a member of MacGeezers and the Head Wrangler at the "Lazy S Bar Nothin' Ranch."

Charles is preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Wallace Blaine Smith. He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years Patricia Pitney Smith; his children,

Mark (RoxAnne) Smith; Nancy (Glen) Stramel; Bruce (Kim) Smith, Carol (Aaron) Garton; 7 grandchildren, Jason Smith; Nathan Smith; Grant (Rachael) Stramel; Todd Stramel; Blair (Bob) Harris; Macauley (Kelsey) Garton; Ally Garton and five great grandchildren.

Charlie is best remembered for his dry humor, excellent selection of Scotch Whiskey, most of all his exceptional bar-b-que ribs!

The JOKER Family, to Celebrate Charlie's Life, will be purchasing a \$500.00 "Gold Page Advertisement," for the Shriner's Hospitals in his behalf.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Abdallah Shrine's Crippled Children's Transportation Fund or to the Rotary Foundation.

JOKER'S next regular scheduled meeting is TUESDAY, September 22, 2020, fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Tuesday of the month.

Social Hour commences at 6:00 PM and continues until 6:30 PM; meal starts immediately afterwards. Regular scheduled monthly meeting starts at 7:30. Come have a drink and share your humor!

Stay Safe

**LIFE is a LONG LESSON in HUMANITY**



With Derby canceled, the A.S.S. Club had a "special meeting" on August 27th. The Social started at 5pm, and we grilled some burgers and dogs for food at 6:30 which we then followed by more socializing. As this was not a scheduled meeting for the club, no business was conducted.

Our next meeting will be September 24th. Social starting at 5 with food at 6:30 and the meeting at 7pm. As always more socializing after the meeting.

The Club is open to any Noble in good standing so if you're not already a member come visit us and see what being an A.S.S. member is all about.

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By Roger Miller

Nomad results!

**July 15<sup>th</sup> – Sunflower**

Closest to pin #4 – Kenny Courtney; #13 – Roger Miller  
Long drive #10 – over 80 – Roger Miller; over 90 – Bob Caplinger

Long Putt #18 – Bob Caplinger

Birdies: Bob Hansen and Bob Caplinger – 1 each

**July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sunflower**

Closest to pin #13 – Bob Hansen  
Long drive #10 – no one hit the fairway! WOW!  
Long Putt #9 – Bob Hansen; #18 – Pat Emmett  
Closest to pin in 2 - #16 – Roger Miller  
Birdies: Dick Strong and Roger Miller – 1 each

**July 30<sup>th</sup> – rained out**

**August 6 – Sunflower**

Closest to pin #13 – Kenny Courtney  
Long Drive #10 – under 80 – Greg White; over 80 – Roger Miller; over 90 – Bob Caplinger  
Closest to pin in 2 #16 – Roger Miller  
Birdies: Greg White and Roger Miller – 1 ;  
Kenny Courtney - 3



By Gaylon Jones

The Tin Lizzies and Lizzettes are saddened by the passing of former 1<sup>st</sup> Lady of Abdallah and a dear friend of all on August 11<sup>th</sup>. We will miss her dearly and pray for peace and comfort for our dear Lyle.

Please keep practice social distancing. Wear your masks! Maybe soon we will be able to socialize again.

*Anniversary:*

Diane/Lyle Smith 9-4

*Birthday:*

Jim Rush 9-21

Happy Birthday to all Shrine members and their Ladies that have birthdays in September!

Life is not about the quantity of friends you have. It is the quality of friends you have.






## Table Cloths Reminder

As we have to pay for table clothes by the week, whether they are used or not, the Temple no longer carries an inventory. *(We actually pay the same per week, per table cloth, for them to sit on the self or to be used )*

They are now a special order item so, If you need table linens or table clothes for your event, they **MUST** be ordered 2 weeks in advance through the Abdallah Shriners office.

If any member would like to be added to my Angel Lady Sunshine News Updates please email me at [anniem22@att.net](mailto:anniem22@att.net) There are a lot of new members and I don't have all your email addresses. Thanks!

PCM


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Also, as a reminder, the deadline for submitted materials to the *Playground* is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

If you would like to advertise an upcoming event and the prices for that event, you will need to place an ad. You can contact the office to get the proper paper work to place that ad.

Thank you,

Jerry Ogden, Editor

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The Temple Office at 913-362-5300

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**With the pots getting bigger we need even more help! If you can come help, please do!**



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**Units & Clubs: Now is the time to be booking the Abdallah Hall and the Nobles Activity Room for your 2021 Events & Activities! Don't wait until it's too late to get the dates you want!**

# 50/50 Raffle

Need another great reason to come to Stated Meetings? Abdallah Shrine is starting a 50/50 raffle at each Stated Meeting. Half of the pot will go to the winner and the other half will go towards the next months pot! The pot will grow every month and the payout will be higher and higher! Be sure to come to Stated Meetings as you don't want to miss this!

# It's Back

## Abdallah Coffee Club

Meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month  
9:00am - Activity Room

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**ELECTIVE DIVAN**

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Zugelder@ieee.org	
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## Upcoming Events

**All Future activities are subject to our local Health Directives so please watch for further information.**

**Sept 4th - CANCELED - B-day Friday**

**Sept 7th - Labor Day**

**Sept 7th - CANCELED - Bingo**

**Sept 8th - Stated Meeting - 7:30 PM - NO Dinner**

**The Abdallah Shrine Office hours are 9 AM to 4 PM Monday through Friday. The Building will be unlocked from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. unless prior arrangements are made.**

**Thank you and Stay Safe!**



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