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January 1, 2023	590
Creations	4
Affiliations	0
Restorations	4
Associations	2
Deceased	(22)
Demitted	(9)
Suspended	(4)
Withdrawn	0
Associate Dropped	(2)
Expulsions	0
November 30, 2023	563
Regular members	544
Associate members	19

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Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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In memory:

Lawrence Costa
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BINGO Schedule - 2023-24

December

4 Tin Lizzies
11 500s
18 Misfits
25 NO BINGO

January

1 NO Bingo
8 Greeters
15 Clowns & Jokers
22 TASS
29 Escorts

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 big-
gest fund raisers!



Meeting Dinner 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

**Baked Ham, Sweet potatoes,
Green beans, Salad, Roll,
Desert, Coffee or Tea
\$12**

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



ABDALLAH SHRINERS ELECTION of OFFICERS & STATED MEETING



ABDALLAH AUDITORIUM
5300 Metcalf, Overland Park, KS 66202
Tuesday, December 12, 2023
7:30 PM

Greg Sippel
Illustrious Potentate

Herb Merrick P.P.
Recorder



NOTICE: ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR ABDALLAH SHRINERS 2024

Election Meeting – Abdallah Shriners Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 7:30pm at the Shrine for the transaction of all Regular business-balloting on petitions for creation, affiliation & associate membership-reports from officers & committees-election of officers.

and

**Special meeting of the Abdallah Temple Building Association
for the purpose of electing Trustees for 2024**

YOU MUST HAVE YOUR 2023 DUES CARD TO ATTEND THIS ANNUAL MEETING

The Law Governing Annual Elections

Greg Sippel, Potentate 2023

For the guidance of the Nobility, we publish the law regarding the proper way to conduct the election of Officers. It is as follows:

FROM THE BY-LAWS OF SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL ARTICLE 25

Officers; Their Election or Appointment § 325.1 Officers. (a) List. The officers of the temple are:

Potentate.....	Shayk
Chief Rabban.....	Emeer
Assistant Rabban.....	Sahib
High Priest and Prophet.....	Imam
Oriental Guide.....	Ayn
Treasurer.....	Chayzin
Recorder.....	Katib
First Ceremonial Master.....	Wakil
Second Ceremonial Master.....	Alam
Director.....	Malah
Marshal.....	Amal
Captain of the Guard.....	Rays
Outer Guard.....	Hafix

(b) Limitation. No person may hold more than one of the foregoing offices at the same time.

§ 325.2 Election and Qualification.

Election Order. The first 7 officers shall be elected annually, in the order in which they appear in § 325.1(a), by ballot and constitute the official divan. Candidates for the elective office in the shrine center must be members in good standing of that shrine center.

Term Limit. A Noble may not serve as Potentate of any shrine center for more than 2 years. However, a Noble may serve as Potentate for an additional 2 years if he has served in an office or offices on the official Divan other than Potentate, for at least 2 years subsequent to previous terms as Potentate and there are no other eligible candidates offering for election to the position as Potentate.

Qualification. A Noble may not serve as Potentate of any temple unless he shall have first served at least one term as either Chief Rabban or Assistant Rabban of a shrine center.

Dispensation. Upon a showing of good and sufficient cause, in writing and at least 60 days prior to the shrine center election, the Imperial potentate may waive the provisions of subsection (c) with respect to candidates for the office of Potentate at such shrine center election.

§ 325.3 Appointment. The other officers name in § 352.1 shall be anointed by the Potentate.

§ 325.4 When Elected. Each shrine center must elect its officers and representatives at its annual meeting in January unless its bylaws allow the election to occur at the shrine center's stated meeting in December.

§ 325.5 Ballot.

Separate Ballot. Election of officers shall be by a majority vote of those present voting. When there is more than one candidate for election to an office, a separate written ballot is required. A blanket ballot is prohibited.

Retention. The ballots cast in any contested election for shrine center's office shall be retained in the custody of the Recorder for a period of 90 days following the election, after which they may be destroyed unless the Imperial Potentate otherwise orders.

Void Ballot. Blank ballots or ballots containing any markings other than the name of a candidate nominated from the floor are not votes and are not to be considered for any purpose.

§ 325.6 Time of Election. Nominations must commence not later than 9:00pm and when that hour arrives all other business must cease, and none may be transacted until the election is concluded.

§ 325.7 Other Officers. The shrine center may elect such other officers as its bylaws provide.

§ 325.8 Nomination. Candidates for office and representative must be placed in nomination floor.

§ 325.9 Leadership Search Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint a committee consisting of not more than five (5) Nobles to study the qualifications of possible candidates for elective office in the shrine center. This committee may report their findings to the Board of Directors and/or to the shrine center's members in the form of a nomination at a shrine center election. This committee may also consult with the Chief Rabban on his appointments if so requested.

§ 325.10 Representatives.

Single Ballot. Where a shrine center elects more than one Representative, all candidates must be balloted for on one written ballot.

Complete Ballot. Each member voting must vote only for the total number of Representatives to be elected, otherwise his ballot cannot be counted as a vote.

Majority Vote. A majority vote of those present and voting is necessary to elect each Representative.

Election. Only those candidates who receive a majority vote shall be declared elected.

Successive Ballots. Successive written ballots must then be taken in the same manner on other candidates until all Representatives are elected.

Highest Vote. If more candidates receive a majority vote than the number of representatives to be elected, then those receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected.

Void Ballot. Blank ballots or ballots containing any marking other than the name of a candidate nominated from the floor are not votes and are not to be considered for any purpose.

§ 325.11 Election Regulations.

Electioneering. A candidate for an elected office in a shrine center may print, publish, and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a resume consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email or other devices, by a unit, club, Noble, or group of Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing, or contain the name of proposed candidates for office in the shrine center is prohibited.

Expenditures Prohibited. The expenditure of money for gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for an elected office is prohibited.

Violation. For any violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the officers' void and order a new election.

Notice. At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election the temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.

OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED FOR 2024 ARE; Potentate, Chief Rabban, Assistant Rabban, High Priest & Prophet, Oriental Guide, Treasurer, Recorder, Representative(s) to Shriners International for the year 2024, Representative(s) to the Central States Shrine Association, Representative(s) to the Finance & Investment Committee, and Trustee(s) to the Building Association.

Fraternally yours,

Herbert F Merrick

III. Sir Herbert F. Merrick, PP, Recorder





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

Happy Birthday Noble!

From the Illustrious Potentate, Divan and
 Members of Abdallah Shriners



December 1st

Harold A Kling
 Bobby L Ramshaw
 Jim Willard
 Robert F Brown Jr.

December 3rd

Jacque D Mote

December 4th

Robert D Rowland
 Robert W Euler
 Frank R Stonner III
 David L Freeman
 Edwin A Alft
 Jamie T Thornton

December 6th

Robert C LaPreze

December 8th

Hernando Rodriguez Jr.
 Dennis J Hubler
 Herman J Kanter

December 9th

Jerry L Nibarger

December 10th

Larry G Todd
 Anthony Pagel

December 11th

William M Sparks
 Keith Novorr
 Russell L Reese

December 12th

Carl J Linck
 Kenneth H Holliday
 Danny M Lane

December 13th

Ernest H Neighbor
 Thomas E Eads

December 14th

Robert L Simmons

December 15th

Roland L Unruh

December 16th

Donald H Zehnder
 Gary F Folk
 Andrew N Masters

December 17th

Loren W Jacoby

December 18th

Ralph J Hinkle
 Richard L Daniel
 Willard B Snyder
 Quentin A Hurst

December 19th

Roy D Cooper Jr
 Frederick W Reichert Jr
 Lee A Hermreck
 Darrin W Freeman

December 20th

Edward L Betz
 Edward L Wiseman
 Paul S Lamons

December 21st

Lowell S Hardesty Jr.

December 22nd

Robert W Veach

December 23rd

Richard C Davis

December 24th

Lyn E Beyer

December 25th

Randall R Grable
 Christopher S Holland

December 26th

Charles D Lang
 Regis C Robertson

December 28th

Thomas A Dials
 Scott D Mackey

December 30th

Mike Gulinger

December 31st

Wesley H Williams
 Patrick W Emmett
 Terry N Masters

Wishing YOU
the BEST
Birthday ever!



The POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

The 2023 Holiday season is upon us. Wow, how fast this year has passed. For MaryEllen and I it has been a fabulous yet a whirlwind. We've had formal installations, Wild West Party, NFL Championship watch party, Potentate's Balls, Casino Night, LOH Memorial Day Service, Golf event for Shriners Children, Rodeo Queen Presentation, concerts, a Rodeo & Demolition Derby, Imperial Session in Charlotte, Shrine Bowl in Hays, Pizza, Pitchers & Puzzles, Caravan to Colorado, Masonic summit in Salina, Central States Shrine in Omaha, Cajun Party on the Patio, Ceremonial and Parades. Not to mention our great Unit sponsored events like Beer Fishing, Pancake Breakfast, Luau, Shrimp Dinner, Fish Fry, Spaghetti Dinner, Trunk or Treat, Murder Mystery, Halloween Party and Chili Cookoff. And, on top of all this, Birthday Fridays where we enjoy pot luck and time to spend with our Shrine friends.

No doubt, it has been quite a busy year to reflect upon.

This month we say "So Long" but NOT "Good Bye" to a couple of well-deserved members of our Shrine family. Our office manager, Naomi Goodnight, has decided it is time for some rest and relaxation and concentrate on living more of life at ease. We are also accepting the decision of Benny Harper who has dutifully served at Bar manager, bartender and general "do everything" guy to step back from his duties at Abdallah Shriners. Without a doubt, Abdallah Shriners appreciates both Naomi and Benny's contributions to our fraternity. 2024 will look a bit different to all of us.

Let's all wish them the best health and continued involvement with our events. They need not the continued duties they did in the past, but let's welcome them back as participants. "Welcome to this side of the bar".

At the December Stated meeting we will have elections for 2024 officers. Nobles, please remember to bring your dues card or phone app and vote your conscience. We will have a necrology presentation to honor those Noble who have passed during 2023. These are men who dutifully served in the halls of Abdallah Shrine deserve our thoughts and blessings.

We are in desperate need for a new Playground Publisher. Mike Gulinger has been producing the Playground for a number of years and has done a great job. But it is time for new people to pick up this duty. Mike has been saying for 2 years that his contribution as Playground Publisher is ending. This December publication could be the last unless we find a new person to put this newsletter together.

As this may be the last Potentate Message you read from me, I would like to say I'm extremely grateful for being able to serve 25 years for Abdallah Shriners, the last 8 on the Divan. We have met tremendous people and have learned much. I have come far from a boy who was destined to work in a bullet factory to teen years in project housing to where I sit today. But the time has come for MaryEllen and I to step back and not be as involved. As a young man I was poor in wealth but had much to learn and experience in life. My masonic mentor told me then as a 21-year-old, now is the time to observe, learn and experience Masonry; it will pay dividends as you age. Most Worshipful, Ben, you were right.

I've learned organizational leadership is not to be the best at everything, but the contrary is true. Your goal as a leader is to make your subordinates and team members look better and be their best. Even if this means that as a leader your image, ego and legacy are discredited. My hope is--paraphrasing Abraham Lincoln--"the better angels of our nature will prevail".

December's time is celebrations, holiday parties and maybe some time to spend with our families. We wish each of you a healthy, happy and prosperous Holiday Season.

Next month: "Farewell 2023 – Get ready; Here comes 2024"

May there be Peace in Our Time.
Ill. Sir Greg Sippel & Lady MaryEllen

Chaplain



By Jerry Ogden

Happy Holidays - Merry Christmas – Happy Hannukah – Happy Ramadan – Happy Las Posadas. You are blessed if you are still around to read this.

Many in our Shrine Family celebrate some aspect of the above holidays, and their faith is very great toward their Supreme Being. Each of us pray to that deity, call them by whatever name is appropriate, and hold dear their beliefs that they must stay in touch in order that their lives have meaning.

For each of us, we must fully respect how each of us pray.

How great it is that humans of faith understand we are not simply alive because of circumstances. We live and have meaning in our lives because of our faith in The One who offers us Grace and Compassion when we need it the most.

May each of us remember that our Fraternity was built on Faith, Family, Useful Labor and Social Interactions - in that order.

May the way you celebrate your faith this month be one of Peace and Contentment.

Amen



**Shriners
Children's™**



By Mystery Writer

The Halloween party was so much fun. Decorations were out of this world. A lot of work went into the decorations. Also some cute costumes. Fun was had by all that was there.

November Birthday Friday was great lots of people, food, and drinks.

Out dinner outing on the 8th had 14 people there. Food was so good and lots of it. Thanks to all that came and to Wylene for making reservations and taking care of the arrangements.

Our Christmas dinner will be December 2 at the Shrine. Hope to see you all there.

The women are having a gift exchange of not more than \$20.00 for those who would like to join in just bring a gift and enjoy the fun..

Happy Birthday to the following for the Month of December:

Andy Kling	12-1
Russell Reese	12-11

Happy Anniversary to the following for the Month of December:

Chris/Barbara Muro	12-30
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Our new officers for 2024: Tin Lizzies: Pres., Andy Kling, Sec. Gaylon Jones, Treas. Dennis Hubler.

Lizziettes: Pres. Cookie Sisemore, Sec. Sue Hubler, and Treas., Anna Marie Swearengin.

Hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and the happiness' of New Year.



Shriners International



Antique and Classic Cars

The Abdallah Shrine Antique and Classic Cars Unit is closing out a very productive year. We attended two car museums, ate at two restaurants, had a meeting at the homes of two Unit members and performed our function of providing transportation to the Potentate and Divan during a season of parades. We faithfully attended 6 Bingo nights and provided labor for the Abdallah Shrine Rodeo held this year at the Johnson County Fair Grounds in Gardner. We attended several Shrine functions and helped support our Hospital mission.

Unit members were active participating in Abdallah Committees. Allen Baiamonte, Pat Emmett and Tim Williams (Co-member with Blue Racers) helped with the Red Zone Committee. Jim Smith (Co-member with the Clowns) attended Membership Committee meetings and reported to the Unit.

Unit members participated and yet many took extended visits to other parts of the country. Allen Baiamonte and Jackie traveled far and wide and they are now Grandparents. Carl and Linda Linck made their annual pilgrimage to Florida. Lynn and Sue Anderson made at least one trip to the Texas coast, Steve and Karen Christensen's children have been traveling and adding to the population with a baby in California and a baby in Oklahoma. Dick Cole keeps in touch from his home and we wish him good health for 2024. Garry and Marta Dial – Garry had some health and surgery issues and we're happy to see him in better health. Pat and Marilyn Emmett continue to babysitting a baby born in May who is now 7 months. Both Mark Mikulich and Brenda Tuttle have battled health issues and are doing better. Dan and Susan Peterson. Susan has been recovering from cancer. Dan has also been babysitting. Bennie Smith has suffered heart health issues but is now doing much better. Deb is still looking great! Jim Smith sadly lost his wife this

year. Larry and Stephanie Tatum continue to take care of their family, Tim and Becky Williams travel frequently between their home in Olathe and their home in Florida.

Our Unit is pleased to have Jacob Davisson as a new 2023 member. He has been busy working as Master of the Overland Park Lodge. Our newest member is Bob Paulsen with a 57 T-Bird. He and his wife Jenny came to our annual Holiday Party at Conroy's, 129th and Stateline, Leawood, KS. We had a great gathering and enjoyed a white elephant gift exchange.

Many of our members belong to other car clubs and we often attend car shows put on by those other clubs. Our Unit is an open and welcoming group of people who enjoy just about anything automotive. We're fun and not so bad once you get to know us. We accept affiliates from other units. Please plan to attend one of our meetings or functions. In January we plan to attend JB's Car Museum in Lenexa in lieu of a January meeting. You're welcome to come along. Contact Patrick W. Emmett – 913-744-6347 for details. Happy New Year!

Respectfully Submitted,
Patrick W. Emmett – President, Antique and Classic Cars Unit





Abdallah Escorts
By Ken Holliday

The Escorts officers for 2024 are Mike Saylor President, Sam Little Vice President, Jeff Johnson Secretary and Scott Steele Chief Financial officer. At this writing we don't know who our Divan Representative is but we do know that Chris Robertson and his lovely Lady Paula did a phenomenal job this year and we sincerely thank them for all their efforts.

Once again the Escorts are celebrating the end of year holidays with a potluck dinner on December 10th in the Oasis, watching the Chiefs as they continue another Super Bowl chase.

The Escorts have designated the fourth Sunday of every month as a dinner ride, leaving @ 4:00 p.m.

At this writing Gloria Johnson is scheduled for knee surgery...again . We are all hoping this puts an end to her pain. She has had a miserable year physically so we have high hopes for her in 2024.

If you are looking for a great group that has fun and is a leader in supporting Abdallah and our children's hospital, please come to a meeting at the Shrine center on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. We would love to have you. This unit has fun and lots of things to do. You don't have to have a bike. You don't need to ever have ridden a bike or for that matter even like them. We have opened our membership up to anyone that would like to join. See any Escort for details.



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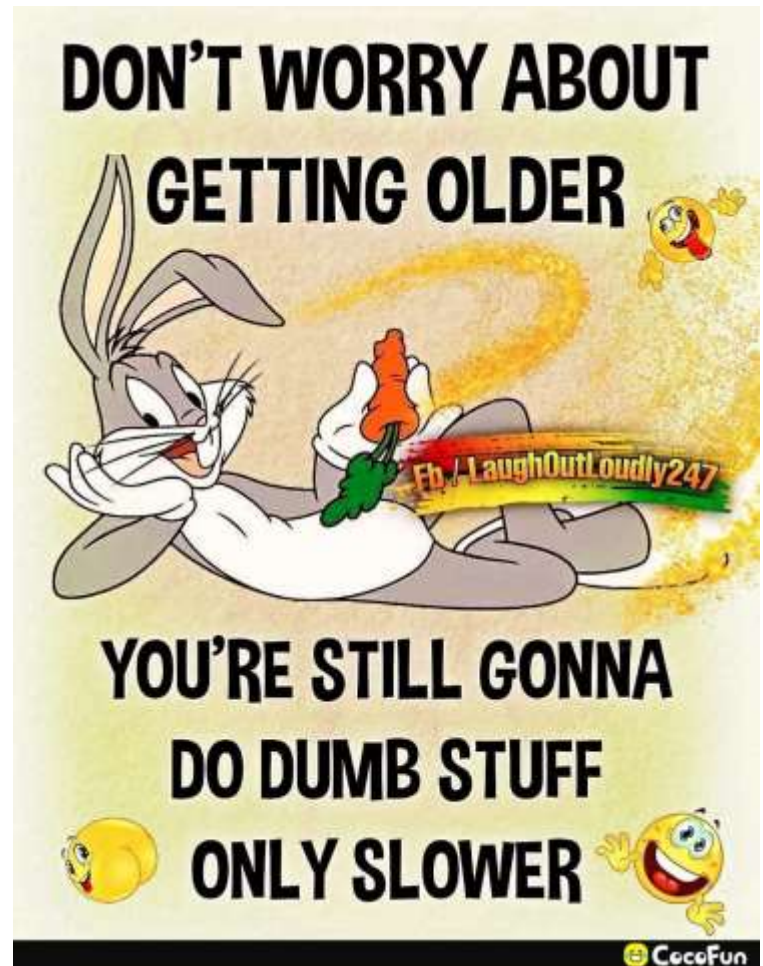


The Social Society will have a holiday social event on Saturday, December 9th, at the home of Scott Weiss. Please RSVP to Scott ASAP. He'd love to have a count.

scweiss0222@hotmail.com.

Keep in touch this winter as we look to have several Social Outings.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Have FUN & Be safe.





"THE LAUGH"

By Mickey Mikulan

MERRY CHRISTMAS

SAFE and HAPPY NEW YEAR

from the ABDALLAH JOKER'S FAMILY

JOKER'S NEXT UNIT MEETING WILL BE ON
THE FOURTH TUESDAY IN JANUARY

MEETINGS ARE HELD ON AN AS NEED BASIS,
ON THE ODD NUMBERED MONTHS, UNLESS
TEMPLE/CLUB BUSINESS DICTATE OTHER-
WISE

Social Hour starts at 6:00 PM, snack and business
meeting starts at 6:30 PM.

Come for a visit.

Ladies, the JOKER'S have a Ladies Unit, "The
Wild Cards." Come join our Ladies for discussions
on how to solve the problems of the world.

TAKE ADVANTAGE of THE MANNY ACTIVITIES
YOUR TEMPLE OFFERS, BRING a FRIEND

The Biggest Mistake We Make in Life
is thinking We Have Time



By Rob Swecker

The Provost continues to be active with participation
in the Leavenworth parade and a charity fun shoot
at Cedar Hill Gun Club, where we had a team of five
participating. This was a preview of the sporting clay
event for CSSA. The course was certainly challeng-
ing. Sometimes we need to be taken out of our com-
fort zone, to be humbled.

The Provost worked bingo on November 20th.

Our December meeting will be December 5, at 6:30
in the Oasis. We will be having a BBQ dinner for
Provost and family.

Remember to take time out of the holiday season to
be safe and take time to enjoy your family.

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.

The Recorder's Ramblings

The holiday season is already here, of course it seems that Christmas starts with Halloween. But it is a great season of fun and fellowship as Holiday parties are being planned and then executed. For the Shrine office it is a very busy time of year as dues are coming and we prepare for elections at both the temple and unit level. Imperial did raise per capita this year so we are getting some questions about that and as always, we are getting some questions about the different dues' classes. Remember you can buy a per capita life membership at the 2023 rate until December 29th. If you are considering this sooner is better than later. Elections are going on at the unit level right now, so I encourage you to get the results to the office as soon as possible, don't forget to update Web Fez with your new officers. Also remember besides officer each unit is to appoint their representative to the Membership and Red Zone Committees. Those representatives are your direct conduit to these important temple activities so be sure you have a voice. If you have questions about how to do that come by and we will be glad to help. We will also hold elections for the Temple at the December stated meeting, please remember the requirements of General Order Number One. These have been published in both the weekly update and the Playground, if you have questions, please contact me before doing anything that might be considered campaigning.

We are getting ready for 2024, and as always that is going to make things hectic. There will be several changes as there always is with a new year. I would ask that when the new "Unit and Committee" manual is published that you take a minute and review it. Most important is that you can belong to more than a single unit if you want to. We also will be undergoing some changes in the office. As we go through this period of change, we will continue to support everyone, but we do need lead time to get things done, so if you need tickets for an event, or flyers or anything else we are here for you.

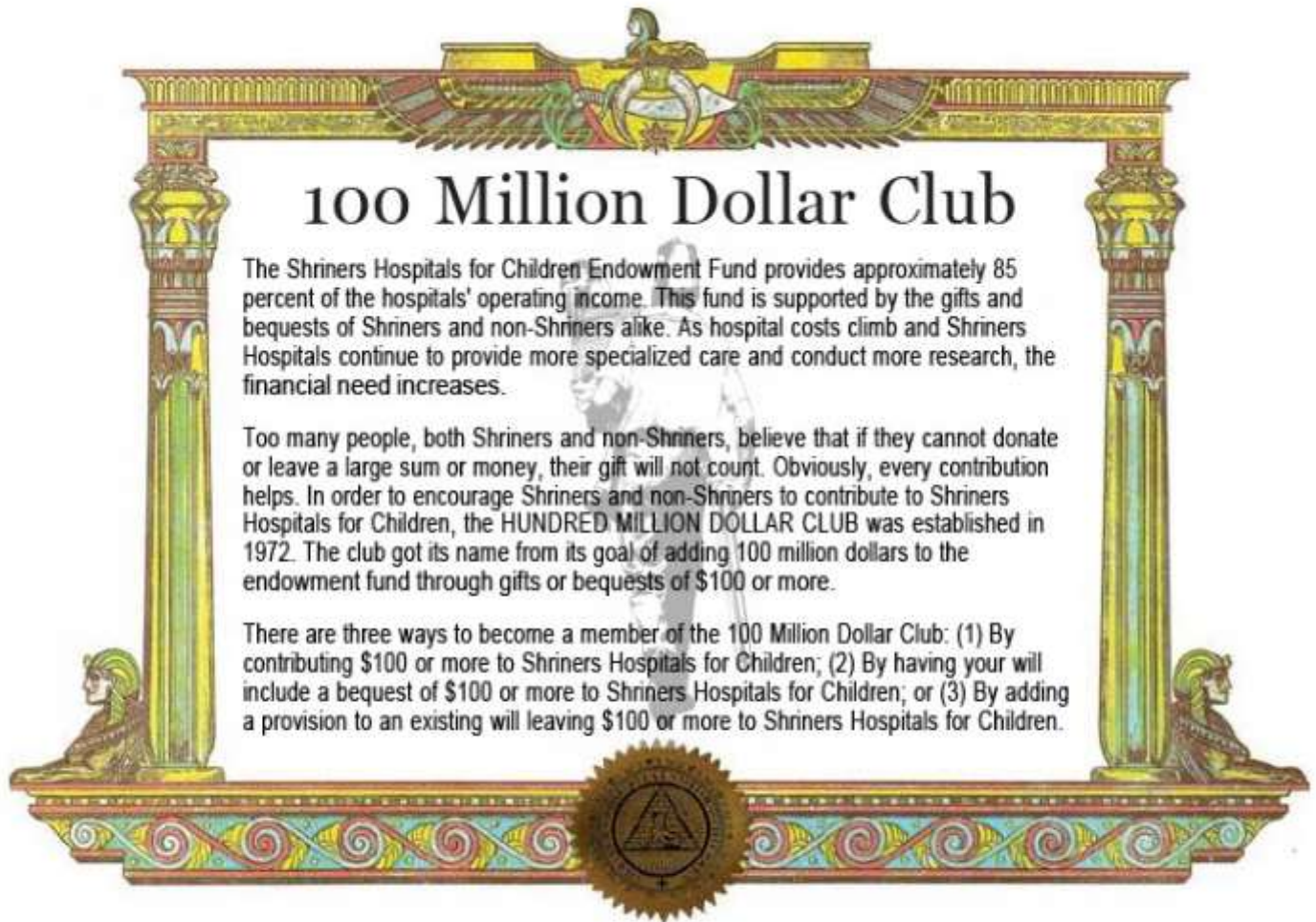
Everyone here in the office wishes everyone a Merry Christmas season and a happiest of New Years. I should note that I will be out of town over Christmas, but if you need something we will do our best to get it to you. Again Shriners are known by their smiles we are the fun part of masonry.

From the Treasurer's Desk:

As we approach the end of yet another year, we look to start our future plans with elections of officers for your Units. As you change officers, there are many times that your bank documents need updated. Please remember, the Shriners International By-laws require the Abdallah Shriners Treasurer to be one of the signatories on ALL bank accounts. They also require all bank accounts to be listed with the Abdallah EIN or a specific EIN if issued to the group as a separate entity. The use of personal social security numbers on any shrine funds, Unit, Club, Committee or other, is strictly prohibited. If you have questions on this please contact the Abdallah Treasurer or Recorder. There are still a few groups who have not yet complied with this by-laws and we must become compliant in 2024.

The Year end reporting forms and instructions are available to download from the Abdallah website in members forms area. Remember the deadline for the 2023 reports is January 31, 2024 and must include the January 2023 bank statement with the year opening balance and the December 2023 bank statements year end value. If you have questions please contact the Treasurer or Recorder directly.

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I am making a cash contribution at this time of at least \$100.00, which is tax deductible

Make your check payable to **Shriners Hospital for Children**

Name _____

I am a member of _____ Shriners

Signed _____ Shrine No. _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please have certificate read (Name) _____

Return to: Abdallah Shriners, 5300 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, KS 66204-1225

★ ★ ★ FUNDRAISING ★ ★ ★

FALL PISTOL RAFFLE

Glock 43X

1 ticket : \$10.00

3 tickets: \$25.00

Tickets in the Office or from Divan Reps

Drawing Dec 12, 2023 ♦ Winner does not need to be present

Winner can choose \$450 VISA gift card as alternative prize

DIMENSION

1 Length (Overall)**	165 mm 6.50 inch
2 Slide Length	154 mm 6.06 inch
3 Width (Overall)	28 mm 1.10 inch
4 Slide Width	22 mm 0.87 inch
5 Height incl.Mag.	128 mm 5.04 inch
6 Line of Sight (Polymer)	133 mm 5.24 inch
Line of Sight (Steel)	132 mm 5.20 inch
Line of Sight (GNS)	131 mm 5.16 inch

7 Trigger Distance**	67 mm 2.64 inch
*FOR GEN4/GEN5 MODELS: Check out the Gen5 and Gen4 Technology area for medium/large backstraps.	



Technical Data are rounded and do not reflect tolerances – they may be altered without notice! Subject to technical changes.

Proceeds are for the benefit of Abdallah Shriners. Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions.

*Please join us
for the
2024 Potentate's Ball*

Starlit Walk On The Beach

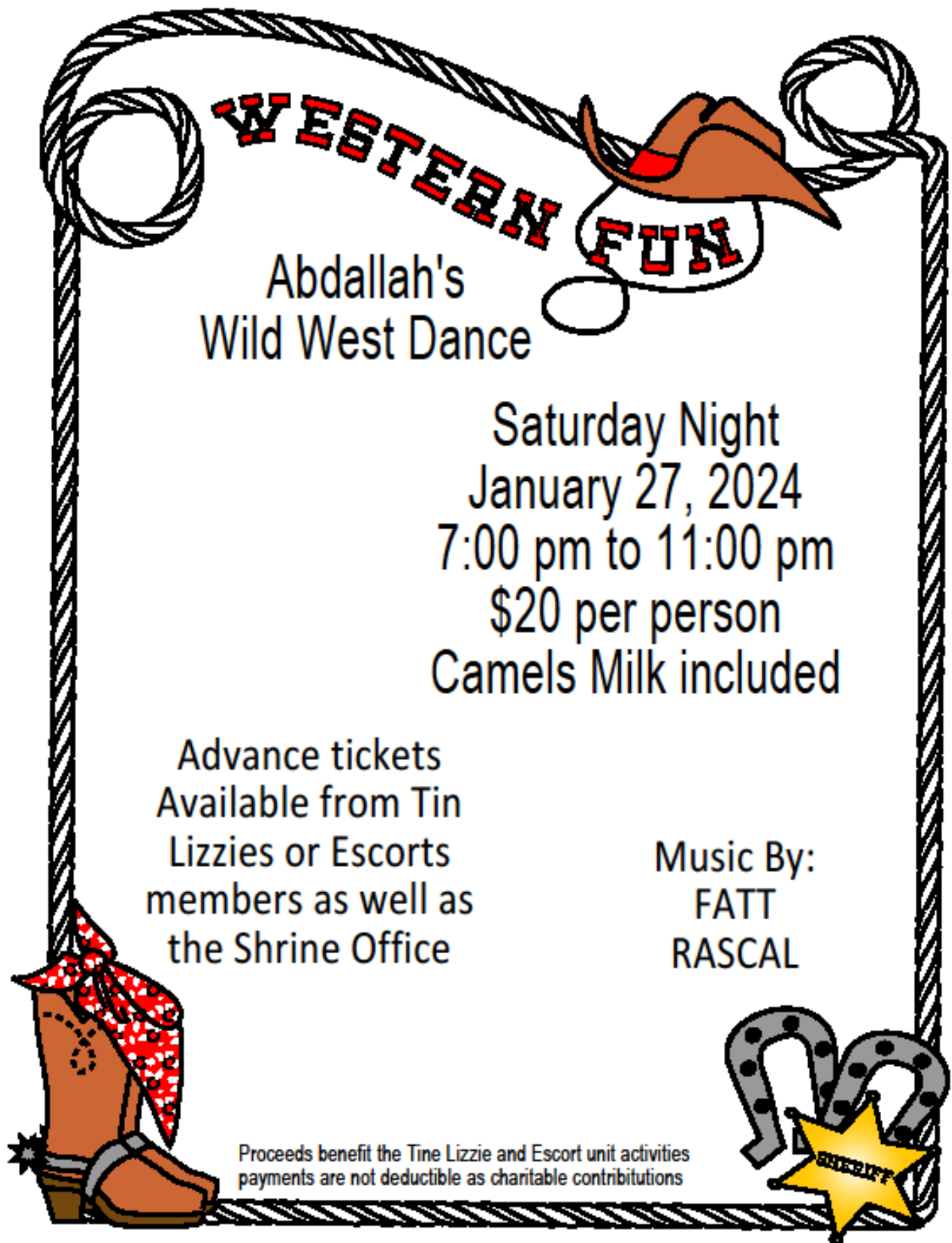
*Saturday, February 17th, 2024
Hampton Inn Gardner Conference Center
151 Cedar Niles Road, Gardner, Kansas*

**For reservations please call the Abdallah Office
at 913-362-5300
Deadline February 1st, 2024
\$75 per person, \$150 per couple**

**Hotel accommodations available at \$129 suite/double
plus taxes and fees at the Hampton Inn. The easiest
way to reserve your room is to go to
<https://group.hamptoninn.com/ahdhc5>**

**You may also call (913) 856-2100 and ask to make
reservations under the Shriners Ball room block.**

Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions



Nobles, you can pay your dues and even set-up a payment plan for monthly, quarterly or bi-annual payments through WebFez. It's easy to set-up, just follow the directions below. Remember, dues are paid in advance so you could be making installments now for 2024.

Use WebFez to verify your personal information, payments and Shrine activity

How to Register for WebFez:

- Go to your browser's address bar and type in webfez.shrinenet.org
- Click the register button on the Login page: **Register**
- From the Registration page, choose your Temple from the drop-down list and then type in your Member Number and your First and Last names.
- Click on the Register button. You will be directed to the Create a New Account page. On this page enter an E-mail address that you will use to log in with, confirm the E-mail address, and then enter and confirm your Password.

Email

Confirm Email

Password

(Password must be between 8 and 12 characters with at least one upper case and one lower case letter and at least one number.)

Confirm password

- Scroll down to read the WebFez User Agreement and Privacy policy. Agree by clicking the checkbox.
- After the checkbox is selected, click on Register. This will Register you for WebFez and log you into the system.

Use WebFez to verify your personal information, payments and Shrine activity

How to Log in to WebFez:

Important: In order to log in to WebFez, you must first be registered. If you have not yet registered, please see the other side of this flyer for instructions.

You only need to register once.

To log in to WebFez please follow the steps below:

- Go to your browser's address bar and type in webfez.shrinenet.org
- Enter your login E-mail address and Password in the designated fields:

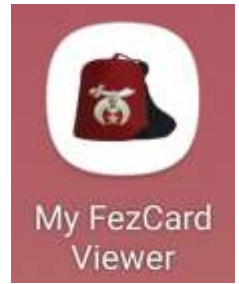
Email:

Password:

- Click Log in: **Log in**

The new My FezCard Viewer App

We're excited to announce the new digital membership card. Effective August 2022, Nobles who pay their 2023 dues will have immediate access to their newly designed digital Membership card. Nobles can access and present their digital membership card, which features the status of their dues two ways:



- **My FezCard Viewer** available for download on the Apple App Store or Google Play App Store
- Member Center located on the new SI.org Website

For 2023, the two primary methods to determine if a member is current in their dues will include asking the Noble to present their new digital membership card on a mobile device or for the temple, club, or unit to scan the QR code on the Nobles existing hard card.

Scanning the QR code on the membership card, either the existing hard card or the new digital card, provides several benefits to the temple including in the areas of operations and as a member engagement tool:

Operations:

- Decreases temple expenses by not having to pay for stickers and buckslip insert
- Simplifies operations, no need to replace stickers on an annual basis
- Digital card/scanning QR quickly determines the status of dues payment

Member Engagement:

- Awarding credit for attendance at events and activities, which is especially handy for temples that award points and prizes for participation
- Expressing an interest in joining a club or unit
- Registering for an event or volunteer opportunities

As a result, Shriners International has discontinued the distribution of dues stickers to individual Nobles. While the focus remains on scanning the QR code or presenting the digital card to determine the status of dues, to assist in the transition, a limited number of 2023 sticker sheets will be sent to each temple so they can provide a dues sticker to Nobles on a case-by-case or as-requested basis. When Nobles pay their 2023 membership dues they will receive a 5x8 acknowledgment postcard that will announce the new process along with instructions on how to obtain their new digital membership card. To address three commonly asked questions:

How can a Noble access their digital card if we don't have internet access? If internet connectivity is a concern, once the Noble accesses their card via one of the two options above, they can take a screenshot of the digital card, which automatically saves to their photo gallery. Thereafter, they can present the card as needed without needing an internet connection.

How can a temple, club, or unit scan a QR code? From an operational standpoint, the barrier to entry to utilize the QR technology is extremely low and simple to use. For the last three years, several Temples have been scanning the QR code on the existing membership card to determine dues by purchasing a handheld scanner, available for as little as \$30, or a mobile device, like a phone or tablet. Both options connect and communicate with WebFez.

Will the digital card display associate temples? Currently only the Noble's home temple will display on the *My FezCard Viewer*; however, we expect to add a display featuring associate temples by late summer / early fall.

The result of this effort is designed to directly reduce temple expenses, simplify operations, and increase member engagement.

Everyone should be familiar with the following fundraising guidelines and be aware that the disclosure and statement of purpose can and should be applied to any information that published and available to the public whether it is a “fundraiser” or not.



Shriners International

Fundraising Policies & Procedures

Introduction

Because Shriners have been the driving force behind Shriners Hospitals for Children®, it has become natural to associate the Fez with this charity. However, Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children are separate and distinct legal corporations.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is a 501(c)(3) incorporated in the state of Colorado, and it operates 22 locations. Its purpose is to provide medical care to children without regard to race, creed, sect or nationality. The treatment is provided regardless of the families' ability to pay. This is the Charitable corporation.

Shriners International is incorporated in the state of Iowa, and it presently has nearly 200 unincorporated fraternal associations in several countries. We know them as Shrine Temples. This is the Fraternal corporation.

Particular attention must be given to all fundraising activities to make certain that such activities comply with the law of the land and that a contributor is not led to believe that his money will be used for the Hospitals when all or a portion therefore may be used otherwise.

Types of Fundraisers

There are two types of Shrine fundraisers – Charitable and Fraternal.

Charitable Fundraisers – Where 100 percent of the net proceeds benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children. (See pages 3-6.)

Fraternal Fundraisers – Where the net proceeds benefit the Temple, which in turn may distribute them as it sees fit. For example, profits may be disbursed to the Temple general fund, a building fund, to clubs and/or units, to Shriners Hospitals for Children, to local community or Masonic related projects (DeMolay, Masonic Home, etc.) or any combination thereof.

Procedures That Apply to All Shrine Fundraising Activities

- All fundraising must comply with the law of the land; that is, the law of the jurisdiction where the activity takes place. This includes national, state or province, and local laws.

- The use of the name Shriners Hospitals for Children is governed by §503.11 of the bylaws of Shriners Hospitals for Children.
- All fundraising is governed by General Order No. 1 as may be issued on that subject by the Imperial Potentate.
- Insurance: Your attention should be directed to that portion of the existing General Order No.1 pertaining to insurance. Strict compliance is required.
- All contracts must be reviewed and approved by the Temple Potentate after receiving the advice of the Temple attorney.
- All fundraising promotional materials (including Temple publications) must include a statement indicating the major entity benefited by the funds [Statement of Purpose]

Statements of Purpose and Disclosure

All fundraising promotional materials must contain a STATEMENT OF PURPOSE. Below are examples for each type of fundraising activity.

For Charitable Fundraisers:

“Proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children.”

For Fraternal Fundraisers:

“Proceeds are for the benefit of (_____ Shriners) (_____ shrine unit/club) activities.”

Every fundraising activity which is not entirely for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children shall prominently state on all solicitation material, including tickets, programs, documents and electronically transmitted material, the following

DISCLOSURE: “Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions.”

NOTE: All fraternal fundraising materials must include both the Statement of Purpose and Disclosure

The full policy is available online or from your Divan

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Jack Clark & Bennie Smith



Need another great reason to come to the Stated Meetings? Abdallah Shriners has a 50/50 raffle at each Stated Meeting where half of the pot goes to the winner and the other half goes into the year end jackpot. The pot will grow each month for a nice jack pot at the December Stated Meeting. Be sure to come to the Stated Meeting as you don't want to miss this!

Abdallah Coffee Club

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

2nd Wednesday is now a cooked breakfast, not donuts. Please RSVP if attending

Come on up to the Shrine and enjoy the company of your fellow Nobles!

Not limited to just Shriners – bring your coffee drinking buddies along too!

We will shoot the breeze and enjoy donuts and coffee together.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

For breakfast RSVP to:

Jerry Ogden

imastar@kc.rr.com



PCM



Permanent Contributing Membership

***NOW IS NOT THE TIME
TO FAIL THE KIDS
WHO WILL NEED YOUR
HELP TOMORROW!***

**OUR HOSPITALS REALLY
NEED YOUR HELP
RIGHT NOW**

**Every Noble Should Have A
PCM**

Every Noble pays an annual \$5 hospital assessment each year when he pays his annual Shrine dues. For a one time tax deductible payment of \$150, you will receive a handsome certificate showing that you are a

"Permanent Contributing Member" and your annual \$5.00 hospital assessment will be waived for your lifetime.

The \$150 paid is placed in the Shriners Hospitals Endowment Fund in your name. It will generate interest year after year and will enable the hospitals to remain at the forefront of orthopedic and burn care to ensure tens of thousands of children will receive the best care available for now and many generations to come.

For more information contact:
The Shrine Office

Nobles and Ladies

Come Visit the Abdallah Oasis on
BIRTHDAY FRIDAY!

It happens on the
1st Friday, 7pm

Every Month.

On your birth month you donate \$25, and all attendees enjoy a refreshment on you until the funds run out. Then, on the other 11 months, you will whet your whistle at the expense of all the other Birthday folks!

Bring a Snack to Share!
Bring a Friend to Share with!

Units and Clubs

Don't forget to write an Article
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 inter-
est in your group. email your article to:
abdallahplayground30@gmail.com

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

William "Bill" P. Leonard, 32° KCCH
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Attention:

**Units & Clubs: Now is the time to be
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bles Activity Room for your 2024
Events & Activities! Don't wait until it's
too late to get the dates you want!**

ABDALLAH Shriner's Business & Professional Sponsorship Directory

AUTO BODY REPAIR

R & B Auto—Auto Body Repair
913-839-7309
randbauto66083@yahoo.com

BARBER

Mikes Barber Shop 913-764-9767
Mike, Jack, & Megan
219 S. Kansas Ave. Olathe, KS 66061

EMBROIDERY

Bean Embroidery....913-526-4061

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Bequette Enterprises
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Dr. David Powers, D.C.....816-431-0353
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12330 W. 135th St. Overland Park, KS
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913-449-1478

ABDALLAH Advertising Order Form

DATE: _____

Company Name: _____

Contact: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Line 1	_____	\$10	_____
Line 2	_____	\$10	_____
Line 3	_____	\$10	_____
Line 4	_____	\$10	_____
Line 5	_____	\$10	_____
Line 6	_____	\$10	_____
Outline	Yes No	\$10	_____
Bold	Yes No	\$10	_____
Grid	Yes No	\$10	_____
		Total	_____

ELECTIVE DIVAN

Potentate – Greg Sippel (Mary Ellen)	913-226-4009
gcsippel@gmail.com	
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randbauto66083@yahoo.com	
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Regiscrob@aol.com	
High Priest & Prophet— Tony Pagel	913-927-9127
tony@creativerestorationskc.com	
Oriental Guide - Bruce Fischbach (Maribeth)	913-909-6381
fishman5656@gmail.com	
Treasurer - Mike Guilinger (Deb)	913-948-1501
mikeguilinger@gmail.com	
Recorder - Herb Merrick (Carolyn)	913-683-3041
hmerrick@kc.rr.com	

APPOINTIVE DIVAN

First Ceremonial Master - Rob Swecker (Renee)	913-738-6019
swlen4@gmail.com	
Second Ceremonial Master - Frank Shell (Jamie)	913-638-7522
frankdshell@gmail.com	
Marshal - Tim Preece (Sabra)	913-221-7089
lepraxcon@gmail.com	
Captain of the Guard - Nabil Jamil	916-490-7861
n_ab267@hotmail.com	
Outer Guard -	
Chaplain - Jerry Ogden (Shiela)	816-260-8882
imastar@kc.rr.com	

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Glenn Hamilton - 1990	913-383-8232
Larry D. Gaston - 1995	913-856-7277
Fred Hope - 1997	913-772-7077
Floyd Fleming - 1999	785-248-3566
Lyle Smith - 2000	913-782-3767
Lee Wilson - 2001	913-522-8825
Edward A. McConwell - 2004	913-432-7005
Gerald (Jerry) Jeffries - 2005	913-851-1120
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Gary Bennett - 2009	913-980-3303
Don Best - 2010	913-940-3956
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Mike Tavares - 2012	913-727-1846
Kevin Larson - 2014	913-780-4246
Tim Williams - 2015	816-308-7575
Garry Dial - 2016	913-579-8336
Jeff Johnson - 2017	913-207-9144
Bennie Smith - 2018	913-449-0987
Doug Voss - 2019	913-206-5400
Brian Wilson - 2020	816-520-8315
Chris Zugelder - 2021	913-378-8199
Herb Merrick - 2022	913-683-3041
Darrel Schrader (Kem - 1993).....	701-370-1280

ABDALLAH SHRINE BUILDING ASSOCIATION*All Elected Divan Officers plus*

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Jeff Johnson P.P. (2020 - 2024).....	913-927-9129
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Lynn Baker (2022 - 2026)	913-486-2555
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Randy Mahan.....	913-329-3757
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Gary Folk	913-638-2848
Randy Bennett	816-260-8357

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	Dr. Callen Martin 641-919-4949
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Sickness and Distress	Jerry Ogden 816-260-8882

Upcoming Events

The Abdallah Shrine Office hours have changed.

New hours are

10AM - 4PM Monday, through Thursday

Closed on Friday.

Open until 7:00pm on Stated Meeting Nights

December 1st - Birthday Friday

**December 12th - Stated Meeting
& Elections**

December 13th - Coffee Club

December 21st - 27th - Office Closed

December 25th - NO Bingo

December 27th - Coffee Club

January 1st - NO Bingo

January 5th - Birthday Friday



Thank you and Stay Safe!

***Get the weekly Update by Signing up for the
Weekly email blast: Abdallah's "What's Happening"***

Send an email to office@abdallahshrine.org and ask to be added to the weekly update email list.