

# ABDALLAH PLAYGROUND



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## 2024 Fall Ceremonial!!



## Abdallah Shriners

### *Elected Divan*

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

### *Appointed Divan*

1st Ceremonial	Frank Shell
2nd Ceremonial	Tim Preece
Marshall	Matt Carter
Captain of the Guard	Chris Harrison
Outer Guard	Mike Saylor
Chaplin	Jerry Ogden

### *Membership Committee*

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

### *Bingo Committee*

Chairman	Chris Snell
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### *Building Association Trustees*

Term 2020 - 2024	Ill. Jeff Johnson, PP
Term 2021 - 2025	Ralph Anderton
Term 2022 - 2026	Lynn Baker
Term 2023 - 2027	Ill. Kevin Larson, PP
Term 2024 - 2028	Dennis Hubler

### *2024 Potentate Aides*

Co-Chief Aides	Eric & Barb Foster
Co-Chief Aides	Ill. Jeff & Gloria Johnson, PP

### *2024 Personal Aid*

Blaine Miller

### TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

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66202

As the Potentate of Abdallah Shriners, I am excited to share my thoughts on what November means for our organization. This month is not just a marker of the changing seasons; it represents a time of energy, engagement, and unwavering commitment Abdallah.

September was a whirlwind of activities, and I am proud to see our members stepping up in remarkable ways. From community membership booths to fundraising events, our collective efforts are a testament to our dedication to serving those in need, especially the children and families who rely on us.

One of the highlights of September was our annual Cajun party. These events not only help raise crucial funds for our Shrine center but also allows us to connect with the communities we serve. It's a time when we can come together, celebrate our achievements, and look forward to the positive impact we can continue to make.

Additionally, this month is filled with opportunities for fellowship. Whether attending meetings, participating in local parades, or volunteering for one of our many projects, we are building bonds that strengthen our organization and enhance our mission. I encourage every member to get involved, share your ideas, and bring your unique talents to the table.

As we dive into November, let us remember the purpose behind our activities. Each event is an opportunity to uplift those around us and reinforce the values that define Abdallah. Together, we are not just members of an organization; we are a family united by a common cause. There is Strength in Numbers!

Thank you for your commitment and passion. Let's make this November not just busy, but impactful!

Yours in service,

*Ronnie White*

Potentate, Abdallah Shriners



# Temple Business...



**ABDALLAH SHRINERS  
STATED MEETING**



**ABDALLAH AUDITORIUM**  
5300 Metcalf, Overland Park, KS 66202  
Tuesday, November 14, 2023  
**7:30 PM**

**Ronnie White**  
Illustrious Potentate

**III. Herb Merrick PP**  
Recorder



**Meeting Dinner**  
**6:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

Salisbury Steak, Mashed potatoes & gravy, Green beans, Salad, Roll, Dessert, Coffee or Tea  
**\$12**

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

## ATTENTION BLUE BLAZERS



Nov 12 stated meeting  
wear your Blue Blazer and  
dinner is on us !

Fall Back Daylights Saving Ends Instagram Post



# DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS  
SET YOUR CLOCK BACK  
ONE HOUR

## NOVEMBER SUNDAY 03

# BINGO

### November Schedule

Nov. 4	Misfits
Nov. 11	Greeters
Nov. 18	Clowns/Jokers
Nov. 25	TASS

### December Schedule

Dec. 2	Escorts
Dec. 9	Oriental Band
Dec. 16	Antique Cars
Dec. 23	Provost / LoH
Dec. 30	Blue Racers

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.

For Units that have enough members to support Bingo and sell tickets, can sell 50/50 raffle tickets and keep the proceeds!

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

# Official Notice...



## ABDALLAH SHRINERS

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### NOTICE: ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR ABDALLAH SHRINERS 2025

Election Meeting – Abdallah Shriners Tuesday, December 10, 2024, 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 2025

### YOU MUST HAVE YOUR 2024 DUES CARD TO ATTEND THIS ANNUAL MEETING

The Law Governing Annual Elections

*Ronnie White II, Potentate 2024*

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:*

- (1) Potentate.....Shayk
- (2) Chief Rabban.....Emeer
- (3) Assistant Rabban.....Sahib
- (4) High Priest and Prophet.....Imam
- (5) Oriental Guide.....Ayn
- (6) Treasurer.....Chayzin
- (7) Recorder.....Katib
- (8) First Ceremonial Master.....Wakil
- (9) Second Ceremonial Master.....Alam
- (10) Director.....Malah
- (11) Marshal.....Amal
- (12) Captain of the Guard.....Rays
- (13) 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.

- (a) **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.
- (b) **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.
- (c) **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.
- (d) **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.

- (a) **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.

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- (b) **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.
- (c) **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.

- (a) **Single Ballot.** Where a shrine center elects more than one Representative, all candidates must be balloted for on one written ballot.
- (b) **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.
- (c) **Majority Vote.** A majority vote of those present and voting is necessary to elect each Representative.
- (d) **Election.** Only those candidates who receive a majority vote shall be declared elected.
- (e) **Successive Ballots.** Successive written ballots must then be taken in the same manner on other candidates until all Representatives are elected.
- (f) **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.
- (g) **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.

- (a) **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.
- (b) **Expenditures Prohibited.** The expenditure of money for gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for an elected office is prohibited.
- (c) **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.
- (d) **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 2025 ARE; Potentate, Chief Rabban, Assistant Rabban, High Priest & Prophet, Oriental Guide, Treasurer, Recorder, Representative(s) to Shriners International for the year 2025, 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*

Ill. Sir Herbert F. Merrick, PP, Recorder

# Around The Temple...

## Fall Ceremonial 2024!

Abdallah Shriners celebrated their annual Fall Ceremonial on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, to welcome the Nobles of Class of 2024, recognize members for Years of Service, Samsar Service Awards, and Blue Blazer. This year's Fall Ceremonial was dedicated in memory of Noble Jody Hines, a special mentor to our Illustrious Potentate, Ronnie White.

Festivities began the night before at our monthly Birthday Friday event, where we had the privilege of hosting one of our Shrine Patients, Master Owen Mahan. Later that evening, Nobles had a chance to participate in the Turtle Degree (along with their Ladies) as well as the Camel Herder's Degree.

Along with other awards on Saturday, Noble James "Jim" Kessler was recognized as Noble of the Year for his unswerving service as a long-time member of our Bingo Committee.

After the ceremonies and awards, everyone gathered for dinner and enjoyed music with a live band on the patio.

Welcome  
Class of 2024!!

**David Barger**  
**Andrew Cox**  
**Yogendra 'Yogi' Gupta**  
**Joe Enke**  
**Jeff Gumminger**  
**Doug Jessup**  
**Chase LaPorte**  
**Brady Marshall**  
**Mark Sager**  
**Calvin Smith**  
**Tim Smith**  
**Casey Strong**  
**Daniel Todd**  
**Andrew Vidlar**  
**Austin Webster**



## Around The Temple...

### Years of Service Awards

The following Nobles were recognized at this year's Fall Ceremonial for their dedicated service to our Fraternity over the years. We're proud to have recognized these Nobles and they are an inspiration to all!

#### 25 Years

Steven Christesen	John Flegler
Allen Goodwin, Sr.	Jimmie Grassi, Sr.
Joseph Hobbs	Ill. Jeff Johnson, PP
David Miller	Roger Miller
Bill Murray	Jim Rush
Ill. Greg Sippel, PP	Roland Unruh
Trevor Unruh	Robert White
Ill. Tim Williams	

#### 35 Years

Tom Oliphant	Edwin Alfa
James Gilbert	Daniel Hamilton
Randy Hamilton	Steve Nootz
Clayton Robertson	Ill. Bennie Smith, PP
Ron Stewart	Robert Thomas
David Harrington	Stirling Howell
David Kovac	Gary Lamons
Paul Lamons	Jeffery Scannell
James Smith	

#### 50 Years

Fred Heinz	Ill. Larry Gaston, PP
Carl Hollis	Robert Veach
James Walker	Robert Anderson
Edwin Coleman	Randall Fassnacht
Raymond Fiske	Ollie Guinn
Ill. Glenn Hamilton, PP	Jerry Lucas
George Sherman	John Veatch

#### 60 Years

Donald Kay	Stanley Davison
Frank Patton, Jr.	

### A Patient and Hospital Driver Reunite

As mentioned earlier, our special guest at this year's Fall Ceremonial was Owen Mahan, a young man who is currently a patient at several of our Hospitals.

When Owen was about 18-months old, he was involved in an incident where he received 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns over most of his body. At the time, he lived in Lawrence, KS and was initially sponsored by Abdallah Shriners. One of his first hospital van drivers was our very own GL "Rails" MacRae, along with Ill. Chris Muro, PP, Jimmie Facklam, and Bobbie Jackson.

GL had the opportunity to get to know Owen and made somewhere between 9 or 10 trips to Cincinnati for him to receive treatments.

Owen eventually moved to Indiana where he continues to receive hospital services at Shriners Children's Ohio & St. Louis.

During Ceremonial, Owen shared his experiences with Shriners Children. While he was answering questions, GL asked to come up to the podium to speak about his memories of driving Owen and the impact it made on him.

It was truly a touching moment to see one of our Nobles reunite with one of our Patients after many years have passed. Without question, our Fraternity and Philanthropy are one of the greatest causes in the world!



## Around The Temple...

### ***Nobles Participate in Kansas Honor Flight Mission 101C***

Wichita, KS - On October 21<sup>st</sup>, several of our Brothers were honored and traveled to our Nation's Capital as part of the Kansas Honor Flight program. Those who were part of that flight included Noble Andy Kling, III. Gerald Jeffries, PP, III. Chris Muro, PP, III. Lyle Smith, PP, and Noble Dick Gibbs.

While in DC, our Nobles visited many points of interest, including Ft. McHenry, Air Force Memorial, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, World War II Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Vietnam Nurses Memorial, and Iwo Jima Memorial. The Nobles returned to Wichita, KS on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Since its inception in 2012, more than 4,200 Kansas Veterans have been part of the program.

The Kansas Honor Flight (KHF) is an all-volunteer organization that works to honor Kansas veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War by providing them with an ALL EXPENSES PAID JOURNEY of honor and remembrance to visit their memorials in Washington, D.C.

The organization also works to educate the youth and communities throughout Kansas about the impact of these historic wars and the freedoms our nation enjoys because of the service of our veterans. KHF is part of the National Honor Flight Network, an organization comprised of over 130 hubs dedicated to serving our veterans.

We salute these Nobles (and all Veterans) and THANK YOU for your service!

### ***To Advertise or Not?***



We hope you enjoyed our comeback issue of the *Abdallah Playground*. We appreciate the feedback and suggestions to make it YOUR TEMPLE magazine!

As we start getting back into the swing of things, we've been considering bringing back advertising like we've done in the past. This has two benefits - 1) Nobles that have their own business can spread the word to the Temple at large, which helps support them and our local economy, and 2) we can start building a budget, that one day, may allow us to do some type of printed version of the *Playground*.

If you have a business and are interested in advertising in the *Playground*, or just want to be a sponsor, let us know.

Email to: [abdallahplayground30@gmail.com](mailto:abdallahplayground30@gmail.com)

The *Playground* Staff



L to R: Andy Kling, III. Gerald Jeffries, PP, III. Chris Muro, PP, III. Lyle Smith, PP, & Dick Gibbs

# Around The Temple...

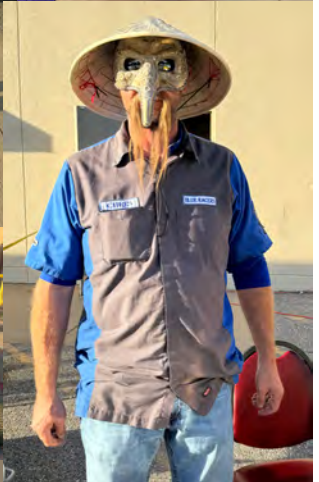
## Trunk or Treat and Halloween Bash!

Fun was had by all at our Trunk or Treat and Halloween Costume Party on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>! The festivities started in the afternoon with our Motor Corps Units decorated to hand out candy to our little visiting Ghosts and Goblins.

Delaware Chapter, Order of DeMolay, joined in the fun and helped judge the Scariest and Funniest Trunks by our participants! Congratulations to Noble Jeffry Gumminger & family on Scariest Trunk, while Noble Calvin Smith & family were awarded the Funniest Trunk.

After trunks were closed, everyone headed to the Main Hall to enjoy live music and dance and admire each other's great costumes. Costume winners were: Best Couple-III. Chris Zugelder, PP & Lady Mindy, Scariest Adult-Chris Snell, Funniest-Don Marah, & Scariest Youth-Zander Zugelder.

Thanks to the Misfits and ALL who came out to make it a "Spooktacular" evening!



## Around The Temple...

During 2024, The Antique and Classic Cars Unit has continued to add new members. We are a group of Shriners who love anything automotive. Most of us have cars, trucks and off-road vehicles that we are particularly proud of. Not all of them are antiques but that's okay. We have members with 40's, 50's and 60's vintage T-birds, Corvettes, Cadillac, and Mustangs. Some have trucks, Volkswagens, and even a Jaguar. The key here is, if you enjoy cars and their history, you'll enjoy going to car museums, car shows and taking your special vehicle and putting it into a parade.



Our Shrine mission is to provide transportation to the Potentate, Abdallah Divan and Special Guests of the Shrine. From time to time, our Illustrious Potentate has allowed members to bring family members along on parade routes which is fun for the entire household.

The Potentate and Divan have allowed Shriners to join more than one Parade Unit which is an excellent way for our membership to enjoy a diverse and enjoyable experience while wearing the fez. The Antique Cars membership has several past Potentates and Shriners who claim loyalty to other units. That's okay, they also enjoy bringing their vehicles to our special events.

This November, we decorate a tree at the Shrine, change our clocks to fall back, elect a new President and officials for state and local positions and we end the month spending time with our families for Thanksgiving. This is a time for reflection of the things we are grateful for and people we cherish. Take the time to tell someone you care about just how much you really care. Our unit lost a member we all cared about and we miss Garry Dial. Time flies by quickly.

Acknowledge those you care about while you still have the chance.

In December, our unit will hold our annual Holiday Christmas Party on December 4<sup>th</sup>. We'll drive to Springhill and enjoy a party at a building owned by unit member, Lynn Baker. We'll exchange "white elephant" gifts, laugh and have a good time. Our hope is the weather will treat us well for that evening.

On behalf of the Antique and Classic Cars Unit, we wish everyone in the Shrine a joyous remainder of 2024 and a prosperous and convivial 2025. If you have an interest in joining us for our activities, please take the time to call our President, Patrick W. Emmett, at 913-744-6347. We aren't so bad once you get to know us.

Respectfully Submitted, Patrick W. Emmett,  
President

In October the OB presented the 'Camel Herders' degree. Owen Mahan was a special guest and



participant with 8 others, Nobles Chris Snell, Robert Gifford, Gary Benefield, Mark Sager, Brady Sager, Brady Marshall, Jacob Davisson, Andrew Vidler, and Doug Jessup. Great fun was had by all with a great thank for all that helped facilitate this degree.

The Honorable Mandarin is coming. Watch for future announcements!

Keeper of the Pile  
Roy Samuel, Secretary



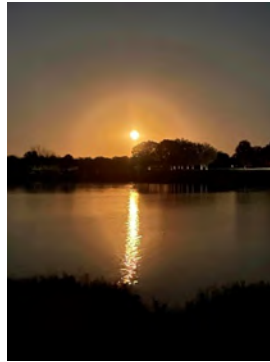
## Around The Temple...



Abdallah Weekenders gathered for a memorable camping outing at Paola Lake, embracing the beauty of nature and the spirit of brotherhood. The event brought together

Shriners, their families, and friends for a weekend filled with camaraderie, laughter, and fun.

As the sun rose on Friday morning, members began to arrive, setting up campers and preparing for a weekend of adventure. The serene landscape of Paola Lake provided the perfect backdrop for relaxation and connection.



From sharing stories around the campfire, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

Evenings were spent around the campfire, where members shared tales past events and Shrine shenanigans. These moments of reflection strengthened our bonds and reignited the reason why we get together.

Of course, no camping trip would be complete without delicious food! The smell of grilled steaks filled the air as members gathered for communal meals. Sharing meals together not only nourished our bodies but also fostered deeper connections among us.

As we packed up and prepared to leave, it was clear that this camping outing was more than just a weekend retreat; it was a celebration of friendship and shared values. The memories created at Paola Lake will resonate with us for years to come,

reminding us of the importance of fellowship in our journey as Shriners.

Abdallah Weekenders



The Fall Ceremonial was a great success. Beautiful day, good food, and fun friends. Two of our Tin Lizzie's received a Samar Award. Congratulations to all that received the award. Also thanks to the Lizziettes that worked and brought food for our dessert table. It was very popular. As always our thanks to the hard working cooks that prepared the meal that evening. Thanks guys.

Birthday Friday is so much fun. A large crowd attended. Come and find out how much fun we all are having. Bring a dish and come for a fun time

The Greeters spaghetti dinner was great. We had some delicious spaghetti and wine. Fun was had by all that attended.

Happy Birthday to the following for the month of November:

Ralph Anderton	11-8
Marta Dial	11-23
Gaylon Jones	11-29
Barbara Muro	11-2
Bobbi Maybell	11-1

Happy Anniversary to the following for the month of November:

Candy/Andy Kling	11-8
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Happy Thanksgiving!

Tin Lizzie  
Mystery Writer  
Nov. 2024



## Around The Temple...

The Abdallah Social Society finished out the year with their annual Steak and Potato Dinner on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. The we go dark in the winter months and our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> in 2025.



Although we officially won't meet until the new year, there's a planned holiday social gathering on Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup> to cap off the year.

Until we meet again!



## 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 you're attending in advance, it will help our planning to make sure we have enough. 816-260-8882 or imastar@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.



Every Monday night, with the exception of a few holidays,

Abdallah Shriners put on Bingo in the main hall and it is open to the public. Bingo is also one of our biggest fundraisers for the Temple.

This is an effort that takes a village (or Temple). We have our dedicated Bingo Committee, who organize, set up and execute the event as well as our various Units and Clubs who come out to help sell tickets, sheets, and anywhere else they may be needed. MANY THANKS to our Bingo Committee and Units & Clubs for your support.

If you are interested in becoming a regular member or game caller, contact our Bingo Committee Chair, Chris Snell at 913-461-888 or christopher.adam.snell@gmail.com.



L to R: Chase LaPorte, Chris Snell, Mark Sager, Ill. Chris Zugelder, PP, and Jim Kessler

**Leavenworth Veterans Day Parade**  
Monday, November 11th - Parade starts at 10:30am from 4th & Cherokee. Staging at 9am, location TBD. Check weekly updates.

# November Birthdays...



Fred A Henik	11/1	Larry D Horseman	11/14
Larry R Jackson	11/1	Stanley A Davison	11/15
Peter N Novosel	11/1	William C Sheldon	11/17
Jason N Lamons	11/1	Ill. Gerald E Jeffries, PP	11/17
William W Johnson	11/3	Harold D Hackney	11/18
Frederick C Meek	11/3	Blaine W Miller Jr.	11/19
Jacob C Stofer	11/3	Jerry C McNee	11/19
Jackie L Clark	11/4	William P Leonard	11/20
Thomas J Mamie	11/4	Patrick Everett	11/20
David H Ahlstrom	11/4	Robert D White	11/21
Todd E Berry	11/4	Warren S Hannon	11/23
Carol G Pape	11/5	Jerry P Franklin	11/25
Ill. Gary R Bennett, PP	11/5	James G Alexander III	11/25
Michael W King	11/6	Bob Johnson	11/25
Gary L Gammell	11/7	William Vonderschmidt	11/25
Edmond R Anderton	11/8	Michael R Denny	11/28
William D Obermeier	11/9	Paul V Pack	11/28
James P Modic	11/9	Daniel Todd	11/28
Mark E Gaston	11/9	Lee W Craig	11/29
Michael N Rice	11/9	Gaylon R Jones	11/29
Jeffery T Hines Jr	11/11	Ill. Larry J Dain, PP	11/29
Ken N Schweitzer	11/13	Bryan J Renyer	11/29
Gary L Barber	11/13		



## ***Birthday Friday is November 1st!***

Calling all Abdallah Shriners! Come on down to the Abdallah Oasis to celebrate your Birthday along with your fellow Nobles.

Birthday Friday has become one of our most popular social events. It's a good way to enjoy fellowship, get caught up with friends, and meet potential Shriners. If you know someone who think would be a good Shriner, invite them to come on down.

Birthday Fridays are the first Friday of the month and start at 7:00 pm (for open bar). Feel free to bring a snack to share.

See you there!

# Comedy Pates Roast



Come join the fun and poke fun of our very own  
Illustrious Sir Ronnie before its to late !

**RSVP by  
OCT 30th**

**\$20** per person  
for dinner & show

Roast Master KC's very own original Preachers  
Daughter with our very own Nobles as Roasters

**NOV  
2nd**

## FOOD MENU

Steak, Baked Potato with fixings,  
Vegetable and salad

6:30pm dinner

7:00pm roasting begins

payments are not tax deductible as charitable contribution  
all proceeds benefit of abdallah shriners activities





Abdallah Blue Racers  
Present

Saturday  
November 9th

Doors Open 5:00pm  
Starts Promptly 6:00pm

# Masquerade Murder Mystery Dinner

Attend the Billionaires' Club Annual Masquerade Ball and help get this soiree back on track by trading clues with your guests, gathering information, and solving the crime before the masked menace gets away!

Evening wear, ball gowns, Venetian masks, suits, and tuxes are what to wear to this high class night of masks and murder. Get ready for a glamorous evening of mystery, intrigue, and murder at this masquerade ball murder mystery party! It's up to you to determine which partygoer is guilty, bring this crime to justice, and save the party!

*\$35 per person: Purchase from a Blue Racer member or  
Venmo @Rebecca-Williams-1128  
Or Paypal @potentate2021*

*Ticket includes salad, dinner, dessert & interactive murder  
mystery, tea/lemonaide. Cash Bar Available.*

*Questions: Call Becky @ 913-575-4992*

**Abdallah Shrine - 5300 Metcalf Ave. - Overland Park, KS 66202**

This event is hosted by the Abdallah Blue Racers. Proceeds are for the benefit of Abdallah Shriners activities. Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions.

**ABDALLAH SHRINERS PRESENTS**

**4TH ANNUAL**

# **CHILI COOK OFF**

**\$10/PERSON**

**EAT UNTIL IT'S ALL GONE!**

- Enter chili for free
- All you can eat bowl
- Sample cups
- 3 voting tickets
- Free beer & pop

**CASH PRIZES | FOOD N DRINK**

**SATURDAY, NOV. 23RD @ 7-10PM**

**@OASIS BAR & GRILL, 5300 METCALF AVE, OVERLAND PARK**

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**QUESTIONS CONTACT ABAIAMON@GMAIL.COM**

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*Join us!*

FOR

*First Lady Barbie White's  
Appreciation Evening*

*December 10, 2024 - 6 pm Social, 7 pm Dinner*

*In the Abdallah Oasis*

*\$25 includes dinner & gift contribution*

*Please RSVP to [office@abdallahshrine.org](mailto:office@abdallahshrine.org) by 12/2/2024*

*Please make Payments to Abdallah Shriners*

*We hope you can make it!*



Chief Rabban Mike Guilinger and Lady Deb invite you to join them on a 5 night cruise to the Western Caribbean ports of Costa Maya and Cozumel. We'll sail from the Port of Galveston aboard Royal Caribbean's Mariner of the Seas. Before we board the ship, we will take a tour of the Shriners Children's Texas facilities Monday morning.



The 5-night sailing onboard the Royal Caribbean *Mariner of the Seas* departing from Galveston on March 31, 2025.

- The total for 2 in a spacious ocean view balcony cabin is \$1786.98
- The total for an ocean view cabin for 2 is \$1544.98
- The total for a promenade interior view cabin for 2 is \$1138.98.
- The total for an interior cabin for 2 is \$984.98.

The deposit for these would be \$200.00 per cabin.

We have group space held currently for each of these categories. I have this space held until August 25th currently and am happy to secure it for longer if need be. This does not include travel protection, gratuities, shore excursions, pre hotel option or transportation. I can arrange all of that so that you are all together when we have an idea of how many will be joining.

*What's not included:*

- Round trip flights / Travel to Galveston
- Pre-night hotel
- Hotel to port transportation (will be determined when we see how many will be traveling)
- Beverage packages (Approximately \$38 per person/per day plus 18% gratuity for refreshment package; Alcohol package approximately \$105 per person/per day plus 18% gratuity) Create account and watch for specials
- Gratuities (\$18 per day/per person)
- Specialty Dining
- Travel Protection (This is based on the room category. The price ranges from \$39 pp and up.)
- Shore Excursions

Mike: 913-948-1501 [mikeguilinger@gmail.com](mailto:mikeguilinger@gmail.com)

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# Around the Realm...



## IT IS COMING!

169TH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION  
MARCH 2025  
MANHATTAN



## Ararat Shrine Circus

Nov. 21 - Nov. 24

### ARARAT JAMBALAYA PARTY NOVEMBER 16, 2024 4 PM - 7 PM



ARARAT SHRINE TEMPLE  
499 S 7 HWY BLUE SPRINGS, MO 64015

THIS EVENT WILL SUPPORT OUR NEW BUILDING FUND

\$10 DESSERT AUCTION CASH BAR

50/50 RAFFLE

THE PROCEEDS OF THIS EVENT BENEFIT ARARAT SHRINERS.  
DONATIONS AND/OR PURCHASES ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE



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Delaware Chapter,  
Order of DeMolay  
and Jobs  
Daughters, Bethel  
No. 2 & 27  
participated in 39th  
Annual Turner Days  
Parade on October  
12th in Kansas City,  
KS.



>>> November							Upcoming Events at Abdallah Shrine						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday							
27	28	29	30	31	1	2							
					Birthday Friday!	Potes Roast + Steak Dinner							
3	4	5	6	7	8	9							
	BINGO: Misfits			Divan - BoD		Blue Racers Masquerade Murder Mystery							
10	11	12	13	14	15	16							
	BINGO: Greeters Veterans Day Parade (Leavenworth)	Stated Communication	Coffee Club										
17	18	19	20	21	22	23							
	BINGO: Clowns/Jokers — Red Zone					Chili Cookoff							
24	25	26	27	28	29	30							
	BINGO: TASS		Coffee Club Membership	Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	Office Closed								

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>>> December							Upcoming Events at Abdallah Shrine						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7							
	BINGO: Escorts			Divan - Bod	Birthday Friday!								
8	9	10	11	12	13	14							
	BINGO: Oriental Band	Stated Communication + Elections	Coffee Club										
15	16	17	18	19	20	21							
	BINGO: Antique Cars												
22	23	24	25	26	27	28							
	BINGO: Provost + LoH		Christmas										
29	30	31	1	2	3	4							
	BINGO: Blue Racers												

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## ATTENTION ALL UNITS & CLUBS

The 2025 Calendar is filling up fast and we're getting requests for outside rentals. If you have activities planned for next year and have not turned in your paperwork for approval and established a contract, you could lose your date. This applies primarily to the Main Hall, Oasis & Patio, and does not effect your normally scheduled meeting dates & rooms, but may effect weekend activities and fundraisers. Building rental of the Main Hall, Oasis & Patio is another source of income to help offset our raising costs of operation.



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## ALL Playground Submissions

As we look to move forward with the necessary changes to the Playground newspaper which will allow us to get back to a printed and mailed publication, please make note of the following changes:

**All articles** must be received via email at [abdallahplayground30@gmail.com](mailto:abdallahplayground30@gmail.com).

Articles should be submitted as a Word document or text with-in the email. NO hand written scans or other file formats are permitted including pdf files. Word or text documents my NOT contain any graphics. If you have information that you want published and it contains graphics, submit it as a jpg or png file format. We will NOT spend the time to recreate your submission if not provided in the proper format as describe above.

As the Playground Publication is managed and published outside of the Abdallah office buy several different volunteers, please do **NOT** contact the Abdallah Office with any questions or issues. They can not help you! All questions and information should be directed to the [abdallahplayground30@gmail.com](mailto:abdallahplayground30@gmail.com) or with an Abdallah Divan member. There are several individual volunteers who are assisting in this program and they all are available through the email .

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.