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# PLAYGROUND



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*Abdallah Nobles & Ladies Ball*  
**Saturday, April 15, 2023**

## MEMBERSHIP

<b>January 1, 2023</b>	<b>590</b>
Creations	3
Affiliations	0
Restorations	2
Associations	2
Deceased	(9)
Demitted	(2)
Suspended	(0)
Withdrawn	0
Associate Dropped	(0)
Expulsions	0
<b>March 31, 2023</b>	<b>586</b>
Regular members	565
Associate members	21

*In memory:*



**Berton Ormsby**  
**Richard Borchardt**  
**Ed Coleman**

## BINGO Schedule - 2023

<b>April</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Provost &amp; LoH</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Blue Racers</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Tin Lizzies</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>500s</b>
<b>May</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>MisFits</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Greeters</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Clowns/Jokers</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>TASS</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>Escorts</b>

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

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

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### SHRINE OFFICE HOURS

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



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

**Salisbury steak, Mashed potatoes & gravy, Green beans, Salad, Desert, Coffee or Tea**

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



**ABDALLAH SHRINERS**  
**STATED MEETING**

**April 11, 2023**

**ABDALLAH AUDITORIUM**  
**5300 Metcalf, Overland Park, KS 66202**

**7:30 PM**

**Greg Sippel**  
 Illustrious Potentate

**Herb Merrick P.P.**  
 Recorder





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

**Happy  
Birthday Noble!**

From the Illustrious Potentate, Divan and  
Members of Abdallah Shriners



*April 2nd*

Robert M Cole

John M Davis

David J Boyd

*April 3rd*

Robert A Baker

*April 4th*

TJ Tribble

Trevor Smith

*April 5th*

Michael W Schaeffer

Jason S Denney

*April 6th*

Donald L Freeberg

*April 9th*

Floyd L Fleming P.P.

*April 10th*

Tarry L Griffin

Kevin Spurling

Dionysios Piskopos

*April 12th*

James M Holzmark

*April 13th*

Charles H Hawkins

Kevin A Rogers

*April 14th*

Robert E Gifford

*April 15th*

Marion Lee McWilliams

Michael J Benedick

*April 17th*

Harry A Rightmire

*April 18th*

Matthew C Healy

*April 19th*

George L Sherman

Lyle S Smith P.P.

Michael R Perez

*April 20th*

Shawn P Loyd

*April 22nd*

Charles A Stafford

*April 23rd*

Sidney F Putnam

*April 24th*

Donald L Marah Jr.

Chad J Wiswell

*April 25th*

Jerry R Horseman

*April 26th*

Phillip A Vaubel

Benjarman L Deal

*April 27th*

James D Coker

Chris J Hubler

*April 28th*

Tim Galvin

*April 29th*

John J Tomc

Phillip F Robbins

James S Millholland

*April 30th*

Jerry Lucas

Edwin W Coleman

*Wishing YOU*  
**the BEST**  
**birthday ever!**





*This information has been published for several months now. If your submission is not included it could be because of issues related to the info below.*

# 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 and advertisements** must be received via email at [abdallaplayground30@gmail.com](mailto:abdallaplayground30@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.

**All Advertisements** must be submitted electronically as a picture format file, either **jpeg** or **png** files. We will **NOT** except any other file format including pdf, PowerPoint files or hard copy that requires scanning. Also, do NOT ask to update last year’s ad as that will NOT happen! Ads must be of the size in the chart below. Additionally, ALL advertisements must adhere to Shriners International Fundraising Policies & Procedures, which states All advertisements must include a **Statement of Purpose and a Disclosure**. (See next page) Disclosure **MUST** be as the exact wording as specified in the guidelines, i.e. *“Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions”*. Any other wording is not acceptable and your ad will **NOT** be included in the publication. Remember this policy applies to ALL advertising of any Shrine event, Posters, Flyers, Handouts, ect...

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.

Fraternal Fundraiser Checklist

- Has written permission been obtained from the Temple Potentate?
- Has a copy of the approval been sent to the Executive Vice President – Shriners International?
- Has the Temple Potentate reviewed and approved any necessary contracts?
- Has the appropriate insurance been obtained?
- Has the Temple Potentate examined all solicitation and promotional material to assure compliance with Shrine law?
- Have all federal, state/province and local laws been complied with?
- Has there been compliance with The Revenue Act of 1987 (if the Temple is located in the United States)? (See General Order No. 1)
- Have a “Statement of Purpose” and “Disclosure” been included on all tickets, solicitation and promotional material, including Temple publications?

### Playground Advertising Rates

Size	Dimensions	Mthly	Annual
Full Page	10"h x 8"w	\$200	\$2,200
Half Page	5"h x 8"w	\$110	\$1,210
Quarter Page	5"h x 4"w	\$60	\$660
B-Card	2.5"h x 3" w	\$25	\$275

*Units & Clubs receive a 50% discount*

**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*

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

Greetings All,

This month the theme is "Dancing in the Rain". What a beautiful month April can be. April brings spring time, warmer weather and a generally a more positive outlook. April can also have Spring showers; but what a more wonderful enjoyment to take time and enjoy a relaxing Spring rain.

Shriners are cheery, bright, fun-loving and positive individuals. Shriners have giving hearts and have great fun while supporting health services to children around the world.

Christians celebrate Easter in April; the resurrection. New enlightenment, celebration, new life. By providing support for Shriner's Children we too give new life, new hope to those children whose lives took an unpredicted journey.



In the Jewish religion, April is typically the time of Passover and the exodus journey from Egypt; seeking freedoms, new adventures and righteousness. This is also the time for blessings and thankfulness to God. The Hebrew Bible describes the celebration "Festival of Matzot" as both gratefulness and fun.

After the rain that came upon us during last September's Demolition Derby, Mary Ellen mentioned we should celebrate the rain and not think of it as negative experience. It was then we decided upon the theme for the 2023 Noble & Ladies Ball. "Dancing in the Rain". A celebration of new growth, new experience and fun. This month the Nobles & Ladies Ball is April 15<sup>th</sup>. Please get your reservations into the Shrine Office asap, as it is upon us.

Come support the Clowns and Community Relations at the Mission Eggstavaganza on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 10am-12 noon at Broadmoor Park (57<sup>th</sup> & Broadmoor) Mission.

At last month's Talent Show, which was a great success I might add, several requests have come in to publish the Poet Potentate Poem.

*Shriners, they are a band of brothers,  
Bound together by their love for others,  
In their fezzes and their robes so bright,  
They spread joy and hope, day and night.*

*With tireless hearts and open hands,  
They serve their communities, across the lands,  
Raising funds and lending aid,  
To those who need it most, undismayed.*

*From hospitals to healthcare and more,  
Their charity work is something to adore,  
The children they help, the families they bless,  
Are touched by their kindness, with nothing less.*

*Their parade floats and marching bands,  
Bring smiles and cheers, across the lands,  
Their laughter and joy are contagious,  
As they spread their love, so gracious.*

*Shriners, they are a sight to see,  
A symbol of hope and charity,  
Their dedication and spirit inspire,  
A better world, to aspire.*

Let's all be thankful, patient and respectful and celebrate new enlightenment as well as new adventures we will soon experience.

May 2023 theme: Mother's and Memorials.

May there be Peace in our Time.  
Illustrious Sir Greg Sippel & Lady Mary Ellen.

# Chaplain



By Jerry Ogden

*“Therefore, each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.”* Ephesians 4:25

Why do we sometimes say things that we are not completely sure are true? Often, we do so without any intent to hurt or cause trouble. We simply don't know the full truth. So...we 'fill in the blanks', so to speak. What have we accomplished? Probably not too much good. Some folks like to be in the know, and they spend time saying things that they simply cannot know to be completely true. They do not realize (or worse care) that somewhere along the way, someone might get hurt from their falsehood.

This is not what our God expects from us. He wants us to be honest in what we say or do. He must surely believe that anything but real honesty is not in keeping with His Plan.

*“We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the spirit of truth and the spirit of **falsehood**.”* 1 John 4:6

Amen



## “THE LAUGH”

By Mickey Mikulan

**JOKER’S will be meeting on the following months in 2023, (May, July, September, November) unless TEMPLE/UNIT business requires attention!**

**JOKER’S MEETINGS are on the FOURTH TUESDAY of EACH MONTH - Come for a visit. Social Hour starts at 6:00 PM, snack and meeting starts at 6:30 PM.**

**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 MANY ACTIVITIRS YOUR TEMPLE OFFERS, BRING a FRIEND!**

A NEGATIVE MIND  
WILL NEVER  
GIVE YOU a positive life!  
UNKNOWN

The Sunflower Fund was created as a means to assist nobles in times when they are unable to pay their current years dues. Donations are also welcomed to help replenish this fund. Any donations over \$25 will earn you one of our sunflower pins. You can wear the pin proudly to show your support of helping your brothers. Please contact the office for details.

# Sunflower Fund







Antique and Classic Cars

Happy Easter to all Nobles who read this message. The Antique and Classic Cars Unit met at the Olive Garden in Overland Park for their March meeting. We enjoyed a good turnout and were pleased to be visited by Illustrious Greg Sippel and his Lady, Mary Ellen. They encouraged us to attend the Potentate Ball on April 15<sup>th</sup> in the main Temple room. Volunteers are welcome to help set-up. The Potentate trip this year will be a road trip to Ft. Collins Colorado, July 30<sup>th</sup> to August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Roadtrippers will be staying at the Marriott and a variety of activities are planned. What car person doesn't enjoy a road trip?

Our Unit also finalized our onion order for 1800 pounds. What we get is what we sell. Onions this year will sell for \$12 per ten pound bag, The first price change in 12 years. We also agreed to sponsor a rodeo banner and belt buckle (\$550) for the July Rodeo and Demo Derby in Gardner, KS. Unit members were

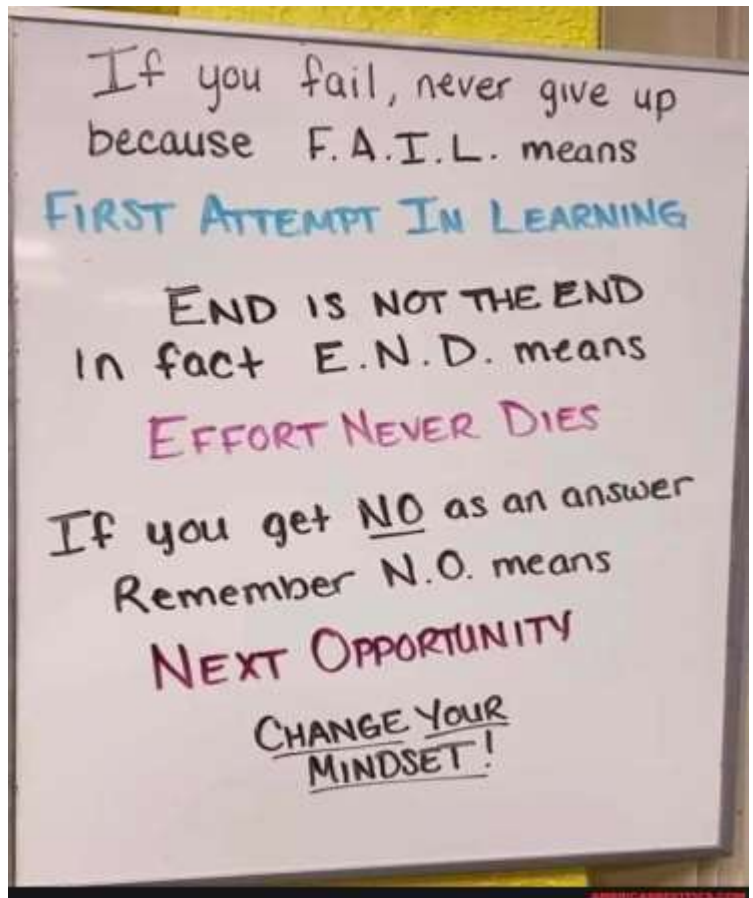
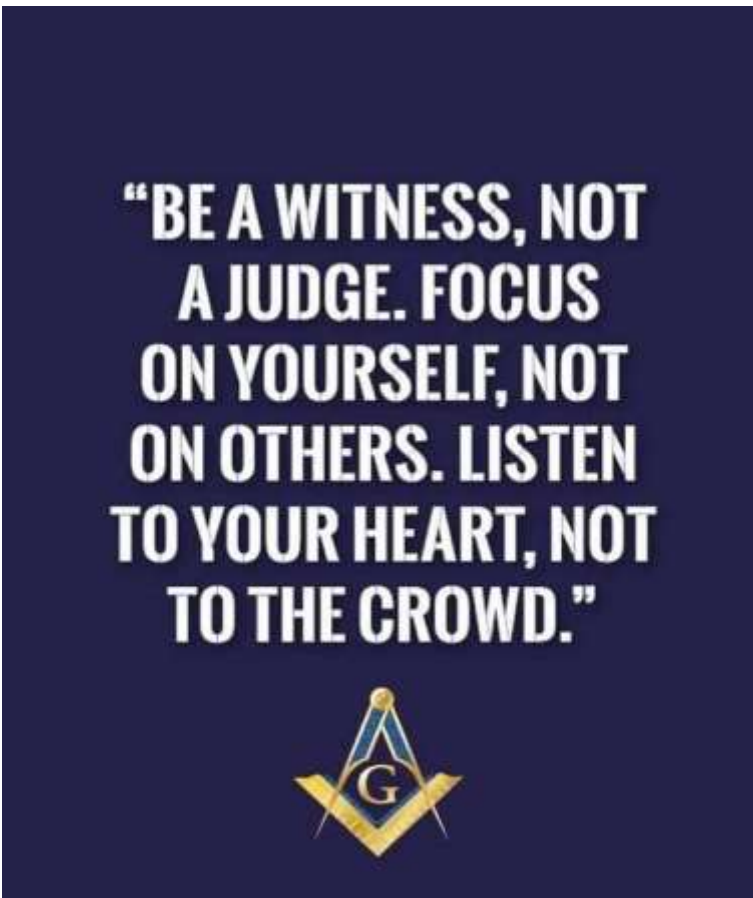
eager to participate in the rodeo function in Johnson County. We had to remind the Divan that the money in the Antique Cars bank account is our Memorial Fund to honor loyal members of our Unit with a Gold Brick at the St. Louis Hospital upon their passing.

March and April started out wet and a little cold, yet, Unit members attended both the Overland Park and Shawnee, St. Patrick's Day Parades. Cold and inclement, pictures indicate they had a good time at the parades. The Antique Cars showed up to support BINGO night on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to those who came to help out. Our Unit met at the Shrine Oasis on April 5<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to better weather and more parades as we move on into 2023.

Our Unit welcomes anyone who enjoys cars and going to car related functions. We often meet in restaurants, bringing our Ladies with us. The most important thing about our Unit is, we actually enjoy each other's company. We have several non-Shrine car shows and events planned for 2023. We welcome you to join us. If you are in a Club or a Unit, you are welcomed to be part of our fun and activities. Just call first. Pat Emmett - 913-744-6347.

Once again, grab Peter Cottontail and force him to give up his goodies for a fun Easter.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Patrick W. Emmett







By Mystery Writer

If you did not attend the First Friday Birthday you missed a great affair. There was a good crowd and good food. Plan to attend First Friday in May for a fun evening. Just bring a dessert or hors d'oeu-vre. Hope to see you there.

The Talent show was fun. Lots of laughs and the food was great. Dick Gibbs represented the Tin Lizzies, singing Johnny Cash's *Ring of Fire*. Good job Dick. Thanks, Ronnie, and all that helped make it successful. Keep up the good work; it is not going unnoticed.

Don't forget to order your onions. They are sooo good!

Be sure you get your reservation in for the Abdallah Ball on April 15, 2023.

Welcome home Carolyn Brown, you have been missed. Hope you are getting stronger each day.

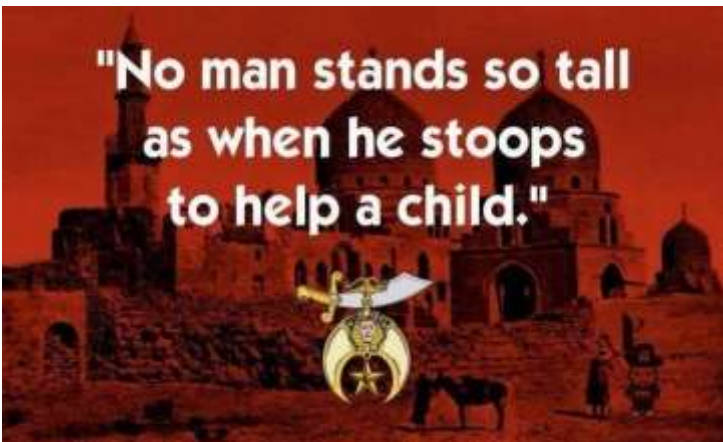
Glad to see Delores Guilinger home and recovering.

Happy Birthday to the following for the Month of April:

Jerry Horseman	4-25
Lyle Smith	4-19

Happy Easter!

*I was always taught to respect my elders.  
But it keeps getting harder to find one.*



By Ken Holliday

Springtime and the riding is easy.

I missed last month's article because I was travelling so I will be a little redundant. The Escorts and friends served the football players BBQ on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Thanks very much to Dennis and Sue Hubler and Ronnie White for their help. If I missed anyone I sincerely apologize. As always, the food was great, and we had a lot of leftovers so if anyone left hungry it was their fault.

Our best wishes and hopes for a speedy recovery go To P.P. Brian Wilson and lady Linda McConwell as they rebound from knee surgery.

Everyone is excited for our golf tournament on August 26<sup>th</sup>. This year we have a food truck that specializes in Tenderloins. Ralph Anderton, Jeff Johnson and I went out to taste test, and we were overwhelmed by its size and flavor. You don't want to miss this. As always this is a fund raiser, and we appreciate all that would be hole sponsors. See any Escort for the details. Whether you are a sponsor or not, we want you to play with us. So go hit a bucket of balls and plan to come out.

We are blessed to have our own Chris Robertson and his lovely lady Paula for Divan Reps. They are guaranteed to be successful.

At this writing the Talent show is coming up and many of our members are planning to attend. We have no idea what the talent will be like but are sure it will be fun.

The Escorts had another dinner meeting at the Anderton's house where Ralph and Linda provided all with a great meal. At our March meeting we are having loaded baked potatoes and salad. At this writing seventeen people have RSVP'd. Great food, great people and a wonderful way to celebrate the blessings of friendship.

Don't forget the Potentate's Ball on April 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are like me, I will be drowning my sorrows after paying my taxes.

If you ride on two or three wheels and 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.



# Colorado Caravan

## July 29 – August 4, 2023

This year's Potentate's Trip begins with a road trip (just one hour North of Denver or you can fly) to Fort Collins, CO, where we will stay in a full-service Fort Collins Marriott that has free parking, allows pets, outdoor pool, and has no food \$\$\$ requirement. The hotel offers made to order breakfast and full-service restaurant and a bar. Dine at the hotel or visit the many local establishments. No Travel Agent expense this year. Our hotel is approximately \$251 per night. (13.55% taxes) Fort Collins is the center of Colorado fun activities:

**Cheyenne, WY, Rodeo & Country Music, July 24-30, One Hour Drive  
Rocky Mountain National Park – Six Hour Scenic Drive Around –  
Estes Park Scenic Tour -  
Base Camp - Fort Collins – Home of Daily Craft Beer Tours  
Live Music all the Time – Downtown Fort Collins  
White Water Rafting, Hiking, Mountain Climbing, Photography  
Estes Park, Wildlife everywhere!**



**Make your own reservations using your credit card.  
Call 1-800-228-9290 to reserve your room.**

**Close KOA camping facilities approx. \$115 per night.**



# ***Welcome new Noble***

Brother Jacob Davisson became a Shriner at our March Stated Meeting. Welcome Jacob!



**Shriners International**



**Shriners Hospitals  
for Children®**

## **Your Divan at CSSA Business Session**





## ***From the Recorder's Office***

For the Record:

This has been a busy year. We seem to be coming back from COVID finally. Mrs. Naomi Goodnight is on board in the office. I was able to attend the Recorder's Seminar and came back with a lot of information that are impacting the operations of our temple. Some of the thing that we need help with that came out of the seminar and I want to share them with you now.

Each of our units and clubs needs to appoint a WebFez Administrator, they will keep your information up to date. Information like officers and members, I was surprised when I check and discovered that we have very active unit members who are not reflected in WebFez as being a member. There was a lot on dues, yes we still have some members who have not paid this years dues, sometimes it is because we don't have the right address or email in WebFez, if you are not getting information and you have moved or changed mailing address or email address let me know. If there is something that we need to do to help you with a dues issue let the office know. If your unit has an administrator they can update some of that information as you can yourself if you are registered in WebFez. I strongly encourage everyone to register in WebFez. Registering in WebFez will get you into the members section of the Shriners International site. The use of QR codes was explained and how this feature is being used to improve security and help with record keeping. That web site will let you check your dues status, pay your dues if you need too, refer a prospective candidate for membership, and access the Shriner's Fraternal Library. Using the QR feature in WebFez allows recording of everything from attendance at parades to purchasing tickets. The website also will help you find out about what is happening both on the fraternal side and the hospital side of things. There was also a lot of discussion about internet security, we are not the only temple that is getting scam emails and text to our nobility. If you have a question about an email from any member of the Shrine or from the office that seems a little off or unusual pass it on and don't act. We do not ask for gift cards so beware.

There was a lot about charitable activities and the submissions required when we do something so we don't get in trouble with the IRS. If you are involved in those sorts of events let the office know and we will help get the paperwork done and turned in. There is some online training about the paperwork if you want to learn more. Also there has been a ruling about helping a local charitable group(s), there has been a change in GO #1 that allows sharing manpower to help out other groups and even allows sharing expenses of minimal amounts. It is called a "demos" rule, basically a limit of \$1000 or less a year to outside local charities as part of our public relations efforts. Shriner's Childrens remains our only charity. Questions about this see me before you commit to doing anything. A lot of discussion about the new digital dues cards, Imperial would like to go 100% digital, but they recognize that is not possible. If you need help again let us know and we can help get it on your phone or send you the directions to do it. If you need to get a sticker for the due's cards, we will get that done also.

There are some new rules about parading. Risk management and insurance are a major issues; everyone's insurance rates are going through the roof. Our insurance committee meets and there is a report due to Imperial first of May. Taxes and IRS rules are becoming more complex. An issue that was addressed was club EINs. Imperial's view of clubs is that they are "remote" from the temple, likely having real property and employees. This requires them to be treated differently when doing taxes. That is not how we use them in Abdallah, therefore over the next year we will need to look at if a "club" needs to have an EIN and if they don't then we will turn the numbers back to the IRS. It really does not impact what is done at the club level, it is a tax filing through the office and how we organize our filing each year. Units are filed as a core part of the temple return while clubs file with the temple return. The other difference I learned was that clubs can have members from other temples who are not affiliated formal with us. Bottom line is if you don't own real property and have employees and all your members are formally part of Abdallah, you do not need to have an EIN. .

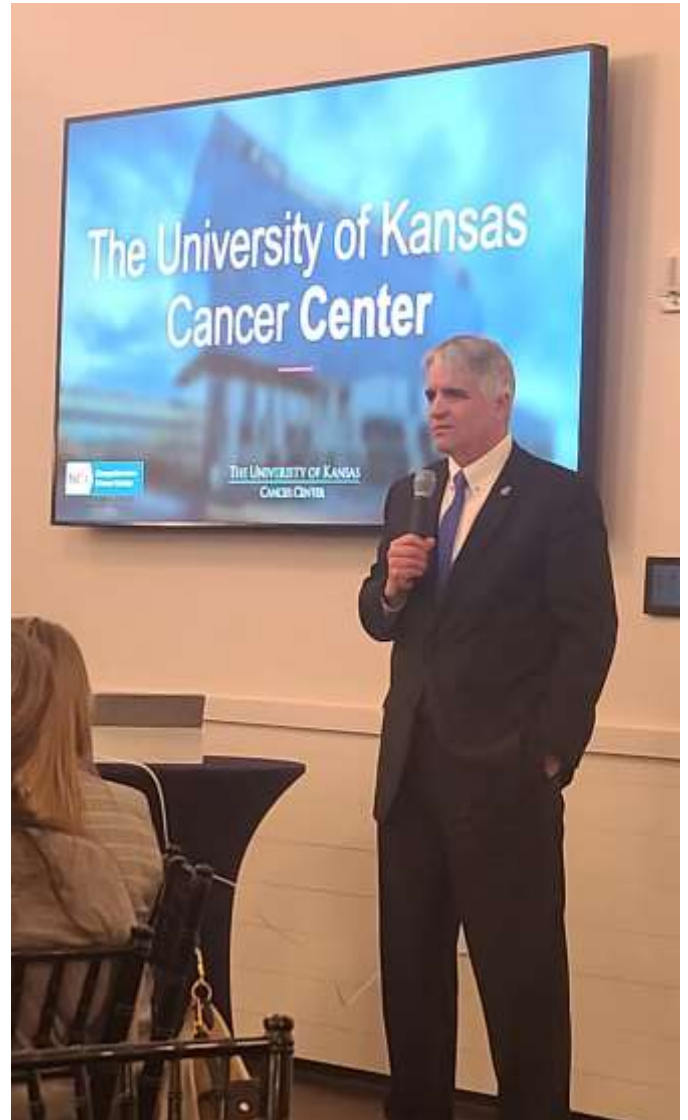
The Imperial rule on schools was explained, in order to be Potentate, you have to have attended OG or AR school, even if you are a past potentate. There was also a lot of discussion about social media and controlling what information goes out under the banner of Shriners. There was a day dedicated to finances both at the local and Imperial level. It appears almost certain that a "call" will be made for a twenty-dollar per capita increase and even when this passes it will only keep things where they are for another five years, unless we get positive membership growth. This is getting a bit long so if you got this far see me in the Oasis for a libation on me.

*More to come next month.*

On Thursday, March 30, 2023, Brother Mason, Dr. Roy A. Jensen, was the key-note speaker and honored with the *Chamber Award* by the Gardner Chamber of Commerce at their annual chamber dinner. As Abdallah has moved it's Rodeo & Derby Fundraiser to the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner, we have joined the Gardner Chamber of Commerce. Our Chief Rabban, Ronnie White & Lady Barbie as well as Treasurer, Mike Guilinger were in attendance at the event.

For those who may not know about Dr. Jensen, he is the Vice Chancellor and Director of the University of Kansas Cancer Center. With his guidance and a broad-based university, community and regional effort, The University of Kansas Cancer Center achieved National Cancer Institute comprehensive designation in July 2022. It is the NCI's most elite level of designation. The Cancer Center is currently 1 of 53, NCI-designated comprehensive cancer centers across the country.

Dr Jensen is a member of Gardner Lodge #65, Gardner KS.



# **ABDALLAH GREETER'S**

## PANCAKE FEED



**Pancakes and sausage, with drinks**

**\$15 Adults - \$5 Kids**

***Fun and Fellowship for Free***

**April 29th - 7 AM to 10 AM**

**Abdallah Shriners Main Hall**

**5300 Metcalf Ave.**

**Overland Park, KS 66202**

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# ABDALLAH

## CASINO NIGHT



*sponsor your table  
now!*

*get your  
tickets at the  
door*

**MAY 6TH**  
**DINNER 5PM-7PM**  
**GAME PLAY 7PM-9PM**  
**RAFFLE 9PM-10PM**

**\$15 BBQ DINNER**  
**\$25 COVER GETS YOU / \$2000 IN CHIPS / 2 DRINK TICKETS**  
**ADDITIONAL CHIPS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

**TONS OF GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES NOT JUST FOR THE MEN  
BUT FOR THE LADIES TOO !**

dinner will be burnt ends, pulled pork, steak fries, cheesy corn, coleslaw, roll  
for more info contact **Ronnie White (913) 314-1568**  
Abdallah Shriners 5300 Metcalf Ave Overland Park KS 66202

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**2023 PLAYERS**

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Camden Beebe  
Joel Deppe  
Mikey Bergeron  
Dylan Birge  
Jacob Bittner  
Eric Butler  
Levi Cooley  
Spencer Doan  
Kale Hammerschmidt  
Jase Hovey  
Thomas Ippolito  
Mason McGavran  
Malik O'atis  
Joshua Parrish  
Brett Sawaya  
Jamale Williams

School

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Piper  
Blue Valley Northwest  
Mill Valley  
Olathe West  
Saint Thomas Aquinas  
Olathe Northwest  
Basehor-Linwood  
Lawrence Free State  
Eudora  
Louisburg  
Blue Valley Southwest  
Olathe West  
Shawnee Mission Northwest  
Olathe North  
Blue Valley Southwest  
Lansing

Coaches/Staff

Clint Rider (Head Coach)  
Lorne Clark  
Tim Williams

School

Blue Valley Northwest  
Olathe Northwest  
Abdallah Shrine

Sponsorships are \$500/participant (and can be split with others)  
Contact the office (913-362-5300) for the latest available sponsorships

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# Kansas Shrine Bowl

## 50<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY Banquet



Join us as we honor our 2023 Participants and celebrate 50 years of the Kansas Shrine Bowl! This casual, birthday-themed party, will feature entertainment, presentations, food, special guests, and whole lot of FUN!

**FRIDAY, JULY 14th, 2023**

**5:30 PM – Doors Open**

**5:30 PM - 6:20 PM – Dinner Buffet/Meet & Greet Patient Ambassadors**

**6:20 PM – Participant Parade**

**6:40 PM - 8:00 PM – Kansas Shrine Bowl Birthday Carnival**

**8:00 PM – Participant Presentations/Awards**

**FHSU Memorial Union, Fort Hays State University**

**600 Park St.**

**Hays, KS 67601**

**\$35.00** Per Person, regardless of age or

**\$100.00** for banquet sponsorship

All Shrine Bowl participants receive a ticket. Family and friends must purchase tickets by Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are **\$35/per person** and only available through pre-sale. No tickets can be purchased following the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. **MUST** have a ticket to attend.

Banquet tickets are available at [www.KansasShrineBowl.com/Banquet](http://www.KansasShrineBowl.com/Banquet). Once tickets go on sale, you may order individual tickets or a meal sponsorship. A Meal Sponsorship is only **\$100 and include 2 event tickets**, recognition in the official gameday program, and is a great way to help us cover the cost of a meal for our participants.

Call 913-602-8656 or email [assistant@kansasshrinebowl.com](mailto:assistant@kansasshrinebowl.com) for questions.

**All tickets must be purchased prior to June 30, 2023.**

*Upon purchase, tickets are sent digitally to the email provided*

Proceeds benefit the Kansas Shrine Bowl  
Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions



# ***Win this hand made quilt!***

The quilt was hand made and donated by Barb Hines as an additional fund raiser for the 2023 Rodeo & Demo Derby featuring Crown Royal bags. Tickets are on sale at \$5 each, or 3 for \$10. That's *B2G1* and it will be given away at the Casio Night. Tickets are available in the Shrine Office, several of the Divan members and Rodeo Committee Members as well as from Barb herself. Get yours before they're all gone! We'll have it on display at the Stat-ed meetings and of course at the Casino Night.





# Shriners Hospitals Charity Golf Event

Benefiting Shriners Hospitals for Children



**Falcon Ridge Golf Club ♦ Monday, June 26, 2023**

20200 Prairie Star Parkway, Lenexa, KS 66220, 913-393-4653

NOON Shotgun Start ♦ Four Man Scramble

Please arrive by 11 AM for event check in. Entry fee \$150 per golfer includes golf and cart, gift bag with commemorative vacuum insulated tumbler, ball cap, balls and tees, beer, soft drinks and box lunch. Followed by an awards dinner and a great silent auction! See [AbdallahGolf.com](http://AbdallahGolf.com) for the latest details. Registration deadline June 12, 2023.

**Course dress code, no Blue Jean pants or Blue Jean shorts allowed.**

## Registration Form

Check [AbdallahGolf.com](http://AbdallahGolf.com) for all payment options. Please make checks payable to "Abdallah SHC Golf" Mail payment and registration to: Abdallah SHC Golf, % Kevin Larson, 12453 S. Ellsworth, Olathe, KS 66062 You may also attach & email: [abdallahshrinersgolf@gmail.com](mailto:abdallahshrinersgolf@gmail.com) or call Kevin Larson at 913-787-7308

**Payment Information**     Credit Card information enclosed     Check enclosed     Paid with PayPal

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### Team Information

Player 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Player 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Sponsorships Available

Please check type of sponsorship desired and include artwork and payment with registration. All levels \$1,000, or higher, include green fees, golf carts, lunch and on-course beverages. Your company banner will be displayed day of event and will receive recognition on our website, all social media and press releases.

- \$4,000 Gold Sponsor: Three foursomes entry fees, three tee-box signs with company name and logo, corporate logo on sleeve of commemorative golf polo shirt
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- Longest Putt Sponsor: \$250 or equal merchandise
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- Silent Auction Items

Abdallah Shriners are a part of Shriners International, a brotherhood of men and their families, dedicated to fun and fellowship but with a serious purpose. They support what has been called the "World's Greatest Philanthropy" Shriners Hospitals for Children, a network of 22 pediatric specialty hospitals, operated and maintained by Shriners. 100% of the proceeds from this event will go to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

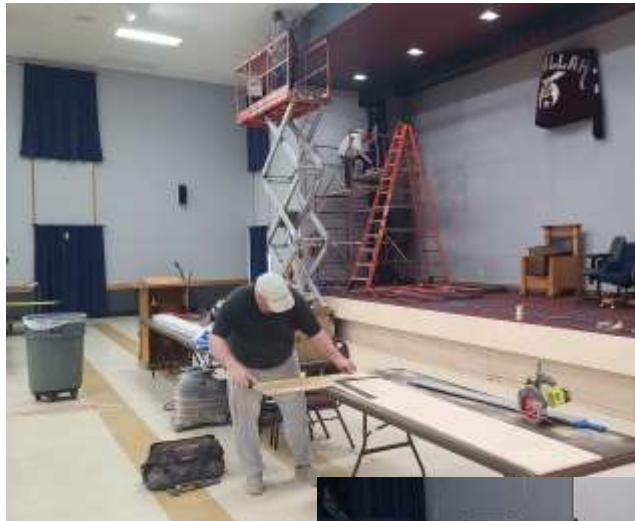
For more information, please check these websites: Shriners International at [shrinersinternational.org](http://shrinersinternational.org) and Shriners Hospitals for Children at [shrinershospitalsforchildren.org](http://shrinershospitalsforchildren.org)



# ***Your Main Hall Update***

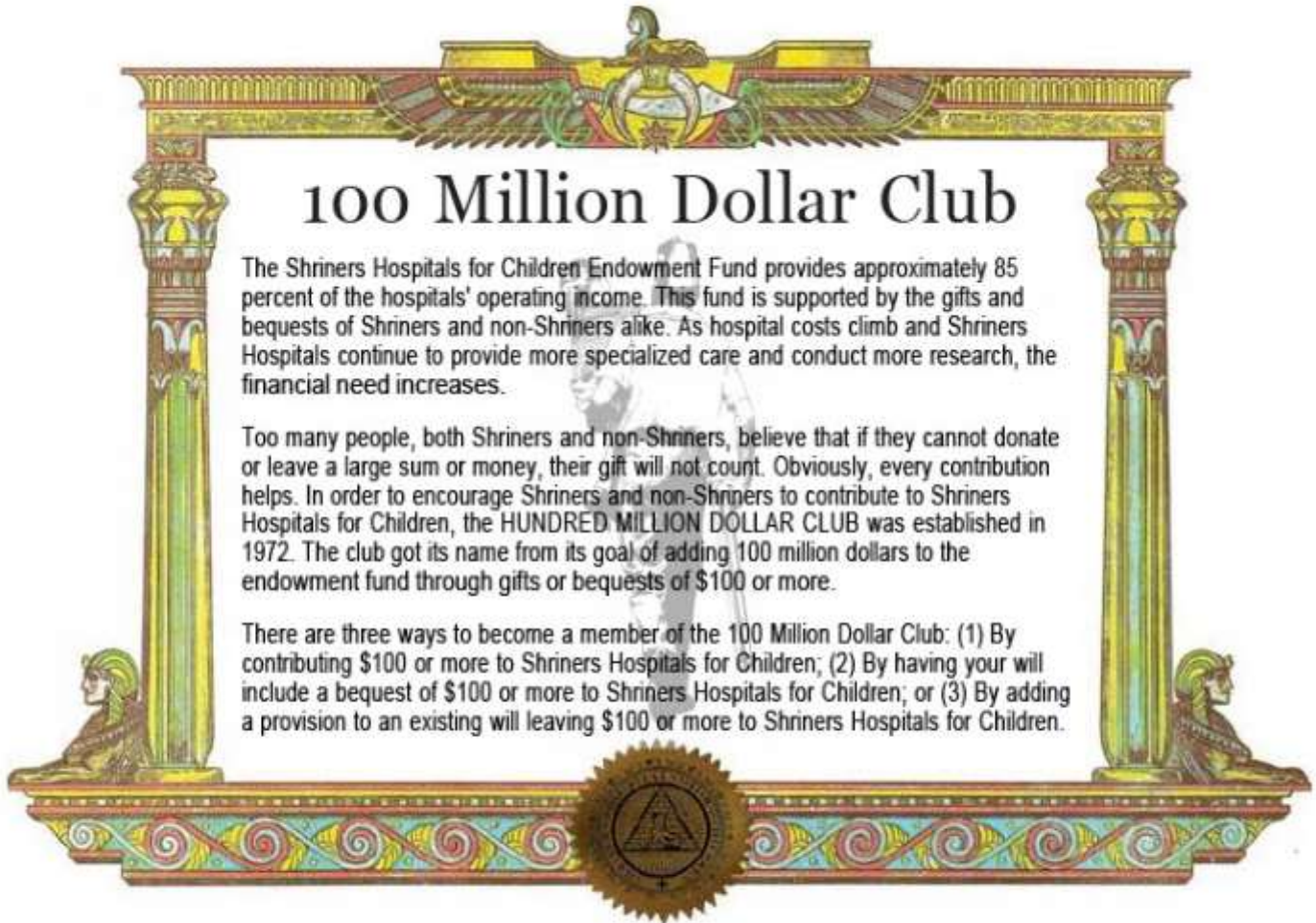


More progress was made on the main hall upgrade on March 18 & 19 with paint work and refacing the stage front. A big Thank You goes out to Tony Pagel for organizing and sourcing the materials as well as precutting all the stage facing materials. We also want to thank Tony, Ill Sirs Greg Sippel and Jeff Johnson, Nobles Tim Preece, Benny Harper and Mike Guilinger for all their help! We still have more to do but it looks much better.





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**50/50  
Raffle**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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



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**Nobles and Ladies**

Come Visit the Abdallah Oasis on

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It happens on the

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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!  
Anna Marie Swearingin

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**Units and Clubs**

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Regjscrob@aol.com	
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## **Upcoming Events**

**The Abdallah Shrine Office hours have changed.**

**New hours are**

**10AM - 4PM Monday, Tuesday & Thursday**

**10AM to 2PM on Wednesday & Closed on Friday.**

**Open until 7:00pm on Stated Meeting Nights**

**April 4th—Hiawatha Awards Night**

**April 7th—Birthday Friday**

**April 11th—Stated Meeting**

**April 12th—Coffee Club**

**April 15th—Noble's Ball**

**April 17th—Red Zone Meeting**

**April 26th—Coffee Club**

**April 26th—Membership Meeting**

**April 29th—Pancake Breakfast**

**May 5th—Birthday Friday**

**May 6th—Casino Night**

**May 9th—OPEN Meeting**

**Thank you and Stay Safe!**



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