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## MEMBERSHIP

<b>January 1, 2020</b>	<b>733</b>
Creations	0
Affiliations	1
Restorations	7
Associations	1
Deceased	(15)
Demitted	(1)
Suspended	0
Withdrawn	0
Associate Dropped	0
Expulsions	0
<b>June 30, 2020</b>	<b>726</b>
Regular members	701
Associate members	25

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Monday - Friday  
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### In Memory

Willie Hembree

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Wendell Sisk

## BINGO Schedule - 2020

### August

3 Provost  
10 Trail 70's / Directors Staff  
17 Hawgs  
24 Oriental Band  
31 500's

### September

7 Tin Lizzies  
14 Greeters  
21 Jokers  
28 LoH

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

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



Open Meeting  
August 11, 2020  
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread,

Coffee & Tea

\$0

# CANCELED

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

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



## ABDALLAH OPEN MEETING



### ABDALLAH SHRINE

5200 M to f, O...land Park, KS 66208

2 D...card required

public meeting

August 11, 2020

7:30 PM

Brian Wilson  
Illustrious Potentate

Bennie Smith P.P.  
Recorder

# CANCELED





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



Greetings to all Nobles and Ladies.

This past month we started to return to some normal operations but with the recent spike in Covid in Kansas and Missouri, we are faced with the challenge of again scaling back some operations. As I have stated before, we want you to come and enjoy the events we have to offer. There is no expectation for anyone to attend any event, but we hope that you will all want to return soon. We are doing everything we can to try to offer events that people will feel safe, and will also keep our fraternity relevant in your life.

We hosted our July stated meeting with an in person meeting and also via Zoom, on July 14. We had approximately 40 nobles attend the meeting. I really hope all Nobles plan to start attending the next stated meeting even if it is hosted via Zoom.

Due to a recent spike in Covid in the Kansas City Metropolitan area, and out of an overabundance in safety for our members, I have decided to cancel the August Open Meeting. We had intended to have a presentations by the Imperial Sir Jeff Sowder and his Lady Cheryl along with other upcoming event information. I also decided to cancel the monthly birthday Friday event scheduled for Friday, August 7. I know this comes as a disappointment for the Nobles

and Ladies of Abdallah, but I have to make decisions that are prudent and safe for all attendees. Having a large gathering, when Covid is spiking in our area is just not safe.

I am calling for a Special Building Association meeting in conjunction with our Stated Meeting on September 8, 2020, for the purpose of possibly selling our undeveloped property to the west of our building. Please come and listen to the presentation and submit your vote. This is an important decision which affects the future of Abdallah in a very real way.

This past month, the Kansas Shrine Bowl was held on July 18, in Topeka. The Kansas Shrine Bowl Board worked very hard to keep all of the players, coaches, support staff, fans, Nobles and Ladies safe. Temperature checks were mandatory, along with the wearing of masks. There was a shortage of volunteers, so we did not take money for parking. The only food items sold were pop, water and candy. Also, limited merchandise was sold. The players and player's families were very happy we held the game. I believe the Shrine Bowl Board did a great job! We have an opening to be a Shrine Bowl Board Member; if you are willing to serve please let me know. Also, Pastor Craig, who has served on the Red Zone Committee for many years is leaving us and moving back to Iowa. Thank you for your many years of volunteering for the Shrine Bowl, Pastor Craig; good luck in your new adventure.

We have exciting news! After many months and years of planning, we have purchased a new hospital transportation van. We purchased a 2020 Chrysler Pacifica from Overland Park Dodge Jeep. The wrap was designed by our Treasurer, Mike Guillinger. We purchased this new vehicle because it has many safety standards which will help protect our patients and Nobles. These features include lane monitoring, parallel parking, perpendicular parking, backup cameras and 360 degree surround view. The van also has stow and go seating. These are all safety standards that we needed. Bingo has resumed full operations. This is an important fund raiser for our temple. Several of the Nobles that have volunteered to work bingo for many years, are in the at-risk category and they don't feel safe to come work bingo anymore. Bingo produces a lot of revenue for our fraternity and we need to continue hosting bingo. I am asking for Nobles and Ladies to please join the bingo team. We need your help!!!!!! If you're Unit or Club is assigned to work bingo, please ensure you are well represented.

The Potentates ball at Abdallah has again been rescheduled. It will now be held on December 12. The main hall will look beautiful, and we will have a good time. Please consider joining us at the Ball on December 12.

This last month we played the third annual Shriners Hospital Golf Tournament. The golf tournament committee did a great job. A fun time was had by all and we managed to earn some good money to help the hospital. If you missed this event, you sure missed a good time. Start planning now to attend this event next year. Tom Roy would have been very proud this year.

We had to make the hard decision to cancel the Annual Demolition Derby. The Leavenworth County Health Board would not let us have more than 45 people attend the event. Without this fund raiser, it will be very hard to pay the bills in 2021. The challenges for 2020 have been difficult with last year's rain out, but now without this year's major fund raiser next year will be even more challenging. I am hoping the Chief Rabban and the rest of the Board of Directors can come up with some fund raising ideas to help the budget for 2021. We will need everyone's help to work upcoming events and to participate. The next project we are taking on is the update to the Activity Room. Atwood Lodge, who rents the Activity Room from us, is in charge of the man power for the updates. Ken Holliday, who is the Worshipful Master of Atwood Lodge, has wanted to update the Activity room as his project. Ralph Anderton installed a new chair rail, a new bar front, and will soon install new flooring. The Lodge will be asking for volunteers to help out installing the floor. If you are willing to help, please let Ken Holliday know. Thank you Ken, and thank you to Atwood Lodge!

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

Brian Wilson, Potentate



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

## **Happy Birthday Noble!**

From the Illustrious Potentate, Divan and  
Members of Abdallah Shriners



### **Aug 1st**

David M Kovac  
Jason W McCord

### **Aug 2nd**

Charles E Bowers  
Henry P Crow Jr  
Joseph C Collins  
Jim M Dehoff  
Mark W Cunningham

### **Aug 3rd**

Roy A Lynnes  
Charles H Neeland III

### **Aug 5th**

Donald L Porter  
Robert S Hansen  
Joseph C Pisciotta  
Andrew P Cassity

### **Aug 6th**

Jay F Myers  
Danny D Walenta

### **Aug 7th**

Robert P Schloesser PhD

### **Aug 8th**

Richard A McGinnis  
Garry A Dial P.P.  
Richard A Rasperger

### **Aug 9th**

Medford L Wilson P.P.  
William W Eddings

### **Aug 10th**

Roger B Miller

### **Aug 11th**

Joseph R Wilson  
Arthur W Keefer P.P.  
Walter M Johnston  
Richard L Schroder

Anthony Brogna

Eric W Foster

### **Aug 13th**

Roy W Van Dolah

### **Aug 14th**

Arthur C Miller  
Mitchell E Carter

### **Aug 15th**

Dearld S Robinson

### **Aug 16th**

Larry L Hewitt

### **Aug 17th**

William A Anderton  
Duane G Van Dorn  
Ronald E Joles

### **Aug 18th**

Gerald D Carter Sr.  
Gary W Ragar  
William J Burman III  
Donald A Korpi  
Kyle A Jones

### **Aug 19th**

Pat E Gibson  
James A Howd Jr

### **Aug 20th**

Sam J Walters  
Paul E Leffert  
Kirby E Watson

### **Aug 21st**

Peter P Seaton  
Bruce K Graham

### **Aug 22nd**

James M Haag Jr

### **Aug 23rd**

Jerry Z Willburn  
Norman R Scott  
Bruce D Mayfield

### **Aug 24th**

David L Harrington

### **Aug 25th**

Harold W Nossaman  
William M Edman  
Willis J Pape

### **Aug 26th**

Joe D Rich  
Bennie L Smith II  
Daniel Helm

### **Aug 27th**

David L Prawl

### **Aug 28th**

George W Luther

### **Aug 29th**

Richard A Yunghans  
Charles H Johnston  
Walter T Hutsell

Dennis R Hancock

### **Aug 30th**

David M Baggett

### **Aug 31st**

Gary G Sauer  
Daniel G Hamilton  
Ruben R Ramirez



### **Nobles and Ladies**

Come Visit the Shrine 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!

## Chaplain

By Jerry Ogden



Let's understand one thing; viruses are real, they've been around for a long time. No one has figured out to eradicate the cold, upper respiratory infections and the various versions of the flu. Viruses mutate and make reasonably effective vaccines difficult to develop.

In light of our current battle with Coronavirus, we need to understand that no one is happy with how we have had to change our way of living. Simply put, we don't want to live our lives under a cloud of uncertainty, suggested health guidelines and 'mandates'.

Some of us try to understand what is best to do. Others don't like to be told what to do in our land of hard-fought freedoms. There are even some who don't really have the God Blessed answer to our current situation, but they have been critical of whatever they don't believe in to not be true, legal or necessary.

One thing does seem certain about all of us. None of us wants to see anyone we know become afflicted with COVID-19. After all, we are a great fraternity and 'Brothers All'. With our Ladies, we are the Shrine Family.

Finally, we must recognize that our Potentate, Board of Directors and the Appointed Divan are constantly struggling with the various rules and guidelines designed to keep us from unwise or unsafe behavior. These good men have pledged that Abdallah Shriners will not have even one case of the virus. They consider all available information before deciding certain procedures must be implemented for the 'Good of the Order'. This is a good definition of what is referred to as Leadership. The medium age of our Fraternity is approximately 77 years old. With that fact in mind, certainly we must understand the very real risk of illness for someone we know, a Brother who loves being a Shriner, as much as we love being a Shriner.

Amen

## Abdallah Greeters

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



By Bob Anver

Greetings from the Abdallah Greeters. Not much to report since we have been dark in July. We will have our regular meeting in August to begin planning for the Festiva Italiano (Spaghetti Dinner) in October.

Good News: we have our caterer all set for our December meeting (the 28<sup>th</sup> in the activity room) Suzanne has catered for us before and we were always happy with the results.

As I write this, the date of the Potentate's Ball is uncertain but we will be ready to greet the Nobles and pass out table assignments when it does take place.

*Old story: Little Johnny's father had just returned home from a business trip, and he had a romantic evening planned with his wife. So, he sent his two older kids to the movies, but he couldn't persuade Little Johnny to go along.*

*Finally, he made a deal with Little Johnny, "If you go sit outside of the house, I'll give you five dollars for every man you see go by in a red hat." An excited Little Johnny agreed.*

*Some time later, Little Johnny ran into the house and up to his parents bedroom. He banged on the door and shouted, "Hey, Dad, if you think your getting screwed in THERE, just wait until you come outside 'cause there's a Shriners parade going past our house."*



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## Units and Clubs

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

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

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

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





### "THE LAUGH"

The JOKER Family expect all are doing well!

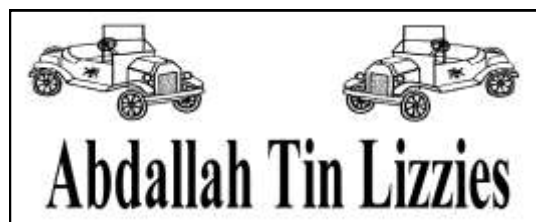
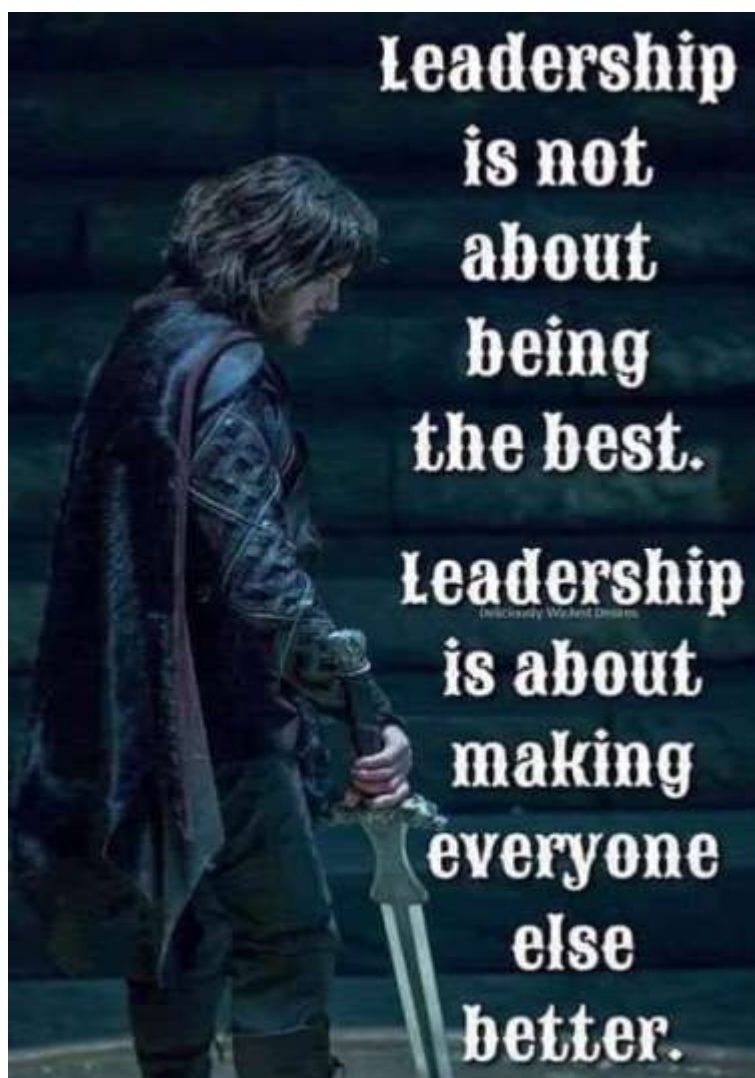
The JOKER'S are taking their traditional summer break!

JOKER'S next regular scheduled meeting is TUESDAY, August 25, 2020, fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Tuesday of the month.

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

Stay Safe

**LIFE is a LONG LESSON in HUMANITY**



By Gaylon Jones

Birthday Friday was a success. We celebrated April, May, June, and July. It turned out to be a cool evening on the patio after the rain. It was so good to see our friends. Hopefully, we will be able to do this again in August.

Please keep practicing social distancing.  
Wear your masks!

#### Anniversary:

Jeff / Gloria Johnson	8-4
Russell/Cindy Reese	8-17

#### Birthday:

Gary Dial	8-08
Eric Foster	8-11
Gloria Johnson	8-18
Bill Keefer	8-11
Lee Wilson	8-9

Happy Birthday to all Shrine members that have birthdays in August!



The A.S.S. Club met on July 23rd with Poppa Johns pizza for dinner. Illustrious Sir Kevin gave us an update of the financials from the Golf Event which was huge success. The Club voted to host it again in 2021 with a date set for June 7th. Tom would be proud of the achievements and the commitment to carry on the new tradition. A special presentation was planned to Imperial Sir Jeff for the August open meeting however that is now postponed. The members also voted to renew their commitment to the Derby with Banner and Program Ad renewal and if it doesn't happen we'll donate to it anyway.

With Derby now canceled, the Social Society Club will have a "meeting" on August 27th. Social starts at 5pm, we'll have some food at 6:30 followed by a short meeting at 7 and as always more socializing after.

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

## Table Cloths Reminder

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

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

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

# PCM



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For more information contact:

**Illustrious Sir Eldon Masters, P.P.**

**913-236-9878**

or

**The Shrine Office**

## **PLAYGROUND NOTICE**

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

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

Thank you,

Jerry Ogden, Editor

### **Playground Advertising Rates**

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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*



Blessed with good weather recently. Still playing Thursday mornings at Sunflower Hills in Bonner Springs. Tee times at 7:45 and 7:53. Shamle format for more fun.

June 11<sup>th</sup>

Closest to pin #4 - Bob Hansen; #13 – Dick Strong  
Closest to pin in 2 - #16 – Bob Hansen  
Long Drive on #10 – under 80 – Bob Hansen; over 80 – Dick Strong  
Birdies: Roger Miller & Dick Strong – 1; Pat Emmett and Bob Caplinger – 2; Bob Hansen – 3

June 18<sup>th</sup>

Closest to pin #4 – Pat Emmett; #13 – Roger Miller  
Closest to pin in 2 - #16 – Dick Strong  
Long Drive on #10 – under 80 – Greg White; over 80 – Dick Strong; over 90 – Bob Caplinger

June 25<sup>th</sup>

Closest to pin #4 – Ken Courtney; #13 – Dick Strong  
Closest to pin in 2 - #16 – Greg White  
Long Drive on #10 – over 80 – Roger Miller; over 90 – Bob Caplinger  
Birdies: Roger Miller – 1; Greg White & Ken Courtney – 2

July 2<sup>nd</sup>

Closest to pin #4 – Pat Emmet; #13 – Dick Strong  
Closest to Pin in 2 - #16 – Roger Miller  
Long putt #9 – Dick Strong  
Long Drive on #10 – under 80 – Pat Emmet; over 80 – Dick Strong  
Birdies: Greg White, Roger Miller & Bob Hansen – 2; Dick Strong – 3  
Eagles: Pat Emmet – chip in on #9

July 9<sup>th</sup>

Closest to pin #4 – Bob Hansen; #13 – Bob Hansen  
Closest to pin in 2 - #16 – Roger Miller  
Long Drive on #10; under 80 – Bob Hansen; over 80 – Roger Miller  
Long Putt on #9 – Bob Hansen  
Birdies: Bob Hansen – 1; Roger Miller & Greg White – 3  
Eagles: Bob Hansen – putt on #9



Greetings Nobles & Ladies,

It is with great pleasure that I announce to you that your Provost Guard has finally resumed regular meetings this month. We have not been able to meet for several months, as you know, and I must say I have missed the brotherhood, the camaraderie and the friendship of my fellow "Travelling Men" and Nobles!

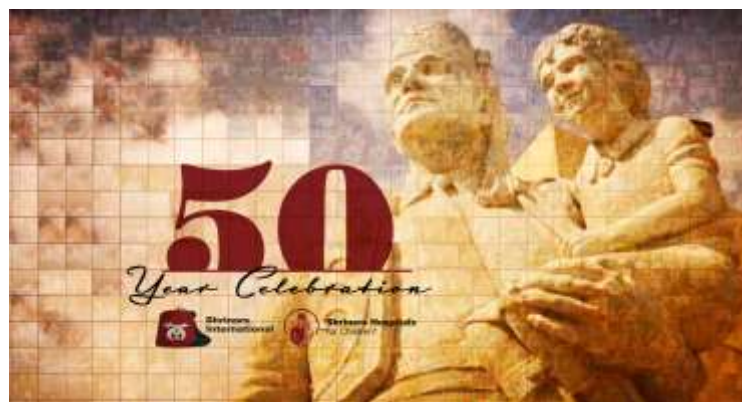
Our first meeting back together was short and to the point, maintaining social awareness and COVID protocols. The reality of the situation is that not much was accomplished in this meeting other than catching up on old business and getting back into the groove of trying to support this Shrine in its support of our hospitals and clinics.

CSSA has been cancelled this year and as such the Provost will not be utilizing the bullet Hole for shooting practice prior to monthly meetings. Shooting practice will take place at Noble Ralph Anderton's home shooting range. These shooting sessions WILL include time and space for the Ladies who want to come join us in target practice. All new shooters will be required to attend a safety class put on by our Noble President (and Range Safety Officer) Larry Riggs. The practices are sure to be a great time to get together, socialize and have fun!

Once again, if anyone is interested in joining the Provost Guard, or if you just want to join us as a friend and potential member, just come find any one of us and we will be happy to help you in any way we can.

Enjoy yourselves,  
Square yourselves,  
Be safe,

Erik Kittrell,  
Sec/Tres  
turkh5@yahoo.com





## **April—May—June—July**



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## 24th Annual Young Shriners Golf Tournament 4-Man Scramble All playing levels welcome

Early Registration deadline is:

Postmarked by 8/8/2020 or  
hand delivered to a Yo-Shi member by 8/9/2020.

### Tournament Information:

When: **Saturday August 22nd 2020 approximately 12:00**  
Where: **Painted Hills Golf Course, Kansas City, KS**  
Cost: **\$85 per person, \$320 per team** (persons signing up as an individual will be assigned to a team. **Late registration will be \$90 per person or \$360 per team.**

We are limiting this to 30 teams. Tournament fee includes the following: range balls, green fees, cart rental, sleeve of golf balls, pre-tournament lunch, beverages before, during and after golf, hotdogs during the post tournament awards and 1 ticket for random prize drawings.

Additional prize tickets will be for sale prior to tee off and right before prize drawings after lunch. 1-\$1 or 6-\$5. Mulligans will also be available for purchase prior to tee off 2-\$5 no limit.

The tournament is open to Nobles, their Ladies, and friends or guests of Shriners.

### Mail Entries to:

**Yo-Shi**  
**5300 Metcalf Ave**  
**Overland Park, KS 66202**

Proceeds from this activity are for the use of Abdallah Yo-Shi and are NOT Tax Deductible

### Registration Entry Form

☐ Individual ☐ Team  
(Please check appropriate box)

Team Captain/Individual Name

Additional Team Member Names (required if registering a team)

Email or Phone contact (Team Captain/Indv only)

Payment in full should be submitted with this entry form.

*Make checks payable to Yo-Shi*

*\$85 per golfer  
\$320 per team*

Total Fees due:

*Late registration will be \$90 and/or \$360*



# Spotlight on the Shrine

**The 2020 Imperial Session** was held via Zoom with a streaming video from Tampa and our representatives voting was done with a web based electronic system. All went well and the only business voted on was the election of the Captain of the Guard and the Outer Guard, as well as three trustees to the Hospital Board.

*(Social Distancing applied)*



**JAMES R. "JIM" SMITH**  
2020-2021 Imperial Potentate  
Shriners International





## **Jim Smith, Imperial Potentate of Shriners International**

On Saturday, July 11, James R. “Jim” Smith of Georgetown, Texas, was elected Imperial Potentate of Shriners International, part of the 12-member body that helps govern the Shriners fraternity, during the Shriners’ 2020 Imperial Session in Tampa, Florida. As Imperial Potentate, Smith is the highest-ranking Shriner in the world, and serves as president of the Board of Directors of Shriners International and chairman of the Board of Directors of Shriners Hospitals for Children. This is Smith’s 10th year as a member of the Boards of Directors for Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

### **Getting to know Jim Smith**

A native of Racine, Wisconsin, Jim Smith spent his childhood summers on his father’s family farm. “I really enjoyed that time. It was a great way to be raised,” he said.

Growing up, the importance of family and faith were deeply instilled – to this day, he continues to uphold the conservative values and Lutheran faith of his family.

Smith received his bachelor’s degree in business administration from the University of Wisconsin. He studied for his MBA at the Keller School of Management in Chicago.

Jim Smith and his wife, Alice Smith, first met through a blind date. They were married 10 months later in Alice’s hometown of Kilkenny, Minnesota, and will celebrate their 48th wedding anniversary in August.

For more than 30 years, Smith worked in the material handling business. As his career with a conveyor systems company progressed, the family moved quite often, mostly to various cities in Wisconsin and Minnesota, but they also spent time in Illinois and on the East Coast. Eventually, they purchased a fuel company in Phillips, Wisconsin, which was their last move before retiring to Georgetown, Texas.

The Smiths have a son, Jason, and a daughter, Abby, and five grandchildren. The fraternal tradition will continue in the Smith family for at least the next generation – both Jason and Abby’s husband, Greg, are also Shriners. Smith’s hobbies include traveling, barbecuing and visiting with his grandkids.

### **The future of the Shriners Fraternity**

Smith became a Mason on Feb. 13, 1999, and a Shriner in 2004. He joined the fraternity as a way to acknowledge and give back to the organizations that assisted a nephew who had orthopaedic difficulties, and received care at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Chicago throughout his childhood.

Smith first joined Zor Shriners in Madison, Wisconsin. When the family moved to Georgetown, Texas, Jim joined Ben Hur Shriners in Austin, where he participated in the Provost Guard and helped transport children to and from the Texas Shriners Hospitals. He also sat on the Board of Governors for the Houston Shriners Hospital.

In 2009, Smith served as Potentate (president) of Ben Hur Shriners. That year, the temple (chapter) had a balanced budget for the first time in many years and was awarded a Gold Membership Award for a net gain in membership. It was the first time Ben Hur Shriners had achieved gold status in 38 years.

Smith became a member of the Shriners’ Boards of Directors to make a difference. “I really thought I could help,” he said. “We need to strengthen the temples and ensure they are places where people want to go, and are welcomed.”

Smith believes the fraternity needs to emphasize and focus on its original purpose of bringing fun and fellowship to a Masonic organization.

“When the Shriners fraternity started in 1872, its purpose was fun and fellowship,” said Smith. “We did well with that – but we’ve lost our focus. As Imperial Potentate, I will try to put Fun and Fellowship back in the fraternity.

## 2020 is the 50 year anniversary of the Silent Messenger

The photo known as the "Editorial Without Words" is one of the Shriners fraternity's most recognizable images. It was taken almost by accident, 50 years ago, on June 11, 1970, in Evansville, Indiana. This special moment, captured for all time, eloquently illustrates the relationship between the Shriners fraternity and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Hadi Shriners in Evansville was holding its annual summer picnic. Patients were invited, and everyone enjoyed a day of food, fun and carnival rides. Toward the end of the day, Shriner Al Hortman, who became a Shriner after his daughter, Laura, was treated at Shriners Hospitals for Children, noticed a young girl who needed help. On this day, Noble Hortman lifted Bobbi Jo Wright and her crutches and carried her from ride to ride. A local newspaper photographer, Randy Dieter, captured the photo with a long lens as the two walked past him. Dieter wouldn't realize until much later how much impact that single image would have. Neither would the Shriners, or Bobbi Jo herself.

Today, Bobbi Jo lives independently and is active in her church. She spends much time and energy traveling and speaking on behalf of Shriners Hospitals for Children, and meeting and encouraging other patients and families.

The famous photo has been reproduced on stained-glass windows, mosaics, tie tacks, pins and more. A larger-than-life replica of the "Editorial Without Words" stands outside the Shriners International Headquarters building in Tampa, Florida, and statues mark many temples and Shriners Hospitals locations. A version of the image is used as the Shriners Hospitals for Children logo.



## Through Darkness I Shine: The Stories of Conner and Mia

The videos are available on YouTube - Search using *"Through the Darkness I Shine"*.





# RISING STARS

## Helping Our Patients Discover Their Potential and Believe in Their Dreams

Shriners Hospitals for Children® is committed to providing what we call wrap-around care. It means we maintain a family-centered approach and are concerned with our patients' overall health and well-being.

This can mean different things for different patients. It can include finding ways to help them play with their friends, enhance their education, enjoy a hobby and live more independently. The staff of Shriners Hospitals for Children is known for taking the time to listen to our patients and families, learning of both their medical needs, as well as their hopes and dreams.

First Lady Alice Smith believes that giving our patients every possible advantage and opportunity to achieve helps them to become **Rising Stars**, and she is dedicated to strengthening their incredible spirits and abilities, helping them to have full, satisfying and productive lives.

### TREATING UNIQUE NEEDS

To help each child who comes to Shriners Hospitals for Children become as independent as possible, we often introduce and provide assistive devices, especially through our various therapy programs. We provide our patients with physical, occupational, speech and recreational therapy.

Assistive devices can range from items to help learn or regain the ability to walk, to computer-driven augmentations for those with speech difficulties, to items that help children learn to feed or dress themselves. Assistive devices also include mobility aids, such as crutches, walkers and wheelchairs. We can also customize the devices to fit the specific needs of individual patients. The **Rising Stars** fundraising program will support these efforts.

\*The appropriate value of goods/services received is \$11.25 for bead, \$7 for star necklace, \$15 for regular tie, \$17 for long tie, \$12 for pre-tied bow tie and \$15 for self-tied bow tie. This amount is not tax deductible.



### INTEGRATING TECHNOLOGY

We also use assistive technology in our therapy programs, through the availability of various systems such as body weight supported gait training and functional electrical stimulation bikes. We are also concerned with our patients' quality of life, and work to provide, or make them aware of, adaptive recreation opportunities and items to provide additional kid-friendly mobility, such as adaptive toy cars or bikes.

"We all want our children to be happy and successful," said Lady Alice. "I want to help our patients move from the Shriners Hospitals system to successful, independent adult lives."

Lady Alice invites you to join her in supporting Shriners Hospitals for Children's efforts to provide our patients with appropriate assistive devices as well as skills they can use for a lifetime. Donors may purchase a unique necktie or bow tie, a beautiful bracelet bead or an elegant necklace featuring a beautiful star, or they may make donations online. Thank you for your compassion, generosity and support of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

To us, all of our patients, and their families, are **Rising Stars**. We are proud to support the availability of adaptive and assistive technology that helps them achieve their goals and become as independent and self-sufficient as possible.

[lovetotherescue.org/first-lady-program](http://lovetotherescue.org/first-lady-program)  
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## 2020 Upcoming Parade Dates

The Parade schedule is short this year.... As in there are no more scheduled at this time. The link to the parade calendar is below.

<https://www.abdallahshriners.com/parades>



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**you drop something, you**  
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The Temple Office at 913-362-5300

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# 50/50 Raffle

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

# It's Back

## Abdallah Coffee Club

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## Upcoming Events

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

**Aug 3rd - Bingo - Provost**

**Aug 4th - Primary Elections**

**Aug 7th - CANCELED - Birthday Friday**

**Aug 8th - Temple Clean-up**

**Aug 10th - Bingo - Trail 70's & Directors Staff**

**Aug 11th - CANCELED - Open Meeting**

**Aug 12th - Coffee Club**

**Aug 14th - CANCELED—80's Party**

**Aug 17th - Bingo - Hawgs**

**Aug 22nd - Yo-Shi Golf Tournament**

**Aug 24th - Bingo - Oriental band**

**Aug 28 & 29 - Demo Derby CANCELED**

**Aug 31st - Bingo - 500s**

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

**Sept 7th - Labor Day**

**Sept 7th - Bingo - Tin Lizzies**

**Sept 8th - Stated Meeting**



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