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# PLAYGROUND



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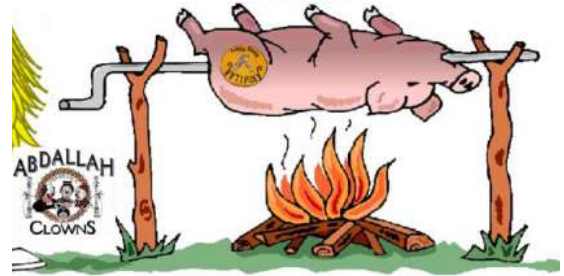
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## Hog Roast & Laua Aug 6th



## OPEN Meeting Aug 9th

## Escorts' Golf Aug 13th



## Shrimp Dinner Aug 13th

## CSSA Wichita Aug 25-27

*More details on these activities inside*



# MEMBERSHIP

<b>January 1, 2022</b>	<b>613</b>
Creations	5
Affiliations	4
Restorations	9
Associations	3
Deceased	(16)
Demitted	(1)
Suspended	(0)
Withdrawn	0
Associate Dropped	(0)
Expulsions	0
<b>May 31, 2022</b>	<b>617</b>
Regular members	594
Associate members	23



*In memory:*

**Larry Hewitt  
William Edman**

# BINGO Schedule - 2022

- August**
- 1 Oriental Band
  - 8 Blue Racers
  - 15 500s
  - 22 Tin Lizzies
  - 29 Greeters

- September**
- 5 MisFits
  - 12 TASS & Yo-Shi
  - 19 Clowns
  - 26 Escorts

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!

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**SHRINE OFFICE HOURS**

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



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

**The Chef's are taking a break but  
some of the Divan will be cooking  
Burgers and Dogs  
FREE to those attending**



**ABDALLAH SHRINERS  
STATED MEETING**

**Open Meeting - NO Business in August**

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

**7:30 PM**

**Herb Merrick  
Illustrious Potentate**

**Bennie Smith P.P.  
Recorder**





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

**Happy  
Birthday Noble!**

From the Illustrious Potentate, Divan and  
Members of Abdallah Shriners



**Aug 1st**

David M Kovac

**Aug 2nd**

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

**Aug 3rd**

Charles H Neeland III

**Aug 5th**

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

**Aug 6th**

Danny D Walenta

**Aug 7th**

Robert P Schloesser PhD

**Aug 8th**

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  
Walter M Johnston  
Anthony Brogna  
Eric W Foster

**Aug 13th**

Roy W Van Dolah  
Nabeel Jamil

**Aug 14th**

Arthur C Miller  
Mitchell E Carter

**Aug 17th**

Ronald E Joles

**Aug 18th**

Gerald D Carter Sr.  
Gary W Ragar  
William J Burman III

**Aug 19th**

Pat E Gibson  
James A Howd Jr

**Aug 20th**

Sam J Walters  
Paul E Leffert  
Kirby E Watson

**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  
Willis J Pape

**Aug 26th**

Joe D Rich  
Bennie L Smith II, P.P.  
Kirk A Weaver

**Aug 27th**

Donald K Church  
David L Prawl

**Aug 28th**

George W Luther  
Cecil E Mashburn  
Richard A Yunghans

**Aug 29th**

Charles H Johnston  
Walter T Hutsell  
Dennis R Hancock

**Aug 30th**

David M Baggett

**Aug 31st**

Gary G Sauer  
Ruben R Ramirez

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



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



Greetings to one and all,

Summer is here and things are not slowing down. Imperial is complete, there is a separate article about the events there so I will not discuss that now. Shrine Bowl is upon us. Parade season is in full swing. The Lenexa parade had an impressive turn out; thanks to all those who supported it. We have fair parades and other community parades coming up so if you can, please come out and join me and my little black car. We have the Pig Roast, National Clown Day, the Escorts Golf Tournament and the Shrimp Dinner, not to mention Central States in Wichita. Please come out and support our unit events and other temple activities.

If you are looking to do more than just attend, there are a few new opportunities. The Bingo and Building Managers Committees are looking for members. These are key continuous sources of revenue, and we need help. We also have three new groups that are forming focused on working with the temple. First is the Wrecking Crew, a group to work individually or as a group on temple maintenance projects. The Vision 2030-35 nobility working group is a group that will provide this fall a possible vision from the nobility of what we want the future of Abdallah to be in ten or fifteen years. Finally, a new Communications and Media Committee that will focus on the hard copy publishing of the Playground and the management of our electronic media. If you have an interest in any of these, stop by the office to sign up or send an email that you are willing to be part of one or more of these projects.

Other notes of importance, we still have some members whose 2022 dues we have not been paid. Please help us be all we can be and contact the office if you are unsure. What would make you think you might not have had your dues cleared is you don't have a 2022 sticker on your card.

Events for 2023 need to be reserved now as we are beginning to get inquires and outside reservations for 2023. Members are always the priority, but if a date is open and someone wants to rent our facilities, we will do it. You may have heard that we are going to try and bring back a hard copy version of the Playground. To make this happen we will need help with the setup of the Playground. We are looking at outsourcing the printing and mailing of this publication but need some folks to be the formatting to send to the printer. If you want to help let me know. This is not a done deal, but the Board of Directors have heard the request and are looking for a way to make this happen.

Thank you each for all the things you do to make this a better organization. Let me know what you think I can do to help you in your efforts. Please remember our members that are traveling down a rougher road with your prayers and good wishes. Drop them a line if you have the time.

Yours in the faith,

Herb Merrick, Potentate



## Chaplain



By Jerry Ogden

For the record (and my opinion), everything we say; everything we do; everything we think have consequences. These consequences can be positive or negative. We choose our words, our actions, our thoughts. We have ownership of them and therefore we have ownership of the consequences. Hopefully, we are more often choosing to own the positive ones. These are the ones that encourage others to feel positive about things in life, to feel like no matter the challenges, there are solutions. Owning negative thoughts most assuredly will produce negative consequences.

So, in plain speak, what is the meaning of the above? We all can see the many challenges to keeping our fraternity going forward. We can choose to highlight the various negative aspects of our great body, but then we are simply stating the obvious that we already know. Choosing the positives aspects seems to be a better choice of encouragement. One thing is for certain, we can never expect to achieve good results with negative actions.

Wouldn't it be nice to see about twice the number (or more) of the usual attendees at our monthly Stated Meetings? Maybe, all of us could call someone who we have noticed hasn't been at a Stated Meeting lately. If we let them know that we are attending and think that their presence at the Nobles' business meeting just might help the Abdallah Shriners Leaders hears things from the floor that need to be said and heard, especially by the attending Nobles.

If any of the above sounds like we should be a bunch of cheerleaders for Abdallah Shriners, so what's the harm in that. We know what we have been doing for quite sometime hasn't been working so well. This may be the perfect time to change our approach with more cheerleading and solution finding. With God's Help, we will somehow see more light toward a stronger fraternity.

*Amen*

### **Thank You**

Paula and I are so thankful for the many thoughts and prayers during Paula's stroke recovery from our Shrine Family. Your encouragement has been uplifting during the difficult times. Paula is doing very well, and plans to be back among her friends soon.

Paula Luna & Chris Robertson

### **Thank You**

I am so grateful for my many good friends in the Shrine Family who sent me cards of encouragement during my recent health concerns and for the birthday cards for my 96<sup>th</sup> birthday. You have made me a very happy woman. Thank you so much.

Betty Winters

## Sunflower Fund

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.





Antique and Classic Cars  
By Pat Emmett

The Antique and Classic Cars Unit met at the home of Pat and Marilyn Emmett for a picnic pot-luck. They sat under Pat's newly erected gazebo. We enjoyed hamburgers, Brats, delightful side dishes and desert. Brenda made a carrot cake and Lynn cooked up some fantastic brownies. We had an excellent turn-out and covered business in a brief meeting that lasted 30 minutes, allowing us to spend more time socializing. We want to thank Mike Guilinger for standing in for Ronnie White who was at the Imperial Session. Mike drove his Porsche Boxster. We lined the street in front of Pat's house with enviable cars. Pat's neighbors showed off a couple of their cars in their driveways, too. We had a great car comradery.

Our Unit made a commitment to attend the Shrine Bowl in Pittsburgh, KS for the banquet and parade. We also agreed to meet in August at Austin's restaurant in Olathe, then convene at Lynn Anderson's for desert and a brief meeting.

On July 12<sup>th</sup> several of us went to the Armacost car museum in Grandview, MO. This is a wonderful 2-story museum that is not open to the public but used for charitable events. Our invitation was a rare event and we had a good time looking at antique Studebakers and a spectacular collection of vehicles. On July 18<sup>th</sup> we met at the Shrine to help out with BINGO. And on July 22-24 we went to Pittsburg, KS to attend the Shrine Bowl. We enjoyed a banquet on Friday, then the parade on Saturday morning and finally the game that evening. Go East!

We still have that 1948 Pontiac, and as the weather improves we plan to assist Bennie Harper to get the vehicle's motor running. Should be fun to help him out, gear head or not, like me. If you want in on the fun contact Pat Emmett, phone number below, and then come and help make a car run.

If you are a Noble who is not in a Unit and reading this article, you may want to come and visit the Antique and Classic Cars. No special car is required. You and your Lady are welcome to join us. We often meet at restaurants and we frequently go to car shows and car museums. We are after all, a car themed group. You just need to have an interest in car stuff and we're your Unit. Contact Pat Emmett at the Antique and Classic Cars, **913-744-6347**. Our meetings are the first Wednesday of every month, 6:30, held in the Oasis. You are welcome to join us. We accept affiliate members from other Units. If you are not in a Unit, now is the time to join the Antique and Classic Cars. Come and check us out.



**Abdallah  
Golfing  
Nomads**



By Roger Miller,

Good to be back in a routine after the weather was so uncooperative. Come out Thursday mornings at Sunflower Hills and enjoy a round with your fellow Nobels!

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Closest to pin #13- Bob Hansen

Long putt #9 – Roger Miller

Closest to pin in 2-#16-Pat Emmett

Long Drive #3 – under 80 – Bob Hansen

Birdies: Bob Hansen – 3, Roger Miller 2; Pat Emmett and Dick Strong -1

**June 30<sup>th</sup>**

Closest to pin #4 – Pat Emmett; #13 – Roger Miller

Longest putt #9 – Roger Miller

Long drive #10 – Under 80 – Pat Emmett

Birdies: Jerry Jeffries – 3; Roger Miller, Pat Emmett and Tim Williams – 1

Eagles: Pat Emmet holed out from 70 yards on #7 and Roger Miller sunk a 50-foot putt on #17.

**July 7<sup>th</sup>**

Closest to pin #13 – Bob Hansen

Closest to pin in 2 - #16 – Roger Miller

Long drive #3; under 80 – Gregg White; over 80 – Roger Miller

Long putt #9 – Roger Miller; #18 – Dick Strong

Birdies: Gregg White – 3, Roger Miller and Dick Strong – 2; Bob Hansen – 1

**July 15<sup>th</sup>**

Closest to pin #4 and #13 – Dick Strong

Closest to pin in 2 - #16 – Pat Emmett

Long Putt #9 – Gregg White

Long drive #3 – under 80 – Gregg White

Birdies: Pat Emmett, Dick Strong and Greg White 1 each.



**“THE LAUGH”**

By Mickey Mikulan

**Regularly scheduled JOKER’S Meetings will resume on Tuesday, August 23. Come for a visit! TAKE ADVANTAGE of ACTIVITIRS YOUR TEMPLE HAS SCHEDULED!**

SEEK to be worth knowing rather than be well known!!!!



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*Love to the rescue®*



By Tim Williams

The July 4th parade in Lenexa had a great showing of Abdallah Blue Racers with 6 members parading. It was a sight to see! We were able to show Mary Ann Hess a video of the parade & it made her day to see that many!

With CSSA around the corner, we are getting our carts ready to compete in the Motor Corp competition....wish us luck on our times!

**August Birthdays**

- Bob Hansen - August 5
- Nancy Mahan - August 5
- Nabeel Jamil - August 13
- Dave Baggett - August 30

**August Anniversary**

- Charlie Dave & Pat Lang - August 19



By Rob Swecker

Welcome, Bruce Fishbach, to our newest member of Abdallah Provost.

Illustrious Kevin thanked the Provost for donating to the Children's Hospital Golf Tournament.

Thank you to the members that volunteered for the July 2nd event.

The next opportunity to volunteer for an event is July 16th, 5:00 PM-1200 AM. You do not have to volunteer the whole time; shifts are available. Contact Don, Rob, or the office.

Shooting teams continue to practice for CSSA events at the Bullet Hole for pistols and Powder Creek for shotgun events. Come join us, if you're interested in participating, Advise Larry if you're attending CSSA, the events you're participating in (Pistol; Iron sights, Optics, Balloon. Shotgun; Trap, Sporting Clay.), and if you're attending the banquet and the number of guests.

Members voted to have a banner made and submit a half-page ad for the Bull Bash and Demo Derby.



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# Lenexa July 4th Parade







By Ken Holliday

GOLF. Please don't forget our golf tournament. We try to support various Abdallah activities and this fund raiser is our primary income... plus it is lots of fun. A different venue and on a Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, which should make it easier for everybody to attend.

Our most pressing issue is our love and support for Lady Paula Luna as she recovers from her recent health scare.

The Escorts have been busy since my last quarterly article.

We had a dinner meeting at the Andertons, mystery ride in May, Cajun Party, Casino Night & Ride for a Noble Cause.

Our crowning event was the second annual trip to Eureka Springs to ride the famed Arkansas twisty roads. Eighteen participated including our Divan Rep Ronnie White and his lovely wife Lady Barbie. The ride turned out to be a test of our mettle. I heard 107 degree heat index on the ride down. Everybody felt the heat. Personally, three beers, Gatorade and three waters wasn't enough to prevent cramps from dehydration. We have all ridden in worse heat but we were younger and the effect wasn't as great. We still managed to have great fun eating pizza one night and grilling the next. Of course, the real payoff is having friends and great conversation.

We will be serving the Shrine Bowl football players again this year. I am not sure exactly how long we have done this but I can't remember when we didn't do it.

We will also be helping out wherever needed at the Bull Bash. Like our golf tournament, this is a great way to fund Abdallah and delay the need for dues increases.





I'll Sir Herb, Greg and Ronnie made a presentation of Abdallah's 5th Annual Golf Event proceeds of \$25,000.00 during the 2022 Imperial Session. I'll Sir Kevin attended the SHC St Louis Board meeting on July 20th and presented the real check for \$25,000.00 as well as the oversize version.

Thank you to ALL of our sponsors and volunteers who helped make this possible. We have now donated over \$75,000.00 to Shriners Children's from our Golf Event

No meeting in August as it conflicts with CSSA. Our September meeting has been moved to September 29th, the fifth Thursday of the month. Hope to see everyone there.





The Abdallah Shriners are proud to present our 2022 Bull Bash and Demolition Derby to be held at the Leavenworth County Fairgrounds in Tonganoxie, Kansas. The fun starts with a Bull Bash on Friday, September 9, followed by a Demolition Derby on Saturday, September 10, 2022. One ticket price for both shows, \$15 per person. Children 5 and under are FREE for both shows!

Over the last 63 years, we have established a large following of participants and fans that look forward to our event every year. For this reason, it is important to us to keep this event fun, affordable and family-oriented, even though it is a major fundraiser for Abdallah Shriners annual budget. We would like to ask you or your company to help us by supporting this event.

Advertising with Shriners helps support a great organization as well as connecting your company to our loyal customer base. Various sponsorships are available at every price point. We are grateful for any support from dona-

Please check our webpage to see all our advertising opportunities, **Abdallah Shriners Bull Bash & Demo Derby**. Feel free to call our business office for any questions or to get in touch with our sales team (913) 362-5300 or email [shrinederby@gmail.com](mailto:shrinederby@gmail.com).

Kind regards,  
Greg Sippel, Event Chairman

***Never to early to start preparing for Next Year!***

# 2022 KASAS SHRINE BOWL **East-10, West-10**



# Units/Clubs/Individuals

## *Thank You for This Year's Support!*

Escorts & Ladies, The Abdallah Social Society, Oriental Band & Ladies,  
 Jokers, Provost Guard, The Divan & Divan Ladies, Clowns, Frank Shell  
 & Lady Jaimee  
 Misfits, Blue Racers  
 Greeters, 500's

Tin Lizzies and Lizzietts  
 Spring Hill Lodge #56  
 Director's Staff



Allen Baiamonte & Lady Jackie, John H. Atwood Lodge #461  
 Antique & Classic Cars, The Cabiri Chapter #14, Shawnee Lodge #54  
 Franklin County Shrine Club, The Posse (Sisemore, Bennett PP, Hub-  
 ler, Muro PP, & Kling), Red Zone, Glenn Hamilton PP, Tim Williams PP  
 & Lady Becky

## **2022 KANSAS SHRINE BOWL**

Saturday August 6th  
 Doors open at 6:00 pm  
 Dinner at 7:00 pm  
 Abdallah Shrine Main Hall

*With Special Guests*  
**School of Rock**

**Luau - 2022**  
 Baked Beans - Cheesy Corn  
 Cole Slaw - Potato Salad  
 Tickets \$20  
 Kids 6 and Under Free with Adult Purchase  
 Cash Bar

ABDALLAH Shrine  
 CLOWNS

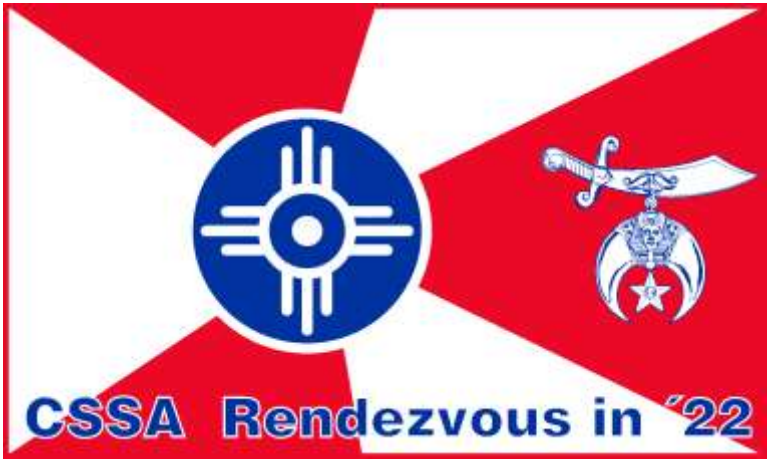
ABDALLAH Shrine - 5300 Metcalf Ave. Shawnee Mission, Ks

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

**Our newest Noble, brother Gary Barber with  
 Topline Signer Duke Neeland.  
 Created and Fezed at the July Stated Meeting**



**Brother:**  
 a person who is  
 there when you need  
 him; someone who  
 picks you up when  
 you fall; a person who  
 sticks up for you when  
 no one else will;  
 a brother is always  
 a friend.



# CSSA 2022 Wichita

Aug 25 - 28, 2022

facebook.com/CSSA2022Wichita

CSSA is coming sooner than we think and it will be in Wichita. Events begin on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August and concludes on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Abdallah has secured a block of rooms at the Fairfield Inn and Suites, 525 S. Main Street. Check in is set for the 24<sup>th</sup> and check out on the 28<sup>th</sup>. We will have parking, hot/cold breakfast and our own hospitality room. The host hotel is about a block away where the ladies luncheon and market place are and the furthest venue hosting a banquet is still within walking distance as is Midian's Temple. Our room rate (\$112+tax and fees) will include taxes and fees so you will not have a surprise at check out. Reservations will be made through the office along with registration for CSSA. There is a fee with registration, which includes everything only pay once. Your associations might have some fees that they have not asked us to collect. You will be able to adjust your dates of your stay based on what you are planning to do. Remember, even if you are only coming down for the parade or a single competition you must be registered for CSSA, so stop by the office and pick up the forms or download them from the Abdallah website. Get ready for some fun and a chance to see friends from across the Central States area. We will be updating you as we learn more about what is available to do.

***Hotel Reservation Form Next Page or can be download from the website  
www.AbdallahShriners.com/member-forms***

**CSSA 2022 Registration is \$45 per-person. All attendees must register and you must Register through the Abdallah Shriners Office by August 12th. Please fill out & return with payment.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lady \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit/Club \_\_\_\_\_

Payment method: Check  Cash  CC

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Card \_\_\_\_\_



**WICHITA WICHITA DOWNTOWN**  
**525 S MAIN ST WICHITA, KS**  
**67202**  
**Phone: 316.201.1400**  
**Fax: 316.201.1484**

**CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION**

I authorize credit card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Type: \_\_\_MC\_\_\_ Visa\_\_\_ AmEx\_\_\_ Discover\_\_\_ Diners

I authorize the following charges on the above-mentioned credit card:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Room, Tax and \$4.50 Downtown WaterWalk District Fee Per Day
- \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Calls
- \_\_\_\_\_ In-room movies
- \_\_\_\_\_ Food and beverage items (non-alcoholic)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Alcoholic beverages
- \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting room / event charges
- \_\_\_\_\_ All Charges

**Reservation Names:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dates of Stay: From** \_\_\_\_\_ **To** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Card Holder (Print)** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature on file for credit card authorization

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of authorization

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fax Number



**El Maat Temple 120 - Daughters of the Nile  
Present**

# SPAGHETTI DINNER

*Fundraiser &  
Bizarre Bazaar*

**Saturday, August 20th, 2022  
4:30pm - 7:00pm**

*Bizarre Bazaar*  
**Fun bites, bits, and baubles for sale**

*All profits will be  
donated to support the  
Shriners Hospitals for Children*

**DONATIONS:  
\$10 Adults  
\$5 Children 12 and under  
Tickets available at the door**

All you can eat spaghetti, salad, bread, and dessert

**NE KANSAS MASONIC CENTER**  
**5201 W. 75th Street - Prairie Village, KS**

For More Information Contact Genie Wilcox at  
719-650-9582 or 2015WGM@gmail.com





# 12th Annual Golf Tournament

Four Man Scramble  
Saturday, August 13th, 2022  
7am Registration • 8am Shotgun Start

Painted Hills Golf Course, 7101 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, KS 66112  
Registration deadline **EXTENDED** to August 5th, 2022

*Tournament is open to anyone*

**Player Information**       **Individual \$80**     **4 Player Team \$300**

*Includes green fees, cart, lunch, goody bag with 4 beer tickets, soda and water*

Team Captain \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

**Text or call Ralph Anderton at 913-669-0538 to reserve your spot today**  
Cash awarded for top team in A and B flights, and prize for longest drive, longest putt and closest to the pin. Mulligans available for purchase prior to tee off.

## Sponsorships

We have several opportunities available. If interested, please check type of sponsorship desired. Please include artwork and payment with registration.

- \$500 - Corporate Sponsor With 4-Player Team • Includes Two Hole Sponsorships
- \$300 - Corporate Sponsor Without Players • Includes Two Hole Sponsorships
- \$150 - Hole Sponsorship • Hole Sign With Sponsor Logo

Please print company name as you would like it to appear on Hole Sign and attach logo

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Donations Accepted

**To save your spot now, please text or call  
Ralph Anderton at  
913-669-0538**

**Thank You for Your Support**

Proceeds from this golf tournament are for the benefit of Abdallah Escorts and are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution



**Nobles, you can pay your dues and even set-up a payment plan for monthly, quarterly or bi-annual payments through WebFez. It's easy to set-up, just follow the directions below. Remember, dues are paid in advance so you could be making installments now for 2023.**

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

### How to Register for WebFez:

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

Email

Confirm Email

Password

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

Confirm password

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

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

### How to Log in to WebFez:

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

**You only need to register once.**

To log in to WebFez please follow the steps below:

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

Email:

Password:

- Click Log in: **Log in**

## ***Message from Your Chief Rabban***

Last month my message was presented with strong and bold words. I addressed the issue of low attendance and participation at our Shines' meetings and events. In my message, I made an analogy relating apathy to mental illness. This was over-the-top and too strong. I am not a denier; mental illness is real and a major issue in our society. I have heard from some of you.

I assure you my message's intent was not to harm or to be insulting. My intent was to alarm, disquiet and alert, but not to be hurtful. My literary metaphor relating attendance apathy to mental illness was wrong. For these words, I apologize to anyone who may have been offended.

I have great passion for what we do at Abdallah Shriners. I am proud of our fraternity and the many varieties of activities we have. Our event coordinators deserve and huge thank you for conceiving, planning, organizing, marketing and taking personal responsibility for our events.

When I view threats to our existence, I will fight with every tool I have to eliminate these threats. I view lack of attendance and participation as a very real and imminent threat to our existence.

You might have noticed I used the plural "Shrines". This is because we are not alone. Just as recent as Imperial Session, Imperial Sir Matt Sturlaugson addressed the topic of apathy in the post-pandemic world and the impact it is having on our Shrines. I find it intriguing that philanthropic donations in 2021 were better than any year in our Shrines' 100-year philanthropic history, yet our membership continues to decrease. Shriners membership world-wide has now decreased for 43 consecutive years.

The very first step to turning our membership around is event attendance. I understand, not every Shriners family can attend every event. That is unrealistic; I am not asking for this. I am asking for all our local Shriners to commit to attend 4 events per year. That is one per quarter. This is in addition to regularly attending our stated meetings.

Since my July message we had a Pizza, Puzzles and Pitchers party in the Oasis. This event was well attended and great praise is due Assistant Rabban Ronnie White & Lady Barbie. It was fun, it was family, but mostly it provided us the opportunity for fellowship. Thank you guys.

As we go forward into August, let's commit to support these next rounds of events with our attendance. August 6<sup>th</sup> is a Hog Roast & Luau sponsored by the Clowns and Hawg Riders. August 13<sup>th</sup> is the Escorts Golf Tournament and the Tin Lizzies/Jokers Shrimp dinner. August 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> is CSSA competitions and events in Wichita.

The August meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup> will be an Open meeting. Invite your ladies. We plan to hold this meeting in the Oasis and make it a fun social. There is a rumor your Divan may be preparing and serving the dinner.

You'll hear plenty of discussion on the Sept 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Bull Bash and Demolition Derby events. Buy a \$50 business card advertisement. Sell an advertisement to your friends or to the businesses you frequent.

As always,  
May there be Peace in our time.

Greg Sippel & Lady MaryEllen  
Chief Rabban 2022

# 2022 Imperial Session Report

Your temple was represented at the Imperial Secession by its elected representatives as well as being attended by several other members of the nobility. It was a busy secession with many decisions made that will impact our fraternity for many years ahead. This is a quick summary of those decisions:

## IOWA CORPERATION CHANGES

**PASSED.** Changed number votes to approve bylaw change from 400 to 300 and retained the requirement to have at least 2/3 of those voting to approve.

**PASSED.** Any noble appointed to an Imperial committee becomes a voting representative to the Iowa Corporation at Imperial.

**FAILED** Participating in Imperial by Zoom if there was a local state of emergency declared.

**FAILED.** Stop paying \$20 a day per diem to representatives and a stop paying for spousal travel.

**PASSED.** Members of Imperial Committee can be any nobles not just elected representatives.

**FAILED** (Received more than 300 yes votes, but not 2/3 of those voting.) Per Capita Tax increase to \$50. Motion to reconsider passed but it still failed to receive enough votes.

**PASSED.** Moving Emirat Shriners to Wiesbaden Germany.

**PASSED.** Moving Media Shriners to Black River New York.

**PASSED.** Change the maximum penalty for Frivolous or Bad Faith Complaints (Article 30s) to 1 year suspension.

**Withdrawn.** Changing the Jurisdiction of Media Shriners.

**FAILED.** Changing the Jurisdiction of Hikmat Shriners in Brazil.

**PASSED** Changing the Jurisdiction of Amal Shriners in Brazil.

**PASSED** Issuing a dispensation to form a temple in El Meten Lebanon. Temple to be named Lubnan Shriners.

**PASSED.** Granting a charter to Al Atfal Shriners in Northern Mexico.

**PASSED.** Removing the UD from AL Atfal Shriners. Added to the call.

**PASSED.** Adding Lubnan Shriners Under Dispensation to the list in Article 104. Added to the call.

During the secession a formal roll call of all elected representatives was request and then held. Our representatives were present. This is the first time in at least 15 years this has been done. There are almost 1100 elected representatives to the Imperial Secession, over 900 registered to attend and less than 700 answered the roll call.

Illustrious Sir Ron DeVoll was elected Outer Guard. He is a Master Mason, Black Hawk Lodge #65, Cedar Falls, Iowa, Member, Minneapolis Lodge #19, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Member, Scottish Rite, Valley of Minneapolis, Member, St. John's Chapter 9, Member, Minneapolis Council 2, Potentate, El Kahir Shriners, Hiawatha, Iowa, 2016, Member, Zuhrah Shriners, Minnetonka, Minnesota, Member, Zuhrah Legion of Honor, Zuhrah Horseman and a Member, Cabiri International.

The following COLORADO CORPERATION actions were voted on:

**PASSED** Change number to approve bylaw change from 400 to 300.

**FAILED** Who can approve the addition of hospitals or clinics.

**WITHDRAWN** with the failure in the IOWA Corporation motion.

**PASSED.** If the number of vacancies equal the number of candidates a paper ballot is not required.

**PASSED.** Trustee age restriction was removed. It had been 72 years.

**PASSED** The reauthorization of an Oversight Committee.

Bill Rasner and Chuck Pittman were elected to the board.

Status of locations looking to establish a temple was updated. Russia on hold over Ukraine War. South Africa shrine club is being established. Gabon shrine club is on hold due to pandemic



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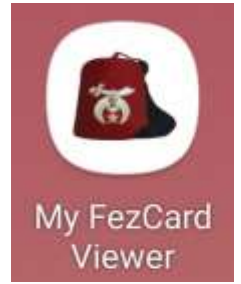
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We're excited to announce the new digital membership card. Effective August 2022, Nobles who pay their 2023 dues will have immediate access to their newly designed digital Membership card. Nobles can access and present their digital membership card,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

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

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

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

### *Operations:*

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

### *Member Engagement:*

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

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

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

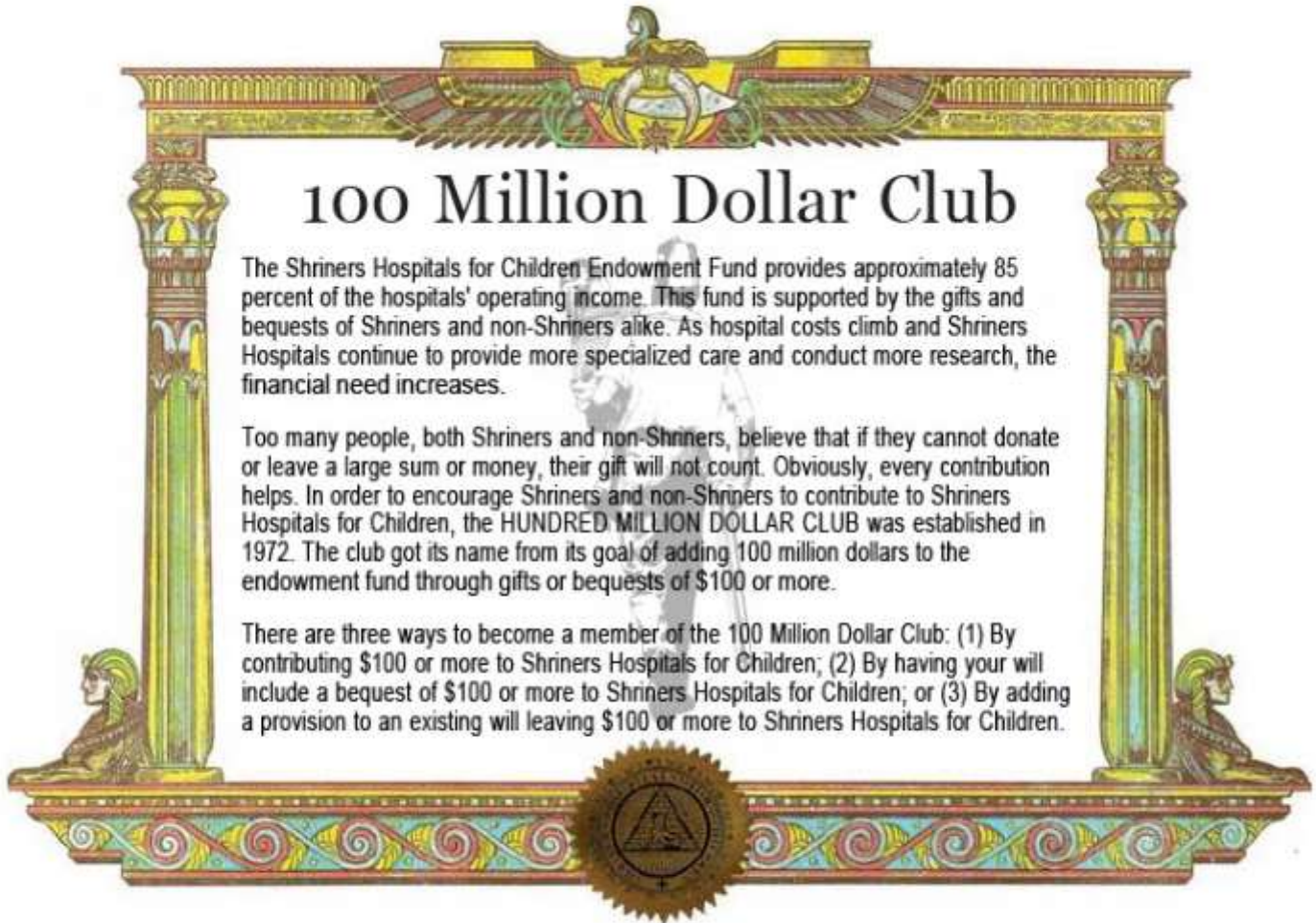
*How can a temple, club, or unit scan a QR code?* From an operational standpoint, the barrier to entry to utilize the QR technology is extremely low and simple to use. For the last three years, several Temples have been scanning the QR code on the existing membership card to determine dues by purchasing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

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

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## 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*

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## **Upcoming Events**

**The Abdallah Shrine Office hours are 9AM - 4PM Monday to Friday.**

**August 2nd - Election Day**

**August 5th - Birthday Friday**

**August 6th - Hog Roast**

**August 9th - OPEN Meeting**

**August 10th - Coffee Club Breakfast**

**August 13th - Escorts' Golf Tournament**

**August 13th - Shrimp Dinner**

**August 24th - Coffee Club Doughnuts**

**August 25th - 27th CSSA in Wichita**

**September 2nd - Birthday Friday**

**September 5th - Labor Day—Shrine Office Closed**

**September 9th - Bull Bash**

**September 10th - Demo Derby**

**September 13th - Stated Meeting**

**Thank you and Stay Safe!**



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