

PLAYGROUND



MEMBERSHIP

January 1, 2020	733
Creations	1
Affiliations	2
Restorations	7
Associations	2
Deceased	(27)
Demitted	(6)
Suspended	0
Withdrawn	0
Associate Dropped	(1)
Expulsions	0
November 30, 2020	711
Regular members	686
Associate members	25

In Memory

James Dickey

the Black Camel

BINGO Schedule - 2020/21

December

- 7 500's
- 14 Oriental Band
- 21 Tin Lizzies
- 28 Greeters

January

- 4 Provost & LoH
- 11 Trail 70's & Director Staff
- 18 Hawgs
- 25 Oriental Band

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

Stated Meeting Dinner
December 8, 2020
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

B.Q. Rib S... with Fries and Slaw.
\$10

NO Dinner

Interested in helping the Chefs? 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 STATED MEETING

December 8, 2020
ABDALLAH SHRINE
5300 Metcalf, Overland Park, KS 66202
2020 Dues Card Required

7:30 PM

In Person ONLY

Brian Wilson
Illustrious Potentate

Bennie Smith P.P.
Recorder



The POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Greetings to all Nobles and Ladies.

First off, THANK YOU for all that you do to make Abdallah a great place.

The best time of year is upon us. I love the holidays with Christmas trees and eggnog, turkeys in the fryers and all of the fun activities. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, many of our favorite events have had to be cancelled. Even though these events cannot take place, this is a time for strong family reflection. Please take this time to give thanks for all the good things we do have. Spend time with your family and think about upcoming fun times with your shrine family.

At the upcoming stated meeting, you will elect your future leaders of your shrine. Elections will be different this year. Imperial has given us guidance for the elections, and myself and your Divan has come up with some ideas to make in person elections as safe as can be. You will be required to wear masks at all times when you are in the building. We will take temperatures of everyone inside the building and contact tracing of everyone will be required. We will not open the doors before 6:45 pm. We will not offer a meal prior to the meeting. The Oasis will not be open before or after the meeting. We will have a limited amount of chairs in the main hall, and those chairs will be set up at least 6 feet apart, so please do not move the chairs closer to anyone. If in the event we have a large turnout of nobles, we will have monitors set up in other locations throughout the building to accommodate a large amount of Nobles. These precautions are all in order, to keep everyone safe. As always, I ask that there will be no handshaking at all!!!! If you are interested in running for an elected office, please make contact before the meeting with the Recorder or myself, so that we can make plans to accommodate your intended office election bid.

The December stated meeting is usually when we announce yearly awards. This year we will not have those awards in a public setting. But I would like to announce the Shriner of the Year. The board and I would like to announce that the Shriner of the Year for 2020 is Noble Ralph Anderton. Ralph is a member of the Escorts. Ralph is a member of the Building Association Board of Directors. Ralph works tirelessly for our Shrine. This year Ralph has donated hundreds of hours of his own personal time and talents to beautify our Shrine Center, He assisted in the upgraded wiring in the main hall. He hung the new curtains in the main hall. He painted all of the trim work in the main hall. He made and installed all of the wood paneling, trim, baseboard and chair rails in the activity room along with the wood flooring in the activity room. Ralph made and installed the trim and baseboard in the main floor and led the project for the installation of the wood flooring on the main floor. Ralph made the improvements to the building manager's desk. He laid the tile and grout at the entryway to the main floor. Ralph and his Lady Linda volunteered to be the Chief Aide for 2020 and were also on the Potentates ball committee. Even though we were only able to have a couple of events, the ideas that Ralph and Linda brought to the table were going to be beautiful, fresh and new. Ralph has been a member of Abdallah for many years. So please, congratulate Ralph when you see him. This award is not just for Ralph, but also for Linda, because if it wasn't for Linda allowing Ralph to spend his time and talents and supporting him in his endeavors, the beautiful changes to our facility may not have come to fruition.

Even though 2020 was not what Amy and I had planned for or wanted for this year, there are some good things that have come out of this pandemic. Amy and I are strong believers in membership. We both believe this organization will not flourish without new members. Membership was my intended push for this year. I hope that in 2021 membership will be a renewed endeavor for our organization. While my push for membership did not happen, I believe the physical improvements we were able to accomplish this year will benefit us for the next 5 to 10 years. In order to create an interest in our Shrine, we have to be able to let potential new members and their ladies see that we have a beautiful building, that is modern and clean, in order to make them want to spend their time and energy with us. In a normal year, these improvements would have been harder to accomplish with having to work around a busy schedule with rentals and temple and unit and club events, but with so many events cancelled, it gave us the opportunity to focus our time and resources on a capital improvements campaign. I believe our Shrine Center has never looked as good as it does now.

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As 2020 comes to a close, I would like to take the time to thank as many people as possible. I could never say thank you to everyone in this article. I want to thank Illustrious Sir Kevin Larson and Lady Carolyn for appointing us to the moving Divan and giving us this opportunity to serve the Nobles for all of these years. Thank you Illustrious Sir Kevin and Lady Carolyn for all of the advice and mentorship you have given to myself and Amy over the years, without your advice and guidance we would not have made it this far. I want to thank all of the Past Potentates and Past Divan that I have served with over the past ten years. I learned a little something from every one of you over the years. The 2020 Divan I want to say a huge thank you. 2020 has been a very difficult year to serve. We have had countless meetings and changes to the calendar. The 2020 Divan has had to be very flexible and had to develop new and innovative ideas to keep the Shrine center alive in the midst of the pandemic. Amy and I have now served on ten divans. I would like to say that I can think of no other year that the Divan has come together more, and been supportive of me and of each other more than this year. I can think of no negativity that the Divan has had this year. I believe the 2020 Divan has come together as a team and shown how to lead in a responsible and honorable manner. I would also like to thank the Building Association members. Your devotion to the shrine and your support of my ideas for shrine improvement is very much appreciated. I want to say thank you to Noble Benny Harper. Benny is the hardest working Shriner I know. Don't let his gruff exterior trick you into thinking he doesn't love and care about each and every one of us. Benny, you do so many things that I could never list them all in the article, but just know that your work doesn't go unnoticed! I want to thank our Office staff, Tina. Tina has now been with us over a year. Tina, you have taken a hard job previously done by two people, and you have done a great job. Tina, thank you for all that you do. Finally, I want to thank all of you. All of you have shown so much support for myself and Amy over the years, it really shows us how much you love the Shrine. The Shrine is not the building; the Shrine is you and me and all of us. We are a Shrine Family! I want to say thank you to all of you for allowing Amy and I to serve you for the past ten years. Serving as your Potentate and First Lady has been our greatest honor.. The road to being a Potentate is sometimes long and hard. Sometimes you think you are never going to make it to the end. Sometimes you want to quit. Sometimes you want to pull out your hair. But then you come to the Shrine, you get a hug from a Shrine lady, or you get a hearty handshake from a friend, and it all returns to balance and you remember why you are devoting so much time to this organization. I am never going to tell you that Abdallah is perfect, because we are not. We always have room to improve and make positive changes. I believe that Abdallah is the best Shrine Center in the realm, and that we have the best Shriners and Shrine Ladies. I believe that our Shrine family will come out of this pandemic stronger and better!

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Brian Wilson, Potentate



NOTICE OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR ABDALLAH SHRINE TEMPLE 2021

Election Meeting - Abdallah Shriners Tuesday, December 08, 2020, 7:30 p.m. at the Shrine Temple For the transaction of All Regular Business-Balloting on Petitions for Creation, Affiliation & Associate Membership-Reports from Officers & Committees-Election of Officers.

YOU MUST HAVE YOUR 2020 DUES CARD TO ATTEND THIS ANNUAL MEETING.

The Law Governing Annual Elections

Brian Wilson, Potentate

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

FROM THE BY-LAWS OF SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL ARTICLE 25

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

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

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

§ 325.2 Election and Qualification.

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

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

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

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

§ 325.3 Appointment. The other officers named in § 325.1 shall be appointed by the Potentate.

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

§ 325.5 Ballot.

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

(b) **Retention.** The ballots cast in any contested election for temple office shall be retained in the custody of the Recorder for a period of 90 days following the election, after which they may be destroyed unless the Imperial Potentate otherwise orders.

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

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

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

§ 325.8 Nomination. Candidates for office and Representative must be placed in nomination from the floor.

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

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§ 325.10 Representatives.

- (a) **Single Ballot.** Where a temple elects more than one Representative, all candidates must be balloted for on one written ballot.
- (b) **Complete Ballot.** Each member voting must vote only for the total number of Representatives to be elected, otherwise his ballot cannot be counted as a vote.
- (c) **Majority Vote.** A majority vote of those present and voting is necessary to elect each Representative.
- (d) **Election.** Only those candidates who receive a majority vote shall be declared elected.
- (e) **Successive Ballots.** Successive written ballots must then be taken in the same manner on other candidates until all Representatives are elected.
- (f) **Highest Vote.** If more candidates receive a majority vote than the number of representatives to be elected, then those receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected.
- (g) **Void Ballot.** Blank ballots or ballots containing any markings other than the name of a candidate nominated from the floor are not votes and are not to be considered for any purpose.

§ 325.11 Election Regulations.

- (a) **Electioneering.** A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine temple may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a resume consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email or other devices, by a unit, club, Noble, or group of Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing, or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited.
- (b) **Expenditures Prohibited.** The expenditure of money for gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited.
- (c) **Violation.** For any violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the officers' void and order a new election.
- (d) **Notice.** At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election the temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.

OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED FOR 2021 ARE: Potentate, Chief Rabban, Assistant Rabban, High Priest & Prophet, Oriental Guide, Treasurer, Recorder, three (3) Representatives to Shriners International for the year 2021, five (5) Representatives to the Central States Shrine Association, one (1) Representatives to Finance & Investment Committee, and one (1) Representative to the Building Association.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie L. Smith

Ill. Sir Bennie L. Smith, PP, Recorder





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

Happy Birthday Noble!

From the Illustrious Potentate, Divan and
Members of Abdallah Shriners



December 1st

Irvin S Reynolds
Harold A Kling
Bobby L Ramshaw
Jim Willard
Robert F Brown Jr

December 3rd

Jacque D Mote

December 4th

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

December 6th

Robert C LaPreze

December 8th

Paul W Frantzen
Hernando Rodriguez Jr.
Dennis J Hubler
Herman J Kanter

December 9th

Jerry L Nibarger

December 10th

Larry G Todd
Anthony Pagel

December 11th

William M Sparks
Keith Novorr
Russell L Reese

December 12th

Carl J Linck
Kenneth H Holliday

December 13th

Danny M Lane
William R Story
Ernest H Neighbor
Thomas E Eads

December 14th

Robert L Simmons

December 15th

Roland L Unruh

December 16th

Donald H Zehnder
George E Lang
Gary F Folk
Andrew N Masters

December 17th

Loren W Jacoby

December 18th

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

December 19th

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

December 20th

Edward L Betz
Edward L Wiseman
Paul S Lamons

December 21st

C. M Dibble
Lowell S Hardesty Jr.

December 22nd

Richard A Campbell
Robert W Veach
Richard C Davis

December 24th

Robert J Cecil
Lyn E Beyer

December 25th

Christopher S Holland

December 26th

Wayne K Ozias
Charles D Lang
Regis C Robertson

December 27th

Chester L Smittle

December 28th

Douglas S Mackey
Stirling Howell

December 30th

Chester R Stuteville
Mike Guilinger

December 31st

Wesley H Williams
Patrick W Emmett
Lewis S Prosser III
Terry N Masters



wishing you
the **BEST**
birthday
ever!

Chaplain



By Jerry Ogden

This is a month where we often reflect back on what this year has meant to us, celebrate those things, in faith, that we revere in the highest and look forward to the coming year with the promise of good health, family, friends and general well-being.

Needless to say, we have had a year unlike any that we could have imagined. By and large, it has changed how we live our lives in so many ways. Sadly, some of us have lost family or friends to COVID while others have either had this horrible affliction or close call scares of exposure. Many of us have wondered just how this thing ever really became such a global matter, and just where God is when we needed Him the most.

The answer to the first may include man's arrogance and poor and dishonest communications to his fellow mankind that basically ensured COVID would become one of the world's most serious, modern day illnesses. The answer about where God's been during this awful time is simpler – He's still with us - He's never left us alone during this time. It's not what He does. By the way, God did not cause the virus to exist, become virulent and spread everywhere in our world. Man did that. God has been on the job encouraging us to use the blessings of good common sense to do whatever we can to not become ill or to make someone else ill. He has blessed the medical world with smart, committed people to learn all they can about this virus and develop medicines for treating those already stricken, and vaccines to help thwart the continuation of the virus and its spread. Somehow, with God's help, we will get through this.

With all of that said, let's not forget to celebrate our faith in God in the many ways we do that. We must be thankful for what we have and look to our new year and beyond with hope and expectation. The best way to do that is to realize our lives are precious to us, and they are precious to God. After all, he did give us life and purpose on Earth. May we never feel our lives or the lives of others are not God Blessed – because they are.

Amen

Abdallah Greeters

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



By Bob Anver

The Greeters had a Zoom meeting at the end of October and re-elected the current officers for another term. Ronnie White will advise the office of our decision. As of this writing, the Chief Raaban has received our suggestions for Director and we shall await his decision.

As noted, the Greeters have cancelled the annual Christmas party because of the COVID pandemic. We notified Suzanne (the caterer) who was very gracious and waived any charges. We also decided to have a "Christmas in July" party in June or July, providing the pandemic is under control by then.

The November Stated Meeting was attended in person and by Zoom. Our best to Mike Guilinger who had eye surgery and did not attend. Mike, take it easy and get well.

A little Masonic humor: A brother knocked for admission into the lodge. The Master asked the Inner Guard to find out who was seeking admission.

The Inner Guard opened the door and saw someone fully dressed in Masonic regalia with all the jewels you can think of. The Inner Guard asked for his identity and he replied,

"I am the Past Master of..., District Grand Master of...Past Provincial Grand Master of... the Deputy Grand Master of...Senior Grand Warden of... and several other offices he had occupied within the craft.

This made the Inner Guard shiver. He then told him to wait while he reported the information to the Master. When he entered the room, the inner guard said: "Master, it looks as if today, the Great Architect Himself is here and he seeks admission."



Shriners Hospitals
for Children®



“THE LAUGH”

The JOKER Family WISH EVERYONE a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

BECAUSE of THIS PANDAMIC, the JOKER FAMILY HAS POSTPONE ALL METINGS!

UPDATES WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE PLAYGROUND!

STAY HEALTHY

STAY SAFE

LIFE is a LONG LESSON in HUMANITY



Well 2020 has been the year of uncertainty and change. As a club, we did have an okay year. We were able to have some meetings and a hugely successful SHC Golf event with a donation of over \$15k to the hospitals.

In fact, we’ve got plans underway for our 4th Annual Shriners Hospitals for Children Golf Event on June 7, 2021. We’ll be at Falcon Ridge Golf Course again as they were great hosts this year. The committee has set their site on breaking the \$20k donation mark. The 2021 event will again be in memory of the event founder, Tom Roy, who would have very proud of this years results. In fact we have donated over \$25,000.00 the last 3 years.

The next meeting of the A.S.S. Club is scheduled for March 25, 2021. If you’re not already a member, make plans to come visit and see what it’s all about. Social starts at %Pm, Dinner at 6:30 followed by a short meeting around 7. And of course, there’s more socializing after.

Until next year, wishing everyone a safe Holiday Season.



By Gaylon Jones

Please keep practice social distancing. **Wear your masks!**

The Potentate’s Ball is canceled. All future Tin Lizzie meetings have been canceled until further notice.

Fun was had at Birthday Friday in November. It was good to see some of our friends again.

Anniversaries:

Bill/Charlotte Kessler	12-30
Chris/Barbara Muro	12-30

Birthdays:

Andy Kling	12-1
Dennis Hubler	12-8
Russell Reese	12-11
Mary Merritt	12-19

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Year.

Happy Birthday to all Shrine members and their ladies that have birthdays in December.

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

December Stated Meeting Information:

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 is Abdallah Shriners Stated Meeting. Due to the increase in positive Covid cases and with the latest restrictions there will some changes from standard operating procedures. We have made some changes to the agenda and plan keep the meeting as short as possible while still conducting the necessary business.

- NO dinner before the meeting.
- The Oasis will be closed before and after the meeting.
- No one other than the Divan will be permitted in the building before 6:45 PM so plan to arrive accordingly.
- PPE approved masks are required to be worn at all times while in the Abdallah Shriners building.
- Temperatures will be taken upon entering and anyone with a body temperature over 99.5 degrees F will be required to leave.
- You must have a current dues card and sign-in.
- NO handshaking as Social Distancing must be maintained.
- No loitering in the lobby – proceed into the main hall where social distancing can be had.
- Chairs in the main hall will be arranged so the 6' x 6' spacing can be maintained. Do NOT move chairs!
- Please remain on the main floor and do not venture to the other floors of the building.
- Meeting agenda will be shortened as to only address necessary business and elections with the intent to keep it as short as possible.

Your cooperation in the difficult and challenging times is necessary for the safety of all. The last thing we want is one of our brothers to get sick and worse, take it home to his family.



Abdallah's First Lady Virtual Online Appreciation Event

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH - 7PM

NO NEED TO RSVP

*Please Come to Show
Amy Our Appreciation*

Ways to Participate - Do 1, 2, 3 or all 4!

1. Join our Zoom that night - <http://bit.ly/ShrineLadyAmy>
2. Email or send Mindy Zugelder a fave picture of you and Amy to mindyzugelder@gmail.com for a photo gift
3. Write a note for Amy to be added in the photo gift - send or email to Mindy.
4. Contribute money [\$5-\$10] to celebrate Amy with a couple of surprises and a gift card - Send to Mindy Zugelder, 8302 W. 153rd. St., Overland Park, KS 66223

Give \$100 and feel like a Million Makes a Great Christmas Gift

Join the Shrine's \$100 Million Dollar Club

The \$100 Million Dollar Club is a way for Shriners and non-Shriners alike to provide a gift of hope for a child in need. It's an excellent opportunity to personally participate in the "World's Greatest Philanthropy" — Shriners Hospitals for Children.

The Shriners operate 22 hospitals in North America dedicated to treating children with orthopaedic problems and burn injuries. There are 18 orthopaedic hospitals, three burn hospitals and one Shriners Hospital that provides orthopaedic, burn care and spinal cord injury care. All care and services provided by Shriners Hospitals are totally without cost to the patient or family.

Since the founding of Shriners Hospitals in 1922, about \$5.5 billion has been spent to provide quality and compassionate medical care to more than 675,000 children with orthopaedic problems, severe burn injuries or spinal cord injuries. Most of these services are paid for by the **Shriners Hospitals for Children** endowment fund.

Without this fund, Shriners Hospitals would not be able to ensure optimum and compassionate patient care. In order to meet the needs of thousands of children in need of the expert care Shriners Hospitals provide, the endowment fund must continue to grow during these times of increasing costs of medical care.

Since approximately 95 percent of the annual Shriners Hospitals for Children operating budget will be spent in direct support of the 22 hospitals, your gift to its endowment fund is a gift to one of the world's "purest" philanthropies.

Visit our Web site: <http://www.shrinershq.org>.

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\$100 Million Dollar Club

Yes, I (we) want to Share in the Care of **SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN**.

I have previously made a Will leaving a Bequest (of \$100 or more) to the Shriners Hospitals for Children endowment fund.

I have added a provision in my Will leaving a Bequest (of \$100 or more) to the Shriners Hospitals for Children endowment fund.

I prefer to make a cash donation at this time (of \$100 or more).



Make your check payable to:
SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN

Signed _____

Temple Member? _____

Address _____

City _____

State ____ Zip Code _____

You may give a \$100 Million Dollar Club Membership in another person's name, as a special anniversary, birthday or appreciation gift. Please have the membership certificate read:

RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO YOUR
LOCAL SHRINE TEMPLE



Saturday December 19th Abdallah Bingo goes virtual!!! That means we are going to play bingo online. So here is how this works. Starting Monday November 30th book sales will start. We will only be selling during the hours of 5p - 7p Monday thru Friday at Abdallah. To play you need to stop by to buy the book. If you don't buy the book you can't play the big games. Here is the run down on prices:

The Book \$10 it has 7 regulars and 1 black out game

We are adding 4 more games in. Those will be 3 for \$1

Extra sheets for Black Out Bingo are \$1 per sheet.

The Christmas Bonus Game is \$1 per sheet. The pot is sitting at \$521. We will play this game as a 50/50.

So the winner gets the pot and half the sales for that game.

All regular games jackpots are \$99 and the Black Out is \$500

Plus I have BINGO Christmas ornaments for sale. The ornaments look like a numbered bingo ball. 1 for \$5 or all 5 for \$20

With your purchase you will also get a sheet of games for the night. On that sheet will also be the web addresses to watch from and the phone number to Abdallah.

We will be streaming on the Abdallah Shrine BINGO Facebook page and also my YouTube channel. If you get a bingo you will first type "BINGO" and post it in the feed. One of our workers will call out the bingo to halt the game. The second thing you do is call the phone number on the sheet we give you. You will read the game code and we will verify. And if we have more than one winner the jackpot is split to all winners. If you win in the regular bingo games we will get the information we need from you and mail your check out to you. If you win The Christmas Bonus Game or Black Out Bingo you will have to set up a time with me to receive your check.

I'm excited about getting one more bingo in for the year. If everything goes right we could be doing this once a month till we can have everyone back in person again!


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 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:
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913-236-9878
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The Shrine Office

PLAYGROUND NOTICE

All materials for *Playground* publication should be submitted to playground@abdallahshrine.org. Please do not send materials to any other email address, especially to a specific personal or office email. Only those materials sent to playground@abdallahshrine.org will be published. Electronic submissions should be in Word format. Ads maybe submitted as a jpeg file. We are not able to accept submissions via Facebook or any other social media site.

Also, as a reminder, the deadline for submitted materials to the *Playground* is the 15th 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

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

**I must be old.
I still believe
in respect.**

I never make the same
mistake twice.



I make it

5 or 6 times,

Just to be sure.

I'm So Old That

I have dialed a rotary phone, listened to music off an 8-track tape, watched a black and white TV with foil on the rabbit ear antennas, and went through a whole day without taking a picture of myself.



DO YOU REMEMBER?

*Humor me
Just a page or 2
for a laugh.*

THE NEW TYLER'S APRON



Remember Messing Up the Last Number



And Having to Start all Over Again?



Germany is now advising people to stock up on cheese and sausages. This is called the Wurst Käse scenario.



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Attention:

Units & Clubs: Now is the time to be booking the Abdallah Hall and the Nobles Activity Room for your 2021 Events & Activities! Don't wait until it's too late to get the dates you want!

HOME COVID TEST

1. Pour a large glass of red wine, try to smell it.
2. If you can smell the wine then drink it & see if you can taste it.
3. If you can taste & smell it, it confirms you don't have COVID.

Last night I did the test 19 times & all were negative, Thank God!

Tonight I am going to do the test again because this morning I woke up with a headache & feel like I am coming down with something.

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Abdallah Coffee Club

Meeting the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of every month

New Time - Activity Room
9:30 A.M.

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!

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Mickey Mikulan
913-206-6240

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ABDALLAH Advertising Order Form

DATE: _____

Company Name: _____

Contact: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

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jwilson155@kc.rr.com	
Chief Rabban - Chris Zugelder (Mindy)	913-378-8199
Zugelder@ieee.org	
Assistant Rabban - Herb Merrick (Carolyn)	913-683-3041
hmerrick@kc.rr.com	
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gcsippel@gmail.com	
Oriental Guide - Ronnie White (Barbie)	913-314-1568
randbauto66083@yahoo.com	
Treasurer - Mike Guilinger (Deb)	913-948-1501
mikeguilinger@gmail.com	
Recorder - Bennie Smith P.P. (Debbie Sullivan)	913-449-0987
benmaltrev@gmail.com	

APPOINTIVE DIVAN

First Ceremonial Master - Chris Robertson (Paula Luna)	913-940-8666
Regiscrob@aol.com	
Second Ceremonial Master - Tony Pagel	913-927-9129
tony@creativerestorationskc.com	
Marshal - Jim Leahy (Beth)	913-514-4291
jtleahy189@yahoo.com	
Captain of the Guard - Jamie Thornton	913-652-9486
jamie_thornton@swissre.com	
Outer Guard - Chris Harrison	913-980-7462
chrish@mwfert.com	
Chaplain - Jerry Ogden (Shiela)	816-260-8882
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Chris Muro - 2008	913-384-0859
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Nick Turner - 2011	913-441-9555
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All Elected Divan Officers *plus*

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Dale Schmidt (2017 – 2021)	913-481-4843
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Ken Holliday	913-599-0276
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Chris Robertson	913-940-8666
Richard “Bear” Sobek	913-991-1200
Joe Hobbs	913-271-6200
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Blaine Miller	913-831-3031
Bob Anver	913-530-9388

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	Ed Alft	913-488-8310
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	Allen Baiamonte	
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	Sharon Steele	913-492-4436
Sickness and Distress	Jerry Ogden	816-260-8882

Upcoming Events

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

The Abdallah Shrine Office hours are 9 AM to 4 PM Monday through Friday. The Building will be unlocked from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. unless prior arrangements are made.

- December 8th – First Lady’s Appreciation Event – 7PM (See Flyer Attached)
Please note’ all notes and donations need to be turned in by Thursday, December 3rd.
- December 8th – Stated Meeting & Election of Officers for 2021 – 7:30 PM
- December 9th – Coffee Club 9:30 AM in the Activity Room
- December 19th – Virtual Bingo
- December 23rd – Coffee Club 9:30AM in the Activity Room
- December 24th – Shrine Office Closed
- December 25th – Christmas Day – office closed
- December 31st - New Year’s Eve - Office Closed

Thank you and Stay Safe!



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