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*from
Ill. Sir Herb, Lady Carolyn
and your 2022 Divan*

MEMBERSHIP

January 1, 2022	613
Creations	8
Affiliations	4
Restorations	9
Associations	3
Deceased	(22)
Demitted	(4)
Suspended	(0)
Withdrawn	0
Associate Dropped	(3)
Expulsions	0
November 30, 2022	608
Regular members	588
Associate members	20



In memory:
James M. Hagg Jr.
Raymond Keighley
Michael Patterson

BINGO Schedule - '22 - '23

December

- 5** Greeters
- 12** TASS & Yo-Shi
- 19** Clowns
- 26** NO BINGO

January

- 2** NO BINGO
- 9** Escorts
- 16** Antique Cars
- 23** Provost & LoH
- 30** Trail 70s & Directors Staff

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



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

**Baked Ham, mashed Potatoes &
 Gravy, Green Beans, Salad,
 Desert, Coffee or Tea**
\$12

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



ABDALLAH SHRINERS OPEN MEETING DECEMBER 13, 2022



ABDALLAH AUDITORIUM
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



Dec 1st

Andy Kling
Bobby L Ramshaw
Jim Willard
Robert F Brown Jr.

Dec 3rd

Jacque D Mote

Dec 4th

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

Dec 6th

Robert C LaPreze

Dec 8th

Hernando Rodriguez Jr.
Dennis J Hubler
Herman J Kanter

Dec 9th

Jerry L Nibarger

Dec 10th

Larry G Todd
Anthony Pagel

Dec 11th

William M Sparks
Keith Novorr
Russell L Reese

Dec 12th

Carl J Linck
Kenneth H Holliday
Danny M Lane

Dec 13th

Ernest H Neighbor
Thomas E Eads

Dec 15th

Roland L Unruh

Dec 16th

Donald H Zehnder
Gary F Folk
Andrew N Masters

Dec 17th

Loren W Jacoby

Dec 18th

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

Dec 19th

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

Dec 20th

Edward L Betz
Paul S Lamons

Dec 21st

Lowell S Hardesty Jr.

Dec 22nd

Richard A Campbell
Robert W Veach

Dec 23rd

Richard C Davis

Dec 24th

Lyn E Beyer
Robert J Cecil

Dec 25th

Randall R Grable
Christopher S Holland

Dec 26th

Wayne K Ozias
Charles D Lang
Regis C Robertson

Dec 28th

Thomas A Dials
Douglas S Mackey
Stirling Howell

Dec 30th

Mike Guilinger

Dec 31st

Wesley H Williams
Patrick W Emmett
Terry N Masters

Wishing YOU
the BEST
birthday ever!



The POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Greetings All,

November was a great month. Thanks to all who came out for our two Veteran's Day Parades. It was great to ride on the Provost's cart at Ottawa and marching at Leavenworth was an opportunity to be with Jon Robinson carrying the colors in the largest parade west of the Mississippi River honoring veterans. The Blue Racer's Sock Hop Murder Mystery was a wonderful evening as the Chaplain came in as the culprit. We also had a great Chili Cook Off, but the beans or no beans controversy will continue for another year at least. I also want to thank the building managers and Provost who supported our rental program this month. This, with our Bingo, is what allows us to keep our current dues structure, so for the individuals, Clubs and Units who support these activities you have the thanks of all the membership. Finally, the open meeting was a great success as our Chief Rabban and Assistant Rabban,

along with the Red Zone and Hospital Representatives, helped to layout some of our exciting changes for next year. Next year we are going back to the Rodeo and Derby format as we move to the Johnson County Fairgrounds. I am excited for all the opportunities that our coming our way and the chance to work with of you the Nobles and Ladies of Abdallah Shriners.

December is going to be a busy month, beyond all our normal activities and many Unit and Club holiday parties, we are decorating the Shrine on the first Friday; Andy's Special Party that Saturday; our Christmas Reception on the 11th at 2 PM in the main hall; the Shay Children's Fantasy on the afternoon of the 4th, and the Temple New Year's Dance. I hope that everyone gets to come out and enjoy these events. I would like to thank everyone who is involved in the planning and execution of these events. The Shrine is the playground of masonry, so please come out and do things that you enjoy. Greg and I will also be attending a meeting with the other Shrines and the Grand Master in Lindsborg to explore ways for us to work together. This should be an opportunity to impact the future of relationships between bodies. I encourage everyone to attend Lodge during December as it is the time for annual meetings and election of Lodge officers. December is not just a chance to reflect on the last year but also a time to focus on the future.

Our Stated Meeting in December is the time that we focus on our future leadership, not only for the Board of Directors and Building Association, but also representative for CSSA and Imperial. I really encourage everyone to come out and vote. We will also be drawing for our sporting raffle and the 50/50 raffle that has been going on all year. It will be a busy evening so come out eat with the Chef de Shriners and attend the Annual meeting. Membership is our first and sustaining priority, to that end we need to be thinking about how we will grow and involve our new Nobles in all our great activities. If you have a thought on how we can do more, please share those ideas. Finally, thank each one of you for your support and involvement. Have a great holiday season.

Yours in the faith,

Herb Merrick, Potentate



NOTICE: ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR ABDALLAH SHRINERS 2023

Election Meeting – Abdallah Shriners Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 7:30pm at the Shrine for the transaction of all Regular business-balloting on petitions for creation, affiliation & associate membership-reports from officers & committees-election of officers.

and

**Special meeting of the Abdallah Temple Building Association
for the purpose of electing Trustees for 2023**

YOU MUST HAVE YOUR 2022 DUES CARD TO ATTEND THIS ANNUAL MEETING

The Law Governing Annual Elections
Herbert F. Merrick, Potentate 2022

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

FROM THE BY-LAWS OF SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL ARTICLE 25

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

- Potentate.....Shayk
- Chief Rabban.....Emeer
- Assistant Rabban.....Sahib
- High Priest and Prophet.....Imam
- Oriental Guide.....Ayn
- Treasurer.....Chayzin
- Recorder.....Katib
- First Ceremonial Master.....Wakil
- Second Ceremonial Master.....Alam
- Director.....Malah
- Marshal.....Amal
- Captain of the Guard.....Rays
- Outer Guard.....Hafix

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

§ 325.2 Election and Qualification.

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

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

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

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

§ 325.3 Appointment. The other officers name in § 352.1 shall be anointed by the Potentate.

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

§ 325.5 Ballot.

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

Retention. The ballots cast in any contested election for shrine center’s office shall be retained in the custody of the Recorder for a period of 90 days following the election, after which they may be destroyed unless the Imperial Potentate otherwise orders.

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

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

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

§ 325.8 Nomination. Candidates for office and representative must be placed in nomination floor.

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

§ 325.10 Representatives.

Single Ballot. Where a shrine center elects more than one Representative, all candidates must be balloted for on one written ballot.

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.

Majority Vote. A majority vote of those present and voting is necessary to elect each Representative.

Election. Only those candidates who receive a majority vote shall be declared elected.

Successive Ballots. Successive written ballots must then be taken in the same manner on other candidates until all Representatives are elected.

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.

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

§ 325.11 Election Regulations.

Electioneering. A candidate for an elected office in a shrine center may print, publish, and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a resume consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email or other devices, by a unit, club, Noble, or group of Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing, or contain the name of proposed candidates for office in the shrine center is prohibited.

Expenditures Prohibited. The expenditure of money for gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for an elected office is prohibited.

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.

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 2023 ARE; Potentate, Chief Rabban, Assistant Rabban, High Priest & Prophet, Oriental Guide, Treasurer, Recorder, Representative(s) to Shriners International for the year 2023, Representative(s) to the Central States Shrine Association, Representative(s) to the Finance & Investment Committee, and trustee(s) to the Building Association.

Fraternally yours,

Bennie L. Smith

Ill. Sir Bennie L. Smith, PP, Recorder



Chaplain



By Jerry Ogden

December is a month of great celebrations by our various faiths embraced by our Shrine Family.

Simply put, each of us are Masons who believe in a higher power, regardless what we may call that power. To us, we look to this higher power for thanksgiving, forgiveness and divine counsel. We believe with our whole being that this deity is responsible for giving us life, free will choice and opportunities to be happy, loving and compassionate toward our fellow humans.

What is imperative is that we completely respect how each of us regard our Creator and call upon Him in our own way. The Lord is always ready to hear from us, in whatever fashion we come to Him and in whatever language we use.

To everyone in the Shrine Family, may you acknowledge your humanness to your Creator, and may you find many ways to celebrate your faith in Him, be it Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Eid or simply Happy Holidays. That last phrase is always appropriate and never excludes anyone who is celebrating their unique relationship with their Creator.

Amen

**You are a true leader
when you help your
team become
successful. Remember
leadership is not
about you, it's all
about the people you
serve.**

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

A happy and joyous holiday season to everyone reading this article. The Antique and Classic Cars will be holding their annual Holiday Party on December 6, 2022. This year we will enjoy our party at the home of Allen and Jackie Baiamonte, enjoying barbecue meat prepared by Q39 with side dishes prepared by Unit members and their spouses. Drinks are BYOB. All Divan members and their Ladies have been invited as well as our Illustrious Potentate, Herb Merrick and his lovely Lady, Caroline. We will have a swearing in of 2023 officers and hold a White Elephant gift exchange. If you have any interest in becoming a member or affiliate of the Antique and Classic Cars, please contact President, Patrick Emmett, 913-744-6347 early so we order enough food.

Our Unit has proudly made a contribution to the Abdallah Shrine Tree of Life in the main lobby of our temple. Ronnie White has made this his special project and we support his effort to strengthen our Shrine.

Last month Unit members gathered to visit the Bonner Springs Fuel House. This unique business is an automotive Country Club located in the south part of Bonner Springs. They have storage for special and unique cars and will even help sell your specialty car for you. They have a microbrewery, ice cream shop and a pretty cool restaurant. Our unit takes pride in participating in community events like cruises, car shows, automotive museums and factory tours and may even go on a road trip or two. Oh yeah! We also transport members of the Divan and special guests in parades when called upon.

We hosted the annual Trunk or Treat in the back parking lot of the temple on October 30th. We had fun dressing up in costume and handing out candy

to children and families from the greater community that we serve.

The Antique and Classic Cars Unit had an event filled year during 2022. We visited several museums, attended car shows and met frequently at restaurants for our first Wednesday of the month meetings. Ladies are always welcome to attend our meetings and restaurant gatherings. We even spent time working on a 1948 Pontiac Silver Streak with Bennie Harper. We suffered some illness during the year among our members and spouses, and we lost a dear friend in Phil Smith and his wife Barb Smith. They will be missed by all of us. We enjoy participation in the annual Shrine Bowl and look forward to the 2023 Rodeo and Demo Derby at the Johnson County Fair Grounds in Gardner, KS.

A special thank you to deceased Unit member, Lee Edwards. When he passed he gifted his entire estate to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, St. Louis Hospital. The gift was nearly one million dollars. That gift was received by the St. Louis Hospital, thanks in large part, by the efforts of Ed McConwell. Thanks Ed.

We are an inclusive Unit that welcomes everyone. We have four Past Potentates and some affiliate members who remain loyal to their parade Unit but have cars and enjoy the activities of the Antique and Classic Cars. Our Unit does not require any special type of car or truck. We enjoy each other's company and appreciate anything automotive. Dues are a crushing \$10 per year and we meet the first Wednesday of every month.

If you have any questions concerning our Unit or what we do, please call Pat Emmett, 913-744-6347 or email pemmett99@sbcglobal.net for more information.



**Abdallah
Golfing
Nomads**



By Roger Miller,

The season has ended and a good one it was.
Those who played had a great time.

Hopefully next season will see more Nobles out for
a morning of fun!

October 27th – Sunflower Hills

Closest to pin #4 – Dick Strong; #13 – Bob Han-
sen; Closest to pin in 2 - #16 – Bob Hansen
Long Drive #10 – under 80 – Bob Hansen; over 80
– Roger Miller
Birdies: Dick Strong – 1

November 3rd

Long putt #9 – Bob Hansen; #18 – Dick Strong
Long Drive - #10 – over 80 – Roger Miller
Birdies; Dick Strong – 1



By Tim Williams

We hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving and
spent it with family and friends. Thank you again to
those that attended the Murder Mystery Dinner on
November 5th; we greatly appreciate your sup-
port. We'd like to welcome Gary & Pat Folk to the
Unit! We are hoping to grow the Unit even more, so
stay tuned. The Unit normally meets on the 4th
Thursday of every month, and we welcome Nobles &
their ladies to join us anytime. Our next meeting will
be Jan 26th at the Temple. We are an active and
growing Unit that loves to parade and race our
carts. Happy Holidays to all!



Jokers

By Mickey Mikulan

DUE to the BUSY HOLIDAY SEASON, the JOK-
ER'S HAVE SUSPENDED MEETINGS UNTIL JAN-
UARY

JOKER'S MEETINGS are on the FOURTH TUES-
DAY of EACH MONTH, Come for a visit!

Social Hour starts at 6:00 PM, snack and meeting
starts at 6:30 PM.

Ladies, the JOKER'S have a Ladies Unit, "The Wild
Cards." Come join our Ladies for discussions on
how to solve the problems of the world.

TAKE ADVANTAGE of ACTIVITIRS YOUR TEM-
PLE HAS SCHEDULED, BRING a FRIEND!

At my age:

I've seen it all

Did it all

Heard it all

I just can't remember it all!

DECEMBER SPECIAL DATES

Gary Folk, Birthday – 12/16

Charlie Dave Lang, Birthday - 12/26

Dave & Tammy Baggett's, Anniversary - 12/27



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By Ken Holliday

November was a social month for Abdallah. The Blue Racers hosted a murder mystery on the 5th. Beer Fishing was on 12th. The chili cookoff on the 19th. Lots of fun and lots to do. Our Shrine leaders have made a great effort to keep everyone involved.

Officers for 2023 are Ralph Anderton President, social director, ride coordinator and frequent host; Ken Holliday VP; Jeff Johnson Secretary and Scott Steele Treasurer.

We had another potluck for our meeting on November 9th. Jeff Johnson served his always perfect brisket, ribs and pulled pork while everyone else brought side dishes which were all, without exception wonderful.

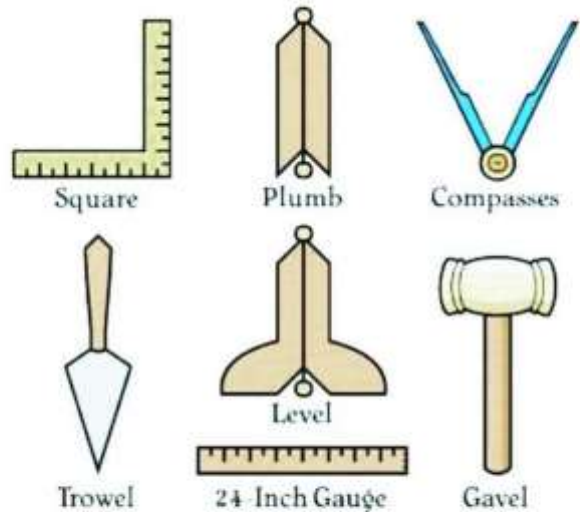
The Escorts had a dinner outing to Rudy's Taqueria on November 26th. Great food, great people and a wonderful way to celebrate Thanksgiving. A blessing to have these people in our life for sure.

The Escorts decided not to host the Children's Christmas party this year due to a decline in attendance for the last several years. It was a difficult decision but one that was based on participation and the fact that Shay was not planning to perform. After our decision, Shay reversed themselves and said they will put on a show which will be at 2:00 on December 4th.

The Escorts have decided to do another potluck for Christmas this year. This will be the first time in recent years that we did not use a caterer but when you have master Chef's like Kevin Larson and Jeff Johnson why spend extra money when you can get better for less.

If you ride on two or three wheels and are looking for a great group that has fun and is a leader in supporting Abdallah and our children's hospital, please come to a meeting at the Shrine center on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. We would love to have you..

We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and wish you a safe and Merry Christmas!



The Tools of The Craft

F R E E M A S O N R Y



**Great leaders are not
the best at everything.
They find people who
are the best at
different things and
get them all on the
same team.**



Rob Swecker

Congratulations to the 2023 elected officers; President- Don Matteson, Vice president-Bruce Peterson, Secretary- Rob Swecker, Treasurer- Larry Riggs.

We are getting prepared for the 2023 Rodeo and Demolition Derby at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. The Rodeo will be on June 15 & 16, and the Demolition Derby will be on June 17. Thank you to the committee for all the work involved in changing venues.

The Provost Pistol and Shotgun teams continue to practice and plan to attend CSSA 2023 in Omaha, Nebraska.

If you happen to be at Powder Creek shooting park, look for a new Shriners sponsor plaque at a sporting clays station, with station number to be determined later.

We are creating two awards for the Provost members; one for Provost of the Year – The Travis Marshall Award, and one for the Shooting Team - The Erik Kittrell Award.

Our meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month, 6:30 pm, upstairs at Abdallah. The pistol shooting team practices the first Tuesday of the month at 5:00 pm at the Bullet Hole.



Table Cloths Reminder

As we have to pay for table clothes by the week, whether they are used or not, therefore the Shrine no longer carries any 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.

Great leaders don't set out to be a leader... they set out to make a difference.

It's never about the role- always about the goal.

ORIENTAL BAND

By Roy Samuel

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Brothers and Sisters, we are getting close to that time of year where we celebrate the incoming year. Some with a silent acknowledgement to joyous celebration. The OB has started the preparation for the 2023 Abdallah Shriners New Year's Eve celebration. Invite your friends, coworkers, neighbors and family. Let's get together to celebrate the new year. Watch Weekly Updates, Facebook Social Page or the Abdallah Oriental Band page for updates or additions.

This is what the Oriental Band has put together for the New Year's Eve celebration at the time of this posting. Open Bar, Party Favors, Champagne at Midnight, Country Breakfast.

Dance to live music by 'BRASS REWIND',
Dance to the best 9 piece band in KC, playing your favorite dance music until Midnight.
Check them out on Facebook.
Brass Rewind | Facebook brassrewindkc.com

Bring all your favorite snack.
Tickets \$50.00 EA
Convenience Fee for Credit Cards
8 Paid Tickets may reserve a table.
Advance tickets required by Wednesday Dec 28 2022
DRESS: Business or better
Doors open at 7:30 PM
Open Bar
Music by 'BRASS REWIND' @ 8:00 PM
Champagne Toast @ Midnight
Country Breakfast Following Midnight Toast
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LEGACY

GENERATIONS OF
BROTHERHOOD



Legacy Program

Pass along the Shriners tradition in your family – develop a legacy. Shriners International will continue to grow from one generation to the next when you share the tradition and join the Shriners Legacy program. By joining the program, you will show your pride in being a Shriner and benefit from the camaraderie and brotherhood that is such a large part of the program. You qualify as a legacy if one of the following is a Shriner at any Temple: Brother, Brother In Law; Step Brother; Father; Son; Step Son; Father in Law; Son in Law; Grandfather; Grandson; Grandfather in Law; Great Grand Father; Great Grandson; Cousin; Uncle; Nephew; Grand Nephew;. If you think you are a legacy contact the Shrine office by email with the name(s) of your legacy and their temple name and we'll make the connection.

To help promote the program, any new Shriners legacy is eligible to receive a free pin for himself and up to two of his Shrine legacies. To recognize nobles who became Shriners legacies prior to January 1, 2012, we thank you for continuing the tradition and encourage you to become part of our Shriners Legacy Program. You can order a legacy pin and certificate for you and your legacies for a contribution* of \$5 or more per pin.

Message from Your Chief Rabban

Holidays 2022 have arrived!

6 billion people around the world celebrate holidays in December. Example holidays include Hanukkah, World AIDS Day, St. Nicholas Day, Saint Lucia's Day, Las Posadas, International Human Rights Day, Winter Solstice, Yule, Festivus, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, St. Steven's Day, Kwanzaa, Saint John the Evangelist Day, Omisoka and New Year's Eve.

December at Abdallah translates to Holiday parties, receptions and social events. Good cheer abounds and deep reflection upon and giving thanks to fraternal brotherhood is our calling. We decorate our Shrine Center during this holiday season to illustrate and celebrate this special time—the bling and bright colors uplifts our spirits with joy.

We ask all Nobles and Ladies that they please attend one of our events in December; you'll be happy you did. If you're a Noble or Lady that hasn't come by lately, Mary Ellen and I offer a special invite and ask you to please come by the Abdallah Holiday Reception on Dec 11 (2-5pm). We welcome you back. No obligations or commitments are required. Just a friendly "come say hello" social reception to renew existing acquaintances and maybe meet a few new members.

Most of all, during December, take a few minutes to think about all that you are grateful. Life only goes around once, so let's make the most of it. Sharing your humor, personality and joy makes this world a better place.

We end 2022 at Abdallah knowing that even though we have faced--and will face-- challenges, our fraternity is strong and will endure and persevere in the long run.

As Always...May there be Peace in our Time.

Greg & MaryEllen Sippel
Chief Rabban 2022

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



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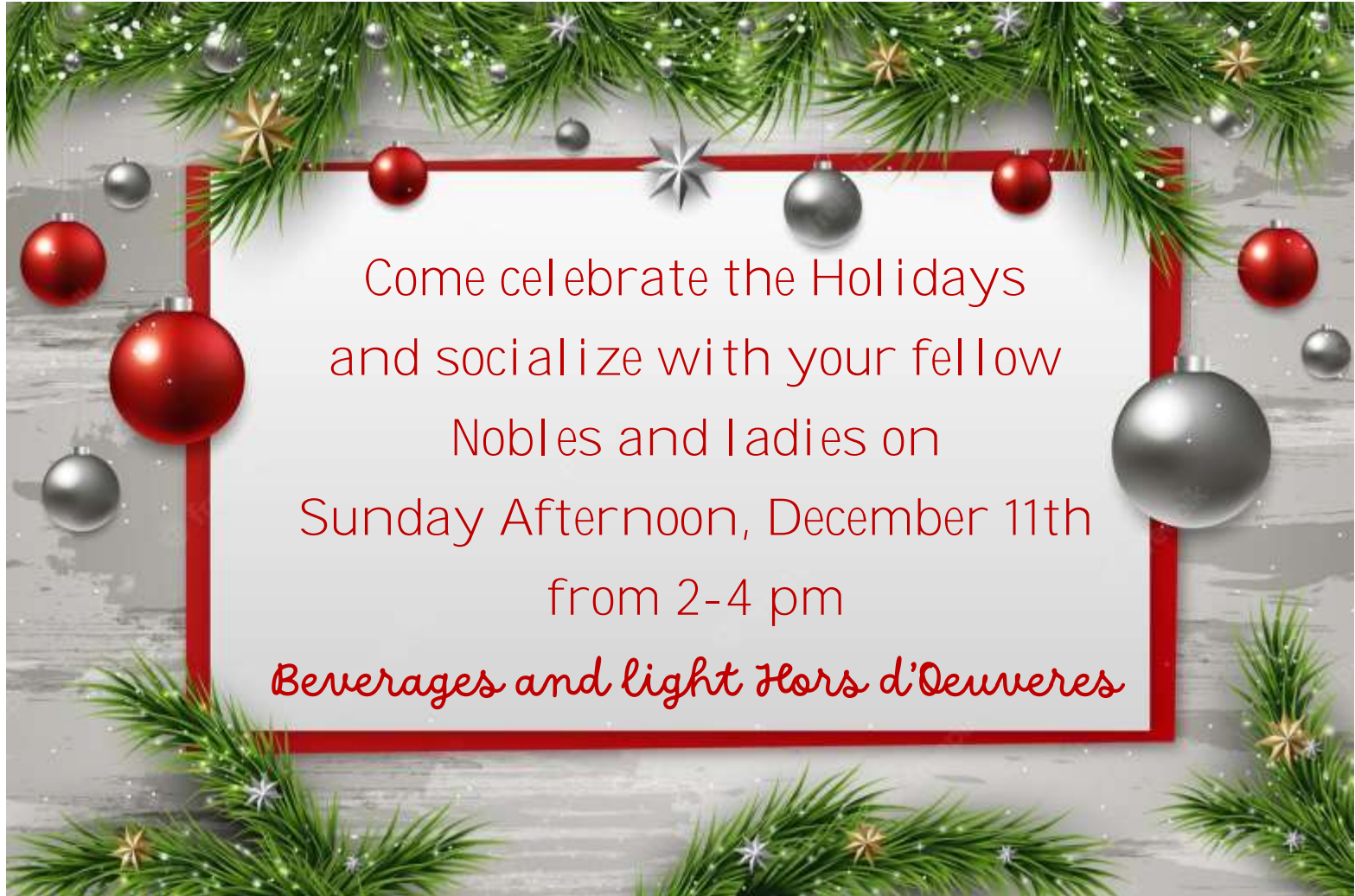


Come Join us for a holiday show
and a visit from Santa.

There will be cookies and soda afterwards.

Any donation of home made cookies would be greatly appreciated .

Sponsored by The Escorts, Blue Racers & Clowns



Come celebrate the Holidays
and socialize with your fellow
Nobles and Ladies on
Sunday Afternoon, December 11th
from 2-4 pm
Beverages and light Hors d'Oeuvres

2023 Officer Installation & Reception

**Save the date for Friday evening,
January 13, 2023 for the
Installation of Officers and
Potentate's Reception.
Activities begin at 7 pm.**

More details next month

First Lady's Appreciation Dinner

Carolyn Merrick's Appreciation Event Ladies Night Out - during the Stated Meeting and Election Night Watch Party

Tuesday-December 13, 2022, at 7:30 pm

The 2022 Abdallah Divan Ladies would like you to join them on December 13, 2022, to Honor First Lady Carolyn Merrick. Feel free to bring crock pots etc. upstairs when you arrive, but the party starts at 7:30 pm.

Details-

7:30 pm - Potluck Social, Upstairs, The Old Oasis

What you need to do to attend...

1. Bring a Family Traditional Appetizer/Dish or Dessert
2. Bring the Recipe for Carolyn's Recipe Book
3. Bring what you want to drink, but soft drinks and wine are provided. The Oasis Bar is open until 7:30 pm.
4. RSVP-913-226-4420 for chair count, then show up by 7:30 pm



***Delaware Chapter DeMolay
invites you to attend their***

2022 Holiday Chili Feed



**December 17th from 11 AM to 2 PM, at Wyandotte
Lodge No. 3 in Kansas City, Kansas**

**Tickets \$5 per person for unlimited chili!
\$1 for 1 ticket, and 6 for \$5 for raffle tickets**

selections include:

- white chicken chili
- red beef chili
- cornbread
- brownies



50/50 raffle
drawing will be at
1:30 PM!



ABDALLAH SHRINERS
NEW YEAR'S EVE
PARTY
2023

SPONSORED BY THE ABDALLAH ORIENTAL BAND

Doors Open @ 7:30pm

'OPEN BAR'

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by Dec 28 2022

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Questions? Tickets?

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Sharon (816) 260-2321

Tickets Available

in Abdallah Shrine Office

5300 Metcalf Ave, Overland Park KS 66202

Proceeds are for the benefit of the Abdallah Oriental Band activities.

Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions



Abdallah's **WILD WEST DANCE**



Saturday Night

January 28, 2023

7:00 pm to 11 p.m.

\$20 per person

Camels Milk Included

Advance tickets available from the Tin Lizzies
or Escorts members as well as the
Shrine Office

Music By The:



Proceeds benefit the Tin Lizzie & Escort Unit activities. Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions

Abdallah Shriners 2023 Player BBQ Dinner

Sunday, February 19, 2023 @ 1:00 pm



MEET YOUR LOCAL 2023 SHRINE BOWL PLAYERS

Cost is \$15/person - purchase tickets from Shrine Office,

Red Zone Committee Member, at the Event or online.

Online ticket purchases available at: <https://whollyticket.com/e/2023PlayerDinner>

On-line and credit card purchases subject to a convenience fee.

Abdallah Shrine, 5300 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park, KS



***On Saturday, April 15, 2023, it will
Rain***



But you will Dance!



Save the Date!

Abdallah Noble's Ball 2023

Introducing the new My FezCard Viewer App



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.

The result of this effort is designed to directly reduce temple expenses, simplify operations, and increase member engagement.

Playground Submissions

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

All articles and advertisements must be received via email at abdallaplayground30@gmail.com.

Articles should be submitted as a Word document or text with-in the email. NO hand written scans or other file formats are permitted including pdf files.

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

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

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Fraternal Fundraiser Checklist

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



Playground Advertising Rates

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

Units & Clubs receive a 50% discount



Shriners International

Fundraising Policies & Procedures

Introduction

Because Shriners have been the driving force behind

Shriners Hospitals for Children®, it has become natural to associate the Fez with this charity. However, Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children are separate and distinct legal corporations.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is a 501(c)(3) incorporated in the state of Colorado, and it operates 22 locations. Its purpose is to provide medical care to children without regard to race, creed, sect or nationality. The treatment is provided regardless of the families' ability to pay. This is the Charitable corporation.

Shriners International is incorporated in the state of Iowa, and it presently has nearly 200 unincorporated fraternal associations in several countries. We know them as Shrine Temples. This is the Fraternal corporation.

Particular attention must be given to all fundraising activities to make certain that such activities comply with the law of the land and that a contributor is not led to believe that his money will be used for the Hospitals when all or a portion therefore may be used otherwise.

Types of Fundraisers

There are two types of Shrine fundraisers – Charitable and Fraternal.

Charitable Fundraisers – Where 100 percent of the net proceeds benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children. (See pages 3-6.)

Fraternal Fundraisers – Where the net proceeds benefit the Temple, which in turn may distribute them as it sees fit. For example, profits may be disbursed to the Temple general fund, a building fund, to clubs and/or units, to Shriners Hospitals for Children, to local community or Masonic related projects (DeMolay, Masonic Home, etc.) or any combination thereof.

Procedures That Apply to All Shrine Fundraising Activities

• All fundraising must comply with the law of the land; that is, the law of the jurisdiction where the ac-

tivity takes place. This includes national, state or province, and local laws.

- The use of the name Shriners Hospitals for Children is governed by §503.11 of the bylaws of Shriners Hospitals for Children.
- All fundraising is governed by General Order No. 1 as may be issued on that subject by the Imperial Potentate.
- Insurance: Your attention should be directed to that portion of the existing General Order No. 1 pertaining to insurance. Strict compliance is required.
- All contracts must be reviewed and approved by the Temple Potentate after receiving the advice of the Temple attorney.
- All fundraising promotional materials (including Temple publications) must include a statement indicating the major entity benefited by the funds [Statement of Purpose]

Statements of Purpose and Disclosure

All fundraising promotional materials must contain a STATEMENT OF PURPOSE. Below are examples for each type of fundraising activity.

For Charitable Fundraisers:

“Proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children.”

For Fraternal Fundraisers:

“Proceeds are for the benefit of (_____ Shriners) (_____ shrine unit/club) activities.”

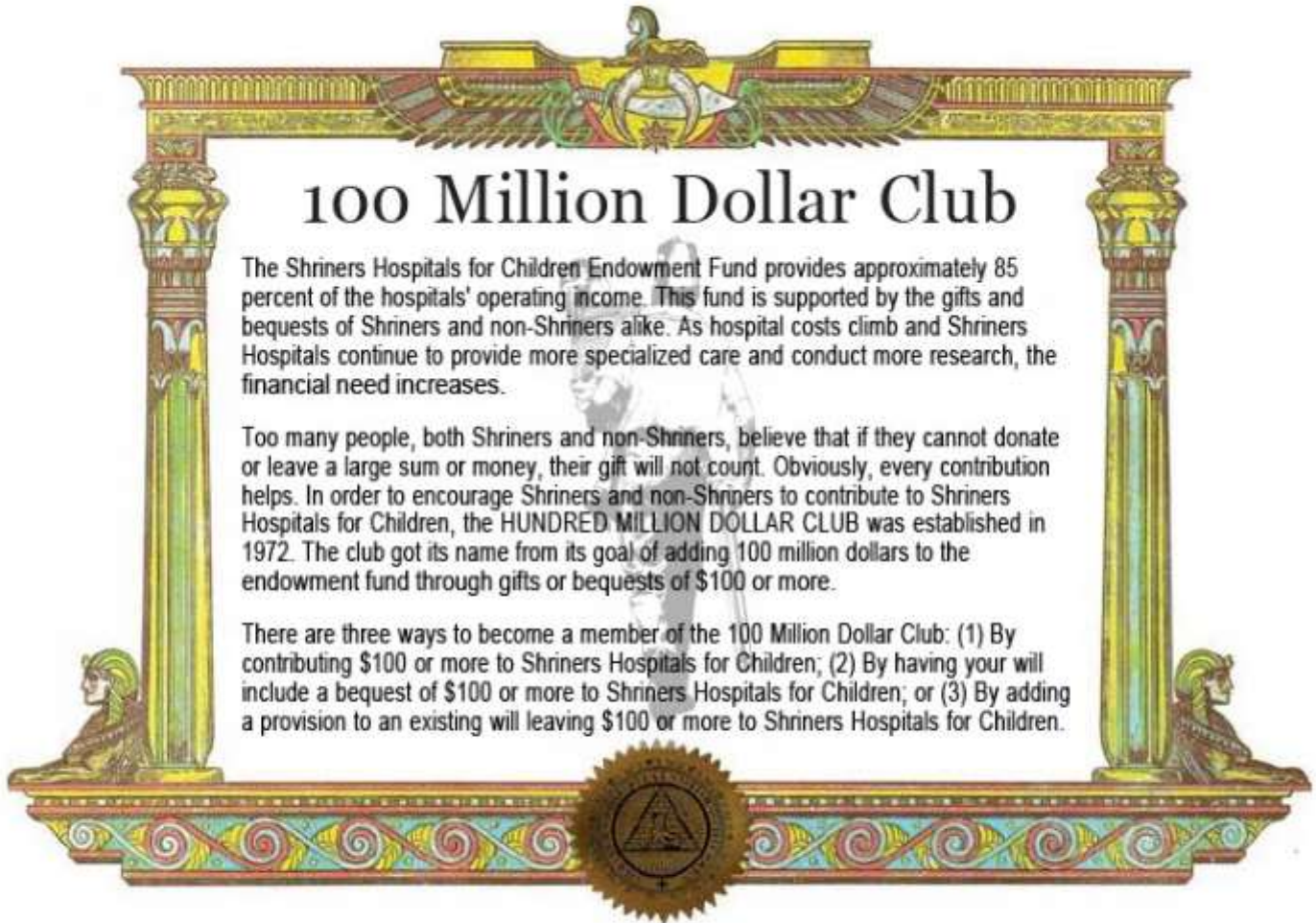
Every fundraising activity which is not entirely for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children shall prominently state on all solicitation material, including tickets, programs, documents and electronically transmitted material, the following

DISCLOSURE: “Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions.”

NOTE: All fraternal fundraising materials must include both the Statement of Purpose and Disclosure

The full policy is available online or from your Divan

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I am a member of _____ Shriners

Signed _____ Shrine No. _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____


Please have certificate read (Name) _____

Return to: Abdallah Shriners, 5300 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, KS 66204-1225

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
- Click the register button on the Login page: 
- 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 numeral.)

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
- Enter your login E-mail address and Password in the designated fields:

Email:

Password:

- Click Log in: 

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**50/50
Raffle**

Need another great reason to come to the Stated Meetings? Abdallah Shriners has a 50/50 raffle at each Stated Meeting where half of the pot goes to the winner and the other half goes into the year end jackpot. The pot will grow each month for a nice jack pot at the December Stated Meeting. Be sure to come to the Stated Meeting as you don't want to miss this!

Abdallah Coffee Club

Meeting the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of every month
9:00am - Activity Room

2nd Wednesday is now a cooked breakfast, not donuts. Please RSVP if attending

Come on up to the Shrine and enjoy the company of your fellow Nobles!

Not limited to just Shriners – bring your coffee drinking buddies along too!

We will shoot the breeze and enjoy donuts and coffee together.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

For breakfast RSVP to:

Jerry Ogden

imastar@kc.rr.com



PCM



Permanent Contributing Membership

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TO FAIL THE KIDS
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For more information contact:

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Attention:

Units & Clubs: Now is the time to be booking the Abdallah Hall and the Nobles Activity Room for your 2023 Events & Activities! Don't wait until it's too late to get the dates you want!

Nobles and Ladies

Come Visit the Abdallah Oasis on

BIRTHDAY FRIDAY!

It happens on the

1st Friday, 7pm

Every Month.

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Bring a Snack to Share!
Bring a Friend to Share with!



Shriners
Children's™

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!
Anna Marie Swearingin

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Units and Clubs

Don't forget to write an Article
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:
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ABDALLAH Advertising Order Form

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Company Name: _____

Contact: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

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Line 2	_____	\$10	_____
Line 3	_____	\$10	_____
Line 4	_____	\$10	_____
Line 5	_____	\$10	_____
Line 6	_____	\$10	_____
Outline	Yes No	\$10	_____
Bold	Yes No	\$10	_____
Grid	Yes No	\$10	_____
		Total	_____

ELECTIVE DIVAN

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hmerrick@kc.rr.com	
<i>Chief Rabban - Greg Sippel (Mary Ellen)</i>	913-226-4009
gcsippel@gmail.com	
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randbauto66083@yahoo.com	
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Regiscrob@aol.com	
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dmm1211@hotmail.com	
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mikeguilinger@gmail.com	
<i>Recorder - Bennie Smith P.P. (Debbie Sullivan)</i>	913-449-0987
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APPOINTIVE DIVAN

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klasic_mustang_lvr@yahoo.com	
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mickey5119@gmail.com	
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tony@creativerestorationskc.com	
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rmahan50@gmail.com	
<i>Outer Guard - Gary Folk (Pat)</i>	913-638-2848
garyf@kc.rr.com	
<i>Chaplain - Jerry Ogden (Shiela)</i>	816-260-8882
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Gerald (Jerry) Jeffries - 2005.....	913-851-1120
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Eldon Masters - 2013.....	913-236-9878
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ABDALLAH SHRINE BUILDING ASSOCIATION

All Elected Divan Officers *plus*

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Tony Pagel (2020 - 2024).....	913-927-9129
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Lynn Baker (2022 - 2026)	913-486-2555

ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING MANAGERS

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Tom Oliphant	913-299-0845
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Upcoming Events

The Abdallah Shrine Office hours have changed.

New hours are

10AM - 4PM Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

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

Open until 7:30pm on Stated Meeting Nights

December 2nd - Decorate the Shrine

December 2nd - Birthday Friday

December 4th - Kids Christmas Party 2pm in the Main Hall

December 5th - Bingo - Greeters

December 11th - Abdallah Holiday Reception

December 12th - Bingo - TASS & Yo-Shi

December 13th - Stated Meeting & Election of Officers for 2023

December 14th - Coffee Club Breakfast RSVP required

December 19th - Bingo - Clowns

December 19th - RedZone Meeting

December 26th - NO BINGO - Office Closed

December 28th - Coffee Club

December 31st - NYE Party

January 1st - KSB Player Selection Show

Thank you and Stay Safe!



***Get the weekly Update by Signing up for the
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Send an email to office@abdallahshrine.org and ask to be added to the weekly update email list.