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PLAYGROUND



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HAPPY NEW YEAR

MEMBERSHIP

January 1, 2022	613
Creations	8
Affiliations	5
Restorations	9
Associations	3
Deceased	(28)
Demitted	(4)
Suspended	(0)
Withdrawn	0
Associate Dropped	(4)
Expulsions	0
December 31, 2022	601
Regular members	582
Associate members	19



In memory:

Robert Anderson	Arthur Miller
Gerald Carter	James Paulsen
Dee Duttweiler	Roy Van Dolah

BINGO Schedule - 2023

January
2 NO BINGO
9 Escorts
16 Antique Cars
23 Provost & LoH
30 Blue Racers

February
6 Tin Lizzies
13 500s
20 Greeters
27 Misfits

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



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

Salisbury steak, 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 ANNUAL MEETING

January 10, 2023

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



Jan 1st

- Jimmie A Facklam
- Larry E Pearl
- Ronald D Evans
- Dylan Cline

Jan 3rd

- John W Lowden
- Matthew B Carter

Jan 4th

- Bill L Harris
- David R Wilson

Jan 5th

- Lyndon B Jordan

Jan 7th

- Robert D Lacer

Jan 8th

- Charles G Volk
- Mitchell L Fassnacht

Jan 9th

- Thomas D Facklam
- Charles L Adam

Jan 10th

- Scott C Weiss

Jan 11th

- Donald C Kay
- Robert L James

Jan 12th

- Greg Seymour
- Ronald L Jackson
- Shawn M Heckmaster

Jan 13th

- W. R Sobek
- Edson Plaisime

Jan 14th

- Donald B Johnson
- John S Packham
- Donald R Yoakum

Jan 15th

- Randall B Fassnacht
- Gregory D Perkins
- Shaun C Bolinger

Jan 16th

- Duane J Lyon
- David L Reuter

Jan 17th

- Robert K McDaniel
- Jerry A Stokes
- William L Murray
- Jeff T Hines

Jan 19th

- Will Channon
- Joseph V Hobbs

Jan 20th

- William D Kelley

Jan 21st

- Christopher F Zugelder P.P.
- Edward M Wayda

Jan 22nd

- Carl L Hollis

Jan 24th

- Edward A McConwell P.P.

Jan 26th

- Frank Shell

Jan 27th

- M. R Cole
- Tim Wiswell

Jan 28th

- Victor J Henke Jr.
- Douglas Smith P.P.
- Bruce R Fischbach

Jan 29th

- James F Millholland
- Henry M Starkey

Jan 30th

- Richard D Bennett
- Terry A Price

Jan 31st

- John D Beasley III
- G. L MacRae
- Thomas E Brandtonies Sr
- John M Underwood Jr.

Wishing YOU
the BEST
birthday ever!



The POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Greetings All,

It is hard to imagine that the year is closing. In a few days a new team will take the helm and Abdallah will move ahead into the future. It has been a year of challenges and opportunities. It has been an honor to serve as your Potentate. It has been a time to learn, to share, to have fun, try and make this a better place. In this farewell message I must start off with a lot of thank you's. First to Lady Carolyn, this has been an adventure and it would not have been possible without you and your help. Thank you for everything you did, the not least of which is taking over the office after we lost our office manager. Next, I need to give a special thanks to my Chief Aide Noble Vic Henke and his wife Lady Linda. This was their first involvement with many of our activities and they stepped up and provided us with first class support every time they were asked. I also need to thank by personal aide Noble MW Rick Reichert, he was always there ready to step in whether it at Stated

Meetings or Ceremonial. Whenever I needed something, he was ready. Next up comes the Divan. Unless you have been on a Divan you may not have seen the time and treasure these Nobles and their Ladies donate to our Shrine. Thank you each and every one for what you have done, it has not been an easy year and a few things have not worked out exactly as we hoped, but thank you for hanging in there and getting things done. I also must recognize the hard work of the aide teams. They put on some really great events from the Installation Reception to the Christmas Reception. I also need to recognize the Ball Committee that put on an event that I will always remember. Our Units and Clubs also did so many great things this year, holding both internal and external activities and events. I am not going to try and list all the members of the committees and special groups that also stepped up and lead us in everything from parades to the Shrine Bowl. I must mention Noble Benny Harper who takes care of the building and grounds. Next time you are in the Oasis, I recommend you thank "the Harper" for all he does. I know that there are many others that desire a thank you and I will try to do that personally.

One of the hardest lessons is that you cannot do everything you would like to do during the year. Several projects did not get completed and several activities just could not be pulled off. Many of them will happen in the coming years. It is critical that we remain the playground of Masonry. It is my fervent hope that everyone finds something they like to do and become involved in that activity, Unit or Club. Everyone does not have to do everything, but I am sure we can all find something that is fun and builds fellowship. There are times when our love of the fraternity can cause friction. I would ask that everyone take a second when that happens and reflect and forgive our brothers. If you have a comment, plan, program or question share it with the leadership. Remember that all first reports are wrong, we just do not know if we are optimistic or pessimistic. I also firmly believe that we all want what is best for our Shrine. I encourage everyone to volunteer where they can and to have a good time with your brothers, their ladies and families. I will be around trying my own advice. Thank each and every one of you.

Yours in the faith,

Herb Merrick, Potentate

NOTICE: The January Annual Meeting on January 10, 2023, per Shriners International Bylaws, will also include an Election to fill the position of Oriental Guide.

Chaplain



By Jerry Ogden

It's a New Year, another new beginning. As we grow older, we often believe that there is no such thing as a new beginning. Really? Well, truth be told, another year; another day is a gift from God. In fact, we do get a new beginning every time we wake up and realize the Lord has not taken us from this Earth to be with Him. Since He has given us this new beginning (last year and all the yesterdays are already in the records and can't be changed), shouldn't we praise Him by getting on with our lives. He has given us life for however long is His Plan. He has given us opportunities to live our lives in a way that tells others we are folks of great faith in Him. Why should we not accept His gift and do the very best we can in all that we do.

Another gift from God is Holy Encouragement. He wants us to be fruitful in all we do. He wants us to be contented with what we can do. He wants us to know that if we are truly doing the best we can do, then that will be good enough. The point here is to make sure we are doing everything we can do. He wants us to be in His Image, seeing others with compassion and mercy. He wants us to live our lives fully in His Name.

Our lives on Earth are sometimes difficult and uncertain. He knows that. He also gives us the courage and strength to overcome life's tribulations if only we remember Him and often ask for His help and guidance. He will be there for us.

Nothing is so great or complicated if we simply remember that we are not alone. God is always with us and will handle the heavy loads. We must do what's left.

Amen



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"THE LAUGH"

By Mickey Mikulan

HAPPY NEW YEAR

ENJOY this NEW CHAPTER in YOUR BOOK of LIFE

JOKER'S will be meeting on ODD NUMBER MONTHS, unless UNIT/TEMPLE business requires attention

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

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

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

TAKE ADVANTAGE of ACTIVITIRS YOUR TEMPLE HAS SCHEDULED, BRING a FRIEND

REMEMBER,

YOU DO NOT NEED a certain number of friends

Just a number of friends you can be certain of!

Thank You

Thanks to my Shrine Family for your cards, notes, calls and prayers. They have been such a blessing to me and my family. I send my love to each of you and wish you all a wonderful 2023.

May God Bless You,
Betty Winters
Shiela & Jerry Ogden



Antique and Classic Cars By Pat Emmett

Happy New Year! New Year, new Divan. We congratulate Illustrious Sir Greg Sippel for his election to the position of Abdallah Shrine Potentate. We welcome all of the newly elected Divan members and wish them much success during 2023, which promises to be a very active year.

Keep your eyes glued to weekly announcements for events and projects to participate in. Things will kick off fast in January and February, so hold on to your hats and help out where you can.

In December, the Antique and Classic Cars Unit held their annual Holiday Party at the home of Allen and Jackie Baiamonte. We enjoyed barbecue brisket from Q-39 and a variety of wonderful dishes from uUnit members and their Ladies. 2023 Officers were sworn in. Patrick Emmett will be President, Steve Christensen will be Vice President and Allen Baiamonte will be Secretary. Treasurer is appointed by the President and the Director is appointed by the Potentate. We had fun at the party, awards were handed out and we enjoyed a gift exchange. Steve Christensen was awarded the coveted dented hubcap award for his participation during 2022. A holiday poinsettia was given to those who attended.

Our Unit wants to recognize those afflicted by the Cripple Camel. Roger Fredrick had heart valve surgery and is experiencing a slow recovery. Dan Peterson has had a set-back in his flu recovery and had to enter the hospital. Dick Cole is in rehab in a Shawnee Park rehab facility. Sue Anderson had to visit a heart doctor before she and Lynn could take their annual Hajj to the Texas coast. Carl and Linda Linck are soaking up sun again in Florida. Our Unit wishes all of them well and we look forward to seeing your sunny faces again. We lost Barb Smith to cancer. Remember her in your thoughts.

To say we are a car loving group is an un-

derstatement. Last year we attended four car shows, three car museums, we ordered and sold onions, we held meetings at three different Unit member's homes for pot-luck, We ate at several restaurants for meetings and held four in the Shrine Oasis, we sold our 1948 Pontiac after working to get the engine running with Bennie Harper's help, we sponsored Trunk or Treat, we attended all but one parade. Our Unit attended three parades where we were the only parade Unit in attendance; DeSoto, Bonner Springs and Shrine Bowl. We also purchased a leaf for the Tree of Life created by Ronnie White. 3 Bingo nights were well attended by Unit members last year. Don't forget, we are to show up on January 16th this month.

We look forward to supporting Shrine events during 2023. We will sponsor a Shrine Bowl player again this year and we will also support the upcoming Rodeo and Demo Derby at the Johnson County fair grounds in Gardner. We will try to find Rodeo sponsors for the event. We are committed to continued support and expansion of Trunk or Treat. We also plan to be active in the community. Many of our Unit are members of other car clubs and as such we participate in a variety of car related activities.

Once, years ago, our Unit had several "antique" cars that paraded. Today, we are more of a classic car club that enjoys just about everything automotive. Our membership has sustained itself by opening our hearts and doors to other Shriners who may be in a Unit that they are loyal to. They are welcome to become affiliate members of our group and enjoy our friendship and activities. We thank all of our Nobles and Ladies for their friendship and support. Let's make 2023 a special year indeed.

A message to all Nobles: If you have that special car in your garage, if you like participating in car related functions, give us a try. We generally meet the first Wednesday of every month. Our fallback location is the Oasis downstairs in the Shrine building. Keep in mind that Ladies are welcome and we often meet in restaurants for fun and friendship. Anyone is welcome. We are inclusive, not exclusive. So, call first – Patrick W. Emmett 913-744-6347 and we will include you. I would like to add a special thanks to Bennie Harper who has held the Oasis open for our meetings when we were the only Unit on property. Bennie, You-de-man!



By Ken Holliday

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We welcome Illustrious Sir Greg Sippel and his Lady Mary Ellen. We are confident they will provide the leadership necessary for another great year of philanthropy and fraternity. Congratulations to our own Chris Robertson Assistant Rabban; Jeff Johnson and Kevin Larson as new members of the building association

At this writing we do not know who our new Divan Representative is for 2023. Ronnie and Barbie White were phenomenal in 2022. Good Luck to you both. We will miss you.

The Escorts had a Holiday party watching the Chiefs. Our first casual end-of-year event and "IT WORKED", except the Chiefs were a no show. Great food, great people and a wonderful way to celebrate the blessings of friendship.

The Escorts and Tin Lizzies have joined forces again this year to host The Wild West Dance. It is from 7:00 to 11:00 for the measly sum of \$20.00 each, and that includes Camel's milk. Everyone is encouraged to bring snacks for their table.

Don't forget the football players BBQ on February 19th. Check the playground for times. This is a perfect time to introduce the public to our charity and benevolence; maybe even pick up a new member. We could use a couple. It helps if it looks as if we actively support this endeavor and the best way to do that is by filling the place up.

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.

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



**Never get tired of doing
little things for others.
Sometimes, those little
things occupy the biggest
part of their hearts.**

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.

Message from Your Potentate Elect

In mythology, the Roman God, Janus -- for which January is named—is the god of beginnings, gates, transition, time duality, passages and futures. The Roman God is usually depicted with two faces, one looking backward and another forward.

This month we celebrate out-going Illustrious Sir, Herb, and congratulate him on a job well-done. He, like 117 Potentates before him, have built upon the past and left a great legacy and guidance to the future of Abdallah Shriners.

This month we also look forward. We have challenges to overcome and solutions to our concerns we will discover. As I assume the task of Abdallah Potentate, it seems like my past 8 years serving as a Divan representative have flown by.

It is a great honor and pleasure to serve our fraternity. 2023 is not about me, it is about us. When Harry Truman assumed the Presidency he commented, “there must be thousands of men as qualified as I”. But like President Truman who continues, “the tasks and challenges are now mine to lead and solve”. I have learned much; I have met many excellent people. We have extremely talented and dedicated pool of Nobles and Ladies. My goal is to involve as many of you as possible, using our collective talents. Our ultimate goal is two-fold: 1) Have fun, promoting good times with positivity and fraternal friendship while staying financially successful 2) Support our philanthropy, Shriner’s Children. 2023 is about positivity & growing future leaders. Mary Ellen and I want to set an example of positivity. Let’s have fun, relish new ideas, have open-minds, welcome new members and bring them to our party. Speaking of welcoming new members, all of us need to make a commitment to seek and ask a new candidate to be part of Abdallah Shriners. We encourage each of you to be involved in our Community Relations and Membership committee. Make a commitment to visit your home Blue lodge and attend, at minimum, one of their events in 2023. Building relationships is what builds membership.

Getting started we’ll begin January 13; installation of officers. We look forward to seeing everyone that night. Yes, we have work to do, but this work will bring fun events to Abdallah Shrine. The place to be in ‘23.

Your Potentate-Elect, Greg Sippel & Lady Mary Ellen.
May there be Peace in our Time.
Next month: February’s theme is “Kick off for Abdallah 2023”.

The Sunflower Fund was created as a means to assist nobles in times when they are unable to pay their current years dues.

Donations are also welcomed to help replenish this fund. Any donations over \$25 will earn you one of our sunflower pins. You can wear the pin proudly to show your support of helping your brothers. Please contact the office for details.

Sunflower Fund



ABDALLAH SHRINERS



INVITE YOU

2023 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

13 JANUARY 2023

6pm — Social

7pm — Installation Program & Reception

III. Sir Elect Greg Sippel and Lady Mary Ellen ask you to join the nobility of Abdallah in welcoming members of the 2023 Divan at the installation of officers and reception

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

*Click the QR code
for Online Tickets*



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



But you will Dance!



Save the Date!

Abdallah Noble's Ball 2023

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.”

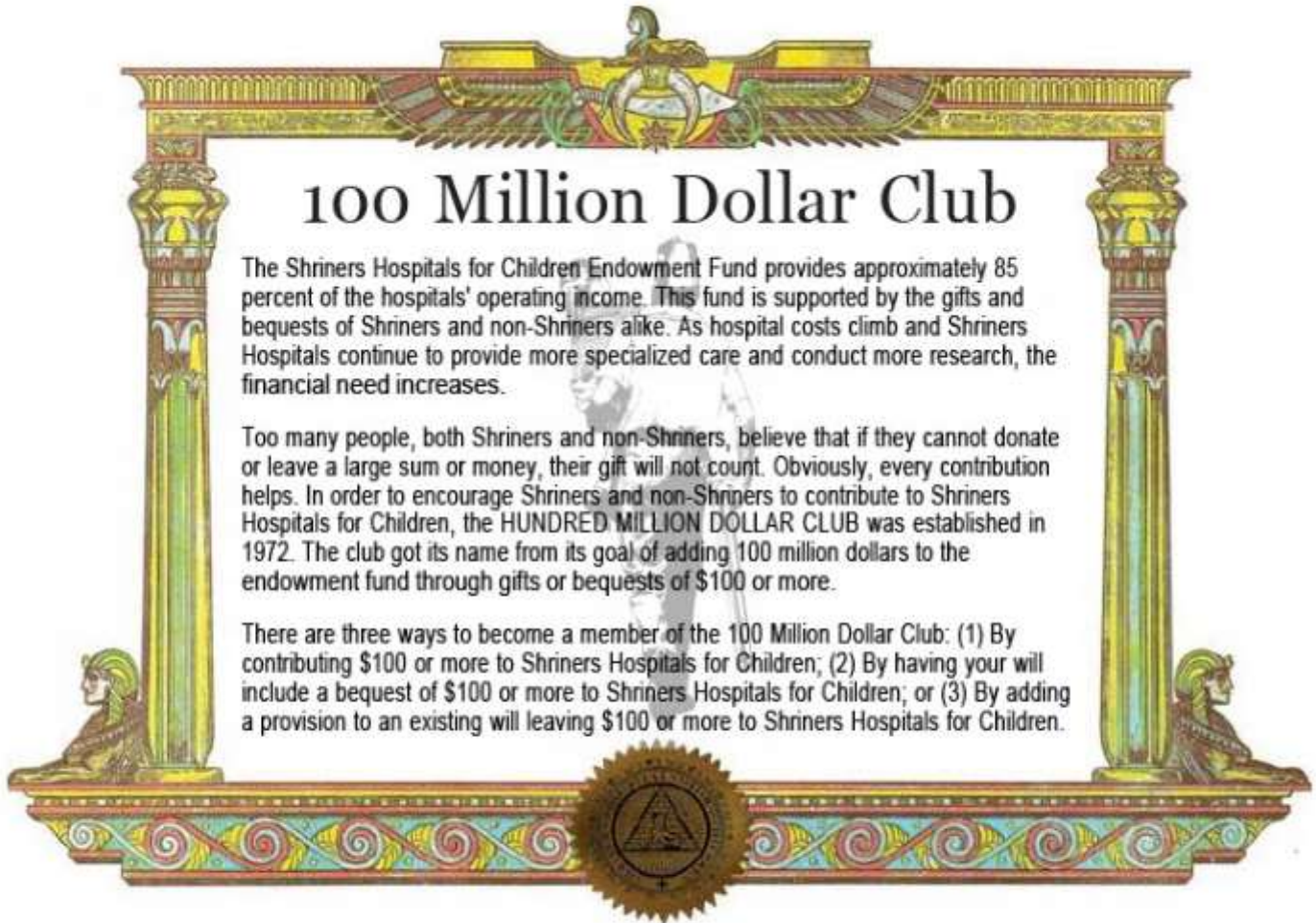
Every fundraising activity which is not entirely for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children shall prominently state on all solicitation material, including tickets, programs, documents and electronically transmitted material, the following

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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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Jack Clark & Bennie Smith



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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



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For more information contact:

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Upcoming Events

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10AM - 4PM Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

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

Open until 7:00pm on Stated Meeting Nights

January 1st - KSB Player Selection Show

January 6th—Birthday Friday

January 10th—Stated Meeting

January 11th—Coffee Club

January 13th—Officer Installation & Reception

January 14th—Unit & Club Officers meeting

January 16th—Red Zone Meeting

January 25th—Coffee Club

January 25th—Membership Meeting

January 28th—Wild West Dance

February 3rd—Birthday Friday

February 4th—Beer Fishing

February 10th—Stated Meeting

Thank you and Stay Safe!



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