

THE ABDALLAH SHRINERS'

PLAYGROUND



Shriners International

Overland Park, Kansas

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**July is the month we
Honor our Country**



4th of July

Happy

Independence Day



MEMBERSHIP

January 1, 2023	590
Creations	3
Affiliations	0
Restorations	3
Associations	2
Deceased	(16)
Demitted	(2)
Suspended	(3)
Withdrawn	0
Associate Dropped	(0)
Expulsions	0
April 30, 2023	577
Regular members	556
Associate members	21

In memory:



None reported in June before publishing date

BINGO Schedule - 2023

July	
3	NO BINGO
10	500s
17	Misfits
24	Greeters
31	Clowns / Jokers
August	
7	TASS
14	Escorts
21	Oriental Band
28	Antique Cars

A minimum of six (6) Nobles and/or Ladies are needed for Bingo Nights by 5:45 pm. If for any reason you cannot work your scheduled time, please try to change with another Unit or Club and then notify the Shrine Office at least one week in advance of the scheduled day.

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



Meeting Dinner
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

NO Meeting

Stuffed Bell Peppers, Mashed Potatoes
w/ Green Beans, Salad, Dessert
Ladies are welcome and encouraged to join for dinner. Please come support Abdallah Chefs!



ABDALLAH SHRINERS
SCHEDULED MEETING
in July



ABDALLAH AUDITORIUM
5300 Metcalf, Overland Park, KS 66202

7:30 PM

Greg Sippel
Illustrious Potentate

Herb Merrick P.P.
Recorder





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

**Happy
Birthday Noble!**

From the Illustrious Potentate, Divan and
Members of Abdallah Shriners



July 1st
Eugene M Arnott

July 2nd
Sydney G Smith
Adrian P Iliescu

July 3rd
Jerome N Alberts
Allen M Peyton
Chad D Wyancko
Joshua R Wingerd

July 4th
Tommie O Nibarger

July 5th
Stephen C Saunders
Kurtis D McCormick

July 6th
Gerald W Geiger
Ronald E Harvey
Randy R Mahan

July 11th
Matthew C Fehr

July 12th
John E Mowen
Richard W Siecgrist

July 13th
Joseph F Brown

July 14th
Robert M Pettit
John D Cota Sr
Bradley S Johnson

July 15th
Enrique Valdovino

July 18th
David L Walters
James O Cate II
Timothy E Williams P.P.

July 19th
Meredith H Caram
Dennis J Werner

July 20th
Oscar G Wheaton
Kevin W Hughes

July 21st
William C Groh

July 22nd
V. P Lessig

July 23rd
Jimmie L Grassi Sr

July 24th
Frank J Kneaves
Richard B Laman
Mike Matteson

July 25th
Kenneth N Courtney
Charles A Windler

July 27th
Glen E Beatty
James G Neighbor

July 28th
Lynn E Gaston

July 29th
Charles W Siecgrist
Donald S Lynch
Nickolas A Baldi

July 30th
Doug R Voss P.P.

Wishing YOU
the BEST
birthday ever!



The POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Greetings from the Potentate,

A picture speaks 1000 words. This picture requires no explanation, no description, no verbiage, but it conveys more thoughts, emotions and meanings than anyone can reasonably describe.

This month we celebrate our independence and freedoms. Freedoms imagined by our forefathers who signed their name to a document with only 1337 words. These men, highly educated, well knowing and of knowledgeable understanding, knew the inscribed signature sealed their fortunes and fates. But simultaneously also sealed the fates of many future generations to a country dedicated to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. They envisioned a positive future. They had hope.

In July, 2023 we celebrate the 247th year since the signing of this proclamation. It's not always been easy or without sacrifice. In fact, it has been hard and with much sacrifice. But all those who made the sacrifice knew it was worth it. And knew there would be a positive outcome.

Three years ago, MaryEllen and I made a goal and a commitment to focus on the positive. There are too many negatives in our lives. We need more hope.

I mention no specific Abdallah events this month. Although, I highly encourage you to PLEASE attend and extend the good times and be hopeful. Nobles and their Ladies, please allow time this month to also think about the past sacrifices made for life, liberty and the pursuit of their happiness.

Shriners goals are really fairly simple. We support Life ("*Hope*"), Liberty ("*Freedom*") and the Pursuit of Happiness ("*Love*") to our Shriner's Children philanthropy; providing young lives--that likely had an unfortunate start--a brighter future, freedom to decide their own path and a life of hope.

Thank you Nobles and Ladies for making our events fun, friendly & entertaining. It is part of the fulfillment of what our forefather's envisioned so many years ago.

May there be Peace in Our Time.

III. Sir Greg Sippel & Lady MaryEllen.

August – Dog Days



Chaplain



By Jerry Ogden

Happy Birthday, America! We are 247 years old, with the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. We are blessed to be in a country where we are free to be who we are, going and doing what we want. These freedoms have been hard fought for in many lands by our military warriors, often at a great cost. They are our heroes. The colorful symbol of our land is the American Flag The following is offered as a tribute to our great country and our grand flag.

Heroes Die for Me by Jamie Burns

"I look down upon this land called America. I have been here since this great nation was formed. I have seen each battle fought. I have seen the heroes die for me, for my country. I thank you all those of you who have kept me flying in the breeze, keeping this country united as one. Thank you those of you who have sacrificed your lives, giving up all that I may still fly, watching over the citizens of this nation. Thank you all those of you who have ever fought. I am ever grateful for you. You risked everything; you faced death each day; faced fear, faced many terrible things. And because of you, my thank you's ring out, filling the sky, echoing from the hills. They find their way to the graveyards. And to all of you still living, you are a special kind of person. To anyone who has served this country, and to those serving today, thank you.

As I watch life from atop my flagpole, as I think of all you've done, my feelings become too powerful for words, and all I can say is thank you."

Amen

The Abdallah Shriners can use your help. We need a volunteer (s) who are willing to help put together and publish the Monthly Playground Magazine and the Weekly Update Email. The person who has been doing this for the last 3 years is retiring from this position at the end of the year and unless someone (s) steps up to help, they will cease to exist. If you are willing to step up, please contact one of the Elected Divan.

By Mystery Writer

June birthday Friday had a small crowd but lots of fun. July should be good; many birthdays in July. Hope to see you there.

Congratulation to Kacey Stottlemire, our 2023 Miss Abdallah Shrine queen. Queen Dinner was a beautiful program. Food was very good - all in all a great evening. Keep up the good work Ronnie White and your committee. It was good to see Marcia Rice at the Queen Dinner.



Gaylon Jones Shrine Rodeo Queen Co-Originator in 2005 and our new Queen for 2023

The Rodeo and Demo Derby was a great Success. The weather was great and the people came.

Happy Birthday to the following for the Month of July:

Tom Nibarger	7-4
Delores Guilinger	7-10
Sue Hubler	7-11
Joe Brown	7-13
Cookie Sisemore	7-24

Getting old isn't for sissies - it takes strength and courage, and that's just to get dressed in the morning.



Antique and Classic Cars

Our group of car lovers met in the Oasis on Wednesday June 7th. We had 8 members in attendance along with our Divan Rep, Chris Robertson. We covered the sale of Vidalia Onions and a deposit into a 1 YR CD at our bank. We also agreed to go dark in the month of July since so many members have summer activities going on.

In June we attended the Overland Park Car Show and set-up on the lawn of Overland Park Lodge 436. We were kept busing talking to curious automobile enthusiasts and people who were interested in Masonry and the Shrine (Potential Antique and Classic Cars members). While we were there, we took a tour of the renovated interior of the lodge building by our newest member, WM Jacob Davisson. Wow! The lodge has been in that building 100 years and the make-over is fantastic!

Old friend and former Antique and Classic Cars Unit member, Frank Thompson stopped by and wanted his picture taken with Steve Christensen and Pat Emmett. There was lots of automotive eye candy at the OP car show. That is what makes our Unit unique. We participate in car shows and often meet at restaurants. The Ladies are always welcome to participate. If you like cars, you are welcome to visit, affiliate or join our Unit of car guys.

We showed up at BINGO June 12th, the Shrine's sustainable fundraiser during the year.

In June we also attended the Shrine Rodeo and Demo Derby in Gardner, KS. Great venue and good public participation. Our guys sold beer and helped where we were needed during the 3-day event. In July, we attended the July 4th parade in Lenexa. Then several of us went to the Kansas Shrine Bowl in Ft. Hay's, KS - East vs. West football game. Net Proceeds benefit Shriners Hospitals.

I know that several of you have that special car in your garage. Now is the time to spend time with others who enjoy cars, too. Call Pat Emmett to find out when and where our next meeting will be. I think you'll enjoy our company and have a good time. Bring a friend or partner with you.

Patrick W. Emmett, 913-744-6347
 pemmett99@sbcglobal.net

For Sale: 1994 Chevrolet Corvette, only 70K mi, Dark Red, Great condition, Runs great, asking \$13,500. Call Floyd Fleming – 785-248-3566

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
Golfing
Nomads**



Busy last 4 weeks! Still looking for golfers on Thursday mornings at Sunflower Hills. Usually, we tee off at 8 or so. We play a Scramble, so you don't have to be a long driver. Rest on your teammate's laurels.

May 25th

Closest to pin #4, Bob Hansen; #13 – Roger Miller
Closest to pin in 2 - #16 – Dick Strong
Long Drive #3 – Under 80 – Bob Hansen;
over 80 – Roger Miller
Long Putt #9 – Pat Emmett
Birdies – Dick Strong -2

June 1st

Closest to pin #13 – Dick Strong
Closest to pin in 2 #16 – Bob Hansen
Long Drive #3 – under 80 – Allan Baiamonte;
over 80 – Dick Strong
Long Putt #9 – Allan Baiamonte; #19 – Pat Emmett
Birdies: Allan Baiamonte, Pat Emmett and Bob Hansen – 1 each

June 8th

Closest to pin #4 – Greg White; #13 - Roger Miller
Closest to pin in 2 - #16 – Bob Hansen
Long Putt #9 – Dick Strong; #18 – Dick Strong
Long Drive #3 – under 80 – Tim Williams;
over 80 – Roger Miller
Birdies; Pat Emmett -2, Greg White – 1
Eagles: Greg White – 1

June 15th

Closest to pin #4 and #13 – Greg White
Closest to pin in 2 - #16 – Dick Strong
Long Drive #3 – under 80 – Greg White;
over 80 – Dick Strong
Birdies; Greg White -2, Dick Strong, Bob Hansen, Tim Williams – 1 each
Eagles: Greg White, Bob Hansen – 1 each

Abdallah Escorts
By Ken Holliday

Casino Night was well attended. It's always a good time and I know Ronnie and Barbie White went above and beyond to make it a success.

Of course, June was our Rodeo/Demo Derby month. The weather was good and I believe it was the most successful in recent memory. Certainly, more effort went into it than I can recall in my Shrine years. The Queen Competition on June 3rd was a success, although attendance was disappointing. The kitchen crew of Jeff Johnson Eric Foster and Chris Robertson presented the best meal I have ever had at a Shrine function. You should have been there.

Everyone is excited for our golf tournament on August 26th. This year we have a food truck that specializes in Tenderloins. You don't want to miss this. As always this is a fund raiser, and we appreciate all that would be hole sponsors. See any Escort for the details. Whether you are a sponsor or not, we want you to play with us. So go hit a bucket of balls and plan to come out. Or if you are like me a dozen buckets won't help so just come out for the fun.

July is Imperial Session. Don't we always look forward to what they do? It is also the month for Kansas Shrine bowl. As always, the Escorts will be feeding the players and coaches a nice BBQ meal at their Monday practice.

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.

See you next month and don't forget our Golf Tournament.



Shriners Hospitals
for Children®

From the Recorder's Office -

Summer is upon us. The Rodeo and Derby are completed, and Imperial is about to happen and then there is the Shrine Bowl in Hays and to close our summer is CSSA. It is not too early to get registered for CSSA and get your hotel rooms. We have both forms at the office so stop by and get ready for the road to Omaha. We are working through a lot of adventures and are looking forward to working with all of you.

If you have changes to your Web Fez profile or need to update your unit's information let the office know and we will be glad to help so our records are up to date. If you have trouble accessing Web Fez let us know. This is true if you need help with establishing the dues card application on your cell phone. Remember if you need the office to support a unit function, we need some lead time to print tickets and posters. We will do it at cost but must fit these ventures into an already crowded schedule. The office is also happy to help sell tickets for events or make reservations, again it is important that there is enough lead time, and the office knows who to contact when there are questions. More time is always better.

Big thanks to our volunteers around the building. Marcella Holliday has been working on cleaning, sorting, and organizing the old fez-decoration room. Ill Sirs Jeff and Brian have been keeping the mowing done, although we could use someone to do a trim job if anyone has the time. The office volunteers have also been busy. If you are looking for something to do or have a project, come, see me and I will help you get it approved. If you see one of the volunteers say thanks; it means a lot to them.

THAT'S NOT MY JOB!

This is a story about four people named: **Everybody**, **Somebody**, **Anybody** and **Nobody**. There was an important job to be done and **Everybody** was sure that **Somebody** would do it. **Anybody** could have done it, but **Nobody** did it. **Somebody** got angry about that, because it was **Everybody's** job. **Everybody** thought **Anybody** could do it, but **Nobody** realised that **Everybody** wouldn't do it. It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have done.

"True leadership
must be for the
benefit of the
followers, not
to enrich
the leader."

-John C. Maxwell

From your Chief Rabban

Dear Abdallah Shrine Rodeo / Derby Volunteers

The phenomenal success of the 2023 Shrine Rodeo and Shriners Summer Slam Demo Derby is a reflection of the ever-increasing dedication and enthusiasm our volunteers display on a continual basis.

Lady Barbie and I would like to personally thank each and every one of you for your recent contribution of time to the 2023 Rodeo and Demo Derby. This event would NOT have been a success without your involvement. Because of your support we had a great event, and I have received lots of positive feedback from not only the public but from the rodeo sanctioning bodies of URA and MCRA, thanking us for the efforts put towards these events.



The weekend's events were a resounding success and we on the Rodeo Committee could not have done it without you! We appreciate your gift of time, energy and enthusiastic support! Most of all, with the change in venue and my belief that this would work, while realizing that change is hard and scary most of the time, everyone encouraged and stood by me knowing this was a good move. Their support really helped give me the drive to push forward. We would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt "THANK YOU"

I look forward to your continued support and fellowship. Together we can move mountains. Just remember there is strength in numbers!

Gratefully,
Ronnie White and Lady Barbie

THANK YOU



Never too early to start preparing for Next Year!

PIZZA PUZZLES & PITCHERS

**JOIN us in a night of
fun & fellowship**

in some friendly competition in a race to see
who can finish all 3 first

\$20 per team of 4
players

each team will get a large pizza, a pitch of drink (of your
choice) and a puzzle the first team to do all 3 wins !

**prizes awarded for the top 3
teams that finish first**

RSVP by july 25th

doors open at 6pm

competition starts at 7pm

cash bar held in the Oasis

**RSVP @ the abdallah office or
Barbie @ (913) 832-3070
Ronnie @ (913) 314-1568**

**DONT HAVE A TEAM OF 4?
WE CAN HELP**

proceeds are for benefit of abdallah shriners activities
payments are not deductible as a charitable contribution

Annual Shrimp Dinner



Pop, Beer, Corn, Potatoes & Bread Furnished

Saturday, September 16, 2023

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

\$20 per person

Advance Ticket Sales Only - NOT Sold at the door

**Abdallah Shriners
5300 Metcalf Ave.
Overland Park, KS 66202**

Proceeds benefit the Tin Lizzie Unit and are not deductible as a charitable contribution.

Parades

Lenexa — July 4

Staging 9am — Parade 10am

Johnson County Fair — Aug 5

Staging 9am & Parade 10am



Luau - 2023

*With Special Guests
School of Rock*

Saturday August 5th

Doors open
at
6:00 pm
Dinner
at
7:00 pm



Per Person

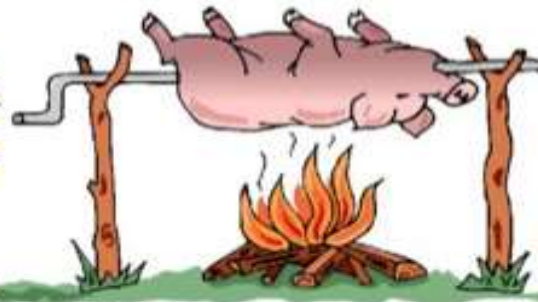
Kids 6 and Under
Free with Adult
Purchase

Tickets Available
from the
Clowns, Blue
Racers and at
the office.

Cheesy Corn
Cole Slaw - Potato
Salad

Cash Bar

Abdallah Shrine
Main Hall
5300 Metcalf Ave
Overland Park, KS



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Thank You!

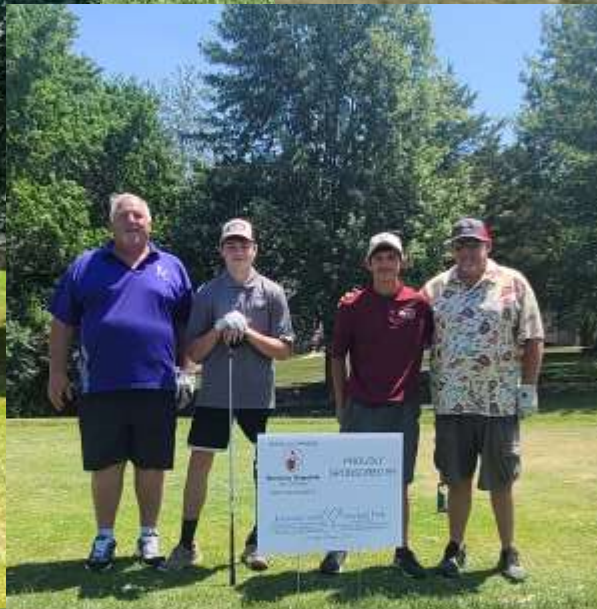
to all of the Sponsors, Players and Volunteers that came out helped with the 2023 *Abdallah Shriners Charity Golf Event.*

It's still early as all the expenses aren't in but it looks like this years event will be the largest donation yet! Again THANK YOU!

**Some pictures from the Charity Golf Event benefitting Shriners Hospitals
2 of our patient ambassadors with Rick Horn P.P. & Henry McDaniel P.P.**

**Brendon
Wiseley**

**Henry
Chambers**





Lenexa Lodge #135

Lenexa Masonic Lodge

**13417 W. 94th St.,
Lenexa, KS 66215
(94th & Pflumm)**

Is Proudly Sponsoring Our

**33rd Annual
4th of July Breakfast**



When:

**Tuesday, July 4th, 2023
Serving from 7:00AM to 10:00 AM.**

Featuring:

**Eggs, Sausage, Biscuits & Gravy
With
Coffee & OJ to drink**



Donations:

**Adults: \$8.00 Children (<10): \$4.00
All First Responders, EMT's & children (<3) FREE**

(Cash, Check, & Credit Cards Accepted)

**NO COST
EVENT**

ABDALLAH WEEKENDERS CAMPING

Social

COME FOR THE WEEKEND OR JUST THE DAY

this is a membership
event so bring
your friends



Aug 10th -13th
Pomona Lake
Private site

ONLY 20 SPOTS
RSVP: ERIC FOSTER
ew00166030@gmail.com
(816) 918-9626

4 6 5 6 W o l f C r e e k P k w y Q u e n e m o K a n s a s 6 6 5 2 8

group meals (potluck style) games, fishing, singing and maybe some yarn spinning by the fire !
RV site have 20/30/50 amp and water hook ups. along with plenty of shade



13th Annual Golf Tournament

Four Man Scramble

Saturday, August 26th, 2023

6am Registration • 7:30 am Shotgun

Painted Hills Golf Course, 7101 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, KS 66112

Registration deadline August 12th, 2023

Tournament is open to anyone

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

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

Team Captain _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Player 2 _____

Player 3 _____

Player 4 _____

Please Send "Cash or Check" Only To:

Scott Steel, 7740 Long Street, Lenexa, KS 66216 913-515-4996

Cash awarded for top team in A and B flights, and prize for longest drive, longest putt and closest to the pin. Mulligans available for purchase prior to tee off.

Sponsorships

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

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

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

Company Name _____ Contact Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Donations Accepted

**To save your spot now, please text or call
Scott Steel at 913-515-4996**

Thank You for Your Support

*Proceeds are for the benefit of the Abdallah Escorts activities.
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Some exciting news from Shiela!

Summer is sizzling HOT and Real Estate is too! Let Sherry Timbrook educate you just like I would on why NOW is a GREAT time to buy or sell! We are selling homes and our Buyers are buying homes! Why not you?



"I am honored that Shiela has entrusted me to continue to provide the same excellent service to you that you have come to expect. I look forward to working with you!"

Sherry Timbrook



"It has been a privilege to work with each and every one of you. I will cherish the friendships formed and wish you all the best in your future endeavors."

Shiela Ogden



**KANSAS CITY
HOMES**

Please take note of my new contact information below. My final day is June 30th. Also, would you take a minute to update your contact information so that the data passed on to Sherry will be accurate. It will just take a quick minute!



Please scan to update your information.

Thank you!



**KANSAS CITY
HOMES**

8300 College Blvd #100
Overland Park, KS 66210

Return Service Requested



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Colorado Caravan

July 29 – August 4, 2023

This year's Potentate's Trip begins with a road trip (just one hour North of Denver or you can fly) to Fort Collins, CO, where we will stay in a full-service Fort Collins Marriott that has free parking, allows pets, outdoor pool, and has no food \$\$\$ requirement. The hotel offers made to order breakfast and full-service restaurant and a bar. Dine at the hotel or visit the many local establishments. No Travel Agent expense this year. Our hotel is approximately \$251 per night. (13.55% taxes) Fort Collins is the center of Colorado fun activities:

**Cheyenne, WY, Rodeo & Country Music, July 24-30, One Hour Drive
Rocky Mountain National Park – Six Hour Scenic Drive Around –
Estes Park Scenic Tour -**

**Base Camp - Fort Collins – Home of Daily Craft Beer Tours
Live Music all the Time – Downtown Fort Collins
White Water Rafting, Hiking, Mountain Climbing, Photography
Estes Park, Wildlife everywhere!**



**Make your own reservations using your credit card.
Call 1-800-228-9290 to reserve your room.**

Close KOA camping facilities approx. \$115 per night.

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JUL

ABDALLAH
2023 PLAYERS

7
PM

Players

Jordan Allen
Camden Beebe
Joel Deppe
Mikey Bergeron
Dylan Birge
Jacob Bittner
Eric Butler
Levi Cooley
Spencer Doan
Kale Hammerschmidt
Jase Hovey
Thomas Ippolito
Mason McGavran
Malik O'atis
Joshua Parrish
Brett Sawaya
Jamale Williams

School

Olathe South
Piper
Blue Valley Northwest
Mill Valley
Olathe West
Saint Thomas Aquinas
Olathe Northwest
Basehor-Linwood
Lawrence Free State
Eudora
Louisburg
Blue Valley Southwest
Olathe West
Shawnee Mission Northwest
Olathe North
Blue Valley Southwest
Lansing

Coaches/Staff

Clint Rider (Head Coach)
Lorne Clark
Tim Williams

School

Blue Valley Northwest
Olathe Northwest
Abdallah Shrine

Sponsorships are \$500/participant (and can be split with others)
Contact the office (913-362-5300) for the latest available sponsorships

EAST vs WEST

Kansas Shrine Bowl

50th BIRTHDAY Banquet

Join us as we honor our 2023 Participants and celebrate 50 years of the Kansas Shrine Bowl! This casual, birthday-themed party, will feature entertainment, presentations, food, special guests, and whole lot of FUN!

FRIDAY, JULY 14th, 2023

5:30 PM – Doors Open

5:30 PM - 6:20 PM – Dinner Buffet/Meet & Greet Patient Ambassadors

6:20 PM – Participant Parade

6:40 PM - 8:00 PM – Kansas Shrine Bowl Birthday Carnival

8:00 PM – Participant Presentations/Awards

FHSU Memorial Union, Fort Hays State University

600 Park St.

Hays, KS 67601

\$35.00 Per Person, regardless of age or

\$100.00 for banquet sponsorship

All Shrine Bowl participants receive a ticket. Family and friends must purchase tickets by Friday, June 30th. Tickets are **\$35/per person** and only available through pre-sale. No tickets can be purchased following the June 30th deadline. **MUST** have a ticket to attend.

Banquet tickets are available at www.KansasShrineBowl.com/Banquet. Once tickets go on sale, you may order individual tickets or a meal sponsorship. A Meal Sponsorship is only **\$100 and include 2 event tickets**, recognition in the official gameday program, and is a great way to help us cover the cost of a meal for our participants.

Call 913-602-8656 or email assistant@kansasshrinebowl.com for questions.

All tickets must be purchased prior to June 30, 2023.

Upon purchase, tickets are sent digitally to the email provided

Proceeds benefit the Kansas Shrine Bowl
Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions

CENTRAL STATES SHRINE ASSOCIATION

CSSA 2023



CEREMONIAL SESSION AUG. 31 - SEPT. 2, 2023

CSSA 2023 is coming. This year CSSA is from August 31 to September 2 in Omaha, Nebraska. Abdallah as secured a block of rooms at the Comfort Inn & Suites, 7007 Grover Street, Omaha, NE 68106. The host hotel is a short drive away where the ladies' luncheon and market place are located. Our room rate is \$90 per night.

Reservations can be made through the office along with registration for CSSA. There is a fee with registration, which includes CSSA registration and hospitality fee. Your associations may have some fees they have not asked us to collect. You will be able to adjust your dates of your stay based on what you are planning to do.

Remember, even if you are only arriving for the parade or a single competition you must be registered for CSSA. Stop by the office and pick up forms or download them from the Abdallah website. Get ready for competition, have some fun and meet and greet other Shriners from around Central States.

CSSA 2023 Registration is \$65 per-person. All attendees must register and you must Register through Abdallah Shriners Office by August 11. Please complete & return with payment.

Name: _____ Lady: _____

Phone: _____ Unit/Club: _____

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This information has been published for several months now. If your submission is not included it could be because of issues related to the info below.

ALL 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. Word or text documents my NOT contain any graphics. If you have information that you want published and it contains graphics, submit it as a jpg or png file format. We will NOT spend the time to recreate your submission if not provided in the proper format as describe above.

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. Also, do NOT ask to update last year’s ad as that will NOT happen! 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

Everyone should be familiar with the following fundraising guidelines and be aware that the disclosure and statement of purpose can and should be applied to any information that published and available to the public whether it is a “fundraiser” or not.



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 activity 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.”

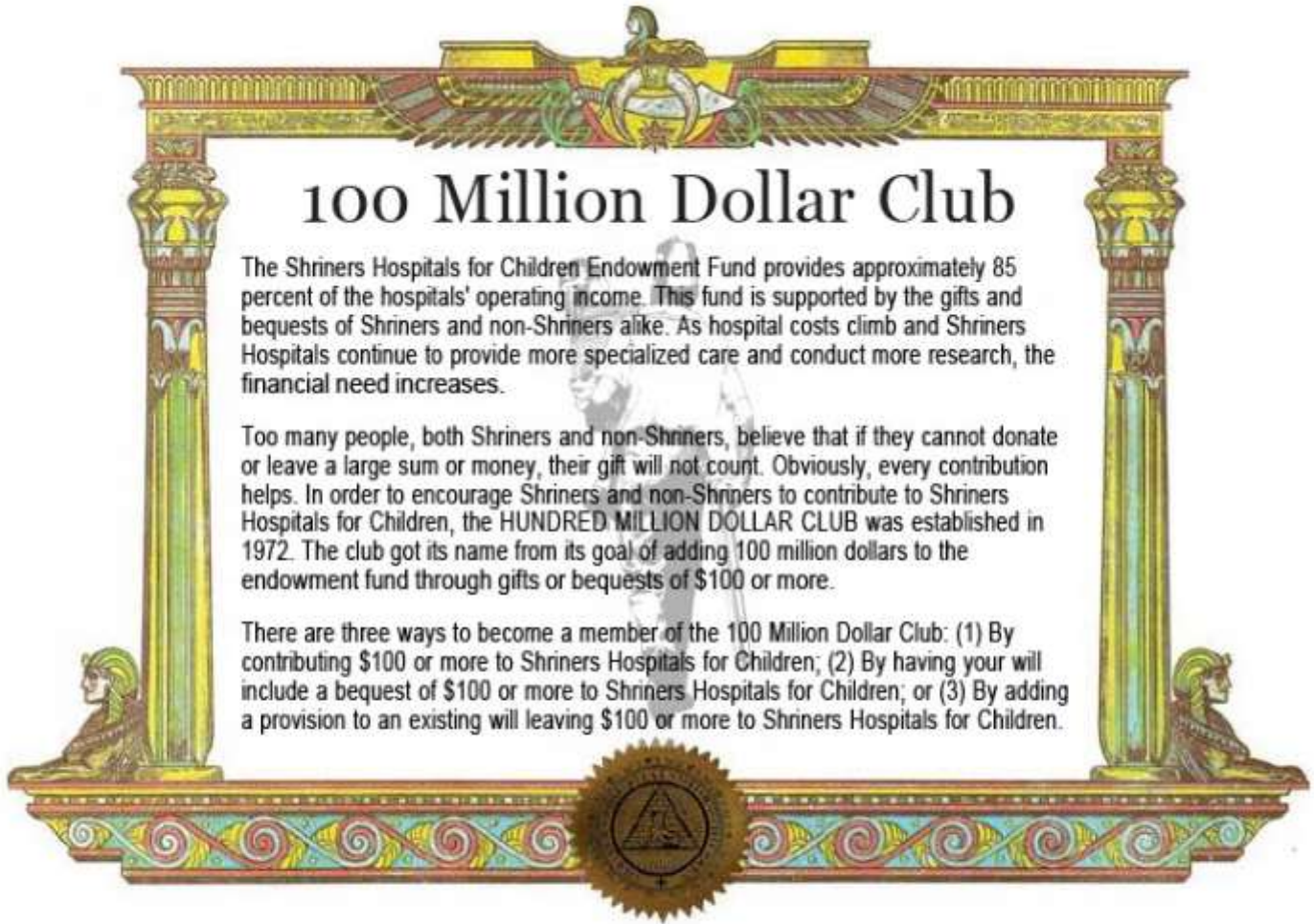
Every fundraising activity which is not entirely for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children shall prominently state on all solicitation material, including tickets, programs, documents and electronically transmitted material, the following

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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Name _____

I am a member of _____ Shriners

Signed _____ Shrine No. _____

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**50/50
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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

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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

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Every Month.

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billleonard@gmail.com



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:
abdallahplayground30@gmail.com

ABDALLAH Shriner's Business & Professional Sponsorship Directory

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 913-839-7309
 randbauto66083@yahoo.com

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ABDALLAH Advertising Order Form

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Address: _____

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

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Potentate – Greg Sippel (Mary Ellen)	913-226-4009
gcsippel@gmail.com	
Chief Rabban - Ronnie White (Barbie)	913-314-1568
randbauto66083@yahoo.com	
Assistant Rabban - Chris Robertson (Paula Luna)	913-940-8666
Regjscrob@aol.com	
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tony@creativerestorationskc.com	
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fishman5656@gmail.com	
Treasurer - Mike Guilinger (Deb)	913-948-1501
mikeguilinger@gmail.com	
Recorder - Herb Merrick (Carolyn)	913-683-3041
hmerrick@kc.rr.com	

APPOINTIVE DIVAN

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swlen4@gmail.com	
Second Ceremonial Master - Frank Shell (Jamiee)	913-638-7522
frankdshell@gmail.com	
Marshal - Tim Preece (Sabra)	913-221-7089
lepraxcon@gmail.com	
Captain of the Guard - Nabil Jamil	916-490-7861
n_ab267@hotmail.com	
Outer Guard -	
Chaplain - Jerry Ogden (Shiela)	816-260-8882
imastar@kc.rr.com	

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Tim Williams - 2015	816-308-7575
Garry Dial - 2016	913-579-8336
Jeff Johnson - 2017	913-207-9144
Bennie Smith - 2018	913-449-0987
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Brian Wilson - 2020	816-520-8315
Chris Zugelder - 2021	913-378-8199
Herb Merrick - 2022	913-683-3041
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ABDALLAH SHRINE BUILDING ASSOCIATION

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Lynn Baker (2022 - 2026)	913-486-2555
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ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING MANAGERS

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Tom Oliphant	913-299-0845
Joe Hobbs	913-271-6200
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Upcoming Events

The Abdallah Shrine Office hours have changed.

New hours are

10AM - 4PM Monday, through Thursday

Closed on Friday.

Open until 7:00pm on Stated Meeting Nights

July 2nd - 6th - Imperial Session

July 4th - Lenexa Parade

July 7th - Birthday Friday

July 11th - Dark NO Meeting

July 12th - Coffee Club

July 15th - Shrine Bowl Hays KS

July 21st - Party on the Patio

July 26th - Coffee Club

July 28th - Pizza Puzzles & Pitchers

August 4th - B-Day Friday

August 5th - Johnson County Fair Parade

August 5th - Luau @ The Shrine



Thank you and Stay Safe!

***Get the weekly Update by Signing up for the
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