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# Thursday, June 25th, 2020

## Falcon Ridge Golf Club

20200 PRAIRIE STAR PARKWAY  
LENEXA, KS 66220



# Four Man Scramble

REGISTRATION & SPONSORSHIP FORM ON PAGE 12

6 A.M. Check-in

8 A.M. Shotgun Start

# MEMBERSHIP

<b>January 1, 2020</b>	<b>733</b>
Creations	0
Affiliations	1
Restorations	7
Associations	1
Deceased	(12)
Demitted	(1)
Suspended	0
Withdrawn	0
Associate Dropped	0
Expulsions	0
<b>May 31, 2020</b>	<b>729</b>

Jan 1, 2020 corrected as Associate members omitted previous report

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



### In Memory

**David Noone**  
**Warner Pape**

# BINGO Schedule - 2020

## June

- ~~1 Jokers~~
- ~~8 Greeters~~
- ~~15 Legion of Honor~~
- ~~22 Misfits~~
- ~~29 TASS / Yo-Shi~~

## July

- 6 Clowns
- 13 Escorts
- 20 Blue Racers
- 27 Antique Cars

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!



**Stated Meeting**  
**June 9, 2020**  
**6:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

**CANCELED**

Interested in helping the Chefs? They are looking for a few good men to help in the kitchen.

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

## ABDALLAH STATED MEETING

### ABDALLAH SHRINE

5300 N. Half, Overland Park, KS 66202

**via Zoom Only**

Stated Meeting

**June 9, 2020**

**7:30 PM**

**Brian Wilson**  
Illustrious Potentate

**Bennie Smith P.P.**  
Recorder

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



Greetings to all Nobles and Ladies. Amy and I hope that all Nobles and Ladies are managing to deal with this pandemic. These are unprecedented times, and we are doing everything we can to return to normal.

Everyone wants to know, "When we will return to the Shrine?" We will return to some normal operations beginning June 1, 2020. All Units and Clubs are allowed to resume meetings in the temple. All events including Shrine Parades all Shrine events and Units or Club events that you choose to attend will be voluntary and at your own risk. Social distancing rules of 6' must be maintained at all times. Please refrain from shaking hands, hugging or any other direct contact. Face masks are strongly encouraged, but will not be provided by Abdallah, you must bring your own. Contact tracing reports must be maintained for every event the temple property was used. The Unit President will ensure this report is filled out and turned into the office. If a Unit or Club does not fill out the contact tracing report and turn it into the office the next business day, the Unit or Club will not be allowed to meet on the temple property for an indeterminate time. We have purchased hand sanitizers and placed them throughout the building, please use them. All Units and Clubs are allowed to continue meeting

via Zoom, and encouraged to do so. No Unit or Club can require a Noble to attend any event if they do not feel comfortable to do so. We will not be hosting bingo at this time. For now, the lobby seating is not available to use.

We will have our Birthday Friday this Friday, June 5. The party will be held on the patio, under the tent. The basement restrooms will be open. We will not allow any seating in the Oasis for now. The patio bar will be open. There will be no pot luck. We are asking for everyone to only bring the food that you can consume, and please do not share your food with others. Please do not shake hands and give hugs.

We hosted our first ever Stated Meeting via Zoom on May 12. We worked through the technical challenges and I thought it turned out well. We had approximately 40 nobles attend the meeting. We hope more Nobles will attend the upcoming June 9 OPEN meeting, which will be held via Zoom. We will not have a stated meeting in June.

On May 16, we hosted our first ever drive thru diner. The dinner was prepared by Poppa a Woodys BBQ and the proceeds went to help support the 2020 Demo Derby and the 2020 general fund. A huge thank you goes out to Illustrious Sirs Nick Turner, Kevin Larson, and Bennie Smith, along with Jamie Thornton, Chris Robertson, Tony Pagel and Erik Foster. Those nobles worked many hours to make this event happen. The Divan helped serve the meal, maintaining social distance. We loved being able to see our Shrine Family, even though it was just at a car window, but it was still very rewarding. I hope that everyone attended felt the same way.

Big News is that after many months and years of planning the upgrades to the main hall are almost complete. Last year, we replaced the lighting to all LED's. We replaced the ceiling fans. We have replaced the curtains to a beautiful blue color. The AV system is installed with a new laser projector, bigger TVs, along with a new drop down screen and we additional microphone channels. The last project to complete is the painting of the walls. I am confident all of the updates will be complete before we return to normal operations. Some people have asked why we needed to spend the amount of money this took to make the updates in the main hall. The answer is simple. The system we had was outdated, the curtains were dry rotted and could not be replaced, and the LED lights will save us money. The other reason for these updates is that these upgrades had to be done in order for us to rent the main hall for all of the events we host, including bingo. The renters pay for a working AV system and our system was having numerous issues. The renters also expect a beautiful hall. The final project that will need to be looked at for the future is to replace the flooring.

The Divan met with the bingo committee. The Nobles that have volunteered to work bingo for many years, are in the at risk category and they don't feel safe to come work bingo anymore. Bingo produces a lot of revenue for our fraternity and we need to continue hosting bingo. I am asking for Nobles and Ladies to please join the bingo team. We need your help!!!!!!

Ladies get your gowns ready, and Nobles make sure your tux still fits. We are planning to host the Potentates ball at Abdallah on August 8, 2020. The main hall will look beautiful, and we will have a good time. Please consider joining us at the Ball on August 8.

Finally, THANK YOU for all you all do to make Abdallah a great place. Amy and I look forward to seeing all of you at Birthday Friday.

Brian Wilson  
Potentate





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

# Happy Birthday Noble!

From the Illustrious Potentate, Divan and  
Members of Abdallah Shriners



**June 1st**

Frank E Karim  
Thomas E Davis

**June 2nd**

John W Bennett  
Marshall A Widman  
Duane R Miller

**June 3rd**

Arthur C Miller  
Dennis V Christo  
Edward A McConwell Jr.

**June 4th**

Bruce M Ball  
Oran K McDaniel

**June 6th**

Charles V Adams  
John E Masters Jr.

**June 7th**

J. C Dame  
Stephen H Pierce  
Edward M Rice

**June 8th**

Dennis M Miles

**June 9th**

James C Anderson

**June 10th**

William J Kessler

**June 11th**

Jeffery A Harville  
Earl E Genter Jr

**June 12th**

Larry D Tatum  
Jimmy A McGrath

**June 13th**

Anthony Batencourt  
Callan Martin

**June 14th**

Robert Morton

**June 15th**

Walter E Erickson  
Lester E Volentine  
Michael R Thome

**June 16th**

William E Harmon

**June 17th**

Kevin R Wilkinson

**June 19th**

David J Hood  
David A Bondank  
Daryl G Holdredge

**June 20th**

Ralph Reese  
John R Dill  
Brian A Hancock  
Richard E Johnson

**June 21st**

Richard L Stofer  
William F Porter  
Kurt Osmundson  
Gary B Strout

**June 22nd**

Paul F Frame  
John P Silkner  
Leonard C Harper  
Zebulon Hopper

**June 23rd**

Glenn G Hamilton P.P.  
James Dickey  
Ronald J Fitch  
Darrel R Schrader P.P.  
Alan D Harmon  
Andrew S Norris

**June 25th**

J. K Verden  
Donald R Freeman  
Jerry E Young

**June 26th**

Leon A Olson Jr  
Robert B Anver

**June 28th**

John Duke

**June 28th**

Albert G Sharp

**June 29th**

Trevor L Urban  
Jeremy B Fassnacht

**June 30th**

Harvey L Gartner

wishing you  
the **BEST**  
birthday  
ever!



**Nobles and Ladies**

Come Visit the Shrine on  
**BIRTHDAY FRIDAY!**

It happens on the  
**1st Friday, 7pm**  
Every Month.

On your birth month you  
donate \$25, and all  
attendees enjoy a refresh-  
ment on you until the funds  
run out. Then, on the other  
11 months, you will whet your  
whistle at the expense of all  
the other Birthday folks!

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

Chaplain

By Jerry Ogden

*“The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him.” Nahum 1:7*

We are slowly coming out from under one of the darkest clouds most of us have ever encountered. There have been changes in the way we live our lives, the lives with which our Heavenly Father has graced us. Some will say that God caused the virus to happen to test our faith in Him. Others will see the virus as one of those Earthly illnesses that happen because of natural occurrences.

Regardless of one’s perspective, there seems to be a common thread; God is in charge and He has an abiding love for us. He created us and only He knows when we will leave our mortal lives and return to Him for our Heavenly lives with Him.

No need in trying to figure out when that will be; no sense in worrying about it. We will not ever know when He will call us home. Seems that the best way to live our lives is with full faith in His Love and His Mercy. We must recognize that our lives matter, that we must be grateful for His gift of life. We surely believe He wants us to enjoy Earthly life while we have it. Certainly, that also includes not being foolish in our choices of what we do, where we go and with whom we congregate. The Lord gave us a brain to think and heart to feel. What we do during the coming months will involve not only our lives but also the lives those around us. May we praise our God in whatever we do in life.

*“Truly He is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress; I will never be shaken.” Psalm 62:2*

Amen

**THANK YOU!**

Thank You to our wonderful Shrine Family and friends for the many cards and prayers in the loss of my father.

Sue and Dennis Hubler



Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

Today I greet you from the “confines” of my work, lol. Honestly, in our current national condition, I am happy to have a job that is deemed “essential”. I hope this letter finds you all well and happy.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Potentate, Illustrious Sir Brian Wilson, for his steadfast leadership in these times of trouble, most especially though for allowing Units and Clubs that chose to do so to participate in a local parade for a young boy, the Parade for Hudson. This act of leadership and courage, in the face of our Shrine being told by Imperial to cease activities until further direction due to COVID-19, is how I know Brian to be, courageous and decisive.

*Thank you Illustrious Sir Brian!*

Now, on to Provost activities .....well, there have been none to report on for quite some time, BUT... there might be something soon!! NOTICE to PROVOST (and to any who would care to join us):

**Team practice at Ralph Anderton’s home May 17 @1pm (tentative)!!!!**

Hope to see all team shooters there along with anyone else who would care to join us, as you know, Provost is always looking to accept more good men to join our band of brothers!

That is all I have for now. Please be good and stay healthy!!

Erik Kittrell  
Sec/Tres, Provost Guard



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


By Bob Anver

The Greeters are anxiously awaiting the reopening of the Shrine so we can resume regular meetings, work at Bingo, attend the Potentate's Ball, the Casino Night and our regular Fiesta Italiana in the Fall. To spice up the Fiesta, it has been suggested we serve pancakes along with the spaghetti!!

Sunshine report: Sean Orner has just been released from the hospital. He had an infection in his leg which has been successfully treated. Cards appreciated to 3013 NE 59<sup>th</sup> Terrace, #4, Gladstone, MO. 64110.

Let's close with a little Masonic humor:

*Q: How many Masons does it take to screw in a light bulb?*

*A: Three. One to screw it in, one to read the minutes of the previous light bulb replacement, and one to sit on the sidelines and complain that this wasn't the way they USED to screw in light bulbs.*



**Abdallah Tin Lizzies**

By Gaylon Jones

The members of the Tin Lizzie and Lizziettes send our Sincere Sympathy to the families of, Andy Kling (Father,) Gaylon Jones (Brother,) Jane Reese ( a member,) and Sue Hubler (father, ) in the loss of their loved ones. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Our Crappie Tournament June 13<sup>th</sup> has been canceled.

Anniversaries:

Garry & Marta Dial	6-06
Herb & Carolyn Merrick	6-13
Lee & Lou Wilson	6-23
Ike & Cookie Sisemore	6-28

Birthdays:

Carolyn Brown	6-13
Bill Kessler	6-10
Candy Kling	6-10
Ralph Reese	6-20
Cindy Reese	6-21



**"THE LAUGH"**

The JOKER Family sends prayers of happiness, health, hope, and strength to all. We will emerge victorious and become better individuals by having raised to this challenge. We will persevere during this health and economic encounter.

JOKER'S next regular scheduled meeting is TUESDAY, June 23, 2020, (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month.)

**Social Hour** commences at 6:00 PM and continues until 6:30 PM; meal starts immediately afterwards. Regular scheduled monthly meeting starts at 7:30. Come have a drink and share your humor!

Stay Safe.

**GOOD IDEAS SPRING FORTH NATURALLY FROM YOUR MIND, UTILIZE THEM**




## Table Cloths Reminder

As we have to pay for table clothes by the week, whether they are used or not, the Temple no longer carries an inventory. *(We actually pay the same per week, per table cloth, for them to sit on the self or to be used )*

They are now a special order item so, If you need table linens or table clothes for your event, they **MUST** be ordered 2 weeks in advance through the Abdallah Shriners office.

If any member would like to be added to my Angel Lady Sunshine News Updates please email me at [anniem22@att.net](mailto:anniem22@att.net) There are a lot of new members and I don't have all your email addresses. Thanks!

PCM


Permanent Contributing Membership

NOW IS NOT THE TIME  
TO FAIL THE KIDS  
WHO WILL NEED YOUR  
HELP TOMORROW!

OUR HOSPITALS REALLY  
NEED YOUR HELP  
RIGHT NOW

Every Noble Should Have A  
PCM

Every Noble pays an annual \$5 hospital assessment each year when he pays his annual Shrine dues. For a one time tax deductible payment of \$150, you will receive a handsome certificate showing that you are a "Permanent Contributing Member" and your annual \$5.00 hospital assessment will be waived for your lifetime.

The \$150 paid is placed in the Shriners Hospitals Endowment Fund in your name. It will generate interest year after year and will enable the hospitals to remain at the forefront of orthopedic and burn care to ensure tens of thousands of children will receive the best care available for now and many generations to come.

For more information contact:  
**Illustrious Sir Eldon Masters, P.P.**  
913-236-9878  
or  
The Shrine Office

### **PLAYGROUND NOTICE**

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

Also, as a reminder, the deadline for submitted materials to the *Playground* is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

If you would like to advertise an upcoming event and the prices for that event, you will need to place an ad. You can contact the office to get the proper paper work to place that ad.

Thank you,

Jerry Ogden, Editor

#### **Playground Advertising Rates**

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

*Units & Clubs receive a 50% discount*



By Mike Guilinger

The All-Shriners Social Society had their May meeting via Zoom on the 28th. Because we were on Zoom, "MC" Chris Ryerson was able to join us. It was great to see (via Zoom) and visit with him.

Our Next meeting will be June 25th on the Patio provided the reopening plans go as planned. We'll fire up the grill and cook something to eat. As we haven't met this year the bar should be well stocked.

The meeting will follow a day at the Golf Course as June 25th is also the 3rd Annual Shriners Hospital for Children Charity Golf Event. We could use a few more teams and some additional volunteers to help run the event. Contact Kevin, Nick, Tony or Mike if you can help out.

If the meeting goes as planned, the social starts at 5ish and dinner is at 6:30pm with the business meeting at 7 p.m.. Meetings are short to allow more time for socializing as that is what we are about.

If you're not already a member come to our meeting and see what all the fun is about! We're a Club not a Unit so there are no restrictions on membership.

### Units and Clubs

Don't forget to write an Article to go here in this section of the PLAYGROUND.

Our readers like to hear about your past and future events and other activities that they missed out on.

It is a good way to get information out to New Nobles and Ladies to peak their interest in your group.

email your article to:  
playground@abdallahshrine.org



By Roger Miller

Neither rain nor cold nor Covid-19 can stop the Nomads from their appointed "rounds" of golf. (Apologies to the US Postal Service) With modifications such as one to a cart, extended time between tee times and modifications to the hole, the intrepid Nomads started the season only two weeks late. Social distancing observed.

All rounds were at Sunflower Hills. We play a Shamble format so you don't have to be a long driver. Sunflower has forward tees that help us reach those long holes in regulation. So come join us. Call to check on where and when we will be teeing off that week by Monday.

April 21

Closest to pin #4-Roger Miller, Long drive #10-under 80-Bob Hansen, over 80-Roger Miller  
Closest to pin in 2 -#16-Roger Miller. Long Putt #18 – Kenny Courtney, Birdies: Dick Strong and Kenny Courtney -1, Roger Miller -2

April 30

Closest to pin #4 and #13 – Bob Hansen; Closest to pin in 2-#16 – Roger Miller, Long drive under 80 – Bob Hansen No long putts (we better practice)  
Birdies: Roger Miller and Kenny Courtney- 1 each

May 7

Closest to pin #4 – Bob Hansen; #13 – Roger Miller  
Closest to pin in 2 - #16 – Bob Hansen  
Long drive under 80 – Bob Hansen; over 80 – Roger Miller, Long Putt #9 – Dick Strong, Birdies – Dick Strong - 1

To check on the latest schedule or for the most current information on playing, call one the members listed below:

Kenny Courtney, 913-205-9813  
Roger Miller, 913-915-6048  
Bob Hansen, 913-231-6398  
Dick Strong, 816-520-6611  
Pat Emmett, 913-744-6347

*Hope to see you on the tee!*



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*Please save the date!*

## *Abdallah Potentate’s Ball*

SATURDAY, THE EIGHTH OF AUGUST  
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY

Keep your fingers crossed!

Looking more and more like we'll be having a Ball in August!

Hopefully we can resume ticket sales and planning soon.

Please check the “What’s Happening” emails or July Playground issue for updates.

**As we, Abdallah Shriners, begin the re-opening of our facilities, please keep in mind that the COVID-19 virus has not gone away. So please, use caution and make your own decisions in what you participate in. The health of our Nobles, their Ladies and families is of the utmost importance.**

### Abdallah Shriners Facility RE-OPENING

The Johnson County BOCC has recently revised orders on how non-essential businesses and social groups can now conduct business and gatherings. On Friday, May 29, Johnson County released a new 3-page document, attached below, to offer additional guidance to residents and businesses. The Johnson County Board of County Commissioners and the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment strongly recommend that Johnson County residents and businesses continue to adhere to the Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas recommendations. By not placing county orders ourselves, we are relying on Johnson County residents and businesses to demonstrate responsibility, without enforcement, and exercise caution and consideration. More information can be found at JoCoGov.org

The Abdallah Board of Directors met in a special communication via Zoom on Sunday evening, May 31, 2020 to act upon the recently revised guidelines.

Information/guidelines are UPDATED and in force as of June 1st, 2020 as follows:

Club and Unit meetings/practices can resume at Abdallah Shrine in designated meeting spaces/rooms. All attendance is voluntary.

- All state and county health department guidelines will be strictly followed or exceeded.
- Building access must be coordinated with your Divan Rep as the building manager.
- Social distancing rules of 6' must be maintained at all times.
- Face masks are strongly encouraged.
- Refrain from shaking hands, hugging or any other direct contact.
- Maintain frequent hand sanitation guidelines.
- No required meeting attendance.
- Respect the comfort level of each person in attendance.
- High-risk individuals are encouraged to evaluate the risk before attending.
- Contact Tracing will be maintained. The Divan Rep will insure the person in charge of the meeting or the secretary of the club or unit will record the names of Nobles and or ladies in attendance.
- The name list will be submitted to the Shrine Office no later than the day following the event (via email) at [office@abdallahshrine.org](mailto:office@abdallahshrine.org)

Abdallah clubs and units operating outside of the Johnson County boundaries, can meet based on the State of Kansas and their local health departments' guidelines.

The Abdallah Oasis is tentatively scheduled to have a re-open event on Friday, June 5, 2020, on the Patio only, weather permitting, with the current Health Department guidelines strictly followed. Only access to the inside will be to the restrooms, no other loitering will be allowed. NO food sharing tables or buffet lines but your welcome to bring your own snacks. At this time, the Oasis will not be open during the week, we will have the tent on the patio.

The date for Abdallah Bingo to restart has yet to be determined.

The Abdallah Divan continues to monitor the Johnson County orders and guidelines. The Potentate and the Board of Directors will act diligently as guidelines change.



# CSSA 2020 Springfield, MO

## 2020 CSSA Ceremonial - September 2-5

So far, the plan is to have CSSA. There will be a meeting in the first week of June to finalize the details under local guidelines concerning the COVID-19 situation. As soon as we receive further details, we will publish them via our weekly update system.

## 47th ANNUAL KANSAS SHRINE BOWL

As of this writing, there are still a few more details to work out with the 2020 Kansas Shrine Bowl Game and associated activities. Most of the details should be available with in the next few weeks.



### RUSH NIGHTS!

August 7th

November 6th

Get your candidates ready!

### CEREMONIAL

September  
25th & 26th

*"Membership is the  
Key to Success"*







*A Little Stay at Home Humor and a few of your publishers favorites reposted from Facebook*

 In 1980s I was riding my bike and fell off and hurt my knee. I'm telling you this now because we didn't have social media then

How old were you when you realized there is actually an 8 in the center of the 8 of diamonds?



**IF YOU DON'T DO STUPID THINGS WHILE YOU'RE YOUNG**



**YOU'LL HAVE NOTHING TO SMILE ABOUT WHEN YOU'RE OLD**

**Have you ever looked at one of your relatives, shook your head, and thought, "How the hell are we related!?"**

*We sure see a lot of Smil'n going on around the Shrine*



Scientists say the universe is made up of Protons, Neutrons and Electrons. They forgot to mention Morons.



**HOW CRAZY IS THIS**



**I JUST TRIED TO MAKE MY OWN HAND SANITIZER, AND IT CAME OUT AS A RUM & COKE**



The Eagles were right



We are all just prisoners here, of our own device!

**Lockdown can only go 4-ways. You'll come out a monk, a hunk, a chunk or a drunk. Choose wisely!**

# Abdallah Shriners Demolition Derby & Casino Night



Dear Nobles & Ladies,

The times we are living through together are unprecedented in the history of our fraternity and the modern world. The COVID-19 pandemic is like nothing any of us have seen before. I want to thank all of you for your commitment and patience.

We play an important role in the ecosystem of friendship and fun during a time like this. It's more important than ever that we keep healthy and free from sickness. As part of this, we have cancelled and postponed most of our immediate Abdallah functions.

The changes to our daily lives bring uncertainty and many questions. The challenges we face will require extraordinary action. We pledge to communicate with you to share new information as we have it. We appreciate your dedication, and your patience during this time. We will get through this together.

## **The Casino Night – The new date is Saturday, OCTOBER 24, 2020.**

We will still be accepting donations and table sponsors and will be around to talk to clubs and units when we are able to meet again.

## **The Demolition Derby – August 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**

As of right now, the demo derby is on and strong! Keep your fingers crossed as this is Abdallah's largest 2021 fundraiser. We have changed our fundraising event to a 2 day demolition derby!

I know that right now is not the most opportune time to solicit since we are all sheltered in place, but when this is all said and done, please get out there to help support the Demo Derby.

The Demo Committee updated the logo (thanks to Carolyn Larson) along with the program advertising and event sponsorship materials with the new and exciting information. This derby won't be successful without your help getting out in the community to sell ads to support Abdallah's largest 2021 fundraiser!

Here are some things to note:

- Did you know that by selling ads/sponsorships you can earn your cash or Shrine Credit that can be used towards hall rentals or Potentate Ball fees in 2021?
  - o Earn 25% CASH INCENTIVE for NEW ads/sponsorships
  - o Earn 10% Shrine Credit for renewing that ads/sponsorships you sold before
- Ask family, friends, neighbors, employers – ads start as low as \$50
- Check out [www.abdallahdays.com](http://www.abdallahdays.com) for more info on the event and advertising sales and sponsorships – or call me at 913-378-8199 with any questions.
- **We will still need volunteers for the event – mark your calendars August 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> at the Leavenworth County Fairgrounds in Tonganoxie**

Thanks again for all you do to make Abdallah the wonderful place that it is. And thank you for considering donating to the Casino Night, selling ads for the Demo Derby, and everything else you support!

Sincerely,  
Chris Zugelder  
Chief Rabban





# CASINO NIGHT

SATURDAY, OCT 24

**BBQ DINNER 6PM-7PM | \$10**  
**CASINO 7PM-10PM | \$20**  
INCLUDES 2 DRINK TICKETS & \$2,000 IN PLAY CHIPS  
ADDITIONAL CHIPS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

**ABDALLAH SHRINE MAIN HALL | 5300 METCALF AVE., OVERLAND PARK, KS**

THIS EVENT BENEFITS THE ABDALLAH SHRINE DEMOLITION DERBY AND IS NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE



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## **Upcoming Events**

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

### **June 5th - Oasis on the Patio**

**We will open the “Oasis” on Friday evening, June 5th for an outdoor / patio event weather permitting. The building will only be open for access to the restrooms. Please feel free to bring snacks but to stay in the recommended CDC guidelines there will not be a food sharing table(s). Please come out and socialize with your fellow Nobles and Ladies, but please practice social distancing. Mask are allowed.**

**The building is now open for Unit, Club and Committee meetings however, no other activities are permitted at this time. Please see guidelines page 10 in this publication.**

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

**Thank you and Stay Safe!**

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