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## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

We are  
Thankful for  
YOU!



# MEMBERSHIP

<b>January 1, 2022</b>	<b>613</b>
Creations	8
Affiliations	4
Restorations	9
Associations	3
Deceased	(18)
Demitted	(4)
Suspended	(0)
Withdrawn	0
Associate Dropped	(2)
Expulsions	0
<b>October 31, 2022</b>	<b>612</b>
Regular members	591
Associate members	21



*In memory:*

**C. Mack Dibble**

# BINGO Schedule - 2022

## November

- 7 Blue Racers**
- 14 500s**
- 21 Tin Lizzies**
- 28 MisFits**

## December

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

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



**November Meeting Dinner**  
**6:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

**Grilled Chicken Breast, mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Salad, Desert, Coffee or Tea**  
**\$12**

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



**ABDALLAH SHRINERS**  
**OPEN MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 15, 2022**

**ABDALLAH AUDITORIUM**  
**5300 Metcalf, Overland Park, KS 66202**

**7:30 PM**

**Herb Merrick**  
**Illustrious Potentate**

**Bennie Smith P.P.**  
**Recorder**





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

**Happy  
Birthday Noble!**

From the Illustrious Potentate, Divan and  
Members of Abdallah Shriners



**Nov 1st**

- Fred A Henik
- Larry R Jackson
- Peter N Novosel
- Jason N Lamons

**Nov 3rd**

- William W Johnson
- Frederick C Meek

**Nov 4th**

- Jackie L Clark
- Thomas J Mamie
- David H Ahlstrom
- Todd E Berry

**Nov 5th**

- Carol G Pape
- Gary R Bennett P.P.

**Nov 6th**

- Michael W King

**Nov 7th**

- Norman B Dawson
- Gary L Gammell

**Nov 8th**

- Dennis H Taylor
- Gary W Keefer
- Edmond R Anderton

**Nov 9th**

- William D Obermeier
- James P Modic
- Mark E Gaston
- Michael N Rice

**Nov 10th**

- Rodney L Garza
- Nov 11th
- Jeffery T Hines Jr

**Nov 13th**

- Ken N Schweitzer
- Gary L Barber

**Nov 14th**

- Larry D Horseman

**Nov 15th**

- Stanley A Davison

**Nov 17th**

- Gerald E Jeffries P.P.
- William C Sheldon

**Nov 18th**

- Harold D Hackney

**Nov 19th**

- Blaine W Miller Jr.
- Jerry C McNee

**Nov 20th**

- William P Leonard
- Patrick Everett

**Nov 21st**

- Robert D White

**Nov 23rd**

- Warren S Hannon

**Nov 25th**

- Jerry P Franklin
- James G Alexander III
- Bob Johnson

**Nov 26th**

- William Vonderschmidt

**Nov 28th**

- Michael R Denny
- Paul V Pack

**Nov 29th**

- Lee W Craig
- Gaylon R Jones
- Bryan J Renyer

**Nov 30th**

- August L Klasing

*Wishing YOU*  
**the BEST**  
**birthday ever!**





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



Greetings All,

First, a big thank you to all those who came out or helped with Ceremonial. The Ceremonial Masters gave our new Nobles a great day to remember. Everyone who helped with the ritual and the Arch Degree did an outstanding job. The aides, with the support of the Treasurer, provided a wonderful lunch, and then the Unit's coming out and providing an afternoon of fraternal comradery topped things off. I also want to take time and thank the Tin Lizzies for an outstanding Fish Fry. It was fun and great eating. Thank you for all the work that went into that. It was great to see so many non-Shriners visiting us and chowing down.

I really looked forward to the Café Oasis Revisited, this was a great event coming from the Nobility after feeding the Greater Kansas City Pipe and Cigar Club. It is always great to work together to just have fun, and of course some food. We are having 'Trunk or Treat' the last Sunday of October. I always enjoy seeing the creativity around everyone's cars and bikes. The office is still collecting candy for this event so drop it off if you can. We also have coming up several more great events. 'The Sock Hop Murder Mystery' is the first Saturday in November, put on by the Blue Racers. Then we have a Chile Cook-Off on the 19<sup>th</sup>. More great fun and fellowship. Maybe this year we will answer the 'with or without beans' question that always seems to surround chili. We also have several parades; check the Parade Facebook page for details as we get them.

Because this is an election year, and we are a polling site for Johnson County; our November meeting is moving. We are having an **open meeting** November 15<sup>th</sup>. This will be our kickoff for the 2023 Bash and Crash. That event is moving to June, and it looks like we have a new location close to being locked in. So come out and hear about all the great events in our future. November is the time that all the Units and Clubs should be letting the office know who the new officers for next year are and when they will have installation. Which brings me to the Abdallah elections, which will be held at our Stated Meeting in December. You will be receiving an official notice in the next few weeks.

In closing, thank you to everyone who comes out and helps, whether it is with Bingo or building maintenance or transportation. Your efforts make a difference. I was told that this year would fly by, and it has. The future is what we make it and everyone here is working to make this a successful place of fun, fellowship and philanthropy. If you want to do something or have an idea for an event or anything please share it; the best ideas are yours.

Thank you again.

Yours in the faith,  
Herb Merrick, Potentate



# Chaplain



By Jerry Ogden

The month of November is one of being thankful, full of thanksgivings for what we cherish the most. The list of those things should be long and almost unlimited. Let us look at some of the things we hold to be universally to most important in our lives.

Foremost, we should look to God, the Creator of all that is good; the Creator of us. Because of his Grace, we have life, ability to make choices and the inalienable God Given right to be free. We are very fortunate to enjoy the right to make choices and be free because of the struggles of our Freedom Fighters to make that so. 'Lest we forget' our Creator; and to those brave men and women who have and continue to secure those rights.

We also enjoy many freedoms from harm in our country, granted to us by Emergency First Responder. Their dedication to duty knows no limits. As we move away from what would hurt us, they toward it. This is a special calling that many cannot answer.

October 28<sup>th</sup> was National First Responder Day, but the argument can be made that every day should be.

November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veteran's Day. Say a simple thank you for those past and present who have underwritten everything we currently have in this country. Say a prayer that there will continue to be good people who dedicate their lives toward securing the free future for our children and grandchildren.

November 24<sup>th</sup> is Thanksgiving. We know what we are thankful for. Be sure to include in your private thanksgiving prayer your family, friends, job, social originations and that you live in the very best country in the world, truly by the Grace of God.

*Amen*



Well the year is over for the TASS Club. Our next meeting is not until March 23, 2023. We had our annual steak dinner and election meeting in October with the following officers for 2023. Micky Mikulan, President; Tony Pagel, Vice-President; and Mike Guilinger Secretary/Treasurer.

The date is set and we are making plans for the 6th Annual SHC Charity Golf Event for June 26, 2023. The event will be held again at Falcon Ridge Golf Club in Lenexa. Check out the golf event website for details. [www.AbdallahGolf.com](http://www.AbdallahGolf.com)

We have plans to put on the A.S.S. degree on April 1st, 2023. It won't be no April Fools joke.

If you're not a member of the ASS Club, come visit our meeting and see what we are about. Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month, March—October.





**Antique and Classic Cars**  
By Pat Emmett

The Antique and Classic Cars Unit met at Conroy's near 95<sup>th</sup> and Nall in Overland Park for the October meeting. We had a good turnout and enjoyed good food. We were delighted to see our Divan Rep, Ronnie White and his Lady Barbie. Our November meeting will be in the Oasis at Abdallah Shrine, 6:30 PM.

Our Unit was busy in October. We participated in the October Fall Ceremonial parade and Unit Expo. We welcome all new Shriners and wish you the best in Shrining for many years to come. Our Unit welcomes you and your Lady to visit our meeting and Christmas Party. Don't let the name dissuade you. We accept any Shriner regardless of what they may have for automotive transportation. You are welcome to parade with us, no matter what you drive. You may belong to as many Clubs as you wish but only one Parade Unit. Still, we are open to affiliate members from other Units who have cars and want to join us when we dine out (which is frequent), go to car shows, visit car museums, car races, and in general, just enjoy everything that is

automobile related. We especially like attending Parades. We went to the Ceremonial Parade and the Atchison Parade on the 29<sup>th</sup> of October. We have four past Potentates in our Unit as affiliates, so don't put it off, come and have fun with our Unit.

In October, we sponsored **Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**. We brought our cars, decorated them, and many wore costumes to hand out candy to children. This is a community outreach event. Everyone is welcome. We ask all Nobles to donate bags of candy and they stepped up. Special thanks to the Misfits for hotdogs, buns and chips. And thanks go out to the Escorts for making popcorn. We had an after-glow party in the Oasis with pot luck food. Big night, fun night.

Our Unit helped out on October 31<sup>st</sup> at BINGO.

No special car or truck is required to belong to our Unit. You just need to have an interest in car stuff and we're your Unit. Contact **Pat Emmett** at the Antique and Classic Cars, **913-744-6347**. Our meetings are the first Wednesday of every month, 6:30, held in the Oasis. However, we often meet at a restaurants by Unit choice. You are welcome to join us. We accept affiliate members from other Units.



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# Sunflower Fund

The Sunflower Fund was created as a means to assist nobles in times when they are unable to pay their current years dues. Donations are also welcomed to help replenish this fund. Any donations over \$25 will earn you one of our sunflower pins. You can wear the pin proudly to show your support of helping your brothers. Please contact the office for details.



**Abdallah  
Golfing  
Nomads**



By Roger Miller,

Great fall for golf so far. Still playing Sunflower Hills on Thursday mornings. Usual tee time 9:18. Will play unless too cold or wet (HA).

*September 29<sup>th</sup>*

Closest to pin -# 4 and #13 – Pat Emmett  
Closest to pin in 2 - #16 – Pat Emmett  
Birdies – Tim Williams – 2; Pat Emmett -1.  
Long Drive #10 – under 80, Bob Hansen; over 80 – Dick Strong

*October 6<sup>th</sup>*

Closest to pin #4 – Pat Emmett, #13 – Dick Strong  
Closest to pin in 2 - #16 – Dick Strong  
Birdies – Bob Hansen – 2, Dick Strong 1

*October 20<sup>th</sup>*

Closest to pin #4; Dick Strong; #13 – Bob Hansen  
Closest to pin in 2 - #+16 – Bob Hansen  
Long putt #9 and 18 – Dick Strong, (both for birdies)  
Birdies : Dick Strong – 4, Roger Miller and Bob Hansen - 1

***PIN COLLECTORS!!***

I have the pin collection of a recently deceased Noble! His family said to “pass it on”. There are 101 different Shrine Temple pins (mounted in display cases) plus 202 Masonic related ones. 13 even have diamonds (?).

Contact Roger Miller,  
Bonner Springs, 913-422-5191



**Jokers**

By Mickey Mikulan

The JOKER’S have elected new officers for the 2023 year.

President: Mike Thomas  
Vice-President: Dick Strong  
Secretary: Jon Robbins  
Treasurer: Mickey Mikulan

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!

Keep smiling, because life is a beautiful thing and there is so much to smile about!

***Good of the Order***

Nobles, we have a noble, Richard A Yunghans , that was to be given his 60 year pin but couldn't make ceremonial do to a broken pelvis. Illustrious Sir Jeff Johnson used to work with his son and arranged to have lunch with him enabling him to present him his certificate and pin . During lunch, Jeff was able to find out that he was awarded the Legion of Honor from France. The French Ambassador flew in from Washington to present it at the hospital. And on November 1st the City of Olathe is going to give him a proclamation for Veterans Day.



**Blue  
Racers**

By Tim Williams

We'd like to thank those of you who came to support the Blue Racers at our Murder Mystery Dinner on November 5th. Hopefully everyone had a great time and enjoyed a delicious dinner. The Murder Mystery Company always pulls off a wonderful event! We plan on using the funds raised to support

other events at the Shrine and also support the Kansas Shrine Bowl in 2023. We were well represented at Ceremonial in October, and also many attended the Trunk or Treat event. The Unit has gained several new members; just have to get them their carts so they are ready to go parading. The Unit meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month, and we welcome Nobles & their ladies to join us anytime. We are an active and growing Unit that loves to parade and race our carts.

*NOVEMBER Birthdays*

MINDY ZUGELDER BDAY: 11/25

BECKY WILLIAMS BDAY: 11/28

# *First Lady's Appreciation Dinner*

The 2022 Abdallah Divan Ladies would like you to join them on December 13 to Honor First Lady Carolyn Merrick

Details -

6:00 - Potluck, Upstairs, Old Oasis

7:30 - Fun and Games, Oasis, Basement

What you need to do to attend...

1. Make an Appetizer/Dish/Dessert
2. Bring what you want to drink, but soft drinks, wine and beer are provided
3. RSVP to 913-226-4420



## ***Message from Your Chief Rabban***

I write today October 15, 2022 Abdallah Shrine Ceremonial. Reflection upon today's events gave me inspiration to produce this message to the Nobility. Shrine Ceremonials are extra special events. They are both a view of our distinguished history and a positive projection of our future.

We honor and pay tribute to Nobles that have been a part of our fraternity for some years, giving us their time, experiences and recommendations. We also honor our new Nobles and their families with the hope these gentlemen (and ladies) learn and carry this organization successfully into the future.

We offer recommendations based upon *our* experiences in *our* Shrine lives. It is our duty and responsibility to pass along these experiences as well as communicate and share the fun we have. Keep our newest member motivated is our charge. Get them involved quickly, invite them to a future event or Shrine activity. Let's not let this day be their best day of Shrine experience; make this be their beginning. Our new members deserve many more "best days".

The more we accept and bring these gentlemen and their families into our Shrine Family the better we are at preserving our organization.

We must have faith these novice Nobles will make future decisions in the best interests of Shriners; our philanthropy is counting on it. It is a blind faith we must have, but we, too, have the responsibility to make it happen. Some decisions by our growing Nobles will be mistakes, no doubt. But let us accept those as learning endeavors and stepping-stones in hope they learn, proceed and help us grow. The world is constantly changing. We must trust these Nobles will adapt, make good decisions and know that our future is going to be fine in their hands.

In closing, Ceremonial is also a special day finalizing with the Unit exposition. Units and Clubs set up displays to illustrate their unique offerings. It is also a time that Units and Clubs share their hospitality, and we become a single and unified fraternity. Shiner's is about fun and fellowship, and more than anything, this is what I observed on this day.

Thanks to all Nobles and Ladies that helped make this Ceremonial day, not only possible, but successful. You Rock!

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

Greg & MaryEllen Sippel  
Chief Rabban 2022

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



**Shriners International**



**Shriners Hospitals  
for Children®**

## *Are you a Shrine Legacy?*

### **Legacy Program**

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

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

*Abdallah Shriners*

**LEGACY**

GENERATIONS OF  
BROTHERHOOD



**Celebrating**

**150**

**YEARS**

**Shriners  
International**



Please join us at our

# 50's Sock Stop

**MURDER MYSTERY DINNER  
"A DANCE TILL DEATH"**

Saturday, November 5th at 6pm  
At Abdallah Shrine in the Oasis  
5300 Metcalf Ave.  
Overland Park, KS 66202  
\$30/person - Advanced Reservations Only  
Dress in 50's attire!

Includes live show, dinner (salad, spaghetti & dessert) & soft drinks

RSVP to Chris Zugelder by October 30th  
zugelder@iecc.org or text 913-378-8199

Cash Bar

Event is hosted by the Blue Racers. Proceeds are for the benefit of Abdallah Shriners activities. Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions.




**Nobles, you can pay your dues and even set-up a payment plan for monthly, quarterly or bi-annual payments through WebFez. It's easy to set-up, just follow the directions below. Remember, dues are paid in advance so you could be making installments now for 2023.**

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## Use WebFez to verify your personal information, payments and Shrine activity

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### How to Register for WebFez:

- Go to your browser's address bar and type in [webfez.shrinenet.org](http://webfez.shrinenet.org)
- Click the register button on the Login page: 
- From the Registration page, choose your Temple from the drop-down list and then type in your Member Number and your First and Last names.
- Click on the Register button. You will be directed to the Create a New Account page. On this page enter an E-mail address that you will use to log in with, confirm the E-mail address, and then enter and confirm your Password.

Email

Confirm Email

Password

(Passwords must be between 8 and 12 characters with at least one upper case and one lower case letter and at least one number.)

Confirm password

- Scroll down to read the WebFez User Agreement and Privacy policy. Agree by clicking the checkbox.
- After the checkbox is selected, click on Register. This will Register you for WebFez and log you into the system.

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## Use WebFez to verify your personal information, payments and Shrine activity

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### How to Log in to WebFez:

Important: In order to log in to WebFez, you must first be registered. If you have not yet registered, please see the other side of this flyer for instructions.


**You only need to register once.**

To log in to WebFez please follow the steps below:

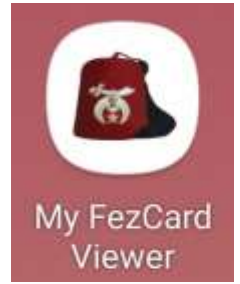
- Go to your browser's address bar and type in [webfez.shrinenet.org](http://webfez.shrinenet.org)
- Enter your login E-mail address and Password in the designated fields:

Email:

Password:

- Click Log in: 

## Introducing the new My FezCard Viewer App



We're excited to announce the new digital membership card. Effective August 2022, Nobles who pay their 2023 dues will have immediate access to their newly designed digital Membership card. Nobles can access and present their digital membership card, which features the status of their dues two ways:

- **My FezCard Viewer** available for download on the Apple App Store or Google Play App Store
- Member Center located on the new SI.org Website

For 2023, the two primary methods to determine if a member is current in their dues will include asking the Noble to present their new digital membership card on a mobile device or for the temple, club, or unit to scan the QR code on the Nobles existing hard card.

Scanning the QR code on the membership card, either the existing hard card or the new digital card, provides several benefits to the temple including in the areas of operations and as a member engagement tool:

### *Operations:*

- Decreases temple expenses by not having to pay for stickers and buckslip insert
- Simplifies operations, no need to replace stickers on an annual basis
- Digital card/scanning QR quickly determines the status of dues payment

### *Member Engagement:*

- Awarding credit for attendance at events and activities, which is especially handy for temples that award points and prizes for participation
- Expressing an interest in joining a club or unit
- Registering for an event or volunteer opportunities

**As a result, Shriners International has discontinued the distribution of dues stickers to individual Nobles.** While the focus remains on scanning the QR code or presenting the digital card to determine the status of dues, to assist in the transition, a limited number of 2023 sticker sheets will be sent to each temple so they can provide a dues sticker to Nobles on a case-by-case or as-requested basis. When Nobles pay their 2023 membership dues they will receive a 5x8 acknowledgment postcard that will announce the new process along with instructions on how to obtain their new digital membership card. To address three commonly asked questions:

*How can a Noble access their digital card if we don't have internet access? If internet connectivity is a concern, once the Noble accesses their card via one of the two options above, they can take a screenshot of the digital card, which automatically saves to their photo gallery. Thereafter, they can present the card as needed without needing an internet connection.*

*How can a temple, club, or unit scan a QR code?* From an operational standpoint, the barrier to entry to utilize the QR technology is extremely low and simple to use. For the last three years, several Temples have been scanning the QR code on the existing membership card to determine dues by purchasing a handheld scanner, available for as little as \$30, or a mobile device, like a phone or tablet. Both options connect and communicate with WebFez.

*Will the digital card display associate temples?* Currently only the Noble's home temple will display on the *My FezCard Viewer*; however, we expect to add a display featuring associate temples by late summer / early fall.

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



# Abdallah Shrine

# CHILI COOK-OFF

competition



entry fee free

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all you can  
eat bowls & 3  
voting tickets  
\$10

One of the **HOTTEST** events of the year!

Trophies and monies awarded for,

1st place trophy and \$100

2nd place trophy and \$30

3rd place trophy and \$20

(RULES)

1. if its HOT mark it so others know
2. Must make at least 4 quarts.

Questions call

Ronnie White (913) 314-1568

Judging and awards  
will be presented  
that night !

Tickets at the door

SAT NOV 19th  
DOORS OPEN AT 6pm  
FUN STARTS AT 7pm  
Abdallah Oasis

Payments are not deductible as charitable contribution.

Proceeds are for benefit of Abdallah Shriners 2022 general fund activities.



# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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?



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Quarter Page	5"h x 4"w	\$60	\$660
B-Card	2.5"h x 3" w	\$25	\$275

Units & Clubs receive a 50% discount



Shriners International

# Fundraising Policies & Procedures

## Introduction

Because Shriners have been the driving force behind

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

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

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

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

## Types of Fundraisers

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

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

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

## Procedures That Apply to All Shrine Fundraising Activities

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

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

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

## Statements of Purpose and Disclosure

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

### For Charitable Fundraisers:

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

### For Fraternal Fundraisers:

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

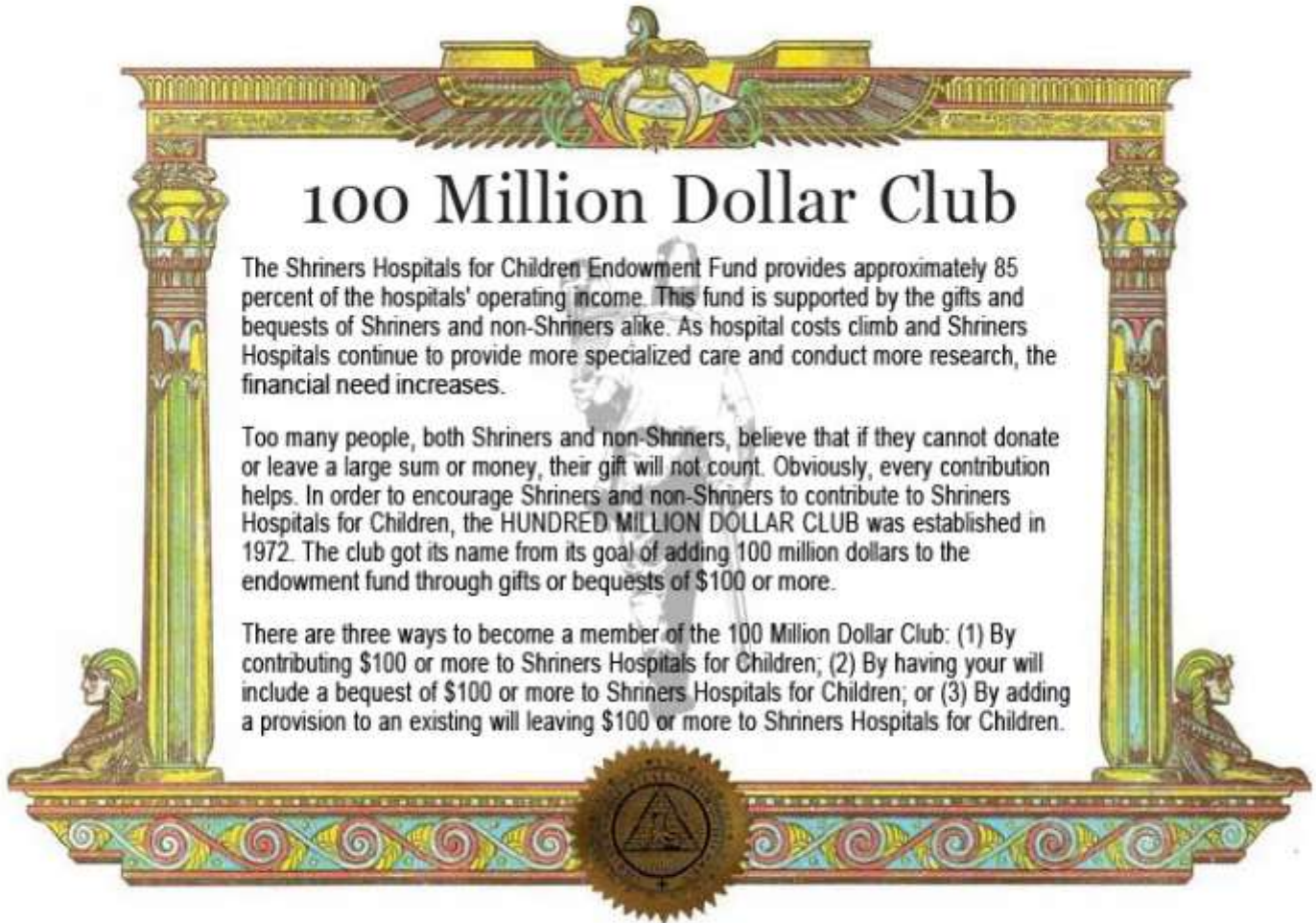
Every fundraising activity which is not entirely for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children shall prominently state on all solicitation material, including tickets, programs, documents and electronically transmitted material, the following

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

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

*The full policy is available online or from your Divan*

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**50/50  
Raffle**

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

## Abdallah Coffee Club

Meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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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Come Visit the Abdallah Oasis on

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Every Month.

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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!  
Anna Marie Swearingin

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**Units and Clubs**

Don't forget to write an Article  
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Line 2	_____	\$10	_____
Line 3	_____	\$10	_____
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Line 5	_____	\$10	_____
Line 6	_____	\$10	_____
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Bold	Yes No	\$10	_____
Grid	Yes No	\$10	_____
		Total	_____

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gcsippel@gmail.com	
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randbauto66083@yahoo.com	
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Regiscrob@aol.com	
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dmm1211@hotmail.com	
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klasic_mustang_lvr@yahoo.com	
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mickey5119@gmail.com	
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tony@creativerestorationskc.com	
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All Elected Divan Officers *plus*

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## **Upcoming Events**

**The Abdallah Shrine Office hours have changed.**

**New hours are**

**10AM - 4PM Monday, Tuesday & Thursday**

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

**November 4th - Birthday Friday**

**November 5th - Murder Mystery Dinner**

**November 6th - Fall Back daylight Savings Time Ends**

**November 8th - Election Day**

**November 9th - Coffee Club Breakfast**

**November 15th - Open Meeting**

**November 19th - Chili Cook-Off**

**November 21st - RedZone Meeting**

**November 22nd - Atwood Lodge**

**November 23rd - Coffee Club**

**November 24th - THANKSGIVING**

**Thank you and Stay Safe!**



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