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November Happenings



November 18th



Thanksgiving

Decorate The Shrine



MEMBERSHIP

January 1, 2023	590
Creations	4
Affiliations	0
Restorations	4
Associations	2
Deceased	(19)
Demitted	(6)
Suspended	(3)
Withdrawn	0
Associate Dropped	(1)
Expulsions	0
October 31, 2023	571
Regular members	551
Associate members	20



In memory:

Robert Cecil

BINGO Schedule - 2023

November

- 6** Oriental Band
- 13** Antique Cars
- 20** Provost / loH
- 27** Blue Racers

December

- 4** Tin Lizzies
- 11** 500s
- 18** Misfits
- 25** NO BINGO

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

Turkey & Dressing, Mashed potatoes & gravy, Green beans, Salad, Roll, Desert, Coffee or Tea
\$12

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



ABDALLAH SHRINERS STATED MEETING



ABDALLAH AUDITORIUM
5300 Metcalf, Overland Park, KS 66202
Tuesday, November 14, 2023

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



Nov 1st

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

Nov 3rd

William W Johnson
Frederick C Meek
Jacob C Stofer

Nov 4th

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

Nov 5th

Carol G Pape
James S Angel
Gary R Bennett P.P.

Nov 6th

Michael W King

Nov 7th

Norman B Dawson
Gary L Gammell

Nov 8th

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 22nd

Warren S Hannon

Nov 24th

Clayton E Robertson

Nov 25th

Jerry P Franklin
James G Alexander III
Bob Johnson

Nov 26th

William Vonderschmidt

Nov 27th

Frank G Stevenson Jr.

Nov 28th

Michael R Denny
Paul V Pack

Nov 29th

Lee W Craig
Gaylon R Jones
Larry J Dain PP

Nov 30th

Bryan J Renyer
August L Klasing

Wishing YOU
the BEST
Birthday ever!



The POTENTATE'S MESSAGE**GIVING THANKS**

How ironic, yet how appropriate, it is for this day to honor our Veterans falls in the same month as Thanksgiving. Veteran's day was originally Armistice Day, the day to mark the end of the Great War (now known as World War I). It was to be the war that ended all wars. We now understand this did not occur, but it does not deter our desire and goal of world peace through strength.

Armistice day, now Veteran's day, was created to honor the end of hostilities on the Western Front and took effect at eleven in the morning—the “eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month” of 1918. It was celebration of peace and to honor those who served, especially those who gave all.

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day on the eleventh month this year many Abdallah Shriners will be at the Leavenworth Veteran's Parade. Please come join us.

Veteran's day follows the 248th birthday of the United States Marine Corps by one day. This did not occur by plan but by act of the calendar, or some other higher deity's design. I, myself, am not a veteran, it wasn't in my life's fate. But I descend from a family of veterans and we were taught these men and women gave a large part of their lives to a cause greater than themselves. Thank you, veterans for your service. You deserve our gratitude.

Thanksgiving also occurs in the month of November and we give thanks to the fall harvest and are grateful to our freedoms and pursuits of happiness we are allowed.

October at Abdallah was another busy month with a Ceremonial as we welcome three outstanding Nobles and their families to join our Shrine family. Thanks gentlemen, it is an honor and a pleasure to have you come aboard.

October past with Tin Lizzies having their annual Fish Fry and, as always, it was Fun, Fellowship & FOOD. The Blue Racers had their annual Murder Mystery and it was Professor Vic Violet “Mickey Mikulan” who was found guilty this year. Who would have thought? Abdallah and the Blue racers were also honored to have a Shriner's patient present, an 8th grader in the Olathe School district. Hope you had a great time.

The Antique & Classic Cars sponsored Trunk or Treat on Sunday, Oct 22. It was “scary” however a lot of treats were distributed. The Misfits held a Halloween party which makes me wonder “what does a Shriner's closet look like?”. There must be hundreds of costumes in there.

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This month we say Good Bye to a couple of great historic Units at Abdallah. After several years of decreasing and aging membership, the Yoshi has determined to dissolve. Likewise, the Trail 70's are dissolving due to similar lack of attendance and a reduced membership in the past few years. I especially want to thank members of both Units for the years that I've gotten to know them. They added a great deal to our experiences here at Abdallah. The Trail 70's have been great supporters of Abdallah Bingo since I can remember. Members like Ed Lindsey and Jim Kessler are the more recent Trail 70's serving members on Bingo. But I also have great memories of Woody Colvin, Bob Brown, Charlie Rawlston, Jim Fulton and others that are no longer with us. Both Units will be sadly missed.

We are going to decorate the Shrine for the holidays on Sunday, November 26th beginning 11:30 – 12. This year we're assigning Units a specific location to decorate. ** Antique & Classic Cars (Oasis), Blue Racers (Main Entry Foyer), Escorts (Main Hall-North), Misfits (Top of the Stairs), Tin Lizzies (Main Hall-South) **. We'll turn on the football games, we'll have some food & drinks (libations if you want). Let's get in the Holiday spirit of giving and make this a fun undertaking.

From myself and Lady MaryEllen we are thankful and grateful for the past 8 years we've been on Abdallah's Divan. We experienced and participated each of your exciting and fun events. We've met some of the best people that we could ever imagine. Temple Units and Clubs are the heart and soul of what Shriners are all about. With our deepest of thanks, we thank you for making this time in our lives an experience of fun, friendly and happy times.

Next month: "It's the Holidays"

May there be peace in our time,

Ill Sir Greg Sippel & Lady MaryEllen



Things that used to hurt my back:

- Jumping off of garages**
- Crashing my bike**
- Falling out of a tree**
- Diving in the shallow end**
- Contact sports**

Things that hurt my back now:

- Sneezing**
- Washing the dishes**
- Brushing my teeth**
- Tying my shoes**
- Rolling over in bed**

The Recorder's Ramblings

By Herb Merrick

October has been our busiest month of the year. We had a Temple or Unit event every Saturday and two Sundays plus several parades. It was great to see so many folks out and about. We also had a major weekday rental twice during the month and that will continue in November, all of which keeps things busy throughout the building. We continue to have a lot of routine maintenance and repairs also happening, so if you see workman around, know we are keeping things in great shape. Special thanks to Noble Harper for all he has been doing with the repairs. If you get a chance, give him a wave. Speaking of saying hi, we brought in three new Nobles at Ceremonial. Welcome these new Nobles into our great fraternity.

The office is also very busy. It is dues season, so we have been getting dues coming in. Remember you can pay online through WebFez or you can do it the old way with money and checks. The activities mentioned above also keep the office busy. Please, if you can, give us as much lead time for any support you need so we can fit it into our daily operations. The office is here to help, but we are not very many folks, so there is a lot of prioritizations. Speaking of help, if you are interested in volunteering the office has several projects coming up that could use some willing hands, if you are interested let them know. There are also the building managers who could always use your support if you are available. November sees local voting done here as well as several rentals that are simple events so if you are new they are good to learn with. Contact Noble Randy Bennett if you are interested.

November is election month for our Units. Remember that you need to turn in the results of the election to the office and your secretary should be updating your information in WebFez. We are also looking for your activity requests for next year; now is the time to get them turned in and approved. The goal is to avoid conflicting events so the earlier you get them in the sooner we can work through that and provide them for publication in the 2024 calendar book. Also, if your Unit or Club is having a holiday party let us know who you are inviting so your events can be supported. The office is closed on the 23rd and 24th for Thanksgiving. The 26th is decorating the Shrine so if you need to be getting into the Christmas closet, let me know and I will try and arrange it.

Let me know what I or the office can do to help you get the most out of being a member of Abdallah. Look forward to seeing you throughout the month. Remember to save room for turkey.



We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them.
👉 😊



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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 2024.

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

How to Register for WebFez:

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

Email

Confirm Email

Password

(Password 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.

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

How to Log in to WebFez:

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

You only need to register once.

To log in to WebFez please follow the steps below:

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

Email:

Password:

- Click Log in: 

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.

Chaplain



By Jerry Ogden

On October 7th, Abdallah Shriners presented what is considered to be the 'Crown Jewel' of our Fraternity, better known as Ceremonial. We officially brought in three new Nobles. They seemed to fully engage in our activities and the solemnity of the moment. Each had their own reasons for becoming Shriners. Each have their own aspirations for their respective futures within our great Fraternity. All these activities were witnessed by our Shrine Family, which 'maybe' numbered about three dozen.

The three new Nobles did not seem to notice the 'some' that were there to see them begin their Shrine time. Some of us present did notice.

For those who did not attend Ceremonial, there are many reasons. Suffice it to say, each must understand that whatever they were doing must of been infinitely more important than Ceremonial.

One was present that is not thought of as a Shriner; God.

Amen



By Mystery Writer

If you missed the Cajun Party you miss a great event. There was good music and lots of good food. Thanks to all the Tin Lizzies that worked and help made this a successful event.

Birthday Friday was well attended by the Tin Lizzies had lots of food and drinks. Hope to see you all in November. The Ceremonial was a fun and cool day. Good Lunch and fun Expo thanks to all the Lizziettes that brought food and sent food. Thanks Dennis and Sue you guys helped make it a success. We really had a nice table to be proud of.



The Fish Fry had a nice crowd and lots of food. Fun group! Want to thanks all the people that came and especially all the worked. Your work did not go unnoticed. We couldn't have done it without you. Thanks!

Happy Birthday to the following for the Month of November;

- Barbara Muro 11-2
- Marta Dial 11-25
- Misty Christenson 11-25
- Gaylon Jones 11-29

Happy Anniversary to the following for the Month of November;

- Andy & Candy Kling 11-8

The four stages of life.

*You believe in Santa Claus,
you don't believe in Santa Claus,
you are Santa Claus,
and you look like Santa Claus.*

Happy Thanksgiving!



Antique and Classic Cars

The membership of the Antique and Classic Cars Unit chose to not have a meeting for October. We will conduct a meeting in the Oasis on November 6th at 6:30 PM. Be there or be square.

We will vote on a slate of candidates for 2024 Unit Officers. We will discuss our Trunk or Treat program. We will choose a location for our annual Holiday/Christmas Party. We will look forward to participating on Monday, November 13 for BINGO night. We will discuss the remaining parades for 2023.

Look forward to seeing you at our meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patrick W. Emmett – President, Antique and Classic Cars Unit



The last meeting of 2023 for the Abdallah Social Society was held October 26th with our annual Steak Dinner. New officers for 2024 were elected as follows. Tony Pagel, President; Allen Baiamonte, Vice-President; Chris Snell, Secretary/Treasurer. The new officers will be installed at our next meeting, March 28, 2024.

Keep in touch this winter as we look to have several Social Outings.



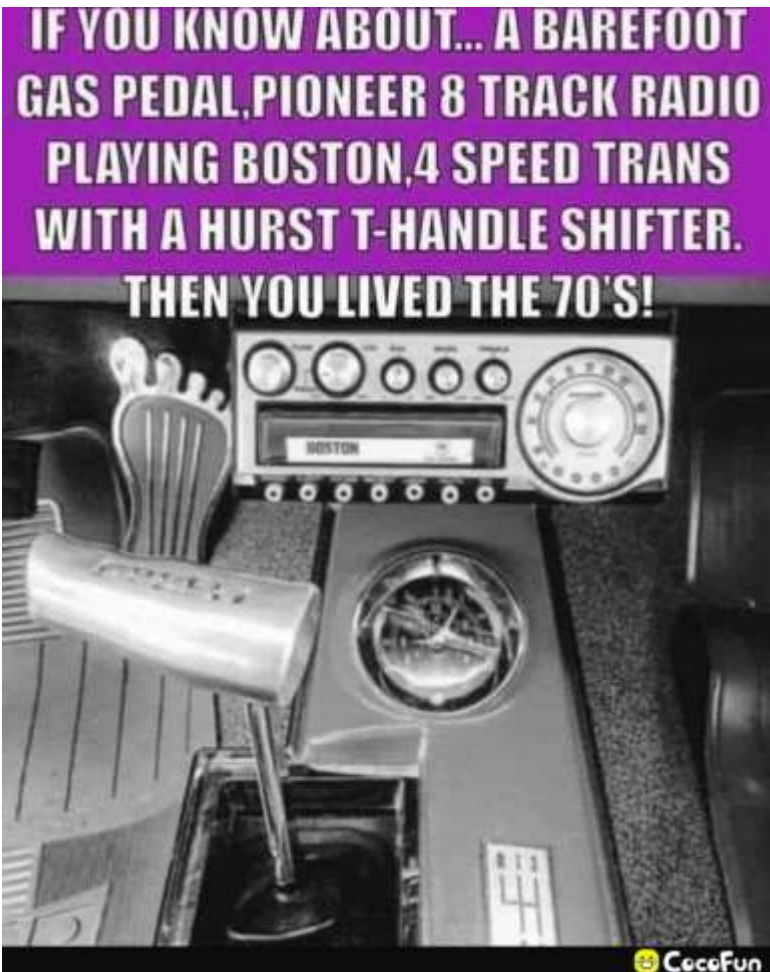
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Coffee Club



Join us the 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 9am for Coffee, Fellowship and something to eat. On the 2nd Wednesday we have a hot breakfast prepared by Chef Jeffery and on the 4th it's doughnuts. If you can let Jerry know your attending in advance, it will help our planning to make sure we have enough. 816-260-8882 or imastart@kc.rr.com.

If it's a last minute thing, come on anyway. Feel free to bring a good story or joke with you! Hell, even bring your lady along if she won't let you out of the house without her. Hope to see you there.



Abdallah Golfing Nomads



Our fall has been extremely nice to the NOMADS.
Really great weather!

September 21st

Closest to pin #13 – Bob Hansen
Closest to pin in 2 - #16 – Pat Emmett
Long Drive #10 – Under 80 – Allen Baiamonte,
over 80 – Bob Hansen
Long Putt #9 – Dick Strong; #18 – Allen Baiamonte
Birdies: Roger Miller and Pat Emmett – 2; Dick
Strong – 1

September 28th

Closest to pin #13 – Roger Miller
Closest to Pin in 2 - #16 – Dick Strong
Long Putt # 9 – Dick Strong; #18 – Roger Miller
Long Drive – over 80 – Dick Strong;
over 90 – Roger Miller
Birdies; Roger Miller – 1

October 5th

Closest to pin #4 – Bob Hansen; #13 – Roger Miller
Closest to pin in 2 - #16 – Bob Hansen
Long Drive #10 – over 80 – Bob Hansen;
over 90 – Roger Miller
Long Putt #9 and #18 – Dick Strong
Birdies; Roger Miller -1

October 12th

Closest to pin -#13 – Dick Strong
Closest to pin in 2 - #16 – Bob Hansen
Long Drive #10 – over 80 – Dick Strong;
over 90 – Roger Miller
Long putt #9 – Roger Miller, #18 – Bob Hansen
Birdies; Dick Strong and Bob Hansen – 1

October 19th

Closest to pin - #4 – Pat Emmett; #13 – Tim Williams
Closest to pin in 2 - #16 – Bob Hansen, Dick Strong,
Roger Miller (Hansen hit first shot so close we all
birdied)
Long Drive #10 – Under 80 – Allen Baiamonte;
over 80 – Bob Hansen;
over 90 – Roger Miller
Long Putt #9 – Tim Williams; #18 – Pat Emmett
Birdies: Dick Strong -3, Tim Williams – 2, Roger Mil-
ler and Bob Hansen -1

The Sunflower Fund was created as a means to as-
sist nobles in times when they are unable to pay
their current years dues. Donations are also wel-
comed 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 our
Chaplain or the shrine office for details.

Sunflower Fund





“THE LAUGH”

By Mickey Mikulan

JOKER’S NEXT UNIT MEETING WILL BE ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY IN DECEMBER MEETINGS ARE HELD ON AN AS NEED BASIS UNLESS TEMPLE/CLUB BUSINESS DICTATE OTHERWISE

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

Come for a visit.

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 THE MANY ACTIVITIES YOUR TEMPLE OFFERS, BRING a FRIEND! FIRST RLUE TOWARDS EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS Is LISTENING

author unknown



By Rob Swecker

Greetings, and welcome to fall - ll the Friday night foot-ball games.

The Chiefs continue to do well with their games.

The fall traditions at Abdallah are in full swing as well.

The Abdalla 2023 Fall Ceremonial went well.

We received three new Nobles this year. Thank you to all that played a part in making that a success.

October 22nd was the trunk or treat event, where the Provost cart won first place car(t) award. The award was presented by the DeMolay.





**Blue
Blazer
Club**



Noble Tim Preece becomes the newest member of the Blue Blazer Club as 5x Top Line Signer

Congratulations and Thank You Tim



Provost Donate \$500 to the 2023 General Fund Thank You!



Nobles Jim Kessler & Chris Snell, members of the Bingo Committee, present a check for \$20,000 as part of the 2023 proceeds so far this year.

Thank you to all who have helped this year!



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FALL PISTOL RAFFLE

Glock 43X

1 ticket : \$10.00

3 tickets: \$25.00

Tickets in the Office or from Divan Reps

Drawing Dec 12, 2023 ♦ Winner does not need to be present

Winner can choose \$450 VISA gift card as alternative prize

DIMENSION

1 Length (Overall)**	165 mm 6.50 inch
2 Slide Length	154 mm 6.06 inch
3 Width (Overall)	28 mm 1.10 inch
4 Slide Width	22 mm 0.87 inch
5 Height incl.Mag.	128 mm 5.04 inch
6 Line of Sight (Polymer)	133 mm 5.24 inch
Line of Sight (Steel)	132 mm 5.20 inch
Line of Sight (GNS)	131 mm 5.16 inch
7 Trigger Distance**	67 mm 2.64 inch



*FOR GEN4/GEN5 MODELS: Check out the Gen5 and Gen4 Technology area for medium/large backstraps.

Technical Data are rounded and do not reflect tolerances – they may be altered without notice! Subject to technical changes.

Proceeds are for the benefit of Abdallah Shriners. Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions.

Misfits at the Halloween Party







NOTICE: ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR ABDALLAH SHRINERS 2024

Election Meeting – Abdallah Shriners Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 7:30pm at the Shrine for the transaction of all Regular business-balloting on petitions for creation, affiliation & associate membership-reports from officers & committees-election of officers.

and

Special meeting of the Abdallah Temple Building Association for the purpose of electing Trustees for 2024

YOU MUST HAVE YOUR 2023 DUES CARD TO ATTEND THIS ANNUAL MEETING

The Law Governing Annual Elections
Greg Sippel, Potentate 2023

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

**FROM THE BY-LAWS OF SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL ARTICLE 25
Officers; Their Election or Appointment § 325.1 Officers. (a) List. The officers of the temple are:**

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

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

§ 325.2 Election and Qualification.

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

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

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

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

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

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

§ 325.5 Ballot.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

§ 325.10 Representatives.

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

Complete Ballot. Each member voting must vote only for the total number of Representatives to be elected, otherwise his ballot cannot be counted as a vote.

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

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

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

Highest Vote. If more candidates receive a majority vote than the number of representatives to be elected, then those receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected.

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

§ 325.11 Election Regulations.

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

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

Violation. For any violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the officers' void and order a new election.

Notice. At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election the temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.

OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED FOR 2024 ARE; Potentate, Chief Rabban, Assistant Rabban, High Priest & Prophet, Oriental Guide, Treasurer, Recorder, Representative(s) to Shriners International for the year 2024, Representative(s) to the Central States Shrine Association, Representative(s) to the Finance & Investment Committee, and Trustee(s) to the Building Association.

Fraternally yours,

Herbert F Merrick

Ill. Sir Herbert F. Merrick, PP, Recorder



ABDALLAH SHRINERS PRESENTS

3rd Annual

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COOK-OFF

Saturday

NOVEMBER 18TH

7PM - 11PM

1ST PLACE \$100 & TROPHY

2ND PLACE \$50 & TROPHY

3RD PLACE \$25 & TROPHY

(what you get)

all you can eat bowl

sample cups

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TICKET

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"Proceeds are for the benefit of Abdallah Shriners activities."

"Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions."

Please join us
for the
2024 Potentate's Ball

Starlit Walk On The Beach

Saturday, February 17th, 2024
Hampton Inn Gardner Conference Center
151 Cedar Niles Road, Gardner, Kansas

**For reservations please call the Abdallah Office
at 913-362-5300
Deadline February 1st, 2024
\$75 per person, \$150 per couple**

**Hotel accommodations available at \$129 suite/double
plus taxes and fees at the Hampton Inn. The easiest
way to reserve your room is to go to
<https://group.hamptoninn.com/ahdhc5>**

**You may also call (913) 856-2100 and ask to make
reservations under the Shriners Ball room block.**

Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions



THOSE WELCOME WORDS

BY: GEORGE BALADY

My purpose was tried,
 Bid to look deep inside,
 The depths within must rectify.

Asked, it was bestowed,
 Sought, it was found,
 Knocked, thrice returned, resound.

Committed and vowed,
 In reverence allowed,
 By the Judge Supreme, enshroud.

Upright and regal,
 Beyond the golden eagle,
 I tread and act, ever loyal.

To probe the cable-tow,
 The seeds that I sow,
 Three ruffians hide in the shadows.

But with this Grip secure,
 The skin shall endure,
 The Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

We toil not for titles,
 Nor jewels, nor for idols,
 Altruism the only desire.

This pledge that we bear,
 Our tools never spared,
 Yearning those welcome words.



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.”

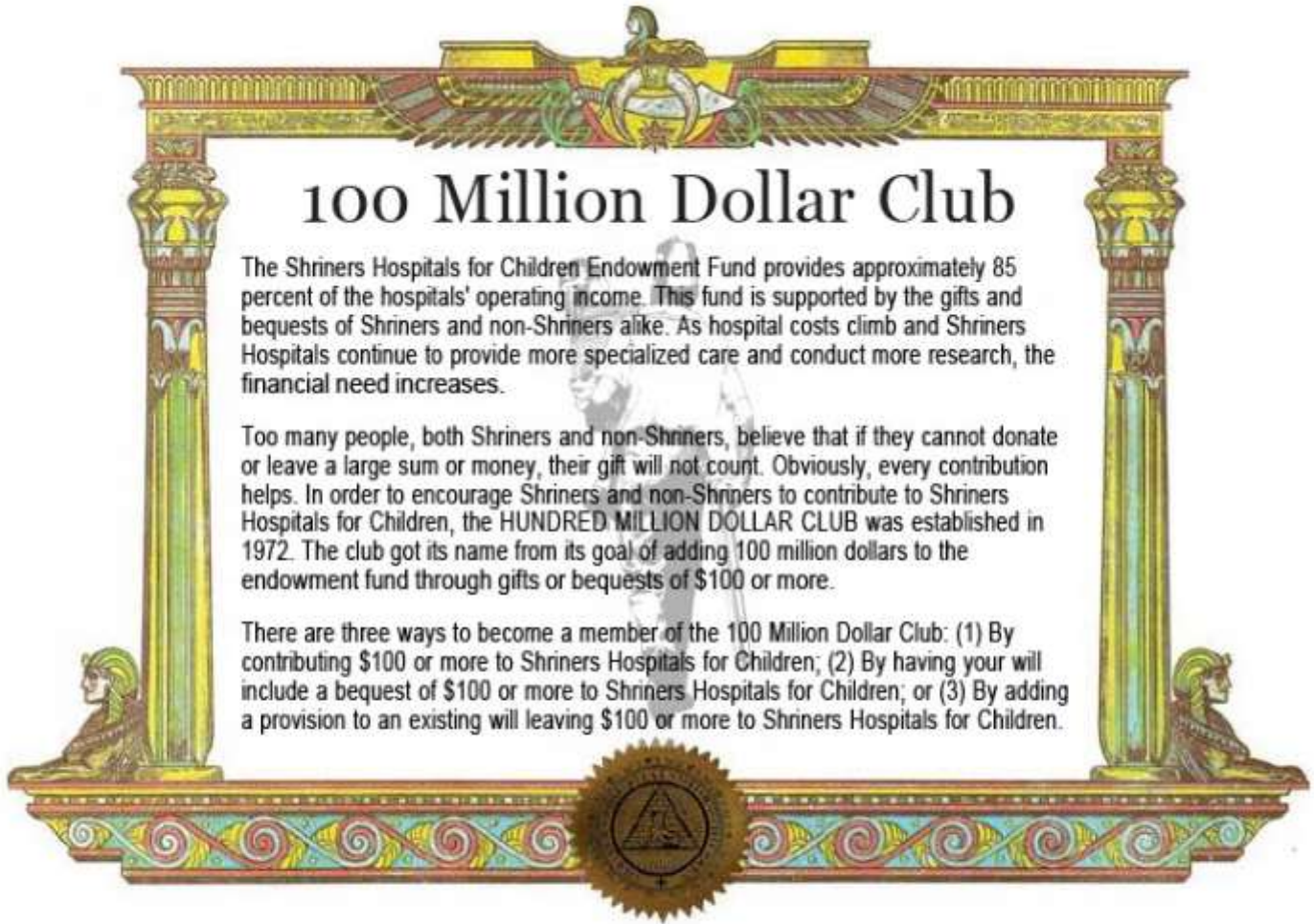
Every fundraising activity which is not entirely for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children shall prominently state on all solicitation material, including tickets, programs, documents and electronically transmitted material, the following

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

The Perfect Anytime Gift



**PLEASE ENROLL ME AS A MEMBER OF THE
100 MILLION DOLLAR CLUB**

I am making a cash contribution at this time of at least \$100.00, which is tax deductible

Make your check payable to **Shriners Hospital for Children**

Name _____

I am a member of _____ Shriners

Signed _____ Shrine No. _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please have certificate read (Name) _____

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

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Phone: 913-451-1860 / Web: www.JohnsonCountyChapel.com

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Funeral Chapel

8201 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park, KS 66204

Phone: 913-648-6224 / Web: www.OverlandParkChapel.com

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*Johnson County Funeral Chapel
 & Memorial Gardens Proudly
 Supports Abdallah Shrine.*

Jack Clark & Bennie Smith



**50/50
Raffle**

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



Abdallah Coffee Club

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

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

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

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

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

Looking forward to seeing you there!

For breakfast RSVP to:

Jerry Ogden

imastar@kc.rr.com



PCM



Permanent Contributing Membership

***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 Brian Wilson, P.P.

816-520-8315

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Attention:

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

Nobles and Ladies

Come Visit the Abdallah Oasis on

BIRTHDAY FRIDAY!

It happens on the

1st Friday, 7pm

Every Month.

On your birth month you donate \$25, and all attendees enjoy a refreshment 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!



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Children's™**

be**ashriner**now.com

William "Bill" P. Leonard, 32° KCCH
Personal Representative



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Orient of Kansas



5201 W 75th St., Prairie Village KS 66208
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billleonard@gmail.com

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 inter-
est in your group. email your article to:
abdallahplayground30@gmail.com



ShrinersRacing.com

ABDALLAH Shriner’s Business & Professional Sponsorship Directory

AUTO BODY REPAIR

R & B Auto—Auto Body Repair
 913-839-7309
 randbauto66083@yahoo.com

BARBER

Mikes Barber Shop 913-764-9767
 Mike, Jack, & Megan
 219 S. Kansas Ave. Olathe, KS 66061

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ABDALLAH Advertising Order Form

DATE: _____

Company Name: _____

Contact: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Line 1	_____	\$10	_____
Line 2	_____	\$10	_____
Line 3	_____	\$10	_____
Line 4	_____	\$10	_____
Line 5	_____	\$10	_____
Line 6	_____	\$10	_____
Outline	Yes No	\$10	_____
Bold	Yes No	\$10	_____
Grid	Yes No	\$10	_____
		Total	_____

ELECTIVE DIVAN

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	
High Priest & Prophet— Tony Pagel	913-927-9127
tony@creativerestorationskc.com	
Oriental Guide - Bruce Fischbach (Maribeth)	913-909-6381
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

First Ceremonial Master - Rob Swecker (Renee)	913-738-6019
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	

LIVING PAST POTENTATES

Robert Caplinger - 1968	816-214-5283
David G. Allison - 1987	913-849-3766
Glenn Hamilton - 1990	913-383-8232
Larry D. Gaston - 1995	913-856-7277
Fred Hope - 1997	913-772-7077
Floyd Fleming - 1999	785-248-3566
Lyle Smith - 2000	913-782-3767
Lee Wilson - 2001	913-522-8825
Edward A. McConwell - 2004	913-432-7005
Gerald (Jerry) Jeffries - 2005	913-851-1120
Bill Hammer - 2006	913-782-3692
Douglas Smith - 2007	913-909-8040
Chris Muro - 2008	913-384-0859
Gary Bennett - 2009	913-980-3303
Don Best - 2010	913-940-3956
Nick Turner - 2011	913-441-9555
Mike Tavares - 2012	913-727-1846
Kevin Larson - 2014	913-780-4246
Tim Williams - 2015	816-308-7575
Garry Dial - 2016	913-579-8336
Jeff Johnson - 2017	913-207-9144
Bennie Smith - 2018	913-449-0987
Doug Voss - 2019	913-206-5400
Brian Wilson - 2020	816-520-8315
Chris Zugelder - 2021	913-378-8199
Herb Merrick - 2022	913-683-3041
Darrel Schrader (Kem - 1993).....	701-370-1280

ABDALLAH SHRINE BUILDING ASSOCIATION

All Elected Divan Officers plus

Benny Harper (2019 - 2023)	913-449-1478
Jeff Johnson P.P. (2020 - 2024).....	913-927-9129
Ralph Anderton (2021 - 2025)	913-669-0538
Lynn Baker (2022 - 2026)	913-486-2555
Kevin Larson P.P. (2023 - 2027)	913-787-7308

ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING MANAGERS

Ken Holliday	913-599-0276
Tom Oliphant	913-299-0845
Joe Hobbs	913-271-6200
Randy Mahan	913-329-3757
Blaine Miller	913-831-3031
Gary Folk	913-638-2848
Randy Bennett	816-260-8357

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND APPOINTMENTS

Bingo Chairman		
Chief Aide		
Communications & PR	Mike Guilinger	913-948-1501
Hospital Board – St. Louis	Ed McConwell	913-449-5301
Assoc. Board—St. Louis	Bill Leonard	913-593-5890
Transportation Coordinator	Joe Hobbs	913-908-9222
Insurance Committee	Ed McConwell P.P.	913-449-5301
	Garry Dial P.P.	913-579-8336
	Ed Alft	913-488-8310
	Leonard Buddebohm	913-367-5246
Investment Committee	Garry Dial P.P.	913-579-8336
KSB Board of Directors	Allen Baiamonte	816-204-0945
	Frank Shell	913-638-7522
	Dr. Callen Martin	641-919-4949
	Ed McConwell P. P.	913-262-0605
Legal Counsel		
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Masonic Coordinator	Herb Merrick P.P.	913-683-3041
Membership Chairman	Roy Samuel	913-269-7169
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Onion Sales Chairman	Tony Pagel	913-927-9129
Parade Marshal	Chris Harrison	913-980-7462
Parliamentarian	Leonard Buddenbohm	913-367-5246
PCM Chairman	Brian Wilson P.P.	816-520-8315
Playground Editor	Jerry Ogden	816-260-8882
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Red Zone Committee	Tim Williams P.P.	816-308-7575
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	Sharon Steele	913-492-4436
SHC Golf Event	Kevin Larson P.P.	913-787-7308
Sickness and Distress	Jerry Ogden	816-260-8882

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

November 3rd - Birthday Friday

November 7th - Election Day

November 8th - Coffee Club

November 14th - Stated Meeting

November 18th - Chili Cook-off

November 22nd - Coffee Club

November 23rd - Thanksgiving

November 23-24 - Shrine Office Closed

November 26th - Decorate the Shrine

December 1st - Birthday Friday



Thank you and Stay Safe!

***Get the weekly Update by Signing up for the
Weekly email blast: Abdallah's "What's Happening"***

Send an email to office@abdallahshrine.org and ask to be added to the weekly update email list.