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Fall Ceremonial

Saturday, October 25th



Itinerary

- 08:00 – 08:30 Coffee/donuts
- 08:30 – 09:00 Registration and Fez Fitting
- 09:00 – 10:00 Introductions/Presentations
- 10:00 – 11:00 1st Section
- 11:00 – 11:30 Unit Parade
- 11:30 – 12:30 Lunch
- 12:30 – 01:30 Arch Degree
- 01:30 – 02:30 Awards Ceremony
- 02:30 – 03:30 Unit Expo



See inside for more information and any costs for events

MEMBERSHIP

January 1, 2022	613
Creations	5
Affiliations	4
Restorations	9
Associations	3
Deceased	(18)
Demitted	(4)
Suspended	(0)
Withdrawn	0
Associate Dropped	(2)
Expulsions	0
September 30, 2022	610
Regular members	589
Associate members	21



In memory:

David Paddock

BINGO Schedule - 2022

October	
3	Provost & LoH
10	Trail 70s & Directors Staff
17	Hawg Riders
24	Oriental Band
31	Antique Cars
November	
7	Blue Racers
14	500s
21	Tin Lizzies
28	MisFits

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

Thank you in advance for helping with Bingo. This is one of our biggest fund raisers!

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SHRINE OFFICE HOURS

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



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

**BBQ Pulled Pork, Baked Beans,
Potatoe Chips, Salad, Desert,
Coffee or Tea**
\$12

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



ABDALLAH SHRINERS
STATED MEETING
October 11, 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



Oct 1st

Fred H Hope P.P.
Michael L Ash
Ron White Sr.
James V Stalder

Oct 2nd

James L Morton
Edward H Vandenberg III
Thomas K Bottiger
James E Allen

Oct 3rd

Gregory L Kruger

Oct 4th

Donald L McQuinn
Robert B Pope II
Michael D Johnson II
Brian E Christenson
Blair P McClelland

Oct 5th

Philemon St.Amant II
Earl E Sodders
Kevin L Broderick

Oct 6th

Noel D Tharp

Oct 7th

Billy G Demoss

Oct 9th

Dan D Jennings
Gary J Bilderback

Billy P Joslin

Oct 10th

James D Gilbert
Oscar C Sisemore Jr.

Jerry L Robinson

Oct 12th

Donald S Best P.P.

Oct 14th

Herbert R Taylor
Leonard L Buddenbohm

Oct 15th

Lynn Baker
Gerald H Ogden Jr.

Oct 17th

Gerald E Cole
James E Kessler
James E Smith
David E Dellinger

Oct 18th

Vernon J Clark
Cale L Hollis

Oct 19th

Jeffrey B Scannell

Oct 20th

John N Hansen

Oct 23rd

Charles A Ralston

Oct 24th

Lawrence R Steele

Oct 25th

Norman H Johnson III

Oct 26th

Donald E Childers
Philip A Gicalone SR.

Oct 27th

Bobby T Ware
Bruce R Peterson
Thomas A Carr

Oct 29th

Lawrence V Costa
Donald R McGinnis
Harold W Rector

Timothy A Kelly

Dwayne S Steele

Oct 31st

Willard E Hill
Max D Servais



Wishing YOU
the BEST
birthday ever!

The POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Greetings All,

The summer has flown by and fall is rapidly coming upon us. I would like to thank all the Nobles and Units that have been coming out for parades and events. It is great to see the Antique Cars, the Escorts, the Clowns and Blue Racers out and about at all these events. Thank you for all the efforts. Last months Central States Ceremonial was great fun. Congratulations to both the Provost and Blue Racers for the successes in the competitions they participated in. I also have to thank the efforts of Lady Paula and Lady Deb for the fun and games in the evening. They were successful in bringing fun to CSSA. We also had one of those Shrine moments, when a lady came up and donated \$80 to the hospitals for all tht the Shriners had done for her family. She shared her story, but not her name. It was a great weekend.

We also owe a great thank you to Derby Committee and our Chief Rabban Greg for the planning and execution of the Bash and Crash Derby. Although, we again got weathered out, that should not take away from the outstanding planning and execution of the event. These Nobles came out days before the event and set up the arena with the help of others. But even more important, they spent the day after the event to clean things up and put things away. Plans have already begun for next year's event which will be held at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. I encourage everyone to come out and help set up and take down the event. This year's event showed the additional benefit in building comradery while helping fund the Shrine. If you get a chance, thank these dedicated Nobles for all their hard work.

The next big event is Ceremonial and Awards day. We will welcome our newest Nobles and recognize the service of our members. We are doing a one-day event this year which includes the orientation, the first section, lunch, the Arch Degree for all Nobles and Ladies, the awards ceremony and finally a Unit and Club show chase and social event. Please come out and share the joy of being a Shriner. We are excited about bringing in our new members. If you have someone who wants to come into the Shrine there is still time. We have a meeting just a few days before the Ceremonial, so let's get out and recruit.

We are still looking for help with a number of projects. We have opportunities with several committees like the Bingo Committee and Building Maintenance (aka the Wrecking Crew.) We are also looking for a Media Manager to work on next years Playground and our on-line presence. Let me know or Greg Sippel so we can get a jump on 2023, Thanks to everyone for all the work you do to make things happen, not only in the Shrine but in other fields of Masonic labor.

Yours in the faith,
Herb Merrick, Potentate



Chaplain



By Jerry Ogden

Funny how things happen, especially when we look for the good in life and also the bad. We look for the good, and not so surprisingly we find it or it finds us. When we look or expect the bad, we are almost never disappointed. The bad becomes vivid in our lives. Ever notice that whether the good or bad comes into our lives, they seem to influence how we feel, what we think and say. Too often, the bad seems to take a stronger hold on us and stays longer. Maybe, that's because we seem to see more bad than good.

If you believe that God only blesses us with all good things in life, then it seems that evil forces are the root of all things bad. God loves us so much that causing bad things to happen to his children simply doesn't seem possible. He created us to be happy and fruitful in life. He did not create us to be sad, angry or resentful for the bad things that He did not create.

In Heaven, where God is, there is only the good. In life on Earth, there is God's good. and then there is the bad that only Evil can cause. We are blessed with God's love and tempted by Evil's temptations. Having a relationship with God is the only way to withstand all that tempts us.

"The highway of the upright avoids evil; those who guard their ways preserve their lives." Proverbs 16:17

Amen



Wow! The last meeting of the year for TASS Club is October 27th. We'll have our traditional end of the year Steak dinner and election of officers for 2023. If you want to eat, please R.S.V.P. to Ill Sir Kevin via email at retiredosc2017@gmail.com by October 18th.

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

We have plans to put on the A.S.S. degree next spring so keep your eyes out for more information. 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.



Shriners Children's™



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.



Antique and Classic Cars
By Pat Emmett

The Antique and Classic Cars Unit met in the Oasis at Abdallah Shrine. We had a decent turn out with 8 members, Bennie Harper was on hand and so was **Mickey Mikulan as our Divan Rep** for the evening.

We covered the net balance in the unit bank account and discussed the sad goodbye to our 1948 Pontiac. The car left Bennie Harpers lot and headed to Pasadena, Texas. Miguel Yanez took the vehicle and made a \$500 donation to the unit.



Our Unit was busy in August and September attending Parades. We went to the Leavenworth Parade in Tonganoxie, the Bonner Springs Parade and the DeSoto parade. Kind of odd being the only parade unit representing Abdallah Shrine. We are

looking forward to the Atchison Halloween parade which is always so much fun with all of the costumed children. We visited the Armacost Museum in Grandview, MO to view two floors of spectacular collector antique cars for a charitable event. Lots of car shows coming up in October that we'll be attending.

In October, we have **Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 30th**. Bring your car, decorate it or wear a costume and hand out candy. This is a community outreach event. Everyone is welcome. We are **asking all Nobels to donate bags of candy**. Please drop them off at the Shrine Office.

We miss Ronnie and Barbie but Mickey did an excellent job. We hope to see more of them.

Fall Ceremonial Mickey said there are five going through the **Hot Sands** this year and that Ceremonial will only be one day, Saturday, October 15th. If you are a Noble who has not committed to a Unit and you're reading this article, you are invited to bring your lady and visit the Antique and Classic Cars. We are a very active Unit that has a love of anything automotive. Join us at any of our meetings but call first. We often meet at restaurants and we frequently go to car shows and car museums. No special car or truck is required to belong. 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 when not meeting at a restaurant. You are welcome to join us. We accept affiliate members from other Units.



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**Abdallah
Golfing
Nomads**



**Blue
Blazer
Club**



By Roger Miller,

The weather has been fantastic even if our golf prowess isn't. But, we have a great time. Join us at Sunflower Hills on Thursdays at 8 am.

August 25th

Closest to pin #4-Roger Miller, #13 – Dick Strong
Closest to pin in 2 -#16 – Tim Williams
Long Drive #10 – under 80 – Ken Courtney;
over 80 – Roger Miller
Long Putt -#9 – Tim Williams; #18 – Roger Miller
Birdies: Dick Strong and Tim Williams – 2; Roger Miller- 1

September 1

Closest to pin #4 – Tim Williams; #13 – Roger Miller
Closest to pin in 2 - #16 – Roger Miller
Long Drive #10 -under 80 – Bob Hansen;
over 80 – Dick Strong
Long Putt #18 – Tim Williams
Eagle #17; Jeff Johnson & Dick Strong; Birdies:
Roger Miller, Tim Williams, Dick Strong and Pat Emmet – 1

September 8

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

September 15

Closest to pin #4 – Pat Emmett #13 – Bob Hansen
Closest to pin in 2 - #16 – Dick Strong
Long Drive #14 – under 80 – Bob Hansen; over 80 – Dick Strong
Long Putt #18 – Pat Emmett
Birdies – Roger Miller - 1

Abdallah Shriners would like to honor you as a Blue Blazer member at the October Stated Meeting. Your enthusiasm and dedication for Shriners is felt by all of us at Abdallah. Membership is critical to the longevity and vitality of our Fraternity and that is what the Blue Blazer represents. It is time we honored those that have thrived to keep our organization moving. To honor you, during the meeting you will be recognized for your service.

I would ask that you wear your Blue Blazer but understand that shrinking is a problem.

Prior to the October Stated meeting, as Potentate of Abdallah, I would be pleased to treat you to dinner for attending.

One lucky Blue Blazer Noble will receive next year's (2023) membership dues paid by the Illustrious Sir Glenn Hamilton PP. The attending members of the elite Blue Blazer Club names will be placed in a Fez and a Noble's name will be drawn. The winner will win next years' dues. If already paid, the winner will receive the equivalent in cash.





By Robert Swecker
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 swlen4@gmail.com

The Abdallah provost competed in pistol and shotgun shooting competitions with other Shriners at the 2022 CSSA event in Wichita, Kansas. The teams brought home a total of 8 awards to Abdallah. Congratulations to the shooting teams.

The provost always has room for those interested in the sport of shooting. We practice pistol shooting at 5:00 PM on the first Tuesday of the month at the Bullet Hole shooting range, followed by our meeting at 6:30, upstairs at Abdallah.

We practice trap and sporting clays Sunday mornings at 10:00 at Powder Creek Shooting Park. You're missing a good time if you have not tried either of these events.

Thank you to the provost members that volunteered to work at this year's Bull Bash. Some of us received donations from the spectators as they left—some shared stories of the Shriner's impact on their families.

Thank you to the provost members that volunteered to work security for the Greater Kansas Pipe Club.

Provost Bingo night is October 3rd.

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By Mickey Mikulan

“THE LAUGH”

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. Come join our Ladies for discussions on how to solve the problems of the world.

**TAKE ADVANTAGE of ACTIVITIRS YOUR TEM-
 PLE HAS SCHEDULED - BRING a FRIEND!**

SEEK to be worth knowing
 rather than be well known!!!!

Nobles,

This is a special request for donations of candy for Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 30, 2022. Please bring your donation of individually wrapped candy to the Shrine Office. Candy will be handed out to children attending the event.

Thank you!

Patrick W. Emmett

President, Antique and Classic Cars

913-744-6347

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ORIENTAL BAND

By Roy Samuel, III

Music, older than civilization, the first man/woman celebrated in sounds of their conquest. Later in time, people joined together making sounds that accentuated each other. That brings us to the Abdallah Oriental Band, we work to bring sound, color and spirit to our Brothers and Sisters as a last thread in Shrinedom to continue the Middle East theme which has almost all but disappeared. As we all know our Units and Clubs are shrinking, some gone, as a last stand there are a few of us in the Band that wish sincerely to keep the tradition alive. This is so close to home that the ASOBCS (Association of Shrine Oriental Bands of Central States) could not sustain itself and was forced to disband (lack of members to take office). The group as a whole is not gone, many gentlemen agreements stand to continue the traditions, and we are not gone.

As hard as it is to find new members, many of you know and have performed with us, the Oriental Band has provisions for non-Active members to perform with the OB. This is open to any Noble with a Unit/Club or not, to perform on an as needed/ desired basis. If you belong to a U/C or not but do not parade you are welcome to join OB on our trailer maybe a performance. NO musical experience needed. The Band will provide everything, costumes, instruments, laughs, ribbing, etc. Contact a Band member and the Oriental Band will get you started.



Blue Racers & their ladies showed up in force at CSSA in Wichita this year. 6 competed in the Motor Corp Obstacle Course competition (Robert Gifford, Bob Hansen, Chris Harrison, Nabeel Jamil, Tim Williams, & Chris Zugelder) with 2 crew chiefs (Charlie Dave Lang & Randy Mahan). The team brought home a 3rd place trophy in the 4 wheel medium class.

NOVEMBER 5th - Please join us for a 50's Sock Hop.....Gone Wrong.....A Murder Mystery Dinner. Invite your friends to come to this fun event. The Murder Mystery Company is back to perform another great show....."A Dance Till Death", sure to be an entertaining night for all. Tickets are \$30 each & that includes live theater, dinner (salad, spaghetti & dessert) with soft drinks. A Cash Bar will be available. Be sure to get your reservations in before October 30th to Illustrious Sir Chris Zugelder at ZUGELDER@ieeee.org or text 913-378-8199.

The unit meets on the 4th 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.

October Birthday
Blair McClelland - 10/4



By Ken Holliday

Ralph and Linda Anderton hosted a Labor Day weekend potluck for 34 Escorts and Tin Lizzies. It was superb. The weather, the food, and the people were perfect. See picture below.

As always, the Escorts and a few others, most notably Jimmy Smith, his beautiful daughter Carla and PP Glen Hamilton handled the parking for Friday night's Bull Bash.

We had another potluck for our meeting on September 14th. Jeff Johnson served his always perfect brisket.

Sam & Randi Little, Kevin Larson, Jeff & Gloria Johnson and Ken & Marcella Holliday travelled to Las Vegas for the Shriners Hospital PGA golf tournament. This is pretty much an annual event that everyone should consider. Ask your tax advisor about the potential tax deductibility of this charitable activity. You might get a cheap trip out of it.

If you ride on two or three wheels and are looking for a great group that has fun and is a leader in supporting Abdallah and our children's hospital please come to a meeting at the Shrine center on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. We would love to have you.

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

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Message from Your Chief Rabban

This month's message is less words than my Chief Rabban's typical articles have been. This does not distract or corrupt the message as it contains the most powerful and heartfelt conveyance. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address was only 272 words and took less than 2 minutes for Lincoln to present, yet the message was so impactful that it has become known as one of the greatest speeches ever made by an American president. My expectation is not that this message will be as impactful as Lincoln's 10 sentences, but that the message is presented with minimal words but maximum impact.

Nobles, ladies, Shrine families and volunteers: Thank you to all that took time out of your busy lives to volunteer your time, energy and funds to the Abdallah Shriners Bull Bash and Demolition Derby held September 9 & 10.

As Chief Rabban and divan coordinator for this event I observed how our Shrine family pulled together and operated truly as a team. From the planning stages, over a year ago, to the tear-down and storing remaining product and reuse items your efforts are acknowledged. My great thanks to the Rodeo Committee that held together and helped, not just me, but the entire Shrine pulling off this event. The number of people who helped us, is too numerous to list here. We thank all of you.

My personal goal was to make this event a "memorable" event since it likely would be the last at the present location in Tonganoxie. To that end, I believe it was. Maybe not exactly as I had hoped it would be "memorable", but it will be remembered. The past few years that MaryEllen and I have camped on-site are extremely memorable to us. This is a thanks to all of you that kept us going and entertained at the same time. The friendship and generosity you have provided us is very much appreciated.

At the end of the day, this event was an absolute operational success thanks to all of you. Competition for entertainment on Friday night with a local high school football rivalry game and NASCAR event less than 15 miles away were unforeseen and unknown during the planning stages over a year prior. Saturday's weather situation that required the cancellation of the evening show was personally very disappointing. This should not and does not distract from the hard-work and efforts MaryEllen and I observed from the very special people of Abdallah Shrine.

Thank you from our heart.

May there be Peace in our Time.

Greg & MaryEllen Sippel
Chief Rabban 2022

Never to early to start preparing for Next Year!

Please join us at our

50's

SOCK HOP

FROM THE 50's

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!

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



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ABDALLAH SHRINERS FALL CEREMONIAL OCTOBER 15TH

Abdallah Units/Clubs,

You and your Ladies are cordially invited to attend and support the 2022 Fall Ceremonial, being held on 15 October. This is our opportunity for each unit or club to meet each new Noble and Lady; to participate in our own mini parade and explain what you do during our very own unit and club expo. Remember, the limitations on membership have been modified this year so a new Noble may be involved in several areas if they are interested.

Itinerary

08:00 – 08:30 Coffee/donuts

08:30 – 09:00 Registration and Fez Fitting

09:00 – 10:00 Welcome, good morning and introductions/orientation

Where we come from, Our shrine Fraternity

Our Abdallah History

Hospital Video Presentation

Getting to Know the Candidates

10:00 – 11:00 1st Section

11:00 – 11:30 Parade

11:30 – 12:30 Lunch

12:30 – 1:30 Arch Degree

01:30 – 2:30 Awards Ceremony

Fez Ceremony

The Old Red Fez

Potentate's Closing Remarks

Unit Expo

R.S.V.P. to the Abdallah office by September 19th, 2022, to help properly plan for meals.

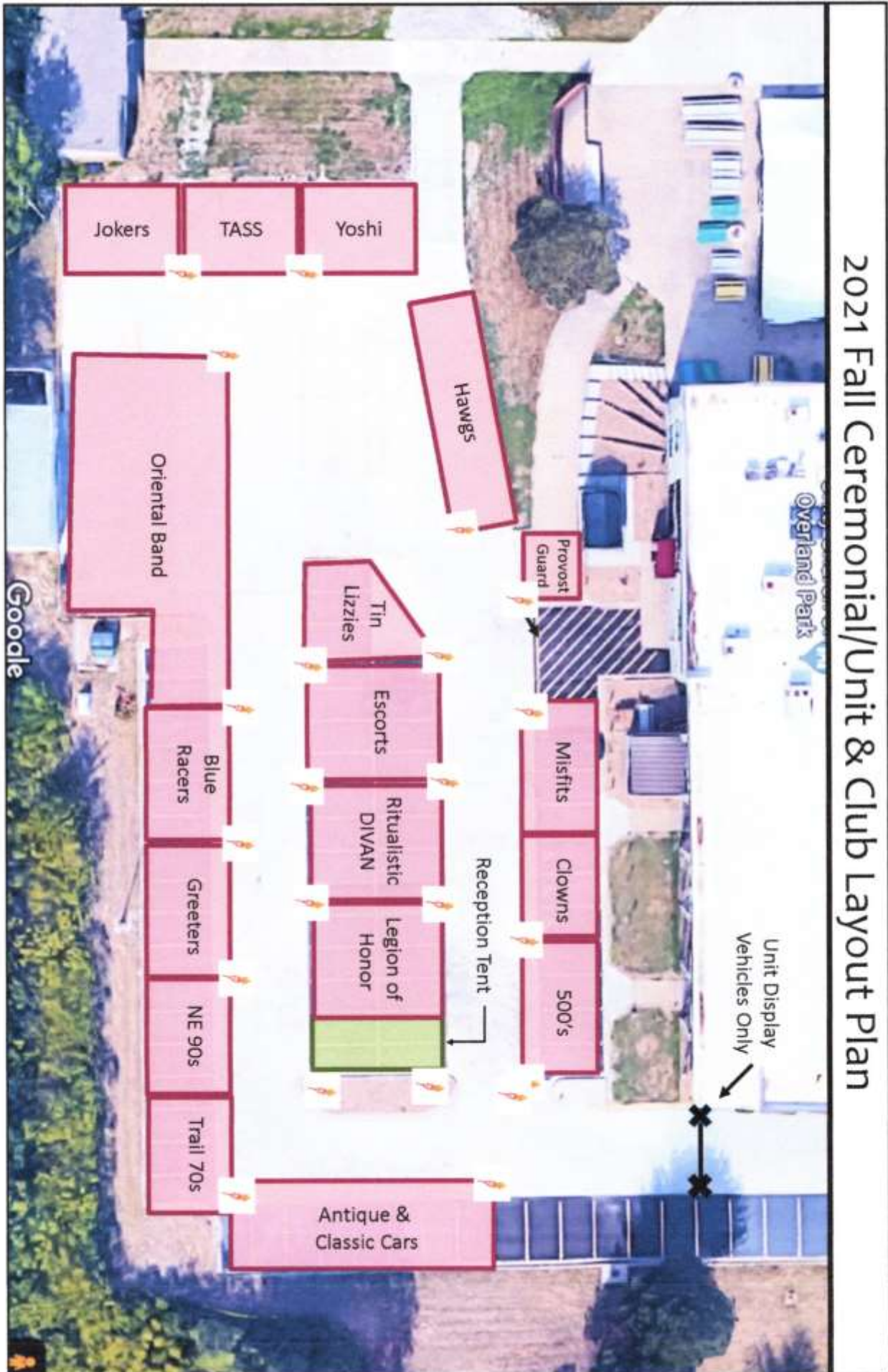
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tina in the Shrine office, who will be glad to provide any information, (913) 362-5300, or email at office@abdallahshrine.org.

If you have any questions about Ceremonial Unit Expo placement or Ceremonial in general, please feel free to contact me by cell (913) 237-8874, or email at klasic_mustang_lvr@yahoo.com.

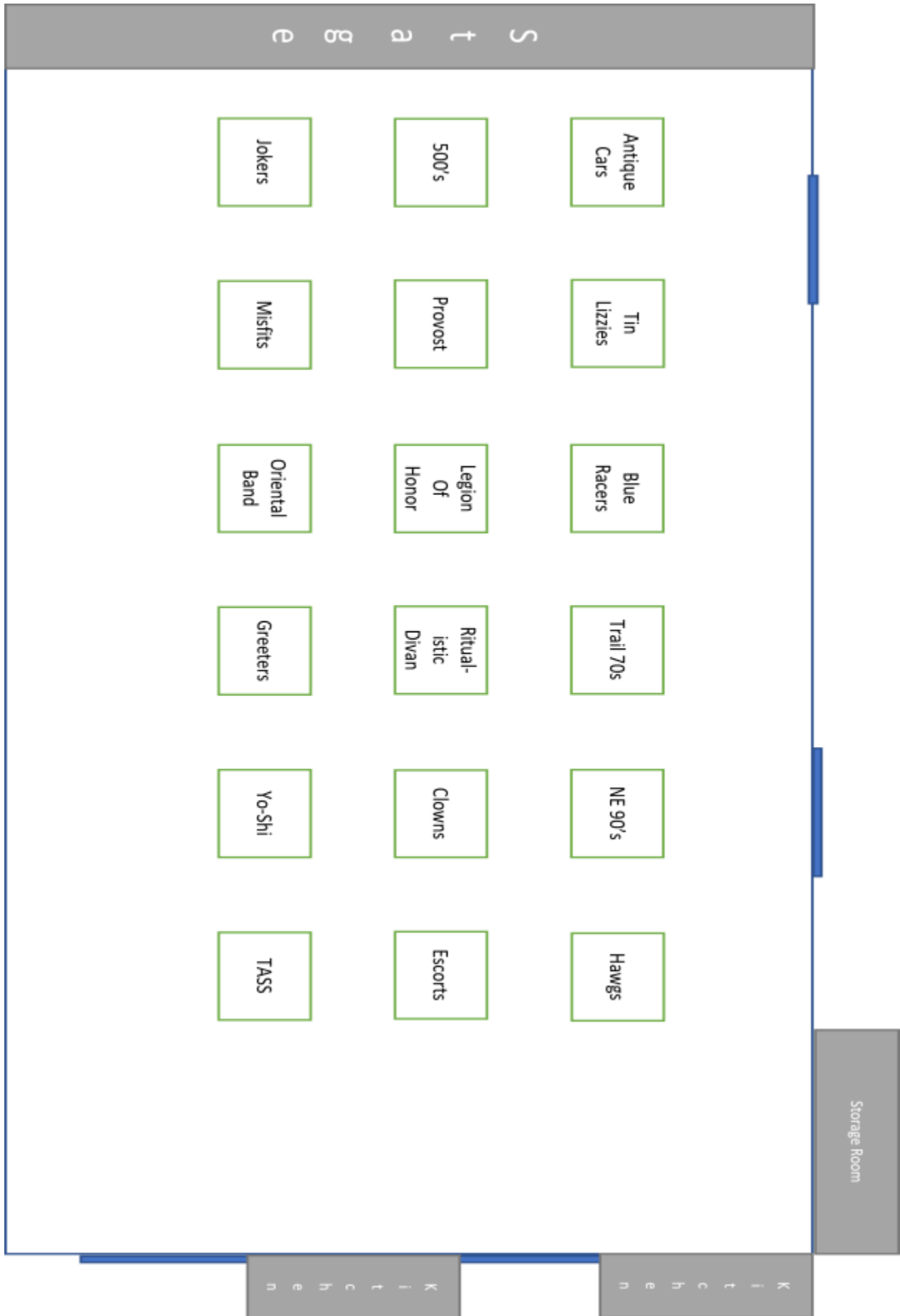
Fraternally,

Mitch Carter

1st Ceremonial Master



In the case of Inclement weather, the Expo will be inside





Lenexa Masonic Lodge #135

55TH Annual Smorgasbord

Beef, Pork, Turkey, Cheesy Corn, scalloped Potatoes, Baked Beans, Drinks and Desserts.

Saturday, October 22nd, 2022

11:00 am to 2:00 pm

13417 W. 94th Street (94th & Pflumm)

Lenexa, Kansas 66215



Tickets available from Lenexa Lodge

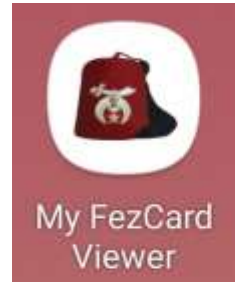
Members and at the door.

Cash, Check or Credit Cards accepted.

Adults \$12.00

Children (3-10) \$6.00

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.

CSSA Awards



Provost



Blue Racers

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.

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: **Register**
- 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.

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: **Log in**

Abdallah Shrine



10th Annual Trunk or Treat
Units, Clubs & Individuals are
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Sunday, Oct. 30th, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Abdallah Parking Lot

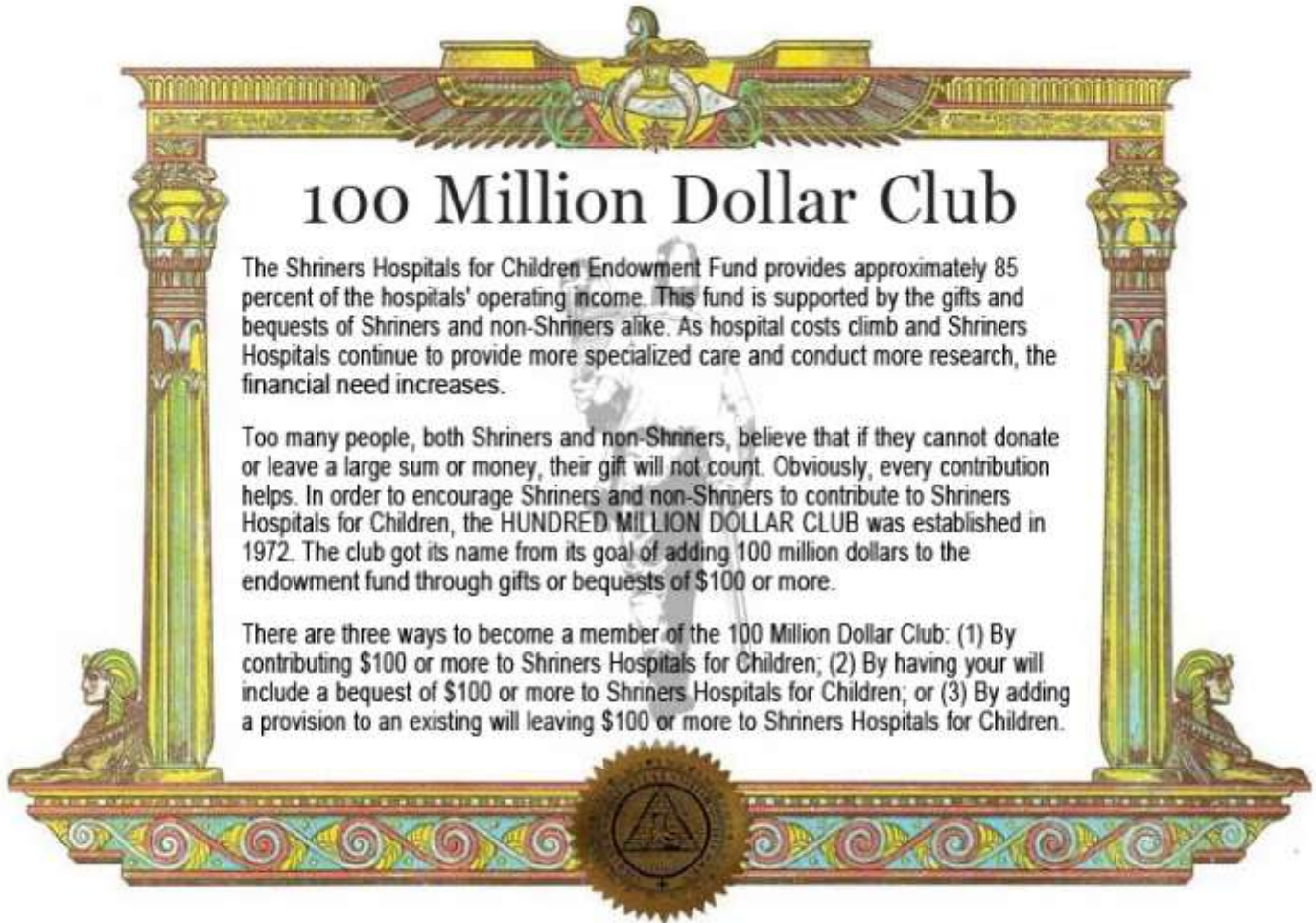
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Abdallah Coffee Club

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!

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Looking forward to seeing you there!

For breakfast RSVP to:
Jerry Ogden
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Come Visit the Abdallah Oasis on

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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 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

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hmerrick@kc.rr.com	
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gcsippel@gmail.com	
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randbauto66083@yahoo.com	
<i>High Priest & Prophet - Chris Robertson (Paula Luna)</i> ...	913-940-8666
Regiscrob@aol.com	
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dmm1211@hotmail.com	
<i>Treasurer - Mike Guilinger (Deb)</i>	913-948-1501
mikeguilinger@gmail.com	
<i>Recorder - Bennie Smith P.P. (Debbie Sullivan)</i>	913-449-0987
benmaltrev@gmail.com	

APPOINTIVE DIVAN

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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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rmahan50@gmail.com	
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garyf@kc.rr.com	
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	Allen Baiamonte	816-204-0945
	Frank Shell	913-638-7522
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Upcoming Events

The Abdallah Shrine Office hours are 9AM - 4PM Monday to Friday.

October 1st - Temple Clean Up

October 1st - CANCELLED - Spaghetti Dinner

October 7th - Birthday Friday

October 8th - Fish Fry

October 11th - Stated Meeting

October 12th - Coffee Club

October 15th - Ceremonial Day

October 17th - RedZone Meeting

October 19th - Café Oasis Revisited

October 26th - Coffee Club

October 26th - Membership Committee

October 30th - Trunk or Treat

November 4th - Birthday Friday

November 5th - Murder Mystery Dinner

Thank you and Stay Safe!



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Send an email to office@abdallahshrine.org and ask to be added