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Notice: There will be a Special Meeting of Abdallah Shriners for the sole purpose of voting on petitions at 8:00 AM on Saturday, October 7, 2023 in Meeting Room 2.

CEREMONIAL - 7TH

Fish Fry - 14th

Murder Mystery - 21st

Trunk or Treat - 22nd

Halloween Party - 28th

MEMBERSHIP

January 1, 2023	590
Creations	3
Affiliations	0
Restorations	4
Associations	2
Deceased	(18)
Demitted	(2)
Suspended	(3)
Withdrawn	0
Associate Dropped	(1)
Expulsions	0
October 31, 2023	575
Regular members	555
Associate members	20



In memory:

John Beasley

BINGO Schedule - 2023

October

- 2 Misfits**
- 9 Greeters**
- 16 Clowns & Jokers**
- 23 TASS**
- 30 Escorts**

November

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

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

Stuffed bell peppers, 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 STATED MEETING



ABDALLAH AUDITORIUM
5300 Metcalf, Overland Park, KS 66202
Tuesday, October 10, 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



October 1st

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

October 2nd

Gerald L Dickey
James L Morton
Thomas K Bottiger
Edward H Vandenberg III

James E Allen

October 3rd

Gregory L Kruger

October 4th

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

October 6th

Philemon St.Amant II
Earl E Soddors
Kevin L Broderick

October 7th

Noel D Tharp

October 8th

Billy G Demoss

October 9th

Dan D Jennings
Gary J Bilderback
Billy P Joslin

October 10th

James D Gilbert
Oscar C Sisemore Jr.
Jerry L Robinson

October 11th

Blair G Snyder

October 12th

Donald S Best P.P.

October 14th

Herbert R Taylor
Leonard L Buddenbohm

October 15th

Lynn Baker
Gerald H Ogden Jr.

October 17th

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

October 18th

Vernon J Clark
Cale L Hollis

October 19th

Ollie R Guinn
Jeffrey B Scannell

October 20th

John N Hansen

October 23rd

Gary Benefield

October 24th

Lawrence R Steele

October 25th

Norman H Johnson III

October 26th

Donald E Childers

Philip A Gicalone SR.

October 27th

Bobby T Ware
Bruce R Peterson
Thomas A Carr

October 29th

Lawrence V Costa
Donald R McGinnis

Harold W Rector

Timothy A Kelly

Dwayne S Steele

October 31st

Willard E Hill

Max D Servais

Wishing YOU
the BEST
Birthday ever!



The POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Greetings from the Potentate,

Abdallah Shriners in September and October are filled with fresh Autumn air, fun activities, food, parades and friendship abounds. The Tin Lizzies put on a fantastic Shrimp dinner on Saturday September 16th. Tons of hot boiled shrimp, corn, potatoes and cake desserts. As always, there was a full-house of diners that enjoyed the dinner and great conversation. Being a seafood lover, I guarantee this Potentate had his fair share. Thanks to all

the Tin Lizzies, good planning, they worked hard and made the evening a terrific success.

On September 23 the Greeter's had their Annual Italian Fiesta. Spaghetti & Pasta with their famous "Tony Giordano sauce recipe". In recent years, the Greeter's have experienced membership reductions but they have been able to maintain their annual Italian dinner, a 30+ year tradition. Thanks to the kind assistance of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Scottish Rite for helping.



Autumn in the Kansas Flint Hills

Several Shriners helped Overland Park Masonic Lodge with their presence at the Overland Park Fall Festival. We wore shrine shirts and fez, advertising Shriners, but our real goal was to promote Overland Park Masonic Lodge #436. W:M: Jacob Davisson is one of our younger Nobles. We need to provide him plenty of support. Making new Masons, makes new Shriners.

September 30 is the Cajun party. As of this writing it again looks to be Abdallah's premier event. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Tickets are \$30 per person for Cajun boil food and drinks. Music provided by the Nace Brothers (a great Kansas City cover band). laissez le bon temps rouler.

Ceremonial is October 7. We need Shriners and their Ladies to attend! We're planning our regular opening ceremonies, then a "Nobles only" ceremonial for new nobles. This will be followed by a Parade in the entry drive and lunch (provided). Come meet Kasey Stottlemire our 2023 Rodeo Queen. She's been a great cheerleader and representative for Abdallah Shriners. Later in the day we will present Service, Blue Jacket awards and new candidate fezzing. Finally, the end of the day a Unit & Club Expo. Let's show these new Nobles and their Ladies they've made the right choice to join our Shrine family.

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The Tin Lizzies are doubling-down on events following last months Shrimp dinner with a Fish Fry on Oct 14. The Blue Racers are having their Murder Mystery on Oct 21; it's an 80s theme this year. Come and try to discover the murderer. You never know, it could be you!

Trunk or Treat is Oct 22. Bring some candy to give away and put on your best scary outfit. It's always a fun evening to have kids from the neighborhood and show them a good time. I think the parents enjoy it too. It's another way to exhibit what we do as Shriners.

As you can see, the theme this month is "Thank You to all Abdallah Shrine Units and Clubs". It not just a thank you from Lady MaryEllen and I for this year but for the past 8 years we've been on the 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 sole 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.

Your efforts are not unnoticed. Keep up the good work.

Next month: "A Special thank you to those who serve our country so proudly"

May there be Peace in Our Time.

Ill. Sir Greg Sippel & Lady MaryEllen

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Official Presentation from this year's Golf Event to the St Louis Board of Governors on September 17th.



The Recorder's Ramblings

By Herb Merrick

September has been busy, and October will be even more so with activities in the building every weekend. October will also see several weekday rentals. There is only one open weekend between now and December. Which brings me to the subject of 2024 activity requests, units and clubs need to be getting them in now so you can get the dates you desire, and they can get into next year's activity book. So please turn them into the office and we will get them into the board of directors for approval and on to those putting the calendar book together. If you are going to need support for your activity, building managers or security, we also need that, so we also need to do a contract. These are fun events for everyone in the membership and fund raising for individual units.

Thanks to all those who have been helping with Bingo. It has been really picking up. Noble Jim Kessler has done a lot of behind the scenes work on the machine and AV. He has also been scouting the competition and we are doing several new things and have more planned in the coming months. Noble Chris Snell is working on helping with the management. This is another calendar book issue as some of our units and clubs face changes as the schedule for 2024 is being worked. We can always use some help with that.

The shrine needs your help with our rental events. We need building managers and other assistances with other parts of the rental process so if you have the time and opportunity, please step up for the chance to be part of the team on this. It looks like we will have a very busy fall with several events that can be used to help. We have events not only on weekends, but also during the weekdays.

Again, it is time to say thanks to all those who are helping with things around the Shrine. The office really appreciates all the great things the Nobility is doing. The office thanks you for your help and understanding. Whether it is unit events, taking care of the grounds and the building, working bingo, being a building manager or the provost during a rental, or helping with the office work; your efforts are helping make things work for us. We do need lead time as we have limited staff to get things done, so at least two weeks if possible more is better and don't feel that you are being rude if you follow up we expect that and will be glad to give you an update. Please come out and be part of the fun. We really look forward to seeing each and every one of you at our next event.



From the Treasurer's Desk:


As we approach the end of yet another year, we look to start our future plans with elections of officers for your Units. As you change officers, there are many times that your bank documents need updated. Please remember, Shriners International By-laws require the Abdallah Shriners Treasurer to be one of the signatories on ALL bank accounts. They also require all bank accounts to be listed with the Abdallah EIN or a specific EIN if issued to the group as a separate entity. The use of personal social security numbers on any shrine funds, Unit, Club, Committee or other, is strictly prohibited. If you have questions on this please contact the Abdallah Treasurer or Recorder. There are still a few groups who have not yet complied with this by-laws and we must become compliant in 2024.

Year end reporting information will be made available in Mid-December and the deadline for the 2023 reports is January 31, 2024 and must include the January 2023 year opening balance and the December 2023 bank statements year end value.

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

'Revenge'. The word can imply a negative connotation. It can also conjure up a sense of completion – getting even with someone for something they did to us or others.

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines revenge as:

1. A desire for vengeance or retribution motivated to 'get even'.
2. An opportunity for getting satisfaction.

In other words, sometimes we seek revenge as a way of a payback. So, we get our payback with a comment or action. How does that make us feel? For starters, it can make us feel worse. We realize we have stooped to the same level as the other guy. We also begin to realize that getting even is a waste of time. Now, we are caught in something of a conundrum. Getting even doesn't change the original indiscretion, and it may actually make the situation worse. We may have created 'a mountain out of a molehill'. What started out as one bad comment or action has now become other bad comments or actions by us.

What does God see when we seek revenge? Proverbs 20:22 tells us, '...revenge is neither ours to seek or dispense.' Then, what's the answer? Maybe forgiveness. God forgives us every time we behave in a way not according to His Plan. He has set before us an example; a way He says we can live by if we but believe in Him. Shouldn't we then show forgiveness to others, especially when it so difficult to do so? So easy to say, yet so blessed difficult to do.

Amen



Shriners
Children's™



By Mystery Writer

Ronnie White's Potentate 2024 trip presentation was a big success, with as many as 30 rooms already reserved. Sounds like a fun and affordable trip. There are a lots of Tin Lizzies signed up. Get your deposit in soon.

Birthday Friday was fun; not too many people there but plenty of food and drinks to go around. You all were missed. Hope to see you next month. The people that went to CSSA had a great time. Sure missed it this year.

Our Shrimp Dinner was successful despite the rain and hail. Thanks to Erick Foster and all his Cookers, the kitchens workers and the girls working the floor. Got lots of Complements on the food. Thanks to all that came and the worked.

Happy Birthday to the following for the Month of October.

Brian Christenson	10-4
Ike Sisemore	10-10
Deb Sullivan	10-19

Not much news this month.!

Stay cool and hydrated

Life's biggest tragedy is we get old too soon and wise too late.

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.



Antique and Classic Cars

The Antique and Classic Cars met at the Shrine in the Oasis for our September meeting. We had a good showing of members and we discussed upcoming events. Coming up soon, the Unit made a motion and passed it agreeing to participate in the Overland Park Fall Festival, Friday evening September 29th 4:30 – 8:00 PM. This will be held in Thompson Park, 8045 Santa Fe and is across the street from the Overland Park 436 Lodge. We have been asked to bring our classic cars and park on the lawn in front of the lodge. Also, we can hand out candy and invite people to join the Shrine and the Masons. The OP Lodge is planning something to attract people to the lodge property as well.

Steve Christensen suggested participation on Saturday, September 23rd at the Carriage Houses just east of DeSoto on 83rd street. This is a Car Show/Air Show and fee is \$20 each to attend. This is a good time and several members attended.

Unit meeting is October 4th. Unless otherwise notified, the meeting will take place at Abdallah Shrine in the Oasis. Ceremonial is Saturday, October 7th at 9:00AM at the Shrine. Our Unit will once again line up our cars and we'll troll for new members to join our Unit.

We spent time discussing how to get the word out for this year's Trunk or Treat. We'll be hitting social media and passing out fliers to attract people far and wide to attend our candy give-away. The Escorts and the Misfits have been active participants in the past and we look forward to their participation. Whether you plan to attend or not, a candy donation to the temple office will be appreciated. Decorate your car, wear a costume and hand out candy. It's fun!

Ronnie White has asked Units to help out during the Temple Christmas decorations this year. We

were asked to choose a tree to decorate and that will be our mission. We put our bid in to decorate the Oasis Christmas tree. A motion was made and passed to provide automobile themed decorations for the tree. A date will be announced. Decorating should not take too long and it might be fun.

Our Unit is always open to new members and those who would just like to affiliate. An affiliate might belong to another Abdallah Unit. That's okay with us. If you have that special car in your garage and want to hang out with us, we think that's okay. Several times a year we meet at various restaurants, or a member's home for our meetings. We also plan trips to car museums, car cruises and car shows. Look forward to seeing you at one of our meetings. Call Pat Emmett 913-744-6347 for details.

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



The last meeting of 2023 for the Abdallah Social Society will be October 26th. It will be our Traditional Steak Dinner Night so please RSVP to our Secretary before October 19th if you plan to attend.

As usual, we start the Social hour at 5, eat at 6:30 followed by the meeting. Elections of Officers for 2024 will be held that night for President, Vice-President & Secretary/Treasurer..

Tony & Mike made a trip to St. Louis for Board of Governors meeting on 9/17 and presented the Chairman with a Check for \$33,000! We have our work cut out to beat that in 2024.



**Abdallah
Golfing
Nomads**



It has been perfect weather for the Nomad's golfing lately. Join us at around 8 on Thursday mornings at Sunflower Golf Course in Bonner Springs!

August 24th

Closest to the pin #4 – Bob Hansen, #13 – Dick Strong
 Closest to the pin in 2 - #16 – Tim Williams
 Long Putt #18 – Dick Strong
 Birdies – Bob Hansen – 2

August 31st

Closest to pin in 2 - #16 – Dick Strong
 Long Putt # 9 and #18 -Dick Strong
 Long Drive – under 80 – Alan Baiamonte, over 80 – Dick Strong, over 90 – Roger Miller
 Birdies; Roger Miller, Dick Strong and Alan Baiamonte – 1 each

September 7th

Closest to pin # 13 – Bob Hansen
 Closest to pin in 2 - #16 – Bob Hansen
 Long drive #3 – Bob Hansen
 Long Putt # 18 , Roger Miller
 Birdies – Dick Strong – 1

September 14th

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

Abdallah Escorts
 By Ken Holliday

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU. We had the best turnout ever for our golf tournament. The weather was great, and I believe everyone had a good time. One glitch was aggravating though. Our food truck food was great but service left something lacking. We will discuss with the vendor to see if adjustments can be made. If not, we may need to find an alternative. We sincerely apologize to those that had to wait for their food.

The Escorts celebrated the golf tournament by eating out at Stix restaurant on September 13th in lieu of our regular monthly meeting.

At this writing Gloria Johnson is scheduled for knee surgery. We are all hoping this puts an end to her pain.

Six Escort couples rented a six-bedroom house for a long weekend outside of Branson September 22 - 24. The Andertons, Johnsons, Littles, Saylor, Whites and Hollidays all enjoyed the outing. The Wilsons may replace the Johnsons depending on Gloria's surgery. Nothing is wrong about a little R&R.

Larry and Sharon Steele moved into a new home on September 1st. We hope it is everything they were hoping for.

If you 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. This Unit has fun and lots of things to do. You don't have to have a bike. You don't need to ever have ridden a bike or for that matter even like them. We have opened our membership up to anyone that would like to join. See any Escort for details.



Shriners Hospitals
 for Children®



“THE LAUGH”

By Mickey Mikulan

JOKER’S NEXT UNIT MEETING WILL BE ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY IN OCTOBER. 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!

MATURITY IS WHEN YOU KNOW THE OTHER PERSON IS A STONE-COLD LIAR

**YOU SMILE.....
&
LET IT GO!**



Abdallah Provost

By Rob Swecker

There has been a lot going on for the Provosts In the months of August and September.

A wedding reception was held at Abdallah and we provided security. We were in two parades.

At CSSA, we participated in three pistol events and two shotgun events.

It was (Lady) Renee's first time participating in a pistol shooting competition.

On the second shot, she was able to hit a balloon at 25 yards, which isn't easy.

Two awards were brought home by the Provost this year. It was so close that the pistol event winner was determined by how many x's were shot. In the shotgun event, it turned out that one Provost shot well and moved up to the next class. One shot over the cutoff prevented them from receiving an award. There was a positive impact on the overall shotgun team score as a result.

Do not miss next year's CSSA if you were not able to attend this year.



Shriners International

ATTENTION ALL UNITS & CLUBS

The 2024 Calendar is filling up fast and we’re getting requests for outside rentals. If you have activities planned for next year and have not turned in your paperwork for approval and established a contract, you could lose your date. This applies primarily to the Main Hall, Oasis & Patio, and does not effect your normally scheduled meeting dates & rooms, but may effect weekend activities and fundraisers. Building rental of the Main Hall, Oasis & Patio is another source of income to help offset our raising costs of operation.

Blue Blazer Club



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 (2024) 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.

SEE YOU THERE...

ABDALLAH SHRINERS FALL CEREMONIAL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

Itinerary

- 8AM – Special Meeting Room 2
- 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 – 01:00 Blast from the Past
- 01:00 – 02:00 Awards Ceremony
- 02:00 – 04:00 Hospitality



Abdallah Shriner's Fall Ceremonial Itinerary *October 7th 2023*

Abdallah Units and Clubs,

You and your lady are invited to attend and support the 2023 Fall Ceremonial, on October 7th.

We encourage participation in our annual mini parade, then we have the opportunity for our units and clubs to meet each of our new Nobles and their lady to explain what your Unit or Club is all about during our expo.

A new Noble may be involved in more than one unit.

8AM – Special Meeting of the Nobles in Room 2

08:00-0830 Coffee and donuts

08:30-09:00 Registration and Fez fitting.

09:00-10:00 Welcome, good morning and introductions/Orientations

Where we come from, our Shrine fraternity

Abdallah History

Hospital video presentation

Getting to know the candidates

10:00-11:00 First section (Ladies will retire to Oasis during the First section)

11:00-11:30 Unit Mini-Parade (Ladies will join Nobles)

11:30-12:30 Lunch

12:30-1:00 Blast from the Past

Video presentation

Abdallah Rodeo Queen

1:00-2:00 Awards ceremony,

Fez ceremony

The Old Red Fez

Potentates closing remarks

R.S.V.P. to the Abdallah office by September 19th, 2023 to help properly plan for lunches.

For assistance with questions, please contact Naomi in the Shriner office 913-362-5300

For questions about Ceremonial Unit Expo placement or Ceremonial in general contact Rob Swecker 330-531-2741

Faternally,

Robert Swecker, 1st Ceremonial Master

★ ★ ★ FUNDRAISING ★ ★ ★

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



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October 21, 2023 - 6:00pm
Abdallah Shrine
5300 Metcalf Ave.
Overland Park, KS 66202

Tickets are \$35 per person: Purchase from a Blue Racer member, through Venmo @Rebecca-Williams-1128 or Paypal @Potentate2021

Ticket includes salad, dinner, dessert & an interactive murder mystery show.

Guests should come totally decked out in their best 80's outfit. The best costumed dude & dudette will leave the night with an award.



Questions: Call Becky @ 913-575-4992

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

Abdallah Shrine



11th Annual Trunk or Treat

Units, Clubs & Individuals are
Welcomed & Encouraged to Participate!

Sunday, Oct. 22nd, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Abdallah Parking Lot

Candy donations are appreciated—please drop off at the office.

Pot-luck/chili celebration in the Oasis following event.



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HALLOWEEN PARTY

Cash bar by "the Oasis"

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28th.

7 P.M. - 11 P.M.

For details see
ILL sir. Bennie Smith or Ronnie White

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awarded for
best
costumes

5300 Metcalf Ave Overland Park Kansas 66202

Website: www.abdallahplayground.com

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Lenexa Masonic Lodge #135

57TH Annual Smorgasbord and

150 year re-dedication.

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

Saturday, October 21nd, 2023

Smorgasbord: 11:00AM to 2:00PM

Re-dedication ceremony 2:30PM to 3:30PM

(Cake and ice cream served) – No Charge

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

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

ALL Playground Submissions

As we look to move forward with the necessary changes to the Playground newspaper which will allow us to get back to a printed and mailed publication, please make note of the following changes:

All articles and advertisements must be received via email at abdallaplayground30@gmail.com.

Articles should be submitted as a Word document or text with-in the email. NO hand written scans or other file formats are permitted including **pdf** files. Word or text documents my NOT contain any graphics. If you have information that you want published and it contains graphics, submit it as a jpg or png file format. We will NOT spend the time to recreate your submission if not provided in the proper format as describe above.

All Advertisements must be submitted electronically as a picture format file, either **jpeg or png** files. We will **NOT** except any other file format including pdf, PowerPoint files or hard copy that requires scanning. Also, do NOT ask to update last year’s ad as that will NOT happen! Ads must be of the size in the chart below. Additionally, ALL advertisements must adhere to Shriners International Fundraising Policies & Procedures, which states All advertisements must include a **Statement of Purpose and a Disclosure**. (See next page) Disclosure **MUST** be as the exact wording as specified in the guidelines, i.e. *“Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions”*. Any other wording is not acceptable and your ad will **NOT** be included in the publication. Remember this policy applies to ALL advertising of any Shrine event, Posters, Flyers, Handouts, ect...

As the Playground Publication is managed and published outside of the Abdallah office buy several different volunteers, please do **NOT** contact the Abdallah Office with any questions or issues. They can not help you! All questions and information should be directed to the abdallahplayground30@gmail.com or with an Abdallah Divan member. There are several individual volunteers who are assisting in this program and they all are available through the email .

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Fraternal Fundraiser Checklist

- Has written permission been obtained from the Temple Potentate?
- Has a copy of the approval been sent to the Executive Vice President – Shriners International?
- Has the Temple Potentate reviewed and approved any necessary contracts?
- Has the appropriate insurance been obtained?
- Has the Temple Potentate examined all solicitation and promotional material to assure compliance with Shrine law?
- Have all federal, state/province and local laws been complied with?
- Has there been compliance with The Revenue Act of 1987 (if the Temple is located in the United States)? (See General Order No. 1)
- Have a “Statement of Purpose” and “Disclosure” been included on all tickets, solicitation and promotional material, including Temple publications?

Playground Advertising Rates

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

Units & Clubs receive a 50% discount

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



Shriners International Fundraising Policies & Procedures

Introduction

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

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

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

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

Types of Fundraisers

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

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

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

Procedures That Apply to All Shrine Fundraising Activities

• All fundraising must comply with the law of the land; that is, the law of the jurisdiction where the activity takes place. This includes national, state or province, and local laws.

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

Statements of Purpose and Disclosure

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

For Charitable Fundraisers:

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

For Fraternal Fundraisers:

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

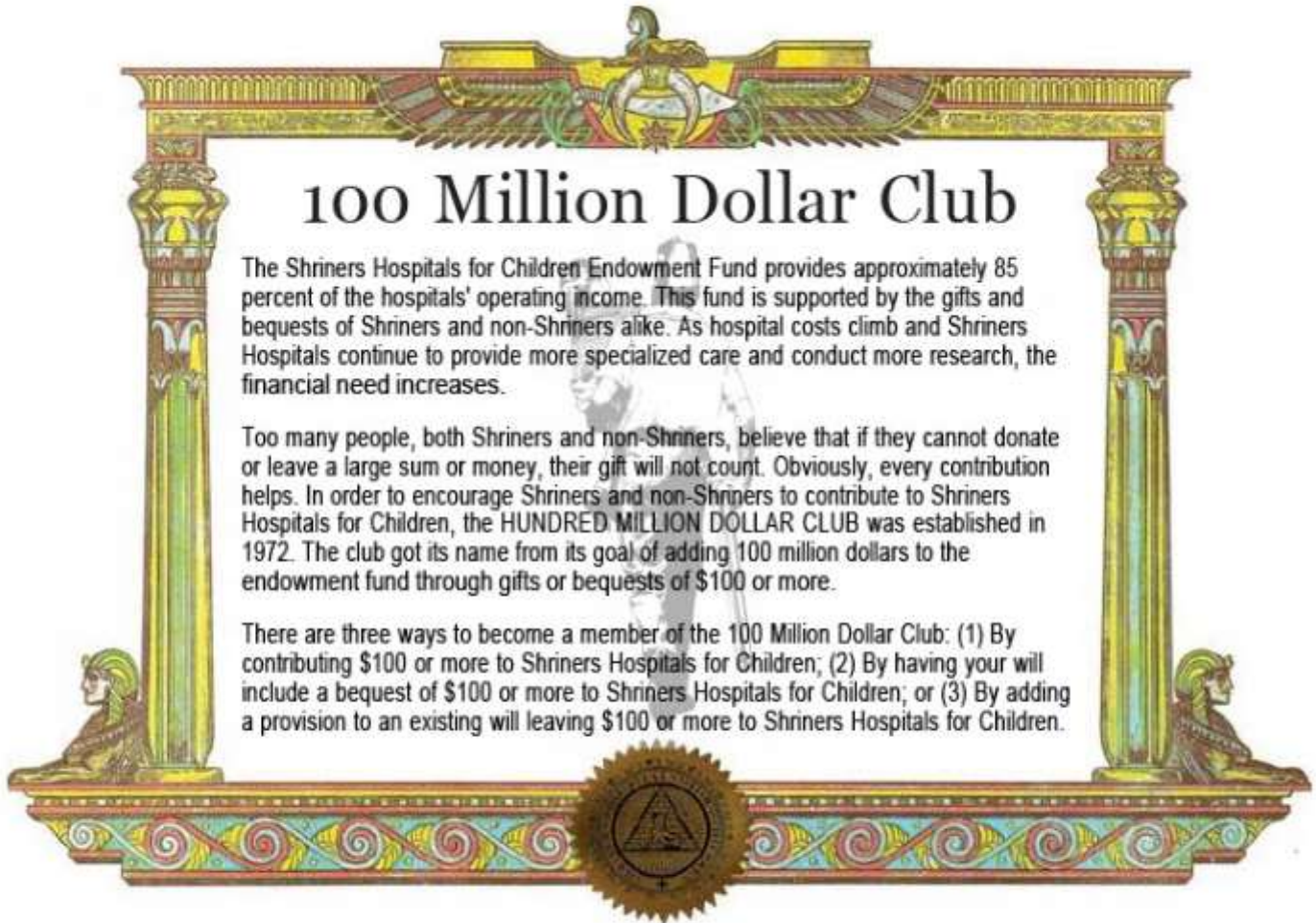
Every fundraising activity which is not entirely for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children shall prominently state on all solicitation material, including tickets, programs, documents and electronically transmitted material, the following

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

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

The full policy is available online or from your Divan

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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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11200 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park, KS 66210

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

Overland Park

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



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**OUR HOSPITALS REALLY
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**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:

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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!



Shriners
Children's™

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

beashrinernow.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 interest in your group. email your article to:
abdallahplayground30@gmail.com

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



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 913-839-7309
 randbauto66083@yahoo.com

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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	_____

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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	
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fishman5656@gmail.com	
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mikeguilinger@gmail.com	
Recorder - Herb Merrick (Carolyn)	913-683-3041
hmerrick@kc.rr.com	

APPOINTIVE DIVAN

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

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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
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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
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Randy Bennett	816-260-8357

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND APPOINTMENTS

Bingo Chairman		
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Communications & PR	Mike Guilinger	913-948-1501
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	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
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	Dr. Callen Martin	641-919-4949
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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

October 6th - B-Day Friday

October 7th - Ceremonial

October 10th - Stated Meeting

October 11th - Coffee Club

October 14th - Fish Fry

October 21st - Murder Mystery Dinner

October 22nd - Trunk or Treat

October 25th - Coffee Club

October 28th - Halloween Party

November 3rd - Birthday Friday



Thank you and Stay Safe!

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