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# PLAYGROUND



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## September Happenings

See event ads inside for the details & ticket info

### *Shrimp Dinner*

**September 16th**



### *Fiesta Italiano*

**September 23rd**



### *Cajun Party*

**September 30th**

# MEMBERSHIP

<b>January 1, 2023</b>	<b>590</b>
Creations	3
Affiliations	0
Restorations	4
Associations	2
Deceased	(17)
Demitted	(2)
Suspended	(3)
Withdrawn	0
Associate Dropped	(1)
Expulsions	0
<b>July 31, 2023</b>	<b>576</b>
Regular members	556
Associate members	20

## In memory:



None reported in August

# BINGO Schedule - 2023

## September

- 4 **NO Bingo**
- 11 **Blue Racers**
- 18 **Tin Lizzies**
- 25 **500s**

## October

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

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

**Salisbury steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green beans, Salad, Desert, Coffee or Tea**  
**\$12**

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



## ABDALLAH SHRINERS OPEN MEETING

**ABDALLAH AUDITORIUM**  
**5300 Metcalf, Overland Park, KS 66202**  
**Tuesday, September 12, 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



**September 2nd**

Albion A Bergstrom  
Roger G Frederick  
Mark D Prestley

**September 3rd**

Daniel R Hoffman  
Marc S Rowe

**September 5th**

David R Neal

**September 7th**

Richard R Stripling  
Richard A Stofer

**September 8th**

Joseph E Stubler

**September 9th**

Fredrick H Folsche  
Steven A Meier  
Roy E Samuel III  
Steven B Nelson

**September 11th**

Matthew E Bennett

**September 12th**

Wiley N McMillan Jr.

**September 13th**

Jon D Robbins

**September 14th**

Kenneth M Kerr  
Daniel L Peterson Jr

**September 15th**

Ted C Talbert  
Michael A Cook  
Edward G Lindsey  
Gregory M Bequette

**September 16th**

John W Pepper

**September 17th**

E. G Puckett  
Kirby D Fuller  
Chris Perry

**September 19th**

Marlon C Harrison

**September 20th**

David L Miller  
Michael J Kokoruda III  
Jason D Hewitt

**September 21st**

James W De Rodes  
James M Rush

**September 22nd**

Larry D Gaston P.P.  
Rick D Bellinger

**September 23rd**

John W Evans  
Craig R Bills  
Kevin W Larson P.P.  
Gerald J Sparks

**September 24th**

Larry L Cook  
Bryan J Beaver

**September 25th**

Kevin C Zimmerly

**September 27th**

Charles L Stevens  
Ruben Irizarry-Guzman

**September 28th**

Larry R Riggs  
David A Nash  
Gary L Morris

**September 29th**

Darrell R Luce  
Terry P Lawson  
Kirk D Reimer

**September 30th**

Dennis N Cranor  
Darren E Bogart

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





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



Greetings from the Potentate,

Every September, I think about September 11, 2001. For on that day, I believe not just Americans, but nearly everyone in the free world, thought about patriotism. And maybe, just maybe, they learned something about patriotism and what it means to live in a free and open society. We have freedoms, but freedoms come with a cost. The price is sometimes granting freedoms even to people that do us harm. More often than not, those that do us harm, pay the consequence for their acts and ultimately justice prevails. At least I'd like to think so.

The memory of September 11, 2001 will likely stay with me the rest of my life. I was 43 years old on 9/11 in 2001 and I often think of my grandfather who mentored me in my younger years. He was the same age (43) on December 7, 1941.

I don't recall we ever spoke about Pearl Harbor, but I suspect he, too, learned

about patriotism and the cost of freedom in his middle-age years. Maybe those lessons need to be re-taught and re-learned more frequently. Patriotism means you volunteer your time and efforts to community and to causes that are bigger and more important than yourself. I thank you Shriners and ladies for giving back to your community and to a greater philanthropic cause that is bigger than you individually.

In August we had a lot of things happening and we had a lot of fun. There was the Johnson County Fair and Parade in Gardner. Both the fair and parade were well attended and thanks are due Mike Guilinger, Ronnie White and the Provost Guard for organizing both concessions at the fair and the parade. From early reports, the concessions were very profitable and the parade went off perfectly. Some may not know the Johnson County Fair Board looked to Abdallah Shriners and namely Mike Guilinger and Ronnie White to help organize the event this year. And with the big assistance of the Provost Guard the events were flawless. Thank you, gentlemen; job well done.

On August 5<sup>th</sup>, the Clowns and Blue Racers had their annual Luau. They began the all-night roasting of the 'Porkentate' on Friday and it was served on Saturday evening along with baked beans, cheesy corn, slaw and dessert. Entertainment was again provided by the House of Rock (adult version this year).

For those that did not partake in this year's Caravan to Colorado you missed a great time. We used Ft. Collins, Colorado as "base camp", but there was a day spent in Cheyenne Wyoming Frontier Days rodeo and Tim McGraw concert. A day was spent in Denver and a Colorado Rockies baseball game; a visit to El Jebel Shrine. Dinner was in Colorado Springs with Ill. Sir Bill Davidson & Lady Rhonda, Al Kaly Shrine in Pueblo. Our dinner's background was Pike's Peak at sunset. We took a morning drive through the Garden of the Gods, and a visit to the Grand Lodge of Colorado (what a view of Pike's Peak from the GL backyard!). We enjoyed a tour of the Air Force Academy visitor's center, Chapel and Falcons basketball arena; a personal highlight. Then on for a trip through the Roosevelt pass from Loveland to Estes Park, breathtaking. Two days were spent in Estes Park shopping and visiting Stanley Hotel ("the Shining"), local breweries with a side trip to the continental divide in Rocky Mountain National Park. On the return, we went through Boulder, and we welcomed back the University of Colorado Buffalos back into the Big12 Conference. It is a beautiful campus I might add.

Our goal was to make this trip exploratory, an adventure, a learning experience and more than just relaxation and enjoying libations. I admit, however, we did enjoy some R&R and libations on our journey, but I think we accomplished our real objective.

Escorts Golf Tournament was held August 26 at Heritage Park Golf Course. I'm sure it was a fun day for all the participants. Congratulations to the winning teams.

Your Potentate was requested in Salina on Aug 26 by MW: Rob McClarty for the 1<sup>st</sup> Masonic Unity Summit. Grand lodge held this conference to consolidate as many Kansas Masonic affiliated bodies to unify and discuss the future of our craft and how we can together grow membership. More updates on this next month.

As of this writing, we are planning travel to CSSA in Omaha. Good luck and safe travels to nobles and to the units participating and competing.

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The September Open Meeting will be Sept 12. Ladies and guest are invited. Dinner from 6-7pm. Meeting at 7:30pm. Cambry Gossett, originally from Pratt, Kansas and now with the Dayton/Cincinnati Shriner's Children will be our guest speaker. We are looking forward to her interesting 20-25 minute presentation. As some may know, Dayton/Cincinnati is a little different than St. Louis as their specialties include treatments for burn victims and cleft-lip procedures. Please come to the September Open meeting, it will be eye-opening to what Shriners are accomplishing.

We currently have two raffle promotions in progress. Barb Hines made and is donating another Crown Royal quilt. The first, earlier this year was won by Past Grand Master, Tony Borum's wife, Vera. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Drawing will be held at Ceremonial Oct 7.

The Fall Gun raffle begins in September and we'll have raffle tickets on sale for \$10 each or 3 for \$25. The raffle prize is a Glock 43x 9mm. As an alternative prize the winner can choose a \$450 VISA gift card. We'll draw for this raffle at the December stated meeting. You do not need to be present to win.

Abdallah has some fantastic events to look forward to this fall. Below are worth your invested time. I guarantee, you'll have a great time of fun and fellowship.

- Tin Lizzie Shrimp Dinner - Sep 16
- Greeter's Italian Fiesta - Sep 23
- Cajun Party - Sep 30
- Ceremonial and Unit Expo - Oct 7
- Tin Lizzie Fish Fry - Oct 14
- Blue Racers Murder Mystery - Oct 21
- Trunk or Treat - Oct 22
- Christmas Tree Sales. - Christmas Season.

Thank you Nobles and ladies for making these events fun, friendly & entertaining. Your efforts are not unnoticed. Keep up the good work.

May there be Peace in Our Time.  
 Ill. Sir Greg Sippel & Lady MaryEllen



## ***The Recorder's Ramblings***

By Herb Merrick

Fall is coming and it has been a great summer. September will see the 2024 dues notices going out and unfortunately, we still have a few folks who need to take care of 2023 dues. If there are issues, please let your leadership know how we can help. If you have membership questions, please find someone from the membership team we can help. This includes any noble that might need some help with his dues.

This year's CSSA was an exciting time. It is one of the events that gives all of us an opportunity to meet with other Shriners and share the experiences that makes this one of the greatest parts of the Masonic fraternity. All those who went to Omaha this year take a moment and share your experiences with your friends and members of your unit.

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 use your help. We have events not only on weekends, but also during the weekday.

Again, it is time to say thanks to all those who are helping with things around the Shrine. 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. 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:***

The 2024 dues notices will be sent via email, to those with an email address on file, around September 8th & 9th, so keep an eye on your inbox. Using email saves us several hundred dollars per year in postage. In case you haven't heard, there was a bylaw change at the 2023 Imperial Session to raise the PerCapita Tax from \$30 per year to \$50 per year, starting with the 2024 dues year. Therefore, if you are not a PerCapita Life member you will see a \$20 increase in your dues. There is still time to purchase a Per Capita Tax Life Membership for 30 times the old rate of \$30 per year or \$900 total. This would exclude you from paying the PerCapita Tax in the future.

Remember, you can pay your dues directly through your WebFez account, (*see next page if you're not set-up yet*) and even set up a future installment plan. When you have paid your dues, you will NOT be mailed a sticker for your hard dues card. You must request it from the Abdallah Shriners office. For those who opted to use the MyFezCard viewer app, it will update automatically when the payments process through the system. Allow a week after making payment.

For those of you who are Total Life Members and using the MyFezCard Viewer app, your dues card should have already updated. For those Total Life Members still wanting to use the plastic dues cards, stickers will be available from the office after October 1st. Remember, they will NOT be mailed automatically. The Abdallah Office can mail you one, but you must request it otherwise we do not know to send it to you.



#### **Burial Site of King Hiram of Tyre**

**Known also as "Huram" and "Horam," Hiram was the King of Tyre in the time of King David and King Solomon. While he was politically allied with David, Hiram's workmen helped David's people to build David's palace in Jerusalem, and then after Solomon succeeded his father David as King of Israel, Hiram's workers also participated in the building of the first Temple. Much of the fine cedar for both the palace and Temple came from Tyre.**


***Reposted from Jerry C Townsend***



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

Email

Confirm Email

Password

(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](http://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 bucksliip 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 member ship 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

The phrase, ‘Let go – Let God’ seems simple enough for most folks to understand. In short, when the times get too tough to handle, stop trying to fix the bad times and look to God for help. That does not mean that we can now simply sit back and wait for God to take over. Does not work that way. What then?

When we get to a point in our lives where we know we are not going to ‘fix’ the problem, and we have decided that God is still ready to help us in life, we need to come to Him in a spirit willing to be ready to listen. Words are not always the best first start, except to tell God we are listening to Him. We need to not be impatient or expect a ‘bolt of lightning’ to get our attention. That is not God’s way. Be ready to spend more than just a minute or two. God will let us know when He is touching us in His special way. And don’t expect an instant answer. He will hear our prayer and He will answer it in His time. Be prepared at some point that the answer we get is not necessarily the answer we were looking for. We can often be thankful for that.

Point, we are fallible humans and we are going to have difficult times in our lives. Only God really can be trusted with our prayerful requests for help and strength. Once we have gone to God with our concerns, turn loose and let God take over. Do not be surprised if His answer involves working through us. That was the reason we came to God in the first place.

Amen



By Mystery Writer

The Tin Lizzie worked the Beer Garden at the Douglas Co. Fairgrounds. It was good and hot. Thanks to all that helped.

A small crowd was at Birthday Friday but a fun time was had for all that was there. Hope to see you in September.

Sorry, I miss your birthday in our Tin Lizzies article Bennie Smith. Hope you had a good one.

The Tin Lizzies went to Pegah’s for our dinner outing. 17 people attended and a great time with good food was enjoyed by all. Seem one member forgot the date. You were missed, Lyle. We will not be having dinner out for the next couple of months due to our shrimp and fish dinner. Hope all will attend and sell tickets to both events these are fundraisers for our unit which you are a member of. So please support your unit.

Happy Birthday to the following for the Month of September:

Jim Rush 9-21

## Stay cool and hydrated

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

The Abdallah Shriners can use your help. We need a volunteer (s) who are willing to help put together and publish the Monthly Playground Magazine and the Weekly Update Email. The person who has been doing this for the last 3 years is retiring from this position at the end of the year and unless someone (s) steps up to help, they will cease to exist. If you are willing to step up, please contact one of the Elected Divan.



### Antique and Classic Cars

The Antique and Classic Cars were busy during July and August. The Unit was 'dark' in July and had no meeting but that didn't mean we weren't active. We attended the Lenexa 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, attended the Shrine Bowl and the Shrine Bowl parade, helped out at the Shrine Rodeo and Derby at the Johnson County fairgrounds and wrapped up the month with the Paola Parade. The highlight of the parade was having our Rodeo Queen and her family parade with us on horseback. Kacey Stottlemire is a doll who rides a horse named Turtle. Her family trailers the horses and they are just a lot of fun to be around.

No one we know won the Billions promised from the Mega Millions drawing so we kicked off August with meeting at Austin's Restaurant in Olathe. After dinner, we drove the short distance to Lynn and Sue Anderson's home for a brief meeting. Sue and Lynn prepared a wonderful dessert that we all enjoyed. Thanks again for a pleasant evening.

We paraded in Gardner, at the Johnson County Fair parade and in Bonner Springs at the Tilbow Day's Celebration parade on Aug 26. On Monday August 28<sup>th</sup> we once again showed up to assist our stalwart BINGO guys.

Our Antique Cars Shrine Unit is still very sustainable. Like every Unit in the Shrine we have lost members but we continue to add new members, too. We enjoy a fun and friendly atmosphere of men and women who have a common interest in automobiles. Larry Tatum has vowed to set-up a group tour of the KC Auto Museum in Olathe or the Gateway Automotive storage facility in Olathe. We'll go as a group and drool over cars we cannot afford. Dan Peterson volunteered to help the Unit create a new and better logo for our Unit. Once we have an art/ready image, we will order new Unit shirts and hats. Flags, door magnets and other branded material will remain the same. If you know of an upcoming car show or cruise let members know. We'll be happy to crash any party.

No matter who you are, if you like anything automotive and you don't want to be constantly working on a go-cart, or wearing make-up, we could be your Unit. We accept affiliates who belong to other Units, not to take away from those Units but to enrich your Shrine experience, especially if you have that distinct vehicle in your garage. We welcome the Clowns and their Clown Car as an affiliate. If you want to be part of the Antique and Classic Cars parade, simply call Pat Emmett 913-744-6347 to find out about our next event or meeting. You know, a woman at the Johnson County parade asked me "Where are all of the old antique cars?" I think she was referring to Model A type of vehicles. I smiled and said, "Who needs an old car when you have a Jaguar." She agreed.

Respectfully Submitted

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

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 our Chaplain or the shrine office for details.

## Sunflower Fund



**Abdallah  
Golfing  
Nomads**



The latest results.

July 27<sup>th</sup>

Closest to pin #13-Bob Hansen  
 Closest to pin in 2 - #16 -Bob Hansen  
 Long Drive #3 – under 80 – Allan Baiamonte;  
 Over 80 – Dick Strong  
 Long Putt #9 – Allan Baiamonte; #18 – Greg White  
 Birdies – Greg White -2, Allan Baiamonte and Bob Hansen – 1

August 3<sup>rd</sup>

Closest to Pin - #4 – Dick Strong, #13 – Dick Strong  
 Closest to Pin in 2 - #16 – Roger Miller  
 Long Drive #3 – under 80 – Bob Hansen; over 80 – Roger Miller  
 Long Putt #9 – Roger Miller (90'); #18 – Dick Strong  
 Birdies – Bob Hansen and Roger Miller – 1

August 10<sup>th</sup>

Closest to Pin #4 – Allan Baiamonte,  
 #13 – Tim Williams  
 Closest to Pin in 2 - #16 – Bob Hansen  
 Long Drive #3 – under 80 – Pat Emmett;  
 over 90 – Roger Miller  
 Long Putt #9 – Allan Baiamonte; #18 – Pat Emmett  
 Birdies – Pat Emmett – 3; Tim Williams and Allan Baiamonte – 1  
 Eagles – Pat Emmett – 1 (on #2)

August 17<sup>th</sup>

Closest to Pin #4 – Bob Hansen;  
 #13 – Allan Baiamonte  
 Long Drive - #10 – under 80 – Pat Emmett;  
 over 80 – Bob Hansen  
 Birdies – Bob Hansen – 3; Pat Emmett -2;  
 Allan Baiamonte - 1

Abdallah Escorts  
 By Ken Holliday

**TIME STANDS STILL FOR NO MAN.**

It also doesn't stand still for the Escorts. It was founded as a Honda Goldwing parade unit. After about twenty years, it opened itself up to other models and brands. Now we have three or four, including Harleys and Can Am. We have also several members that don't have a bike but remain very good and desired members. As a result of our experience with them we have decided to open our Unit to others that do not have a bike. We will have two groups of Honorary members. You can choose to pay dues (presently \$20 per year) and have full voting and membership rights. Alternatively, you can choose to simply be an honorary member, pay no dues, and participate in everything but voting. See any Escort to start the process

For our golf tournament we have (or had) a record number of players, and we are, to a person, excited about it. Thanks to our players and sponsors. We hope each one is back next year. At this writing, it is two weeks out and weather permitting it should be a great experience.

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.



**Shriners Hospitals  
 for Children®**





**“THE LAUGH”**

By Mickey Mikulan

**JOKER’S NEXT UNIT MEETING WILL BE ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY IN SEPTEMBER**

**MEETINGS ARE HELD ON ODD MONTHS OF THE YEAR, (PRESENTLY NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS WILL BE IN SEPTEMBER AND AGAIN IN NOVEMBER) 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!**

SOMETIMES  
THOUGHTS IN MY HEAD  
GET SO BORE  
THEY GO OUT FOR A STROLL  
THROUGH MY MOUTH  
UNFORTUNATELY  
THIS IS RARELY A GOOD THING

*Scott Westerfield*



Abdallah Provost  
By Rob Swecker

The Provost has had a busy summer with the Rodeo/Demo derby, parades and hall rental security details.

There are many more opportunities to be active at Abdallah coming up.

Thank you to all who participated in the Johnson County Parade line-up duty. We did an excellent job, from the compliments I heard from the folks we helped that day, especially for not performing that duty before that day. There were supposed to be 72 units in the parade. That is a considerable task to line up that many units.

We could use three Provosts on August 26th for a rental.

**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.

# September Open Meeting

September 12, 2023



Main Hall

7:30 PM

Ladies & Guests

All Welcome



**Guest Presenter**

**Ms. Cambry Gossett**

Philanthropy Officer at Shriners Children's

A Kansas Native

Originally from Pratt, Kansas

**Shriners Children's - Ohio**

**Guest Presentation limit: 20-25 minutes**

# Annual Shrimp Dinner



**Pop, Beer, Corn, Potatoes & Bread Furnished**

**Saturday, September 16, 2023**

**5:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

**\$20 per person**

**Advance Ticket Sales Only - NOT Sold at the door**

**Abdallah Shriners  
5300 Metcalf Ave.  
Overland Park, KS 66202**

Proceeds benefit the Tin Lizzie Unit and are not deductible as a charitable contribution.





## *Abdallah Shriners Fall Ceremonial Itinerary October 7<sup>th</sup> 2023*

Abdallah Units and Clubs,

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

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 Ladies to explain what your Unit or Club is all about during our expo. A new Noble may be involved in several areas.

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

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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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

Fraternally,

Robert Swecker

1st Ceremonial Master



*El Maat Temple No. 120*

*Daughters of the Nile*

Invites You to the

Official Visit of our

**Supreme Queen Patricia "Patty" Larimore**

**Sunday, September 10, 2023**

**at the Wyandotte Masonic Lodge**

2835 North 103<sup>rd</sup> Terrace

Kansas City, KS 66109



**Banquet - 5:00 pm - Cost \$20.00 (open to everyone)**

**Ceremonial - 6:30 pm (members only)**

Please RSVP by September 6<sup>th</sup> to:

Cindy Wise, Princess Tirzah

CindyLWise@yahoo.com or 913-522-7000

*Virginia L. Rawlings,*  
Queen

*Grace Sexton,*  
Princess Recorder

# ★ ★ ★ 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



\*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.**



# ABDALLAH GREETER'S

## "FIESTA ITALIANO"

Spaghetti Dinner and Wine Tasting



Enjoy Food And Wine

\$15 Adults

\$5 Kids 12 & under

Fun and Fellowship for Free

September 23rd

6pm to 8:30pm

Abdallah Shrine Main Hall

5300 Metcalf Ave, Overland Park, KS



Proceeds benefit Abdallah Shrine Greeters activities. Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions.

# ABDALLAH CAJUN PARTY



**\$30**

ITS THAT TIME AGAIN  
**Saturday**  
**September 30<sup>th</sup>**  
5pm - 10pm  
dinner served at 5:30

**\* tickets must be purchased in advance \***

LIVE MUSIC!  
BY  
THE NACE  
BROTHERS



OPEN BAR!  
ALL YOUR  
FAVOURITES



GREAT FOOD!  
SHRIMP, CRAWFISH  
SAUSAGE, POTATOS  
CORN

**Laissez les bons temps rouler!**




**must be 21 years of age**

**FOR TICKETS CONTACT** Tony Pagel (913) 927-9129  
Ronnie White (913) 314-1568

**tickets can be purchased at Abdallah office 5300 mectcalf ave. Overland park KS**

Proceeds benefit the Abdallah Shriners Patio Fund  
Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions





**LIKE TOTALLY!**

*I love the eighties*

**To Death**

**A ROCKIN' RADICAL NIGHT OF MURDER MYSTERY**

**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.

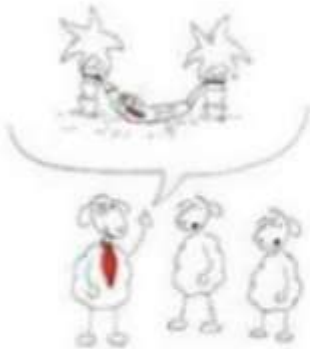
Guests should come totally decked out in their best 80's outfit. The best costumed dude & dudette will leave the night with an award.

**Questions: Call Becky @ 913-575-4992**

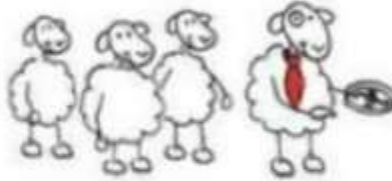
*This event is hosted by the Abdallah Blue Racers. Proceeds are for the benefit of Abdallah Shriners activities. Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions.*



# The Art of Leadersheep



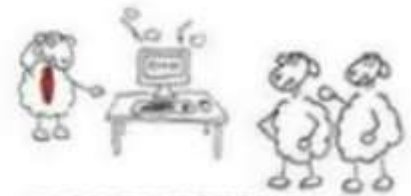
**CREATE A STRONG VISION**



**SET THE DIRECTION**



**SET BOUNDARIES**



**ADMIT MISTAKES**



**FORGET CARROTS & STICKS**



**BE A TEACHER**



**HELP PEOPLE DEAL WITH FEAR**



**LEAD BY EXAMPLE**



**ENCOURAGE LEADERSHIP AT ALL LEVELS**



**BE PREPARED FOR A LONG JOURNEY**



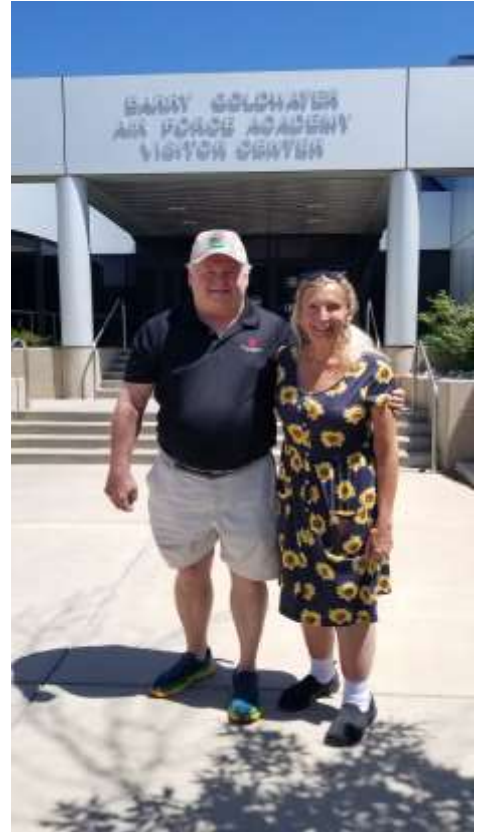
**ADRESS THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM**



**IMPROVE THE SYSTEM**

# Colorado

## August 2023





# Caravan to Colorado

Thank you to everyone that made this trip an Exploratory Adventure; better than we could im-

## SOME VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE.

Some old friends, some we met along the way.

Justin Brogan & Allegra— Oxford Hotel & Urban Farmer Restaurant, Denver

“Your hospitality was over-the-top; exquisite”

Sarah & Teresa — Urban Farmer Restaurant, Denver

“Pirate cheese and Rubarb Cobbler were the best”

Illustrious Sir Bill Davidson & Lady Rhonda, Al Kaly Shriners, Pueblo

“Dinner in Colorado Springs; spectacular sunset at Pike’s Peak”

Lupe—Elevations Eatery, Estes Park, CO

“Congratulations. Univ of Colorado at Colorado Springs, EE”

Ivy (our special bartender)—Latitude 105, Ridgeline Hotel, Estes Park, CO

Eva (our server)—Avery Brewery, Bolder, CO

Illustrious Sir Grady Carter & Lady Kim, El Jabel Shriners, Aurora, CO



# Abdallah Shrine



11th

## 10th Annual Trunk or Treat

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

22nd  
Sunday, Oct. 30th, 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.



Sponsored by the Antique & Classic Cars

*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](mailto:abdallaplayground30@gmail.com).

Articles should be submitted as a Word document or text with-in the email. NO hand written scans or other file formats are permitted including **pdf** files. 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](mailto:abdallahplayground30@gmail.com) or with an Abdallah Divan member. There are several individual volunteers who are assisting in this program and they all are available through the email .

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Fraternal Fundraiser Checklist

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

### 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

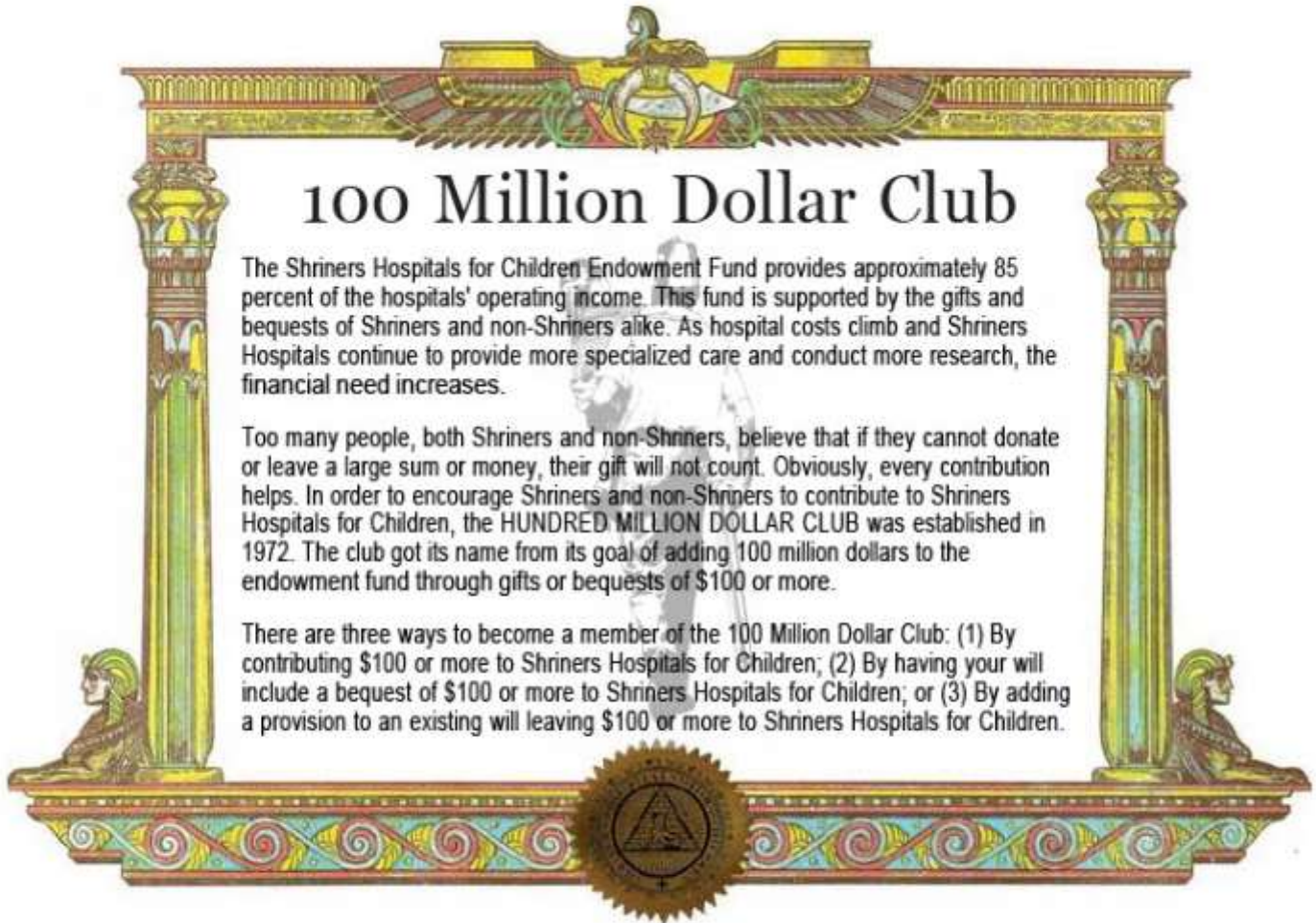
**DISCLOSURE:** “Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions.”

**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

# DONATE A CAR

## DIRECT TO LOCAL CHARITY



**HELP KIDS with CANCER  
CARS, TRUCKS, BOATS,  
RVs**

Any Car-Any Condition

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### Tax Deduction

Same day, FREE pick up, IRS Forms ON THE SPOT!

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**No Middle Man – Direct to Charity**

**American Children's Society, Inc.** Kansas City  
[www.donatecarsinkc.com](http://www.donatecarsinkc.com)

## Johnson County Overland Park

Funeral Chapel & Memorial Gardens

11200 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park, KS 66210

Phone: 913-451-1860 / Web: [www.JohnsonCountyChapel.com](http://www.JohnsonCountyChapel.com)

Funeral Chapel

8201 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park, KS 66204

Phone: 913-648-6224 / Web: [www.OverlandParkChapel.com](http://www.OverlandParkChapel.com)

*Healing Begins Here*



*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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month  
9:00am - Activity Room

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

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

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

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

Looking forward to seeing you there!

For breakfast RSVP to:

Jerry Ogden

imastar@kc.rr.com



# 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**

or

**The Shrine Office**



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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™**

be**ashriner**now.com

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



*Scottish Rite*  
*Valley of Northeast Kansas*  
*Orient of Kansas*



5201 W 75th St., Prairie Village KS 66208  
913-593-5890

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**

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 Mike, Jack, & Megan  
 219 S. Kansas Ave. Olathe, KS 66061

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 913-538-6900 Ext135  
 12330 W. 135th St. Overland Park, KS  
 66221

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**Benny's Small Engines**  
 913-449-1478

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 – <b>Greg Sippel (Mary Ellen)</b> .....	913-226-4009
gcsippel@gmail.com	
Chief Rabban - <b>Ronnie White (Barbie)</b> .....	<b>913-314-1568</b>
randbauto66083@yahoo.com	
Assistant Rabban - <b>Chris Robertson (Paula Luna)</b> .....	913-940-8666
Regjscrob@aol.com	
High Priest & Prophet— <b>Tony Pagel</b> .....	913-927-9127
tony@creativerestorationskc.com	
Oriental Guide - <b>Bruce Fischbach (Maribeth)</b> .....	<b>913-909-6381</b>
fishman5656@gmail.com	
Treasurer - <b>Mike Guilinger (Deb)</b> .....	<b>913-948-1501</b>
mikeguilinger@gmail.com	
Recorder - <b>Herb Merrick (Carolyn)</b> .....	<b>913-683-3041</b>
hmerrick@kc.rr.com	

**APPOINTIVE DIVAN**

First Ceremonial Master - <b>Rob Swecker (Renee)</b> .....	<b>913-738-6019</b>
swlen4@gmail.com	
Second Ceremonial Master - <b>Frank Shell (Jamiee)</b> .....	<b>913-638-7522</b>
frankdshell@gmail.com	
Marshal - <b>Tim Preece (Sabra)</b> .....	<b>913-221-7089</b>
lepraxcon@gmail.com	
Captain of the Guard - <b>Nabil Jamil</b> .....	916-490-7861
n_ab267@hotmail.com	
Outer Guard -	
Chaplain - <b>Jerry Ogden (Shiela)</b> .....	816-260-8882
imastar@kc.rr.com	

**LIVING PAST POTENTATES**

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

**ABDALLAH SHRINE BUILDING ASSOCIATION**

*All Elected Divan Officers plus*

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING MANAGERS**

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

**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		
100 Million Dollar Club		
Masonic Coordinator	Herb Merrick P.P.	913-683-3041
Membership Chairman	Roy Samuel	913-269-7169
Oasis Club Manager	Benny Harper	913-449-1478
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
Provost Marshal	Larry Riggs	913-287-3527
Red Zone Committee	Tim Williams P.P.	816-308-7575
Shrine Photographer	Wayne Rector	913-669-2473
	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**

**September 1st - Birthday Friday**

**September 4th - Labor Day NO Bingo**

**September 12th - OPEN Meeting**

**September 13th - Coffee Club**

**September 16th - Shrimp Dinner**

**September 18th - Red Zone**

**September 23rd - Fiesta Italiano**

**September 27th - Coffee Club**

**September 30th - Cajun Party**

**October 6th - B-Day Friday**



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