

ABDALLAH PLAYGROUND



A Publication of Abdallah Shriners
Shriners International

February 2025, Vol. 113, No. 2
Overland Park, KS



*Having Fun & Helping Kids
while Keeping it Alive in '25*

Your 2025 Divan



Potentate
Mike Guilinger & Lady Deb



Chief Rabban
Tony Pagel



Assistant Rabban
Allen Baiamonte & Lady Jackie



High Priest & Prophet
Rob Swecker & Lady Renee



Oriental Guide
Tim Preece & Lady Sabra



Treasurer
Ronnie White P.P. & Lady Barbie



Recorder
Herb Merrick P.P. & Lady Carolyn

Your 2025 Divan



1st Ceremonial Master
Chris Harrison



2nd Ceremonial Master
Chris Snell



Marshal
Calvin Smith & Lady Kaitlin



Captain of the Guard
Chase LaPorte



Outer Guard
Larry Riggs



Chaplain
Jerry Ogden & Lady Shiela

Having Fun Helping Kids

While Keeping it Alive in '25

Potentate's Message...



Shriners Hospitals
for Children®

Nobles and Ladies,

I am so honored to serve as the Abdallah Shriners Potentate. My Lady Deb and I look forward to helping lead the fraternity in all its endeavors in 2025. We have several new activities planned for the year and we'll continue those activities you have all come to enjoy.

I have been an active member of this great Fraternity based on **Fun, Fellowship** and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief and truth for over 30 years now and have spent almost half of that time serving the Nobles of Abdallah in an appointed or elected position on the Divan. However, it takes more than one person to keep this fraternity moving forward and Deb and I couldn't even dream of success without the help and support of all the Nobles and Ladies who continue to step up and devote their time and resources to the success of Abdallah. I want to thank each and every one of you!

There are times when it's work, other times when it's just fun, but the camaraderie of spending time with our brothers and ladies is key. Bring your friends to our activities and let them see what belonging to such a great organization is about.

Deb and I want to thank all the Nobels and Ladies who came out to show their support at the 2025 Officers Reception last Sunday. We also want to thank all of our family who were able to attend. A special thank you to our Chief Aide Dennis Hubler, his Lady Sue and all of the Potentate's Aids and their Ladies for the wonderful hospitality, decorations and food.

When you look at the design of my pin, the crossed checkered flags represent my love of motorsports. Having spent a large part of my life as a race car mechanic, car builder, crew chief, car owner, driver and lately a photographer. The motorsports community is like another family or fraternity which has allowed me to meet and become friends with many others, including other Shriners and Shrine Patients who share this love. The Silent Messenger represents my passion for the "World's Greatest Philanthropy" which we as Shriners are proud to support. And the three Fs represent Fun , Fellowship and Fraternity.

We invite everyone to join us on March 1st for the Annual Potentate's Ball at the Hampton Inn Gardner Conference Center. You'll find additional information in this issue of the Playground.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our Abdallah activities this year.

Fraternally,

Mike Guillinger
Potentate



Having Fun & Helping Kids while Keeping it Alive in '25



Abdallah Shriners

Elected Divan

Potentate	Ill. Mike Guilinger
Chief Rabban	Tony Pagel
Assistant Rabban	Allen Baiamonte
High Priest & Prophet	Rob Swecker
Oriental Guide	Tim Preece
Treasurer	Ill. Ronnie White, PP
Recorder	Ill. Herb Merrick, PP

Appointed Divan

1st Ceremonial	Chris Harrison
2nd Ceremonial	Chris Snell
Marshall	Calvin Smith
Captain of the Guard	Chase LaPorte
Outer Guard	Larry Riggs
Chaplin	Jerry Ogden

Bingo Committee

Chairman	Chris Snell
----------	-------------

Membership Committee

Membership Chairman	Mark Sager
Assitant Chairman	Jacob Davisson
Recruitment	Kurt Osmundson
Restoration	Ill. Tim Williams, PP
Retention	Ill. Bennie Smith, PP
Relationships	Jacob Davisson

Building Association Trustees

Term 2021 - 2025	Ralph Anderton
Term 2022 - 2026	Lynn Baker
Term 2023 - 2027	Ill. Kevin Larson, PP
Term 2024 - 2028	Dennis Hubler
Term 2025 - 2029	Ill. Jeff Johnson, PP

Parade Marshall

Mark Sager

Potentate Aides

Chief Aides	Dennis & Sue Hubler
-------------	---------------------

Personal Aides

Gaylon Jones & Anna Marie Swearengin

TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

TELL: 913-362-5300

EMAIL: office@abdallahshrine.org

5300 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park, KS
66202

Send address changes to Temple Office



ABDALLAH SHRINERS STATED MEETING



ABDALLAH AUDITORIUM

5300 Metcalf AVE, Overland Park, KS 66202

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

7:30 PM

Mike Guilinger
Illustrious Potentate

Ill. Herb Merrick, PP
Recorder

BINGO

February Schedule

Feb. 3	Greeters
Feb. 10	TASS
Feb. 17	Escorts
Feb. 24	Oriental Band

March Schedule

Mar. 3	Antique Cars
Mar. 10	Provost & LoH
Mar. 17	Blue Racers
Mar. 24	Weekenders
Mar. 31	Tin Lizzies

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.

For Units that have enough members to support Bingo and sell 50/50 tickets, any proceeds from the raffle will go to them.

In Memory:

Ill. Larry Gaston, PP
Albert Grauberger
Donald McQuinn
David Neal



Around The Temple...



Meeting Dinner 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans. Salad, Roll, Dessert, Coffee or Tea
\$12

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

Abdallah Google Calendars

Abdallah Shriners uses Google calendar to manage and track our activities. Several of these calendars are available to the public which you can access. They are Abdallah Activities, Parades and Unit & Committee Meetings. It is best to have a google account and have google calendar installed to see these. They may work with other calendar programs but no guarantee. They are accessible by adding the following links to your calendar:

Activities

Unit & Committee Meetings

Parades

Units and Clubs

Don't forget to write an Article for the PLAYGROUND.

Our readers would like to hear about your past and future events and other activities that they missed out on.

It's a good way to get information out to the New Nobels and Ladies (as well as other members) to peak their interest in your group. Email your articles (don't forget to include pictures) to abdallahgplayground30@gmail.com.

2025 Player Presentations

As we start the new year, we've begun player presentations for this year's Abdallah area Kansas Shrine Bowl Players.

Any Shriner is welcomed to attend. Dress is typically casual (just remember you'll be in a crowd). We encourage members to wear your Unit apparel if possible. Most importantly, be sure to bring your Fez!

This process is DYNAMIC, so the following is our known player presentations as of this publication. We'll keep you posted in the Weekly updates as well as other announcements of changes or more presentations. We listed player contacts for the presentations, so be sure to let them know you plan to attend.

Our current list:

Feb. 4, Tue:

Tanner McDaniel, Piper High School (13021 Leavenworth Rd, Kansas City, KS). Player Contact: Don Best, 913-940-3958

Feb. 7, Fri:

-Ayden Ellington, Lansing High School (1412 147th St, Lansing, KS). Player Contact: Callan Martin, 641-919-4949

-Elzie Slaughter, St. Thomas Aquinas (11411 Pflumm Rd, Overland Park, KS). Player Contact: Allen Baiamonte, 816-204-0945

-Trevyn Gasaway, Olathe West (2200 W Santa Fe St, Olathe, KS). Player Contact: Pat Emmett, 913-744-6347

Feb. 18, Tue:

-Jack Cook, Blue Valley West (16200 Antioch Rd, Overland Park, KS). Player Contact: Allen Baiamonte, 816-204-0945

-Ashton Moore, Louisburg High School (202 Aquatic Dr, Louisburg, KS). Player Contact: Pat Emmett, 913-744-6347

-Conlee Hovey, Louisburg High School (202 Aquatic Dr, Louisburg, KS). Player Contact: Don Best, 913-940-3958

February Birthdays...



Shriners Hospitals
for Children®

Gregory C Sippel P.P.	2/1
Allen Goodwin Sr	2/1
Lee B Connell	2/2
Frederick Kemp	2/2
W Gerald Taff	2/2
Edwin L Wyatt	2/3
Robert E Paulsen Sr.	2/3
Steven L Christensen	2/3
Frank Schveninger	2/3
Richard D Gibbs	2/5
Rickey D Shepherd	2/5
Donald R Wenger	2/6
Michael L Thomas	2/6
Donald D Sutton	2/7
Samuel B Little	2/7
Robert A Hall	2/7
Timothy J Preece II	2/7
Thomas T Highley	2/8
Albert E Grauberger	2/11
Herbert F Merrick P.P.	2/11
Jeff W Johnson P.P.	2/11
Robert A Knodel	2/12
Randy A Hamilton	2/13
Sean C Orner	2/13
John W Dayton	2/14



Birthday Friday - February 7th!

Come on down to the Abdallah Oasis to celebrate this month's Birthdays along with your fellow Nobles.

Birthday Fridays are the first Friday of the month and start at 7:00 pm (for open bar). Feel free to bring a snack to share.

See you there!



Charles J Edgar	2/16
Shannon E Sweany	2/16
Mark R Sager	2/16
Christopher D Muro P.P.	2/20
David H Neighbor	2/21
Allen J Baiamonte	2/21
Richard W Wagner Sr.	2/21
Michael Saylor	2/21
Gregory J Loeser	2/22
Robert D Caplinger P.P.	2/23
Raymond B Fiske	2/23
Clinton J Hines	2/24
Dick W Strong	2/25
Michael L Gardner	2/25
Thomas K Hayselden Jr	2/26
Travis J Marshall	2/28

Around The Temple...

New Office Staff

Wondering about the new voice when you call the Abdallah office? Our newest office staff addition, Dawn Sullivan, joined our staff at the beginning of January. After a year and a half of retirement from teaching, she needed something to do, and the Abdallah Shrine is where she ended up.

Dawn is married and has two adult children: a daughter and son-in-law in Seattle and a son in Manhattan, KS. Both of her kids were lucky to attend the Shrine Bowl Band camp when they were in high school.

She taught multiple grade levels in the KCK, Shawnee Mission, and Olathe School districts throughout her career. She has been involved in the Masonic family most of her life. She is currently a member of Beatrice Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. As a teenager she was a member of Job's Daughters, Bethel #45 and a DeMolay sweetheart for the Old Mission DeMolay.

If you stop by the office, say hi and introduce yourself. She is looking forward to getting to know names and faces.



KMF Announces Scholarship Recipients

The Kansas Masonic Foundation recently announced essay contest winners for 2025. One of the winners is Mr. Owen Henry of Blue Valley Northwest High School. His essay *Charity: Band of Angels*, won 4th place state-wide. For his efforts, he will receive \$1,000 from the KMF.

There are plans for a presentation and when that is known, we'll get the word out through our weekly updates.

Mr. Henry is Ill. Don Best, PP's Grandson.

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.

Get Ready for Onions, Onions, Onions

Spring means Vidalia Onions! Every year, Abdallah sells onions as a Temple fundraiser. Additionally, it's an opportunity for the Units to earn a commission and sell the world's best onions.

Last year, we had an excellent crop and the



onions sold fast! As a matter of fact, several units mentioned they could have sold more.

This year's Onion Chair is HP&P Rob Swecker, 330-531-2741, swlen4@gmail.com. Keep an eye out in the coming weeks for more information on ordering your onions. As in previous years, we will be ordering and selling 10 lbs. bags.

Around The Temple...



Congratulations to our new Illustrious Potentate, Michael Guilinger and his Lady Deb. His motto this year is, "...Keeping it

Alive in '25." We know that he will do just that. His Potentate's Ball is on the 1st of March in Gardner at the Hampton Inn and Convention Center. We are looking forward to his plans for the Pinewood Derby in July and a busy Shrine calendar for the year. Members of the Antique and Classic Cars stand ready to assist in any way we can.

Wow! January's snowy weather sure had its impact on life in our community. Our Unit was unable to conduct our January meeting as planned. In fact, we couldn't even get into the Shrine Temple to undecorate our assigned Christmas tree until January 18th. But we were able to watch our Kansas City Chief's play football.

Beginning in February the Unit will meet on Wednesday, the 5th. We have much to cover. In December we planned to order new hats and shirts. We need to discuss progress on that order. We ordered and paid for new magnetic placards for our vehicles. The blistering amount of \$10 dues must be collected from every member. New jokes and good news will be shared during our "Happy Dollars" sessions. How many onions do we plan to order this year? We will discuss upcoming events including the March St Pat's Parade in either Shawnee or Merriam which will be announced by our Potentate. We will be working BINGO on March 3rd. We also will discuss the upcoming Rodeo at the Johnson County Fair Grounds, June 11th- June 14th. Our Potentate and the Rodeo Committee has requested that the Antique and Classic Cars take the leadership role for planning a Car Show during one of the Rodeo

Days. We also need to discuss where and when we would like to conduct a restaurant dinner meeting. Are we going to participate this year in "The World of Wheels" at the Municipal Auditorium? Discussion about Car Shows and Cruises are always welcome during our meetings. So, we look forward to healthy attendance at our February meeting.

If you are reading this and wondering what the Antique and Classic Cars Unit is all about, well, it's simple. Our assigned duty is to provide transportation to the Potentate and Special Guests during parade events. Past Potentates have allowed family members to ride along in our cars with permission.

We are more than just a parade unit, however. We are automotive enthusiasts. Many of us are members of other car clubs and we participate in car shows and cruises outside the Shrine. We meet 6:30 pm at the Shrine on the first Wednesday of every month, unless we choose to meet for dinner at a local restaurant with our Ladies. We often take field trips to car museums and car events and even car races. We are an inclusive group, not an exclusive group and if you have that special car in your garage or just like cars, you should check us out. Feel free to contact Unit President, Pat Emmett at 913-744-6347 to get more information.

February goes by quickly then we'll warm up in March. Remember the words of Warren Buffett, "Keep your eye on the donut not the hole."

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

Help Wanted

"Need help. I want to create a new website platform to sell my books. If any of you out there know how to do this, please contact Noble Patrick W. Emmett, 913-744-6347. I've had one for years but need to make a change. Therefore, I want to rebuild a site.

Around The Temple...



Player Selections Announced for the 52nd Kansas Shrine Bowl

The Kansas Shrine Bowl has announced the 88 players who have received invitations to play in the 52nd Kansas Shrine Bowl presented by Mammoth on Saturday, June 21, 2025, at Memorial Stadium in Dodge City, Kansas. The initial invitations are the result of a selection process combining statewide media votes and Kansas Shrine Bowl coaching staff selections from a list of 447 nominees. In addition to filling position specific needs on the roster, the selection process includes additional criteria regarding geographic restrictions, classification size, and limits on the number of players that may be selected per school. To learn more about the full selection process, visit www.KansasShrineBowl.com/SelectionProcess.

Additional invitations to play in the 52nd Kansas Shrine Bowl presented by Mammoth may be extended to nominees who were not among the initial 88 selections. Roster replacements are selected by the Kansas Shrine Bowl coaching staff in a case where an invited player declines their invitation to play or must withdraw from participating for any reason.

"We are excited to extend an invitation to this group of young men to represent themselves, their families, their communities and their high school football programs in a showcase that is so much bigger than just an all-star football game," said Brice Kesler, Executive Director of the Kansas Shrine Bowl. "I hope the players understand how difficult of a roster this is to get selected for, and I want to congratulate them for all their hard-work and dedication that has earned them this opportunity. They are joining a very select fraternity of Kansas high school football players who have had the opportunity, since 1974, to play a game they love and make a life changing impact for the kids of Shriners Children's."



Abdallah Area Players

As part of the recently announced Kansas Shrine Bowl Players, Abdallah has the honor of having twenty-seven of the East All-Stars players selected from our area schools along with two assistant coaches and an assistant camp director.

Any Units, Clubs, or Individuals interested in sponsoring a player(s), be sure to check out the list and pick your favorite player or school. Contact Allen Baiamonte, 816-204-0945, abaiamon@gmail.com or the Office for the latest list of available sponsorships. The 2025 Abdallah Player list is included in this addition of the *Playground*. For individuals and businesses, The Shrine Bowl of Kansas Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Make checks payable to *Kansas Shrine Bowl*.

Also, don't forget to get with your Blue Lodges for sponsorships of the Kansas Masonic All-Star Marching Band. You can obtain more information by contacting the Kansas Shrine Bowl office at 913-602-8656.

To show your support for these players and the children and families that benefit from the efforts of the Kansas Shrine Bowl, please visit www.KansasShrineBowl.com/Support.

21
JUN

ABDALLAH

2025 PLAYERS

7
PM

Player

Max Armstrong
 Jake Brink
 Todd Brown
 Jack Cook
 Kaleb Dewey
 Aidan Dreiling
 Ayden Ellington
 Teyvyn Gasaway
 Jackson Hartman
 Brady Haughton
 Conlee Hovey
 Teryn Jackson
 Christian Jarrett
 Jayden Lang
 Jeremiah Looney
 Tannar McDaniel
 Ashton Moore
 Will Morgan
 Traven Niehues
 Jacob O'Donnell
 Jaylen Parks
 Garrett Pierce
 Bravin Powell
 Abe Shaffer
 Elzie Slaughter
 Eric Smith III
 Carter Wilmarth

Coach/Staff

Josh Koerkenmeier
 Mike Berg
 Tim Williams

School

Olathe South
 Olathe Northwest
 Tonganoxie
 Blue Valley West
 Gardner Edgerton
 St. James Academy
 Lansing
 Olathe West
 Troy
 Shawnee Mission East
 Louisburg
 Bishop Miege
 Eudora
 De Soto
 Shawnee Mission North
 Piper
 Louisburg
 Blue Valley Southwest
 Blue Valley Northwest
 Shawnee Mission Northwest
 Lawrence
 Basehor-Linwood
 Gardner Edgerton
 Mill Valley
 Saint Thomas Aquinas
 Atchison
 Wellsville

School

Blue Valley West
 Wellsville
 Abdallah

Sponsorships are \$500/player (and can be split with others). Kansas Shrine Bowl is a 501c3, so sponsorships are tax deductible! Check your employer for corporate matching programs too! Make checks payable to Kanas Shrine Bowl. Contact the Office (913-362-5300) for the latest available sponsorships.

2025 KWCA Kansas Shrine Duals Sponsorship & Advertising Order Form

Online Form Available at www.KansasShrineDuals.com

ADVERTISING ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025

Sponsor/Advertiser Name: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Sponsorship/Ad in honor of (name of participant you are supporting, if applicable):

Champion Level Sponsor

Includes logo on Kansas Shrine Duals website, full page ad in the official match day program & business logo on the wrestler of your choice program spotlight, business logo rotating on the mat side digital sponsor board, sponsor recognition on broadcast and PA

Wrestler's Program Spotlight:

Business logo or supporters names on a specific wrestler's spotlight in the official match day program. Wrestler spotlight includes photos, awards, bio and more!

SPONSORSHIPS		
X	Sponsorship	Price
<input type="checkbox"/>	Champion Level Sponsor	\$500

PROGRAM ADVERTISING		
X	Ad Size	Price
<input type="checkbox"/>	Full Page (7.5" x 10")	\$250
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/2 Page (7.5" x 5" or 3.75" x 10")	\$150
<input type="checkbox"/>	Logo/Name on Wrestler's Program Spotlight	\$100

<input type="checkbox"/>	General Support Donation	\$ _____
--------------------------	--------------------------	----------

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Checks Payable to:

Kansas Shrine Bowl

PO Box 867

Baldwin City, KS 66006

AD COPY / DESIGN NOTES

☐ Ad copy attached
(or sending via email)

☐ Ad needs designed
(no extra charge)

Please attach completed
ads/copy note/design notes/etc.
or send via email to
director@KansasShrineBowl.com

BILLING INFORMATION

☐ Check Attached (payable to Kansas Shrine Bowl)

☐ Request Invoice for Payment Processing

Card Payment # _____ Exp Date: _____

Billing Address if different from above: _____

Recorder Reminder...

There is a problem with the Fezcard Viewer. Attached is a summary of how to fix it from Imperials support team.



My FezCard Viewer Fixes

Recently, you have likely received reports from your Nobility regarding changes to the functionality of the "My FezCard Viewer" mobile app. We are working diligently to resolve any issues, to be proactive with communications and to respond to all support tickets as quickly as possible. But, we'd like to provide instructions and empower you to be part of the solution as well:

For iPhone users:

The issue began when Apple released their new iOS, version 18.0. Working with their support team, we've identified a fix that we're communicating out to the field: After confirming that they have the latest version of the iOS installed (18.1.1), when Nobles get the dreaded "blank" screen, there will be a line on one side of the screen and they should turn/rotate the phone such that the line is at the top of the screen. This will cause the card to reload in landscape orientation.

For Android users:

An update to the app has been released to the Google Play Store. It is likely that old system cache files may still be stored and are causing an error within the operating system. Once it's been confirmed that they have downloaded and installed the latest version of the app, it is recommended to advise these Nobles to restart their phones to clear the temporary cache files and load the app once again. If it still doesn't load properly, the steps necessary to clear out the system's cache files should be employed, with the instructions to restart the phone once again. This should do a "hard reset" of the phone and allow the app to begin to work.

As always, please submit a support ticket for technical assistance. This may be accomplished through the "Support" tab in WebFez, or by emailing webfezfeedback@shrinenet.org.

Temple Events...



Temple Events...

2025 Officers Reception

On Sunday, Jan. 26th, Abdallah Introduced its 2025 Officers for a reception and social gathering.

THANK YOU to this year's Potentate's Aides, Dennis and Sue Hubler and Team, for a great start of the New Year! We can't be a success without your support! We



THE BIG GAME WATCH PARTY

Abdallah Shrine Center

5300 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park, KS

Watch Live on
our Ballroom
Bigscreen!

★ ★ ★ **February 9th** ★ ★ ★

Doors Open at 4:00 pm • Game Starts at 5:30 pm



- Bring a snack to share
- Squares for play
- Bring your favorite chair
- Chili and some snacks provided

Come join the
Fun &
Fellowship!

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

*Join us for the Annual
Abdallah Shriners'*

POTENTATE'S BALL

MARCH 1, 2025
6:00PM - MIDNITE



\$80 pp

advance reservations required

by 2/18/2025

Contact the Abdallah Office

913-362-5300 or

office@abdallahshrine.org

or use QR code



**HAMPTON INN
GARDNER CONFERENCE
CENTER**

**151 Cedar Niles Rd.
Gardner, KS 66060**



price includes dinner, camels milk and live music by Delta Haze

Special hotel rate available at \$139 per night + taxes

using code POT until 2/7/2025

Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions



Eggs for Easter

Delaware Chapter DeMolay will be delivering candy filled plastic Easter Eggs to your home on or before April 10th, 2025.

PACKAGE OPTIONS

40 Eggs	\$30.00
60 Eggs	\$40.00
80 Eggs	\$50.00
100 Eggs	\$75.00

The above prices are for cash or check. If using Venmo or PayPal, please add \$2.00 to the above prices.

This fundraiser will help the boys get to their state-wide conferences and events.

Place your orders by April 1st, 2025

To order by email: jenniferareed1180@gmail.com

To order by phone or text: Jennifer Reed @ 913.777.8799

Delivery Areas: Leavenworth; Lansing; Kansas City, KS; Overland Park, Shawnee, Olathe, Gardner, Edgerton. Other areas will be considered by request. (We can also have the eggs available at the March Wyandotte Family dinner, if ordered by February 28.) We have many opportunities for a cash and carry purchase as well!

Delaware Chapter will be at the February and March Stated Meetings to take orders in person. Support our Masonic Youth!



ABDALLAH SHRINE RODEO

Be a part of a 65 year old rodeo tradition



THURSDAY & FRIDAY NIGHT

**JUNE
12 & 13**

**GATES
OPEN
5:30PM**

**START
7PM**

10 Events * Rodeo Acts * Queen comp * Trophy buckles * added money

»»—————««
JOHNSON COUNTY FAIRGROUND GARDNER, KS





Abdallah Shriners Rodeo and Demo Derby

**June 11th -14th, 2025 at Johnson Co.
Fairgrounds, Gardner KS**



Abdallah Shriners are proud to present our annual event at the Johnson Co. Fairgrounds, located at 136 Washington, Gardner, Kansas. The fun starts with a new event on June 11th with a family day, featuring rodeo events for kids and young adults. Then June 12th & 13th with a full Rodeo and finishing with a Demolition Derby on Saturday June 14th 2025.

Over the last 63 years, we have established a large following of participants and fans that look forward to these events year after year. For this reason, it is important for us to keep the Rodeo and Demo Derby a fun, affordable & family-oriented event even though it is a major fundraiser for Abdallah Shriners annual budget. In an effort to keep this a family affordable event, we hope you and your company will consider supporting our event by sponsorship or advertising with us. Various sponsorship's are available at every price point, and we will be happy to develop a customized sponsorship or advertising program to suit your company's needs on a one-on-one basis.

We are excited to be back to the Johnson Co. Fairgrounds, and are developing a great relationship with the fair board and its members. The venue is well suited for our needs and offers many potential opportunities for sponsorship and advertising for your company. The arena holds up to 3000 people with ample area to set up booths for advertising or promotions. We can work with you to help your company get in front of all those people and make difference for both of us.

You may have heard of our organization through television commercials or have seen us participating in local parades. Shriners International is a fraternity based on fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief and truth with nearly 200 shrine centers in several countries, and thousands of clubs worldwide. For more information of what we do, please visit shrinersinternational.org

Advertising with Shriners helps support a great organization as well connecting your company to or loyal customer base. We are grateful for any support from sponsorship, advertising sales, or donations. Feel free to contact our business office for any questions or to get in touch with our sales team at (913) 362-5300 or email us office@abdallahshrine.org

On behalf of all our members located throughout Northeast Kansas, Abdallah Shriners sincerely appreciate your generosity and support.

Kind Regards,

Tony Pagel
Assistant Rabban, Abdallah Shriners
contact information: (913) 927-9129
email: tonypagel66@gmail.com

Proceeds from this activity are for the benefit of Abdallah Shriners and are not Tax Deductible as a charitable contribution

5300 Metcalf : Overland Park, Kansas 66202 : 913-362-5300



Abdallah Shriner's Fundraising

Event dates: June 11th - 14th, 2025

Location: Johnson Co. Fair Grounds, Gardner, KS

Wednesday- Family Day : Thursday & Friday – Rodeo : Saturday Derby

Sponsorship Opportunities:

■ **Box Seats:** Cost: **\$2,500.00** **Night of Event:** Wed Thursday Friday Saturday

- Full Page Ad in the Souvenir Program
- 50 Tickets to the event and designated premium seating to watch the event
- Acknowledgment through out the performance
- Vouchers for concession stand for the evenings event

■ **Event Sponsor:** Cost: **\$1000.00** Event: _____

- Full Page Ad in the Souvenir Program
- One 3'x8' Advertising Banner Displayed in the area at all Performances
- Acknowledgment through out the performance nightly
- 10 Gen Admission Tickets for Thursday night (Rodeo) & Saturday (Derby) performance
- Your Flag will be hot lapped in the arena before the event

■ **Buckle or Car Sponsor:** Cost: **\$250.00** Event/ Car #:

Sponsor Representative

Title

Signature

Date

Abdallah Representative

Membership Number

5300 METCALF • OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS 66202 • 913-362-5300

<https://abdallahshriners.com/2025-rodeo-demo-derby-1> or <mailto:office@abdallahshrine.org>

Around the Realm...

KORAN TEMPLE NO. 33



2025 DIVAN Illustrious Potentate Norman E. Smith

Chief Rabban - Jermel (Cortez) Davis
 Assistant Rabban - Charles (Woo) Hardiman
 High Priest & Prophet - Leroy E. Jones, Jr.
 Oriental Guide - Mikal (Kelz) Hill, Sr.
 Treasurer - Jeffrey L. Boykin, Sr.
 Recorder - Cedric T. Patton
 Assistant Recorder - Derek D. Bryant
 1st Ceremonial Master - Mark A. Swanagan
 2nd Ceremonial Master - Prebis A. Burton
 Captain of the Guard - Keith D. Martin
 Outer Guard - Elbert Super
 Marshal - Robert E. Vick
 Advisor to the Daughters - Eddie Leon (Chops) Brown
 Deputy of the Oasis - Charles E. Shaw, Jr.
 Imperial Deputy Organizer - Alfred J. Pearson



WESTSIDE PLAYER APPRECIATION DINNER

Hosted by the ISIS Gridiron Club

Complementary Steak Dinner
 for the player and two guests
 Additional meals available for \$25.

Sunday, February 23 at 4:00 PM

Russell VFW
 248 Bob Dole Drive
 Russell, Kansas

RSVP to Greg King
 620.617.3634
 gmking316@live.com



2025 CSSA Potentate Balls

Temple	Name	Lady	Ball date
Moila	Ryan Gerster	Jessica	2/8/2025
Midian	Scott Shirkey	Deb	2/22/2025
Za-Ga-Zig	J.R. Legg	Lora	2/22/2025
Abdallah	Mike Guilinger	Deb	3/1/2025
Al Kaly	Jared Lee Maddox	Alexandria	3/8/2025
Moolah	Jack Melton	Gail	3/8/2025
Abou Ben Adhem	Steve Allgood	Sandy	4/5/2025
Sesostris	Mike Berger	Kathy	4/12/2025
Tangier	Paul Bohannon Jr		4/12/2025
Ararat	Jermy Yates	Gwen	4/19/2025
Arab	Keith Bricker	Patty	4/26/2025
Abu Beckr	Dwight Dirks	Jolene	5/3/2025
Isis	Carey Wilken	Juanita	5/3/2025
Scimitar	John Robinson (PP)	Debra	5/31/2025
Mirza	Don Wheeler	Sue	6/7/2025
El Kahir	James Voss	Kari	6/14/2025
Kaaba	Nathan Stone		6/14/2025
India	Eddie Burns	Hannah	6/21/2025
Akdar	Bobby Lee Benn	Lisa	TBD
Bedouin	Hank Starkey		TBD
El Jebel	Doug Kelley		TBD
Tehama	Tyson Wademan	Stacie	TBD

ARAB SHRINE CIRCUS

2025 85th ANNUAL

Show Times

Friday, Feb. 21 - 7:00pm
 Saturday, Feb. 22 - 9:00am, 2:30pm & 7:00pm
 Sunday, Feb. 23 - 12:30pm

Since 1940

FEB2025

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ABDALLAH SHRINE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						01 Water Buffalo Degree
02 Bingo-Greeters	03	04	05 Divan BoD Mtg	06 Birthday Friday	07	08
09 Super Bowl Party 	10 Bingo-TASS	11 ABDALLAH STATED MEETING	12 Coffee Club	13	14 Koran Temple Rose Dance	15
16 Bingo-Escorts	17	18 Café Oasis	19	20 Arab Shrine Circus	21 Arab Shrine Circus Midian Ball Za-Ga-Zig Ball	22
23 Arab Shrine Circus	24 Bingo-Oriental Band	25 Coffee Club	26	27	28	

MAR2025

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ABDALLAH SHRINE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						01 Potentate's Ball
02 Bingo- Antique Cars	03	04	05 Divan BoD Mtg	06 Birthday Friday	07	08
09 Bingo-Provost & LoH	10 ABDALLAH STATED MEETING	11 Coffee Club Café Oasis	12	13 Kansas Grand Lodge	14 Kansas Grand Lodge	15
16 St. Patrick's Day Parade	17 Bingo-Blue Racers	18	19 Rodeo/Derby Committee Mtg	20 CSSA Business Session	21 CSSA Business Session	22
23 Bingo- Weekenders	24	25 Coffee Club Membership Committee	26 TASS Mtg	27	28 Potentate's Trip Kansas Shrine Duals	29
30 Potentate's Trip	31 Potentate's Trip Bingo-Tin Lizzies					

