



**** NO Stated Meeting in April ****

We will have a “Web” meeting via Zoom.us or GoToMeeting.com
Details will be sent out via the Constant Contact service several days before
when they are available. As the web meeting can not be tiled,
NO business will be conducted, it will just be informative.

All of you please be safe and follow the guidelines for the prevention
of spreading the COVIC19 virus.

Now with President Trump’s “stay at home” guidelines,
ALL activities through April 30th are now canceled or postponed.



MEMBERSHIP

January 1, 2020	708
Creations	0
Affiliations	1
Restorations	6
Associations	1
Deceased	(8)
Demitted	(1)
Suspended	0
Withdrawn	0
Associate Dropped	0
Expulsions	0
March 31, 2020	707



the Black Camel

In Memory

Russell Jensen
Greg Kuntz
Darrel Lee Odle
Bill Peters
Earl Reavis

BINGO Schedule - 2020

April

- ~~6 Blue Racers~~
- ~~13 Antique & Classic Cars~~
- ~~20 Provost~~
- ~~27 Trail 70s~~

May

- 4 Hawgs
- 11 Oriental Band
- 18 500s
- 25 Tin Lizzies

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

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

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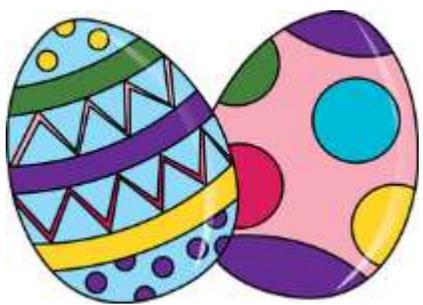


Stated Meeting
April 14, 2020
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

CANCELED

Interested in helping the Chefs? They are looking for a few good men to help in the kitchen .

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





ABDALLAH STATED MEETING

ABDALLAH SHRINE
5300 Metcalf, Overland Park, KS 66202



CANCELED

2020 Meeting Cancelled
April 14, 2020
7:30 PM

Brian Wilson
Illustrious Potentate

Bennie Smith P.P.
Recorder

The POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



My sincere hope is that all Nobles, Ladies and their families are doing everything they can do to help each other out during these trying times with the Covid 19 pandemic. Out of concern for our Nobles and Ladies, we made the tough decision to postpone the Potentates ball from March 14 to August 8, 2020. The hotel, caterer, band and bus company all graciously agreed to let us change the ball date. The Ball Committee had already begun decorating the main hall and let me tell you what, it was starting to look incredible. I'm confident the ball in August will be awesome. Please consider coming out to the ball on August 8. The board has also decided to cancel all events being held at the temple through April 26, 2020.

With keeping our personal distance in mind, and so that we can try to keep in contact with each other, and to also disseminate information, we are working on plans to host meetings using an electronic format, called Zoom. When we finalize those plans, look for an email from constant contact on how to download and log in. We recently used

Zoom to have a meeting with both Abdallah and Ararat Board of Directors, and it worked out very well.

We recently returned from the annual Potentates trip to Costa Rica. What an incredible country to visit! 95 degrees, no humidity, no rain, great food and a beautiful resort. Our daughter, Shanelle, married Noble John Duke during the trip. The wedding was on the beach and was set right at sunset. It was a beautiful wedding, and a great trip. Amy and I would have loved to have had more Nobles and Ladies to attend the trip, but those that did attend had a great time. When future trips are planned, you should consider Costa Rica.

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to the new Grand Master of Kansas, Tony Borum, who is a Member of Abdallah, and was installed on March 21, 2020. The Grand Master is very supportive of all appendant bodies of Masonry, and especially Shriners. I would also like to extend my sincere congratulations to a very dedicated Shrine Lady, Terri Phillips, who was installed as the Queen of EL Maat No. 120, Daughters of the Nile. The Daughters of the Nile do great things. Please go out and support Terri and her team this year.

We have the Demo Derby Casino night on May 2. This event has become a favorite event for all to attend. Please come out and support the Casino Night. This is the first fundraiser of the year to support the Demo Derby, which supports the budget for the Divan in 2021. It's a fun time, and helps the temple.

Start planning **NOW**, for Imperial 2020. If you have never had the opportunity to attend an Imperial Convention, now is the time to attend. We are co-hosting the event in Kansas City, with our brothers and sisters at Ararat, July 5 through July 9, 2020. There are many fun and unique events to see at an Imperial Convention. Please refer to www.imperial2020.com for schedules.

The upgrades to our main hall are almost complete. First Lady Amy and my Shrine Mom and Dad, Illustrious Sir Kevin Larson and Lady Carolyn, spent many hours steaming the new main hall curtains. Treasurer Mike Guilinger, Noble Ralph Anderson and Illustrious Sir Kevin Larson hung the new curtain rods and curtains, and they look incredible. The AV system upgrade is complete. We have a new laser projector; new, larger TVs; a new drop-down screen; and two additional microphone channels. These upgrades are not only important for our use but is imperative for us to be able to offer possible renters the ability to use this equipment.

Finally, THANK YOU for all that you all do to make Abdallah a great place. We have many dedicated Nobles and Ladies that make Abdallah great. I know that times like this our tough, and many people are worried. If you need help, do not be afraid to ask. If you need help, please call me, or Amy, or any member of the Divan or Divan Lady and we will get you the help you need, but you need to let us know what you need. We always say that we are a Shrine family, and now is the time to really show how much of a family we are. We can make it through tough times like these by leaning on each other. Please remember to call your fellow noble that you have not spoken to in a while. Call the lady without a noble that is living alone and see if she needs anything. Unit and Club Presidents, please call your members and check on them. These tough times will soon pass; this will make us stronger and more resilient. Abdallah and its members are strong and when we return to normal operations, I look forward to seeing you all and giving you all a great big hug!

Yours in the faith, Brian Wilson, Potentate



Reach Out...
Phone, Write, Visit! Say...

Happy Birthday Noble!

From the Illustrious Potentate, Divan and
Members of Abdallah Shriners



April 1st

Charles F Manning

April 2nd

Robert M Cole

John M Davis

David J Boyd

April 3rd

Robert A Baker

April 4th

Trevor Smith

April 5th

Michael W Schaeffer

Jason S Denney

Michael P Kwiatkowski

April 6th

Donald L Freeberg

April 8th

Scott D Gilpin

April 9th

Floyd L Fleming P.P.

April 10th

Tarry L Griffin

Kevin Spurling

April 12th

James M Holzmark

April 13th

Warren M Scholl

Charles H Hawkins

Kevin A Rogers

April 15th

Marion L McWilliams

Michael J Benedick

April 17th

Harry A Rightmire

April 19th

George L Sherman

Lyle S Smith P.P.

Kenneth M Rickey

Michael R Perez

April 20th

Shawn P Loyd

April 22nd

Charles A Stafford

April 23rd

Sidney F Putnam

April 24th

Donald L Marah Jr.

Chad J Wiswell

April 25th

Jack Sokolov

Jerry R Horseman

Matthew W Larson

April 26th

Phillip A Vaubel

Benjarman L Deal

April 27th

James D Coker

Chris J Hubler

April 28th

Tim Galvin

April 29th

John J Tomc

Phillip F Robbins

James S Millholland

April 30th

Donald B Farris

Jerry Lucas

Edwin W Coleman



Nobles and Ladies

Come Visit the Shrine 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!

Reminder

As we have to pay for table clothes by the week, whether they are used or not, the Temple no longer carries an inventory. (We actually pay the same per week per table cloth for them to sit on the self or to be used)

They are now a special order item so, If you need table linens or table clothes for your event, they **must** be ordered 2 weeks in advance through the Abdallah Shriners office.

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 Swearengin



PCM

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NEED YOUR HELP
RIGHT NOW

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PCM

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For more information contact:
ILLUSTRIOUS SIR, BILL HAMMER, P.P.
913-782-3692
Or
The Shrine Office

PLAYGROUND NOTICE

All materials for *Playground* publication should be submitted to playground@abdallahshrine.org. Please do not send materials to any other email address, especially to a specific personal or office email. Only those materials sent to playground@abdallahshrine.org will be published. Electronic submissions should be in Word format. Ads maybe submitted as a jpeg file. We are not able to accept submissions via Facebook or any other social media site.

Also, as a reminder, the deadline for submitted materials to the *Playground* is the 15th of the month.

If you would like to advertise an upcoming event and the prices for that event, you will need to place an ad. You can contact the office to get the proper paper work to place that ad.

Thank you,

Jerry Ogden, Editor

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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

Chaplain

By Jerry Ogden

Words and their actions have power. We've had this discussion before. Let's use two specific words and explore what that power can look like. The words – encourage and critical. We'll use Webster's Dictionary for definitions first.

Encourage – to give courage, hope or confidence to; embolden; hearten.

Critical – tending to find fault; censorious.

For some, the act to encourage comes very easily and we always like to be around those folks. That's not to say we totally agree with everything they say and do, but they simply have a way of behaving that we find encouraging anyway. They give us hope and confidence in both them and ourselves. We see them as good people who seem to want what's best for everyone around them. They become great role models of how life can be fun, purposeful and rewarding.

For others, the need to be critical just seems to be a natural way of life for them, one that very few people much care for. Easy to find fault in how things are being handled by others. After a while, don't many of us simply quit listening or caring about that criticism that is not really going to fix anything but is sure to cause great harm, sometimes irreparably.

God created us in His own image. And he gave us free-will choice. I have no doubt that we could choose to be a lot closer to what He had in mind for us if we would just live our lives the best we can and be an encouraging influence for others within our families, communities and our beloved Fraternity.

I offer my own definitions for the fore-mentioned words:

Encourage – to be positive; to care; to have compassion; to remember that others were not made in my image.

Critical – to be negative.

Amen



“THE LAUGH”

The JOKER Family would like to convey their most high-spirited and hardy welcome to the NEWEST JOKER'S GRANDPA, MICKEY MIKULAN.

Mickey's first grandchild a girl, RaeLynn Harper Schmidt, was born Tuesday February 4. CONGRATULATIONS GRANDPA!!!

Anyone willing to give odds, GRANDPA MICKEY will be spoiling her!?!?.....LOL

JOKER'S next regular scheduled meeting is TUESDAY, April 28, 2020, fourth (4th) Tuesday of the month.

Social Hour commences at 6:00 PM and continues until 6:30 PM; meal starts immediately afterwards. Regular scheduled monthly meeting starts at 7:30. Come have a drink and share your humor!

Stay Safe

**GOOD IDEAS SPRING FORTH
NATURALLY FROM YOUR MIND,
UTILIZE THEM**



By Ken Holliday

The Escorts have been dark but that doesn't mean we have not been involved with Shrine activity and each other.

As I write, we have just returned from an Escort funeral. Earl Reavis, a long time Escort until he decided his riding days were over, passed away on February 25. He was a good man, a good Escort and a good Shriner. He will be missed.

Several of us have been able to get out and ride each month when the weather gave us a glimpse of what spring promises. We didn't ride very far but enough to whet our appetites for what is to come.

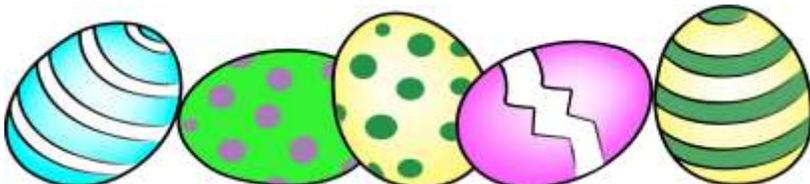
The most significant event of the winter was Ralph and Linda Anderton hosting us for a lovely dinner and a surprise birthday party...for me. Thanks to all that attended. It made a very special night for me that resulted in Marcella driving us home, a unique event itself.

Our first mystery ride is scheduled for March 28. We can't wait. Hopefully we will be in the wind and not in steel cages. We can't report on it because it is a mystery. We'll tell you about it next month. Ralph Anderton is putting it together and he always surprises to the upside.

THANK YOU!

I want to thank my Shrine Family and friends for their prayers, cards and support during Tootsie's illness and passing. You helped me through a very difficult time.

Jim Inman





By Gaylon Jones

The Tin Lizzies have agreed to take over the All You Can Eat Shrimp dinner. This has been a favorite event that the Joker Unit has maintained for many years. The Tin Lizzies and their ladies will continue this popular fundraiser. The date for the Shrimp Dinner is September 18th.

The Tin Lizzie Fishing Tournament is June 13th. The Tin Lizzies Know Fish!!!!

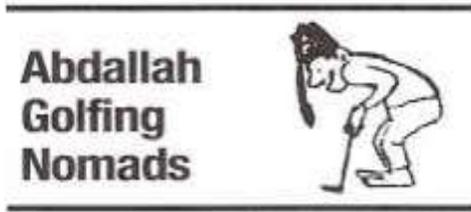
The March Birthday Friday was a great success - a lot of fun and good food. Happy Birthday to all the March Babies.

April Birthday Days:

Jerry Horseman 4-25
Lyle Smith 4-19

Anniversary:

Enrique and Lupe Valdovino 4-20



By Roger Miller

Golfing season is upon us and we are ready and anxious. Our season was scheduled to start on April 9th at Tomahawk Hills, however that may be postponed. To check on the latest schedule or for the most current information on playing, call one the members listed below.

We play on Thursday mornings and invite all Shrine golfers to join us. If you want to play any week, call any us by Monday evening of that week and we will tell you where we will be playing and get you signed up.

Just give one of us a call:

Kenny Courtney, 913-205-9813

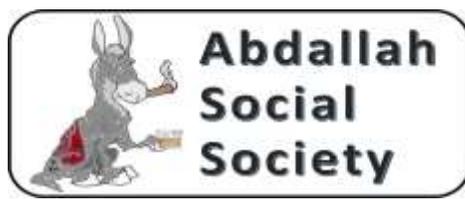
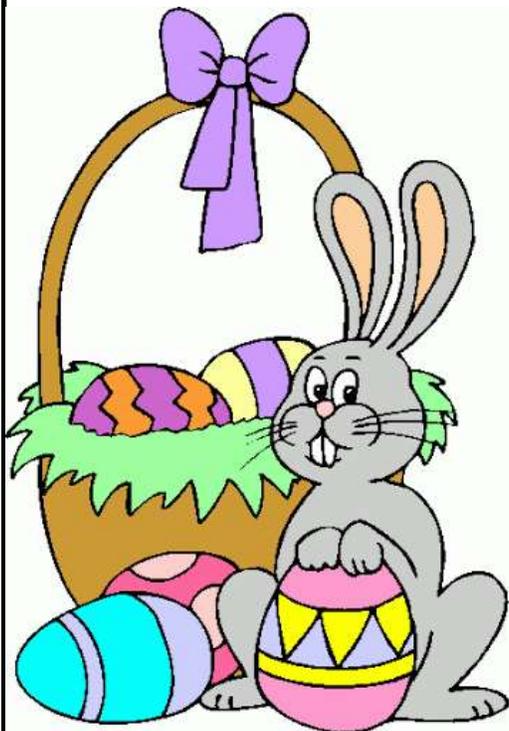
Roger Miller, 913-915-6048

Bob Hansen, 913-231-6398

Dick Strong, 816-520-6611

Pat Emmett, 913-744-6347

Hope to see you on the tee!



By Mike Guilinger

Well with all the shrine activities in March and April canceled, maybe the first meeting of the year will be May 28 for the Abdallah Social Society. Fingers crossed, we'll finally be installing the officers for 2020.

The social starts at 5ish and dinner is at 6:30pm with the business meeting at 7 p.m.. Meetings are short to allow more time for social as that is what we are about.

If you're not already a member come to our meeting and see what all the fun is about! We're a Club not a Unit so there are no restrictions on membership.

Units and Clubs

Don't forget to write an Article to go here in this section of 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:
playground@abdallahshrine.org

RUSH NIGHTS!

May 1st
August 7th
November 6th

Get your candidates ready!

CEREMONIAL

September 25th & 26th

"Membership is the Key to Success"

How Abdallah Shriners is dealing with the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Johnson County order to stay at home.

Well, with the stay at home order and no gatherings larger than 10, we have had to close the Abdallah Shrine Building. Obviously this has made a major impact to our Bingo and Rental income and our investment income has been impacted as well. We'll have to adjust our 2020 budget accordingly.

Some of the things we have done to help reduce our day to day expenses are; making sure all room thermostats are set to 60 degrees or in some cases turned off. We have put our trash service on vacation hold. We have suspended our linen service so we are not paying for door mats, table cloths, mops and dust mops that we would normally rent on a weekly basis. With no activities, our water, sewer, electric and gas service bills should be reduced as well.

Our office manager Tina, is still working, and able to answer the phones and email, as well as keep up with the mail and pay the bills. Carolyn Merrick, who has been volunteering in the office is staying at home. Your Divan and Building Association Board is using Zoom to video conference. We're also looking at the service GoToMeeting. Zoom has been recommended by Imperial as a way to stay in touch and hold non-tiled meetings and GoToMeeting is similar and less costly.

We are looking to have Zoom or GoToMeeting accounts that can be available for Units, Clubs and Committees to use to hold virtual meetings. The Unit or Club officer needs to contact their Divan rep for details on how to use this option. You can also use the free version of Zoom which does have some limits. www.Zoom.us. Both products have free smart phone apps you can install.

The Abdallah Potentate and Divan will be using these services in the near future to host Temple wide web meetings so every member can join and listen in. It highly recommended that you look into the apps for your computer or smart device. You **do not** need an account, or need to purchase anything to participate or view the Abdallah Hosted meetings.

As the April Stated Meeting has been canceled, we will broadcast a web meeting, state of Abdallah, call it what you want, broadcast from our Potentate and several members of the Divan on Tuesday, April 14 at 7:30 PM. Details of how and when to login will be sent via Constant Contact in the Weekly Update before the meeting date. If you are not receiving the Constant Contacts, or know someone who is not, please have them send an email to the Shrine office, office@abdallahshrine.org requesting they be added. This is our fastest and simplest means to get the word out on almost anything.

As Abdallah Shrine Temple is located in Johnson County, we have provided the link below to the Johnson County Health website which has continual updates on the situation in Johnson County and the State of Kansas. You can copy it and paste in your browser. <https://www.jocogov.org/coronavirus-covid-19-update>

The next several pages are communications we have received from Shriners International that we wanted to share, with information on how they are handling the situation and recommendations on how we should handle it as well.

All of you please be safe and follow the guidelines for the prevention of spreading the COVIC19 virus.



OFFICE OF
JOHN C. PILAND
 EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT/COO
 813-281-0300

MEMBER
 ANSAR SHRINERS
 SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Temples

FROM: John C. Piland, Executive Vice President

DATE: March 16, 2020

SUBJECT: Questions Regarding Temple Operations

As a result of actions and advice provided by federal, state or local governments, we have received a number of questions related to cancelling events or postponing meetings.

Shriners International is not suggesting that Temples stop or curtail their activities as the result of the Coronavirus. The decision to continue or cancel an event is left to the sound discretion of the Temple based upon the conditions that exist in your area as reported by your local public health officials.

You are able to review the most recent information provided by the CDC and local public health officials and also the business case for either proceeding with or cancelling a previously planned event.

Be sure you are working with your temple attorney to have him review the applicable contracts if you determine you will cancel some preplanned event. There may be significant legal ramifications and costs associated with unilaterally cancelling an event in which contracts are involved.

If you believe it is appropriate to postpone a stated meeting of the Temple, please send a letter to the Imperial Potentate through the Office of the Executive Vice President via email (jpiland@shrinenet.org) or fax (813-281-7103) requesting dispensation to do so immediately following such decision.

JCP:alc



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 813-281-0300

MEMBER
 ANSAR SHRINERS
 SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Temple Potentates and Recorders

FROM: John C. Piland, Executive Vice President

DATE: March 18, 2020

SUBJECT: Questions Regarding Grand Master's Edicts

Questions have arisen related to what a Shrine Temple should do in response to their Grand Master taking action related to "masonic activities" within their jurisdiction.

We believe it is in the best interests of the Shrine, our Members and the Masons within the jurisdiction to have the Shrine Temple adopt any restrictions on activities provided by the Grand Master. This approach provides clarity and consistency throughout freemasonry within a jurisdiction. It also promotes unity of action and demonstrates Shrine support of the Grand Lodge.

If a Grand Master cancels all masonic activities in a jurisdiction, we strongly encourage temples, clubs and units to abide by his ruling.

We also believe that Temple leaders should be and remain in close contact with the Grand Master for purposes of future planning. Certainly, the "emergency" has not yet abated and the future is anything but clear. If there are particular events or activities that Temple leadership believes should be excluded from the scope of prohibited conduct, we strongly suggest that a request for dispensation, along with excellent reasons supporting the request, be presented to the Grand Master for his consideration.

Certain meetings, such as **Divan or unofficial fraternal meetings**, might be held via ZOOM (an electronic meeting platform) without violating the letter or spirit of the Grand Master's edict related to activities. You are able to use the ZOOM platform, without charge to the Temple. You can obtain 40 minutes with up to 100 participants through the site listed here: <https://zoom.us/pricing>. **Please note: stated or special meetings may not be held electronically unless special permission is obtained from the Imperial Potentate, per section 324.1(d) and only if the proper protocol is followed.**

We remain convinced that Temple leaders are in the best position to make decisions related to the actions that should be taken to protect, but also to engage and encourage Shrine-Masons in a particular jurisdiction. The right answer in one area may not be the right answer in another.

Thank you for your service to the Shrine.

JCP:alc



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 813-281-0300

MEMBER
 ANSAR SHRINERS
 SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Temple Divan Members

FROM: John Piland

DATE: March 24, 2020

RE: Closing of Shriners International Headquarters

In response to concerns related to the COVID-19 virus, Shriners International Headquarters will close and move to a minimum staffing model beginning Wednesday, March 25, 2020 for the foreseeable future.

You should know that Shriners International will still be working! Our staff will continue SI business operations. Every effort will be made to continue to serve our Temples so that they may continue to serve their Nobles and their families during this period.

Please be patient with our staff as it is reasonable to anticipate less efficient operational performance during this period of transition and uncertainty. During this time, communicating with us via email is far preferable to attempting to reach a department or a particular staff member by phone.

You may also receive phone calls related to the business of Shriners International or Shriners Hospitals for Children that do not originate from our headquarters building. We will make every attempt to clearly identify ourselves so that you can have some confidence that our calls are legitimate. While the mail system remains a reliable way to make payments, you should be wary of faxes or emails that suggest you make any financial transaction, particularly electronically.

In times of emergency, families gather and bind themselves together. As a family of Shrine Masons, we are bound together by a stronger tie than outsiders can understand. Therefore, let's make effective use of the time we now have to look after one another.

Obviously, the situation that has impacted you which impacts our ability to serve you is less than ideal. However, we simply aren't going to permit this temporary obstacle to prevent us from serving our nobility and our temple leaders. Rather than complain about what we can't do, we are going to accomplish what we can do and ask you to join us in that spirit of service.

Thank you for your service to the Shrine and for your patience during this time.

JCP:alc

STATEMENT OF SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL RELATING TO IMPERIAL SESSION 2020

Shriners International is looking forward to hosting an amazing Imperial Session in Kansas City this summer!

The Imperial Potentate, Director General of the 2020 Imperial Session and the staff of Shriners International are closely monitoring quickly changing developments related to the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) as it may impact the upcoming Imperial Session.

Of course, the safety of our Nobles and their families is our highest concern. We are carefully reviewing the guidance provided by the World Health Organization and will be working in close collaboration with local health authorities to minimize the risks associated with this virus. Each individual should evaluate their own health situation in connection with the latest information provided by public health professionals in determining whether they should travel. We have every expectation that the 2020 Imperial Session will be an outstanding and extremely positive experience.

We anticipate providing additional updates and information related to Imperial Session 2020 as developments warrant.

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In my 7th year as Abdallah Shriners Chaplain, I never imagined just a short time ago that I would be sending out such a message of hope and encouragement to our Shrine Family. We are in the middle of a horribly worrisome time where we are not living our lives as we always have and wish we could do now. The novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) has come upon us with a furry that stuns us and sometimes scares the heck out of us.

Most of us are getting inundated by the hour with late-breaking news telling us the safety precautions we should take. We also get updates on the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in our area and the country. We learn of the many who have already succumbed to this awful disease. We learn that our medical authorities and government leaders are scrambling to learn all they can about this new virus for which there is no vaccine.

So, how are we handling this completely new lifestyle that maybe the 'new norm' for a period not quite yet defined?

We, the Shrine Family, have an abiding faith in God. In the past we have lifted up our prayers and concerns for things that may, at this point, seem not quite so important. No reason to feel guilty. That was then, this is now. The part of going to the Lord is probably more necessary during this period of uncertainty than ever before. Don't worry about what to say. The Lord knows your heart, your words and just wants to hear from you. He'll take it from there. Notwithstanding all that is happening in our lives, He is still in charge. He did not cause the virus to spread throughout the world as some type of punishment. He is not a vengeful God. He is a God of love, great compassion. Repeating, He is still in charge. We must trust in Him.

One of the best things I have heard came from a local Pastor who finally decided to close his church and livestream services. His comment for others to hear and pay heed to was that God gave each of us a brain and the ability to make good choices. He implored everyone listening to use their brain, make good choices and to not behave as if they were testing God. He probably made more sense to me than just about anyone else I have listened to.

My prayer for each of us is: 1) that we do the very best we can to stay away from anyone not living in our homes; 2) that we believe this COVID-19 is not just the flu, a hoax or a conspiracy; 3) that we often pray for deliverance from this disease; 4) that our leaders and medical authorities use their brains to make the best possible choices for how we are to get through this; 5) that those with the virus recover; 6) that those who have suffered the loss of a loved one knows the Lord and others do care about how they are doing; 7) that we offer help to those at risk due to health and/or age in a the way that does not expose us to the virus; 8) that each of us keeps faith and never., never., never give up hope.

Ways to keep in touch and check on each other is to call, email, or use other electronic methods; fly the American Flag as a symbol of unity until this awful period has come to something of a merciful end. Keep our faith in God and resolve to do everything we can to get through this and be able to greet one another on the other side of this whole, troubling affair. We will get through this, I am certain, just as certain that God does exist.

Here are some scriptures that offer encouragement, remembering that God speaks to us in many ways. The Holy Book that we most revere has many comforting and reassuring words in which we can find solace. We have been given the time to read those words. TV can be turned off periodically. It's not very encouraging and you will learn what you need the few times you do listen to the news.

Proverbs 2:11 *"Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you."*

Psalms 32:7 *"You are my hiding place; You will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance."*

Genesis 49:18 *"I look for your deliverance, Lord."*

John 17:15 *"My prayer is not that You take them out of the world but that You protect them from the evil one."*

1Corinthians 13:6-7 *"Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."*

Finally, we are capable of withstanding even this indiscriminate scourge. We will, with the Lord's mercy and support, get through this together and be reassured that we and our Lord took charge, overcame and became stronger in faith and with compassion for others.

May the Lord of all watch over us; may He know our faith and trust in Him is strong; may He grant us peace and comfort now and forever more.

Amen and So Mote It Be,
Jerry Ogden, Chaplain



Shriners Hospitals Charity Golf Tournament

Benefiting Shriners Hospitals for Children



Falcon Ridge Golf Club ♦ Thursday, June 25th, 2020

6 AM Registration ♦ 8 AM Shotgun Start ♦ Four Man Scramble

Registration deadline June 11th, 2020. Please check AbdallahGolf.com for the latest details.

Entry fee \$150 per golfer includes golf and cart, commemorative golf polo shirt, golfer pack with tees, balls, drink tickets (beer and soft drinks) and snacks. Light breakfast (rolls, juice and coffee).

Awards Luncheon and great door prizes!

Registration Form

Please make checks payable to "Abdallah SHC Golf"

Mail payment and registration to: Abdallah SHC Golf, 5300 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park, KS 66202

Questions? Please call Kevin Larson at 913-787-7308

Payment Information Pay by credit card Check enclosed

Player 1 _____ Shirt Size _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Credit Card Number _____ Security Code _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature _____ Print Name _____

Team Information

Player 2 _____ Shirt Size _____

Player 3 _____ Shirt Size _____

Player 4 _____ Shirt Size _____

Sponsorships Available

Please check type of sponsorship desired and include artwork and payment with registration. All levels \$1,000, or higher, include green fees, golf carts, lunch and on-course beverages. Your company banner will be displayed day of event and will receive recognition on our website, all social media and press releases.

- \$4,000 Gold Sponsor: Three foursomes entry fees, three tee-box signs with company name and logo, corporate logo on sleeve of commemorative golf polo shirt
 - \$2,000 Silver Sponsor: Two foursomes entry fees, two tee-box sign with company name and logo
 - \$1,000 Bronze Sponsor: One foursome entry fee, one tee-box sign with company name and logo
 - \$2,500 Shirt Sponsor: One foursome entry fee, corporate logo on sleeve of commemorative golf polo shirt
 - Longest Drive Sponsor: \$250 or equal merchandise
 - Closest to Pin Sponsor: \$250 or equal merchandise
 - Longest Putt Sponsor: \$250 or equal merchandise
- Hole Sign \$150
Silent Auction Items

Abdallah Shriners are a part of Shriners International, a brotherhood of men and their families, dedicated to fun and fellowship but with a serious purpose. They support what has been called the "World's Greatest Philanthropy" Shriners Hospitals for Children, a network of 22 pediatric specialty hospitals, operated and maintained by Shriners. 100% of the proceeds from this tournament will go to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

For more information, please check these websites: Shriners International at shrinersinternational.org and Shriners Hospitals for Children at shrinershospitalsforchildren.org

Birthday Friday @ 7:00 PM on....

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Cash Bar, as usual, May birthday - \$25.

Harper's Famous Margarita's and Imported Beer for sale.

See you in the Oasis **May 1 at 7:00!**

Abdallah Shriners Demolition Derby & Casino Night



Dear Nobles & Ladies,

The times we are living through together are unprecedented in the history of our fraternity and the modern world. The COVID-19 pandemic is like nothing any of us have seen before. I want to thank all of you for your commitment and patience.

We play an important role in the ecosystem of friendship and fun during a time like this. It's more important than ever that we keep healthy and free from sickness. As part of this, we have cancelled and postponed most of our immediate Abdallah functions.

The changes to our daily lives bring uncertainty and many questions. The challenges we face will require extraordinary action. We pledge to communicate with you to share new information as we have it. We appreciate your dedication, and your patience during this time. We will get through this together.

The Casino Night and Rib Sales – Saturday, May 2nd POSTPONED. The new date to be determined (TBD). We will still be accepting donations and table sponsors and will be around to talk to clubs and units when we are able to meet again.

The Demolition Derby – August 28th & 29th

As of right now, **the demo derby is on and strong!** Keep your fingers crossed as this is Abdallah's largest 2021 fundraiser. We have changed our fundraising event to a 2 day demolition derby!

I know that right now is not the most opportune time to solicit since we are all sheltered in place, but when this is all said and done, please get out there to help support the Demo Derby.

The Demo Committee updated the logo (thanks to Carolyn Larson) along with the program advertising and event sponsorship materials with the new and exciting information. This derby **won't be successful** without your help getting out in the community to sell ads to support **Abdallah's largest 2021 fundraiser!**

Here are some things to note:

- Did you know that by selling ads/sponsorships you can earn your cash or Shrine Credit that can be used towards hall rentals or Potentate Ball fees in 2021?
 - Earn 25% CASH INCENTIVE for NEW ads/sponsorships
 - Earn 10% Shrine Credit for renewing that ads/sponsorships you sold before
- Ask family, friends, neighbors, employers – ads start as low as \$50
- Check out www.abdallahdays.com for more info on the event and advertising sales and sponsorships – or call me at 913-378-8199 with any questions.
- We will still need volunteers for the event – mark your calendars August 28th & 29th at the Leavenworth County Fairgrounds in Tonganoxie

Thanks again for all you do to make Abdallah the wonderful place that it is. And thank you for considering donating to the Casino Night, selling ads for the Demo Derby, and everything else you support!

Sincerely,
Chris Zugelder
Chief Rabban



CASINO NIGHT
SATURDAY, MAY 2

BBQ DINNER 6PM-7PM | \$10
CASINO 7PM-10PM | \$20
INCLUDES 2 DRINK TICKETS & \$2,000 IN PLAY CHIPS
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Abdallah Demolition Derby

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per rack

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Rib Order Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Number of Racks _____ @ \$18.00 / rack _____ Total

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Nick Turner

11418 W. 89th Street

Overland Park, KS 66214

e-mail at n_turner13@yahoo.com

Chris Zugelder 913-378-8199 zugelder@ieee.org

Ribs will be available for pickup at The Abdallah Casino Night (TBD)



Brian Burns



Reid Spachman

2020

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Saturday, July 18th @ 7 p.m.

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The Abdallah Bingo Committee could use your help as we are in need of several new Money Collectors and people to verify winners. If you would like to help out and join the committee please call:

The Temple Office at 913-362-5300

The Bingo Committee could use 3-4 full time Bingo Workers from 5:00-9:00 PM.

With the pots getting bigger we need even more help! If you can come help, please do!



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Attention:

Units & Clubs: Now is the time to be booking the Abdallah Hall and the Nobles Activity Room for your 2020 Events & Activities! Don't wait until it's too late to get the dates you want!



24th Annual Young Shriners Golf Tournament 4-Man Scramble All playing levels welcome

Early Registration deadline is:

Postmarked by 5/1/2020 or
hand delivered to a Yo-Shi member by 5/9/2020.

Tournament Information:

When: Saturday May 16th 2020 approximately 12:00
Where: Painted Hills Golf Course, Kansas City, KS
Cost: \$85 per person, \$320 per team (persons signing up as an individual will be assigned to a team. **Late registration will be \$90 per person or \$360 per team.**

We are limiting this to 30 teams. Tournament fee includes the following: range balls, green fees, cart rental, sleeve of golf balls, pre-tournament lunch, beverages before, during and after golf, hotdogs during the post tournament awards and 1 ticket for random prize drawings.

Additional prize tickets will be for sale prior to tee off and right before prize drawings after lunch. 1-\$1 or 6-\$5. Mulligans will also be available for purchase prior to tee off 2-\$5 no limit.

The tournament is open to Nobles, their Ladies, and friends or guests of Shriners.

Mail Entries to:

Yo-Shi
5300 Metcalf Ave
Overland Park, KS 66202

Proceeds from this activity are for the use of Abdallah Yo-Shi and are NOT Tax Deductible

Registration Entry Form

Individual Team
(Please check appropriate box)

Team Captain/Individual Name

Additional Team Member Names (required if registering a team)

Email or Phone contact (Team Captain/Indv only)

Payment in full should be submitted with this entry form.
Make checks payable to Yo-Shi

*\$85 per golfer
\$320 per team*

Total Fees due:

Late registration will be \$90 and/or \$360

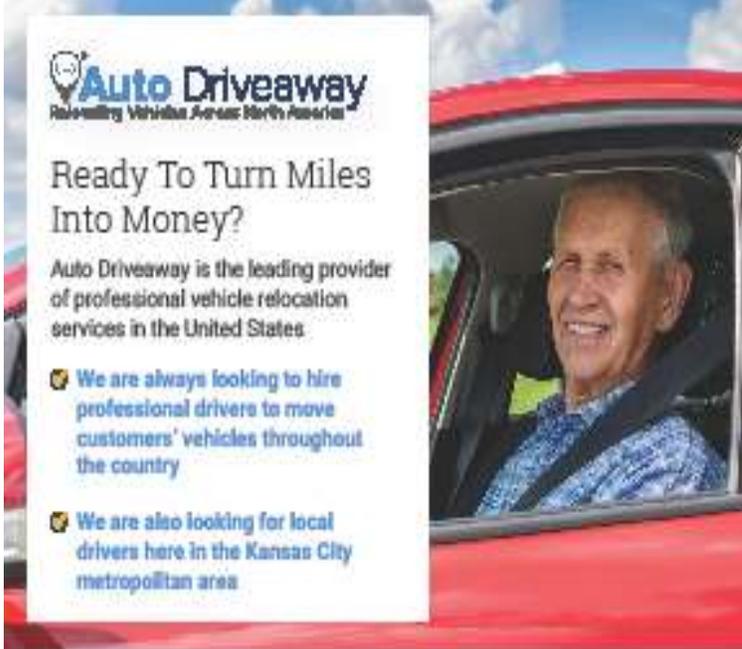
50/50 Raffle

2020 Upcoming Parade Dates

Hope to have details for the St Pats Parade next month. Check the Parade Calendar on the website for the latest info.

<https://www.abdallahshriners.com/parades>

Need another great reason to come to Stated Meetings? Abdallah Shrine is starting a 50/50 raffle at each Stated Meeting. Half of the pot will go to the winner and the other half will go towards the next months pot! The pot will grow every month and the payout will be higher and higher! Be sure to come to Stated Meetings as you don't want to miss this!

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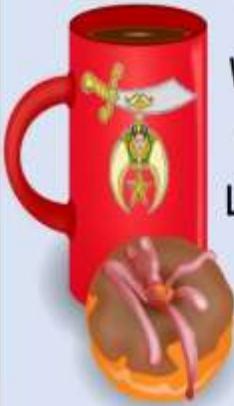
Come on up to the Shrine and enjoy the company of your fellow Nobles!

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219 S. Kansas Ave. Olathe, KS 66061

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Doug R Voss.....913-553-3605

We would like to start compiling a list of our members and services that they are able to provide. If you would like to be included on this page, simply fill out the form below and return it to the office. This is a great way to advertise your company at a nominal yearly fee.

ABDALLAH Advertising Order Form DATE: _____

Company Name: _____

Contact: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

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Line 5 _____	\$10	_____
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Outline Yes No	\$10	_____
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ELECTIVE DIVAN

Potentate – Brian Wilson (Amy)	816-520-8315
jwilson155@kc.rr.com	
Chief Rabban - Chris Zugelder (Mindy)	913-378-8199
Zugelder@ieee.org	
Assistant Rabban - Herb Merrick (Carolyn)	913-683-3041
hmerrick@kc.rr.com	
High Priest & Prophet - Greg Sippel (Mary Ellen)	913-226-4009
gcsippel@gmail.com	
Oriental Guide - Ronnie White (Barbie)	913-314-1568
randbauto66083@yahoo.com	
Treasurer - Mike Guilinger (Deb)	913-948-1501
mikeguilinger@gmail.com	
Recorder - Bennie Smith P.P. (Debbie Sullivan)	913-449-0987
benmaltrev@gmail.com	

APPOINTIVE DIVAN

First Ceremonial Master - Chris Robertson (Paula Luna)	913-940-8666
Regiscrob@aol.com	
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tony@creativerestorationskc.com	
Marshal - Jim Leahy (Beth)	913-514-4291
jtleahy189@yahoo.com	
Captain of the Guard - Jamie Thornton	913-652-9486
jamie_thornton@swissre.com	
Outer Guard - Chris Harrison	913-980-7462
chrish@mwfert.com	
Chaplain - Jerry Ogden (Shiela)	816-260-8882
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Bill Hammer - 2006	913-782-3692
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Don Best - 2010	913-940-3956
Nick Turner - 2011	913-441-9555
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Jim Lear (El Jebel – 1998).....	913-498-2209
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All Elected Divan Officers *plus*

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Dale Schmidt (2017 – 2021)	913-481-4843
Larry Hewitt (2018 - 2022)	913-927-6950
Benny Harper (2019 - 2023)	913-449-1478
Tony Pagel (2020 - 2024).....	913-927-9129

ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING MANAGERS

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Tom Oliphant	913-299-0845
Chris Robertson	913-940-8666
Richard “Bear” Sobek	913-991-1200
Joe Hobbs	913-271-6200
Sam Little	913-645-2405
Randy Mahan	913-515-9908
Blaine Miller	913-831-3031

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Transportation Coordinator	Joe Hobbs	913-908-9222
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Assoc. Board—St. Louis	Bill Leonard	913-393-5890
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	Ed Alft	913-488-8310
Investment Committee	Jason Denney	913-706-9097
Legal Counsel	Ed McConwell P. P.	913-262-0605
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	Tim Williams P.P.	
	Allen Baiamonte	
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Parade Marshal	Erik Kittrel	913-306-3793
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	Sharon Steele	913-492-4436
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Upcoming Events

**ALL ACTIVITES SCHEDULED THROUGH
APRIL 30th ARE CANCELED**

**All Future activities are subject to our local
Health Directives so please watch for
further information.**

May 1st - Rush Night

May 1st - Birthday Friday APRIL & MAY

May 4th - Bingo (Hawgs)

May 8th - Cinco de Mayo Party

May 10th - Mother's Day

May 11th - Bingo (Oriental Band)

May 12th - Stated Meeting

May 15th - 80's Party & Dance

May 18th - Bingo (500s)

May 25th - LoH Memorial Day Service - Wyandotte Co Lake

May 25th - Bingo (Tin Lizzies)

Get the weekly Update by Signing up for the Abdallah "What's Happening"

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