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Editor's Notice: —IMPORTANT—

This issue, January 2020, of the Playground will be the last to be mailed out in print. Starting with the February 2020 issue, the Playground will be available only on the Abdallah webpage, www.abdallahshriners.com/playground. You can view it there or download a copy to your device.

The Board of Directors made this very difficult decision as a reflection of Abdallah's current budgetary concerns. When operating expenses exceed available funding, many services and activities must be reduced or eliminated.

The Nobility voted to remove the Playground as the official notification method. Such notices will be sent out via United States Postal Service.

Jerry Ogden, Editor



MEMBERSHIP

	Start of 2019	770
December 10, 2019	YTD	
Creations.....	1	18
Affiliations.....	0	0
Restorations.....	1	7
Associate.....	0	0
Deceased.....	(1)	(37)
Demitted.....	0	(3)
Suspended.....	0	(7)
Withdrawn.....	0	0
Associate Dropped....	0	(1)
Expulsions.....	0	0
Total Gain (Loss).....		(22)
New 2019 Total.....		748

For the Record



Passed With The United Frontal

In Memoriam

Born

Created

Passed

BINGO Schedule - 2020

January

6 Provost Guard
13 Trail 70's/Directors Stf
20 Hawg Riders
27 Oriental Band

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

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

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SHRINE OFFICE HOURS

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



Stated Meeting
January 14, 2019
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Menu: Chicken Fried Steak, Green Beans, Salad,
Coffee & Tea.

\$10.00

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
2020 Dues Card Required

Stated Meeting
January 14, 2020
7:30 PM

Doug Voss
Illustrious Potentate



Bennie Smith P.P.
Recorder

The POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Nobles & Ladies of Abdallah:

Happy New Year! 2019 is in the past. I'm sure some of you couldn't wait for it to end. I was so excited for the opportunity to become Potentate of this Temple just before I was elected in December 2018. Pride of accomplishment was one reason, perseverance through the long journey another. But most of all, I was excited that I might be able to make a difference by working hard and showing the fine members of this Fraternity, the Nobles, and their ladies, that our beloved Abdallah Shrine is one of the best and most friendly Shrine Temples in North America. I want to thank every single person who has helped with making 2019 a success. There are many. My lady Diana, is first on the list. She has always been able to fill in the rough edges where I don't have the talent or ability. She has worked very hard this year. Illustrious Sir Jeff Johnson, PP and his lady Gloria, have been the best Chief Aides anyone could ask for. Every time I had something fall apart they were there with their team to get it done. Jeff's one resounding phrase this year has been "It's what you want that counts". Jeff and Gloria have been true friends. Blaine Miller, Potentate's Aide has proven a fine example of give, give, give. He is not a Divan member but has been as much a part of

the Divan this year as any of us. Larry and Sharon Steele, well...I just love these two. I don't know any Potentate for the past 7 years that I have been on the Divan who couldn't say they have done more than their fair share. They are beautiful people and deserve more recognition than they receive. Illustrious Sir Mike Tavares, PP...Thank You! You have been mentoring me for several years now and I appreciate all your assistance with planning for 2019, co-chairing the Ball Committee, counseling me through the year, stepping in to run the office when nobody else would do it, and so many other helpful conversations and advice, thank you I appreciate your friendship. Ken Holliday, you stepped in a big role in 2019 and you made me proud. I don't know anyone else who has carried the Abdallah flag with more exuberance than you have this year. Ken's influence and propensity for finding funding for programs I dreamed up is second to none. Through the efforts of Ken, his lady Marcella and his supporting Unit the Escorts, we were able to have a free trip for New Nobles to the St Louis Shrine Hospital, a first class high-end experience for our Novice Nobles and their ladies at the Ceremonial, and a super fun time on the 1st ever Mystery Bus Trip. He found money to make these programs affordable and under budget to the Shrine.

There are many other people that I haven't mentioned here and I thank all of them too. The Divan deserves thanks from me as well. We have all worked hard this year on some important issues. It has been and will continue to be a team effort. As I step down and Potentate Elect Brian Wilson takes the reigns, I would hope you all would help set Brian up to succeed. My sincere hope and desire is that our Shrine will continue to be the most friendly and hospitable Shrine Temple in North America. Forever!

2020 dawns a new decade and a bright outlook for success. Let's work together, as brothers, to ensure our children will have a lasting Fraternity to enjoy each other's company, tell stories, give back to our communities, our Temple and our Philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Diana and I look forward to taking on the next chapter in our Shrine family. We also are looking forward to the next chapter in our personal lives enjoying time with our new grandson and also our daughter in Denver got engaged on December 19th so we are excited about our new future son-in-law.

Thank you all so very, very much,
Doug Voss, Potentate



Building Our Future, Honoring Our Past
Impacting Childrens Lives Forever

If any member would like to be added to my Angel Lady Sunshine News Updates please email Annie Marie Swearengin at anniem22@att.net There are a lot of new members and I don't have all your email addresses. Thanks!

Please keep the following Nobles, Ladies, and anyone else we may have missed in your thoughts and prayers as they recover:

Carl Linck, Ernie Cooper, Jerry Stokes, Blaine Miller, Chris Muro PP, Sharon Steele, Jack Peters, Ralph Anderton, Bill Kessler, Keith Beach, Vern Vaubel, Jimmie Grassi, Marta Dial and any others we may have missed.



Reach Out... Phone, Write, Visit! Say... **Happy Birthday Noble!**

From the Illustrious Potentate, Divan and
Members of Abdallah Shriners



January 1st

Jimmie Facklam
Larry Pearl
Ron Evans
Dylan Cline

January 3rd

John Lowden
Clifford Downing
Shawn Cardin

January 4th

Clifford Wade
Bill Harris
David Wilson

January 5th

Lyndon Jordon
Charles Haney

January 6th

James Holloway
Isaac Pague

January 7th

Robert Lacer

January 8th

Charles Volk
Mitchell Fassnacht

January 9th

Thomas Facklam

John Lewis

Charles Adam

January 10th

Anthony Macek
Scott Weiss

January 11th

Robert James

January 12th

Greg Seymour
Ronald Jackson
Shawn Heckmaster

January 13th

Robert Walker
Richard Sobek

January 14th

Donald Johnson
Stuart Packham
Donald Yoakum
Ed Harvey

January 15th

Randy Fassnacht
Gregory Perkins
Shaun Bolinger

January 16th

Duane Lyon
David Reuter

January 17th

Robert Anderson
Robert McDaniel
Jerry Stokes
Bill Murray
Jeff Hines

January 19th

Arnold Greenhagen Sr
Will Channon
Joseph Hobbs
Robert Kuhn

January 20th

William Kelley
Chris Zugelder

January 21st

Edward Wayda

January 22nd

Carl Hollis

January 23rd

Paul Jeffries

January 24th

Edward McConwell PP

January 26th

James Herndon

Frank Shell

January 27th

J R Loch

M R Cole

Tim Wiswell

January 28th

Victor Henke Jr
Doug Smith PP
Bruce Fischbach

January 29th

Ray Boswell
James Millholland
Henry Starkey
Brian Wilson

January 30th

Gerald Holmes
Richard Bennett
Terry Price

January 31st

G L MacRae
John Beasley III
Thomas Brandtonies Sr
John Underwood Jr



Shrine Ladies Birthdays



January 2nd

Lupe Valdovino

January 5th

Wylene Nibarger

January 11th

Diane Smith

January 17th

Mary Ellen Sippel

January 24th

Shirley Sisk

**Don't see your name? Call the office
at 913-362-5300 and let us know your
birthday. Or fill out the flyer on page
5 and drop it in the office mail slot.**

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!

Way to go Bingo Committee!!!

In 2019, The Bingo Committee raised:

\$783.67

in bingo tips!

All money collected in bingo tips is deposited into the transportation fund to help aid our drivers in transporting our Shrine Patients to the Shriners Hospitals for Children!



We are asking all Shrine Ladies to please provide their Birth Month and Day (don't need year). All the ladies birthdays are listed on page 4. Please call the office at 913-362-5300 or mail back this box. Thank you!

Lady's Name _____

Lady's Birthday _____

*Ladies
without
Nobles*

Ladies....

Did you know that we have a group of widows that meets for lunch once a month? This group is called Ladies without Nobles.

They meet once a month on the 4th Tuesday at 11:30 AM, lunch follows.

Reservations required.

If you are interested in coming, we would love to have you! Please call the office at 913-362-5300 for more Information.

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**Watch Playground for additional info.
Drawing to be held at January 2020 Stated Meeting.**



Congratulations
and
Good Luck
to the
2020 Divan
From the
2019 Divan!

Chaplain

By Jerry Ogden

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11

Happy New Year! Those words above should encourage us that the Lord is in charge, knows what this year will be like for us. So, why worry about things He is handling. All we have to do is take care of what we can control and let God's plan for us unfold. We have to believe that his plans for us will be just what they should be.

Every day that we have life is another second chance to believe God understands our needs, not our wants. He is ever present in our lives, even when we seem to have momentarily become distracted with various things, leaving God for another time. Mercifully, God does not become distracted from us, leaving us to do the best we can with our mortal wits. It's hard to believe that God really is in charge with all the really bad things that seem to continue to happen in this fragmented world. Only through our faith and trust in God can we believe there will come a time when His Creation, our earthly world will finally have a harmony and peace as is His ultimate plan. Until then, He continues to have a Gracious and Loving presence in our lives; the good times and the bad.

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you."
Amen

Thank you!! Thank You!!

We would like to thank James & Loretta Morton for their monthly donation of \$100 to our Transportation Fund. Thank you so much for continuing to donate monthly to help transport our patients!



Jokers

"THE LAUGH"

Happy New Year!

The JOKER Family had a marvelous Christmas Feast with members and honored guests. Many old stories were shared as well as new ones created. It is amazing what a person can learn from just listing about, "The Good Old Days!"

The JOKER Family hope everyone enjoyed a safe and warm holiday time with family and friends.

JOKERS next regular scheduled meeting is TUESDAY, January 21, 2020, fourth (4th) Tuesday of the month.

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

Stay Warm

Stay Safe

GOOD IDEAS SPRING FORTH NATURALLY FROM YOUR MIND, UTILIZE THEM

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

Abdallah Greeters

"A handshake is all it takes to meet, greet, and make friends..."



By Bob Anver

December began with the Children's Christmas Party on December 8th. What a great show!

Next was the stated meeting and election of officers on December 10th. The high point of the month was the Greeters Christmas Party on Monday, December 16th. Great food and great fellowship. Our new officers were sworn in and President Mitch Carter promised each Greeter two cars in every garage and two chickens in every pot.

Our regularly scheduled meeting in December was cancelled because of the proximity to Christmas. Next scheduled meeting will be the fourth Monday of January. Any Shriner who is interested in the Greeters is welcome to attend. We meet in the activity room upstairs at 6:30PM.

Ending with a "true" story: There is the incident of the Irish cop who stopped a carful of Shriners for speeding. When he saw that they were wearing fezes he said, "Oh! You're Shriners are you? Then I'll let you off this time because they do a lot of good. BUT if you were Masons I'd run you all in.



By Gary Folk

The Hawks had the Annual Xmas Party at the New Theatre Playhouse this year. We invited Doug Voss (our Potentate) and his Lady Diana, Brian Wilson (the Chief Rabban and last year's Divan representative for the Hawks) and his Lady Amy and Ben-nis Smith (this year's Divan Repre-

sentative for the Hawks) and his Lady Debbie. Everyone enjoyed "Robin Hood" and as always, the food was wonderful.

We are planning a trip to a local Bowling Establishment in January. It will be an evening event and will be open to everyone. It should be a lot of fun.

This coming summer, we are planning on going camping for a week-end. It will be a facility that has electrical hookups, restrooms and more. Just bring a tent and a bedroll. More to come as the summer approaches.



By Ken Holliday

We wish success to incoming Potentate Brian Wilson and Lady Amy as well as the entire divan and pledge our support. We look forward to an inspired leadership.

I want to thank Illustrious Sir Doug and Lady Diana for a truly creative and fun year. The year has been packed with an effort to have fun. For those that chose to participate, I am sure they will have fond memories forever. Doug has not made fun his only purpose. He willingly chose to educate the nobility about the financial issues we face as a temple and loss of membership. About 62 people showed up for his presentation of the facts at a special meeting. About twice that many showed up to vote changes down. Thank you for your efforts. I am sure many know that change must occur. It is only a question of when and how much. As Pat Emmett said we are all men and we surely are willing to do what it takes to keep Abdallah alive.

Back to fun! The ceremonial was the most creative and fun I have been to. Every single novice had a great experience and one I am sure they will always cherish. It was followed by

the pig roast which had issues but turned out great after a false start and the mystery trip a couple of weeks later. A very fun month of events

My Lady Marcella went to great lengths to make the mystery trip happen and I am very proud of the outcome. It would not have been a success without the Escorts. Escorts donated \$1,000 to help with expenses and provided eye openers, wine, cocktails, donuts, coffee cake, coffee, juice and other snacks. Ralph Anderson, Andy Kling and Jeff Johnson acted as waiters and barmaids while Jerry Ogden prayed, and Mike Saylor entertained with a comedy routine. Don Best kept us gambling on a roulette wheel chalked on the bus tires. Everybody gambled on the wheel and everyone checked their numbers at every stop. Thanks to all and again thanks Doug and Diana for creating this opportunity. The food was great, and the stops included The Coleman Theatre that was built in 1928 (maybe haunted) and recently restored, the Will Rogers Museum (who knew he was such a funny guy) and Big Brutus (16 stories tall). Saturday night was cocktails, football and people visiting. What made the trip? The people! Three kids, some new friends (Joe and Tonya are great new friends) and lots of old ones (old friends not old people).

Escorts also played joint hosts to the Children's Christmas party On December 8th. The Shay entertainers did a wonderful job and Santa (Vester Gillette) was a hit, as always. He looks the part even without the suit. The cookies were delicious, and the Clowns were great. We can't thank them enough. The Blue Racers, Escorts and Clowns want to thank all that contributed to this effort. It is a wonderful expression of what the Shrine is about. KIDS!!!

The Escorts officers for 2020 are: Erik Kittrell – President; Ken Holliday – VP; Jeff Johnson – Secretary; Scott Steele – Treasurer; and Ralph Anderson – Ridemaster. Ralph keep up with the knee therapy. Riding season will be here soon!



FIFTH WEDNESDAY – ABDALLAH'S NIGHT OUT

Let's enjoy a night out throwing axes on Wednesday, January 29, 2020, at 7 pm, at Blade & Timber, located at 5203 W. 117th Street, in the Town Center Plaza, in Leawood. Cost is \$20 per person for 1 ½ hours of fun. Beer and food are available for purchase. RSVP to Amy Wilson, if interested, no later than Monday, January 20 at amywilson155@kc.rr.com or 816-520-8316, .

Hope you can join us for these



Abdallah
Upcoming Events

Stated Meeting

Please note Installation will not be held during the Stated Meeting on Tuesday, January 14th, 2020. Instead, Installation will occur prior to the Potentate's Reception on Friday, January 17th.

The regular Stated Meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on the January 14th.
Chef de Shriners will be serving chicken fried steak prior to the meeting.

Installation of the 2020 Divan and Potentate's Reception

Nobles and Ladies, join your 2020 Divan for Installation,
6:30 pm, Friday, January 17th, 2020.

The Reception will begin shortly thereafter for an evening of good food, drinks, and company.

Presidents and Directors Meeting

Oasis, Saturday, January 18th, 2020, at 12:00 pm

Start off your and Abdallah's year right by
attending this important meeting for Presidents and Directors.



ABDALLAH SHRINE VIDALIA ONION SALES 2020 UNIT/CLUB ORDER FORM

This order form must be filled out, signed, and returned to Chairman Chris Robertson by **March 6, 2020**.

On this date _____ 2020, the _____ Unit/Club

would like to commit to the Shrine Onion committee that they will sell _____ 10 lb. bags of Vidalia Onions.

This Unit/Club understands that they are responsible for the payment of and selling of all onions that they order. The Shrine will not accept the return of unsold onions. They also understand that all money is to be turned into the shrine office BY ONE (1) UNIT OR CLUB CHECK BY (25 days after the receipt of onions.) If payment is not received, a 10% penalty will be deducted from your profits. Each month after the 25 days, an additional 10% will be deducted. After all expenses are paid and 1 dollar per bag to the Abdallah general fund, the profit will be divided equally on the number of bags sold and checks will be issued.
Minimum order 50 bags!

Authorized Signature

(Home Phone)

(Work Phone)

Onion Chairman

(Home Phone)

(Work Phone)

E-MAIL Address

The Unit Onion Chairman is who we will contact when the onions arrive.

If a Unit/Club desires to sell on the street, they will be responsible for securing their own location and permits. All street selling locations need to be coordinated with _____.
The onions should be delivered around first week of May. Your coordinator will be informed of the delivery date.

Thank you for your continued support of our Shrine!!

Return this form to Chris Robertson, email at regisrob@aol.com contact him at 913-940-8666.

2020 Abdallah Playground Supporter

We would like to thank all of our 2020 Playground sponsors for donating to help in the costs of the mailing of our newsletter!

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Doug Smith PP & Willa Jo Murrell

I'll be a 2020 Abdallah Playground Supporter

Enclosed please find my check in the amount of
\$ _____ \$10 Per Person per Year Name(s): _____

Proceeds from Abdallah Playground Supporters will be for the benefit of Abdallah Shrine Playground expenses. Mail checks to Abdallah Shrine, 5300 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, KS 66202.

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We need your Help!

Bingo is Abdallah's biggest fundraiser and the Committee could use your help!

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!

M E M B E R



Upcoming Passport Events:

In 2019, Abdallah issued 'Passports' to New Nobles who were initiated in 2017, 2018, and 2019, to become familiar with Abdallah and earn some great prizes. This passport was issued to those Nobles new to Abdallah and they were to be carried by them to each function, so that they can have each event they attend validated. In addition, this program was designed to also benefit Units and Clubs to help introduce you to those New Nobles.

NEW NOBLES: Bring your Passport to the January Stated Meeting to see which of you will win the GRAND PRIZE for the Passport Program.

December 31, 2019	New Year's Eve Party
January 3, 2020	Undecorate the Shrine
January 4, 2020	Noble's Appreciation Dinner
January 14, 2020	Stated Meeting

Come out and see what all the FUN is about.

I was actually waiting for the December Election Stated Meeting so I could congratulate the 2020 Elected Divan. Congratulations to Brian Wilson, Chris Zugelder, Herb Merrick and the newest member of the Divan Ronnie White II. We congratulate them and wish them the best for 2020. These Brothers definitely believe in something greater than themselves. Again congratulations!

Finishing out 2019, though this year the Membership Committee hoped to instill the importance of this fraternity through membership and trying to have fun along the way. The Membership Committee is most definitely the most devoted and hard working group of members. By hard work I



was not referring to labor, by keeping the membership in mind for all their endeavors. I thank them for their efforts in 2019.

I cannot emphasize enough to everyone that THIS IS YOUR TEMPLE, your fraternity, your brothers and sisters, your decision to belong to something GREATER THAN YOURSELF. Without replenishing the people that have the same desires as yourself in this GRAND ENDEAVOR we are bound to wither away on the vine. Regardless what happens in the near future to the physical part of Abdallah, to continue on, Abdallah will still need Noble. Surely there are people you know that have beliefs similar to yours. Regardless of what attitude you wish to take, remember this ... EVERYONE IS A MEMBER OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

Tools for Recruitment

Everyone should be checking WebFez to keep your information up to date & refer candidates because Referrals just got easier !!!

Go To: <https://webfez.shrinenet.org> (Login page for WebFez) do not need to log in, logo is on home page. Everyone knows someone, barber, HVAC tech, plumber, lawn guy, auto mech, etc.

Click on This Logo on the WebFez log-in page:



RECOGNITION LEVELS: JUST ONE Updater

Level 1 – Upon creation

or restoration of one member, the top-line signer will receive a postcard and **JUST ONE** pin from Imperial Potentate Jeff Sowder.

Level 2 – Upon bringing in two members, the top-line signers will be listed in Shriner Magazine.

Level 3 – With three new creations or restorations, the top-line signer will receive an award certificate and a letter of appreciation from Imperial Sir Jeff Sowder.



Level 4 – After five creations or restorations, the top-line signer will receive a personal phone call from the Imperial Potentate.

Level 5 – Top-line signers responsible for 10 additional Shriner brothers will receive a special invitation to attend a **JUST ONE** VIP reception with the Imperial Divan at the 2020 Imperial Session.

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We are currently at 14 New Nobles of our goal of 25.

R S H I P

Spotlight on Donors

2019 Donations & Program Sponsors

Abdallah Tassles & Firearms club close out \$611.04 donation to General Fund

Antique Cars \$200 donation to General Fund

Clowns \$300 donation to General Fund

Numerous Memorial donations to General Fund \$1135

Ed Harvey \$81 donation of 50/50 winnings to General Fund

Earl Genter \$20 donation of Calendar book winnings to General Fund

Jon Robbins \$20 donation to General Fund

Escorts \$1000 donation to Mystery Trip benefiting General Fund

Misc Donations \$332.30 for Coffee Club benefiting General Fund

Passport Program Donors benefiting General Fund
\$50 from Antique Cars
\$50 from Blue Racers
\$300 from Escorts
\$100 from Greeters
\$50 from Tin Lizzies
\$50 from Jokers

Numerous Playground Sponsors donations to General Fund \$1825

Calliope Club \$5202.68 donation

Hawgs \$300 donation for Refrigerator repair

Anonymous donation \$438.10 to General Fund

Misc Donors \$935 to General Fund paid with dues payments

Ceremonial Donors benefiting General Fund
\$100 from Antique Cars
\$150 KC Police Gear & Mickey Mikulan
\$100 Larry Riggs
\$200 from Escorts + Paid for Hotel Rooms for New Nobles \$978
\$400 Oriental Band
\$100 from Greeters
\$50 from Tin Lizzies
\$100 from Provost Guard
\$100 Divan Ladies
\$50 Potentate
\$100 Abdallah 500s
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Abdallah Coffee Club


Meeting the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of every month
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Come on up to the Shrine and enjoy the company of your fellow Nobles!

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

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Mickey Mikulan
913-206-6240

Potentate Elect Brian Wilson
And Lady Amy

Cordially Invite you to attend the

Abdallah Potentate's Ball

And Presentation of the 2020 Divan

Saturday, March 14th, 2020

Abdallah Main Hall

5300 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park, Kansas

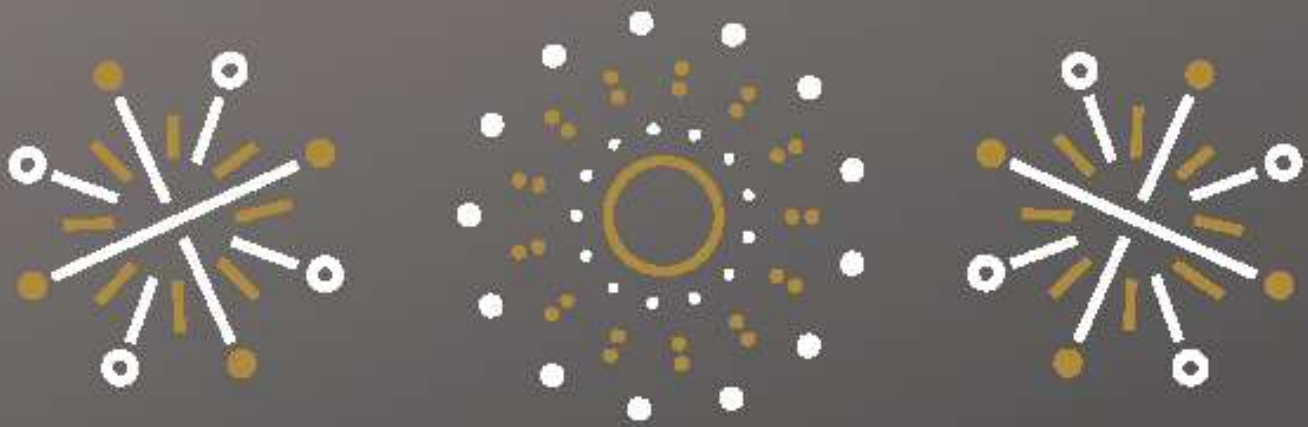
\$60 per person

Please call Abdallah Shrine Office by March 1st, 2020
(913) 362-5300

Hotel accommodations are available at the Kansas City-Merriam Hampton Inn & Suites, 7400 West Frontage Road, Merriam, Kansas, for anyone attending the ball for one or both Friday and Saturday, March 13th and 14th, 2020. Room rates are \$119 suite/double or \$109 king standard plus taxes and fees. You may reserve your room by calling the Hampton Inn at 913-722-0800 and using group code F04.

Hospitality and counterpart activities are currently planned to be at the Hampton Inn. Transportation provided between hotel and Abdallah Saturday evening during the ball.

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ABDALLAH SHRINE VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

Big waves are made of single water drops.

We couldn't do what we do without you.

**Please join us for a dinner so we can show
you our appreciation for all that you've done!**



January 4, 2020

Social 5pm - Dinner 6pm

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Overland Park, KS 66205
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ABDALLAH Shriner's Business & Professional Sponsorship Directory

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R & B Auto—Auto Body Repair
913-839-7309 randbauto66083@yahoo.com

BARBER

Mikes Barber Shop 913-764-9767
Mike, Jack, & Megan
219 S. Kansas Ave. Olathe, KS 66061

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Line 5	_____	\$10	_____
Line 6	_____	\$10	_____
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Bold	Yes No	\$10	_____
Grid	Yes No	\$10	_____
		Total	_____

ELECTIVE DIVAN

<i>Potentate – Doug Voss (Diana)</i>	913-206-5400
dvoosvip@gmail.com	
<i>Chief Rabban - Brian Wilson (Amy)</i>	816-520-8315
jwilson155@kc.rr.com	
<i>Assistant Rabban - Chris Zugelder (Mindy)</i>	913-378-8199
Zugelder@ieee.org	
<i>High Priest & Prophet - Herb Merrick (Carolyn)</i>	913-683-3041
hmerrick@kc.rr.com	
<i>Oriental Guide - Greg Sippel (Mary Ellen)</i>	913-226-4009
gcsippel@gmail.com	
<i>Treasurer - Ken Holliday (Marcella)</i>	913-707-6762
kenholliday1249@gmail.com	
<i>Recorder - Bennie Smith P.P. (Debbie Sullivan)</i>	913-449-0987
benmaltrev@gmail.com	

APPOINTEE DIVAN

<i>First Ceremonial Master - Allen Baiamonte (Jackie)</i>	816-204-0945
abaiamon@gmail.com	
<i>Second Ceremonial Master - Nick Cooley (Sara)</i>	913-238-7551
Wrestling_coach@hotmail.com	
<i>Marshal - Chris Robertson (Paula Luna)</i>	913-940-8666
regiscrob@aol.com	
<i>Captain of the Guard - Robert “Mickey” Mikulan</i>	913-206-6240
mickey5119@gmail.com	
<i>Outer Guard - Jim Leahy (Beth)</i>	913-514-4291
jtleahy189@yahoo.com	
<i>Chaplain - Jerry Ogden (Shiela)</i>	816-260-8882
imastar@kc.rr.com	

LIVING PAST POTENTATES

Robert Caplinger - 1968	816-214-5283
David G. Allison - 1987	913-849-3766
Gordon Toms - 1988	913-432-4693
Glenn Hamilton - 1990	913-383-8232
Arthur W. (Bill) Keefer - 1993	785-766-9172
Larry D. Gaston - 1995	913-856-7277
Dean Schurr - 1996	913-441-8697
Fred Hope - 1997	913-772-7077
Floyd Fleming - 1999	785-248-3566
Lyle Smith - 2000	913-782-3767
Lee Wilson - 2001	913-522-8825
Edward A. McConwell - 2004	913-432-7005
Gerald (Jerry) Jeffries - 2005	913-851-1120
Bill Hammer - 2006	913-782-3692
Douglas Smith - 2007	913-909-8040
Chris Muro - 2008	913-384-0859
Gary Bennett - 2009	913-307-9498
Don Best - 2010	913-940-3956
Nick Turner - 2011	913-441-9555
Mike Tavares - 2012	913-727-1846
Eldon Masters - 2013	913-236-9878
Kevin Larson - 2014	913-780-4246
Tim Williams - 2015	816-308-7575
Garry Dial - 2016	913-579-8336
Jeff Johnson - 2017	913-207-9144
Bennie Smith - 2018	913-449-0987
Jim Lear (El Jebel – 1998).....	913-498-2209
Darrel Schrader (Kem - 1993).....	701-370-1280

ABDALLAH SHRINE BUILDING ASSOCIATIONAll Elected Divan Officers *plus*

Tony Pagel (2018- 2019).....	913-927-9129
Ralph Anderton (2018- 2020)	913-669-0538
Dale Schmidt (2017 – 2021)	913-481-4843
Larry Hewitt (2018- 2022)	913-927-6950
Benny Harper (2019- 2023)	913-449-1478

ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING MANAGERS

Don Best P.P.	913-940-3956
Ken Holliday	913-599-0276
Jeff Johnson P.P.	913-768-4665
Gary Lamons	913-268-9670
Tom Oliphant	913-299-0845
Chris Robertson	913-940-8666
Richard “Bear” Sobek	913-991-1200
Joe Hobbs	913-271-6200
Mike Gulinger	913-948-1501
Sam Little	913-645-2405
Randy Mahan	913-515-9908
Randy Bennett	816-260-8357
Blaine Miller	913-831-3031

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND APPOINTMENTS

Bingo Chairman	Keith Jordan	913-481-7116
Chief Aide	Jeff Johnson P.P.	913-207-9144
Transportation Coordinator	Joe Hobbs	913-908-9222
Hospital Board – St. Louis	Ed McConwell	913-449-5301
Assoc. Board—St. Louis	Bill Leonard	913-393-5890
Insurance Committee	Abdallah Board of Directors	
	Ed McConwell P.P.	913-449-5301
	Ed Alft	913-488-8310
Legal Counsel	Ed McConwell P. P.	913-262-0605
KSB Board of Directors	Mike Tavares P.P.	
	Tim Williams P.P.	
	Allen Baiamonte	
100 Million Dollar Club	Eldon Masters P.P.	913-236-9878
Masonic Coordinator	Herb Merrick	913-683-3041
Membership Chairman	Roy Samuel	913-269-7169
Oasis Club Manager	Benny Harper	913-449-1478
Onion Sales Chairman	Allen Baiamonte	816-204-0945
Parade Marshal	Don Marah	913-706-0855
Parliamentarian	Leonard Buddenbohm	913-367-5246
PCM Chairman	Eldon Master P.P.	913-927-5197
Playground Editor	Jerry Ogden	816-260-8882
Rodeo Committee Chairman	Nick Turner P.P.	913-221-2160
Shrine Photographer	Wayne Rector	913-669-2473
	Sharon Steele	913-492-4436
Sickness and Distress	Jerry Ogden	816-260-8882
Investment Committee	Dennis Cranor	913-219-4909

Upcoming Events

January 3rd **Oasis Birthday Friday**
January 3rd **Undecorate the Shrine**
January 4th **Nobles Appreciation Dinner**
January 14th **Stated Meeting -Chefs Dinner**
January 17th **Installation of 2020 Officers**
2020 Potentates Reception
January 29th **5th Wednesday - Abdallah's Night**
Out - Axe Throwing

ABDALLAH SHRINERS
5300 Metcalf Avenue
Overland Park, KS 66202
913-362-5300

January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 OFFICE CLOSED Directors Staff Antique Cars	2 Oasis Closed Oriental Band & Ladies	3 Oasis Birthday Friday Undecorate the Shrine	4 Nobles Appreciation Dinner
5	6 Bingo Oasis Closed Clowns & Ladies	7 Hawg Riders & Ladies Provost & Ladies Louisburg 500's	8 Abdallah Coffee Club Escorts & Ladies	9 Oasis Closed Oriental Band Rehearsal	10 Oasis Open Newsletter Deadline	11
12	13 Bingo Oasis Closed LOH NE 90's	14 Chefs Dinner Stated Meeting	15 Tin Lizzies & Ladies Trail 70s Misfits	16 Oasis Closed	17 Oasis Closed INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 2020 Potentate's Reception	18 2020 Divan Meeting President & Directors Meeting
19	20 Bingo Oasis Closed Red Zone	21 Yoshi Atwood Lodge	22 Coffee Club Membership	23 Blue Racers & Ladies Oriental Band Rehearsal	24 Oasis Closed	25
26	27 Bingo Oasis Closed Greeters Franklin County	28 Jokers Ritualistic Divan Ladies W/O Nobles	29	30	31 Oasis Closed	1