

Abou Ben Adhem

November / December 2023

Shrine News



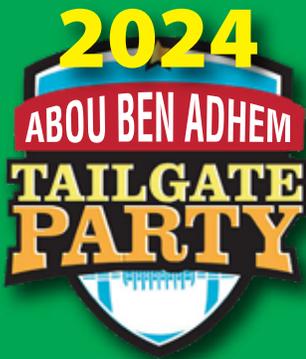
**Temple Business Meeting
Chief Rabban Night 11/9**

**FEZ★tival
Trees**

November 17-19



**Kids Christmas
Party
December 10th**



**SATURDAY
January 27
DOORS OPEN AT 1:30
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ADMISSION \$5
MUST BE 18 or older to attend**



**Annual Elections
January 11th**

**Fall Ceremonial Dec. 1st & 2nd
Get your Novices ready!**



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2023 Divan

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Potentate's Thoughts 2023

Illustrious Sir Bradley Roam



I want to truly say "THANK YOU" to everyone that attended the 100th Birthday Party of the Temple this past weekend. The cook crew served over 300 meals to Nobles and Guests. MW Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers did not disappoint. Having the ceremony outside was the best place for the rededication. There were 9 other temples represented and an Imperial Officer. The band took the stage and was a hit with everyone.

An unexpected surprise happened that evening with Past Potentate Thomas McGuire was given his Past Master collar by current GM Charles Wiegert. They realized when he was attending, that he was never given his rightful collar to wear.

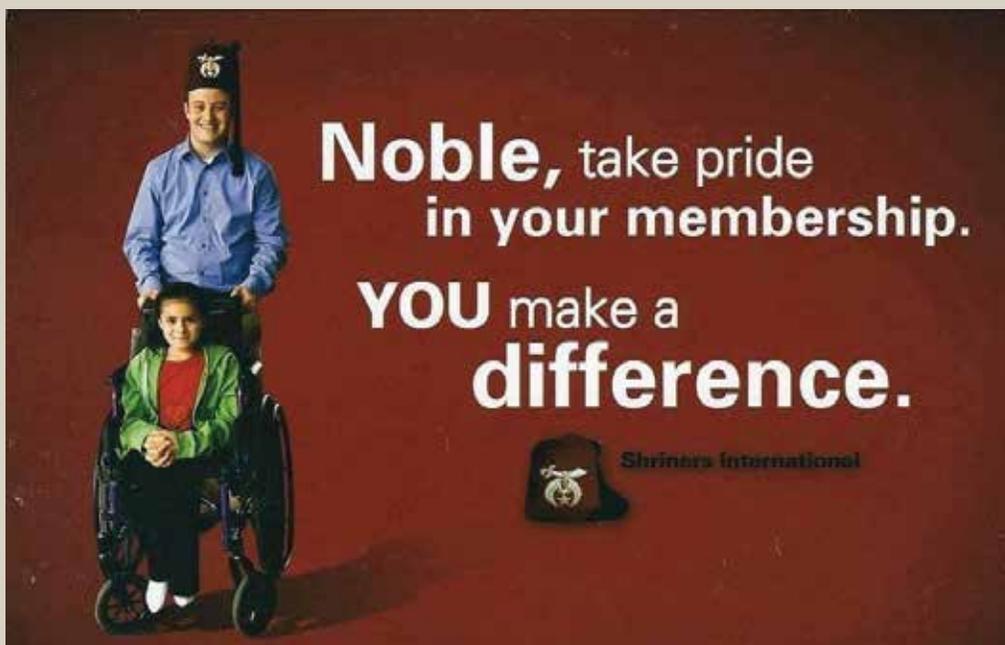
The Temple was presented with 3 resolutions making Oct 21, 2023 Shrine Mosque Day with the City of Springfield, Greene County and State Representative. That day will be forever listed in the books.

Time is coming up fast for the following events and end of year. Please mark them on your calendar and attend as many as you can make:

- * Outdoor Expo Nov 4 (100 Gun Raffle) Get your tickets sold/bought/turned in
- * Chief Rabban Night Nov 9th: Come for a great dinner and hear from Bruce Monroe
- * Feztival of Trees: Nov 17th-19th. Come out and see what you could win or add your own tree.
- * Fall Ceremonial: Dec 1st and 2nd. Get your candidates lined up and registered. Dance Saturday night might have a New Twist from the DJ.
- * Kids Christmas Party Dec 10th. Bring your children, grandchildren and invite hospital patients. Crafts, snacks and meeting Santa

Thank you for your continued support to Abou Ben Adhem

Sincerely
Noble Bradley Roam



Roamin' Around with Kim!

Kim Roam

Congratulations to all the clubs and units that brought home hardware from CSSA! Some certain someone brought home a different kind of hardware. I want to thank everyone for your love and support for Bradley, Raymond, and I during that time! Memories were made during that trip!



We celebrated several past Lady Presidents at our meeting in September, I wish I could have heard all the stories and memories that were shared! I wanted to personally thank these ladies again and for the ones that were not able to attend for your leadership and dedication to our Shriners over the years!

Shriners and their ladies that spent time planning, prepping, cooking, and cleaning to make this event incredible, (I might be a little biased!). We also want to thank everyone that traveled near and far that attended the Shrine rededication, dinner, and or the dance party with Yachty Groove that evening. Each one of you helped make it a success!



Oct 27th: Family night at Rutledge Wilson Farm Park will be a good time! We saw some familiar and new faces! The hotdogs and smores' were tasty!

There is not much time left in the year, but we still have several events:

The year is ending and there are so many more events to look forward to:

- November 9-Tonya's Night-Learn what Tonya has in store for 2024!
- November 17-19-FEZtival of Trees (volunteers will be needed).
- December 1-Ladies night (more details to come).
- December 2-Ceremonial Luncheon (will be held in Kentwood Hall-across from the Shrine).

As always, thanks to all of you for your love and support this year and more importantly, remember your "whY" and keep having fun and making memories!

Kim

Presented by the
Abou Ben Adhem Shriners

FEZ-tival of Trees

November 17, 18 & 19
2023

601 E. St. Louis Street

Friday the 17th: 5pm-8pm
Saturday the 18th: 7am-5pm
Sunday the 19th: 7am-5pm

Winners of the trees will be contacted by Monday the 20th!

Admission: \$2 each
Children 12 and Under FREE

*Proceeds are for the benefit of the Abou Ben Adhem Shriners activities.
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ABA Membership Report

David Porterfield P.P.

Nobles

Five years ago, Abou Ben Adhem had 3,132 members. At the start of 2023 we had 2,523 members. We have been in a membership decline for several years and the only way to change it is for everyone to help a little!

On the next 2 pages are Membership Goals for 2024 and some suggestions to help with our membership issues. Encourage your Club or Unit to have Membership in mind when they have any events. A dedicated Membership Chairman that can focus on implementing Membership ideas during meetings and events is a big help.

As you can see below, we still have over 150 of our members that have not paid their dues for the current year and will likely be suspended at the end of the year. If you know one of these Nobles, reach out and see if you can convince them to keep being an ABA member.

2023

Beginning Membership	2523	Associations.....	2
Creations	31	Demits	5
Affiliations	3	Suspensions	17
Restorations	25	Black Camel	54

Projected 2023 Year End Membership is currently under 2,400

Keep Membership in mind!

If everyone does a little, together we can turn things around.

David Porterfield PP

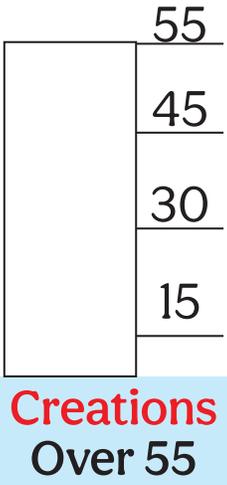
ABA Membership Chairman

As of October 30th
There are 169 Nobles
that have not paid 2023 dues



2024 Abou Ben Adhem Membership Goals

2024 Creations start at Fall Ceremonial



Creations

Bring someone in, it has never been easier! The Petition is available at: beashrinernow.com and a printable version at: abashrine.com

45

If each Club or Unit brings in 1 new member, we will reach our goal!

30

If 2% of our Members bring in 1 new member, we will reach our goal!

If you have someone on the fence about joining, bring them to one of our open events. Outdoorsmen Expo, Festival of Trees, Tailgate Party etc., or one of the many Club and Unit open events!

4 Opportunities for Creations for 2024!

December 2, 2023
Fall Ceremonial

June 1, 2024
Spring Ceremonial

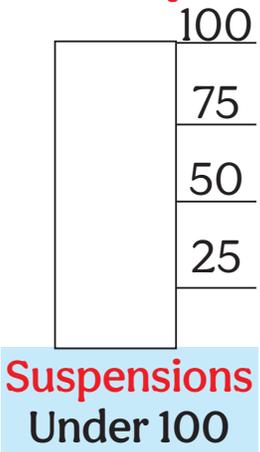
March 6, 2024
Cold Sands Ceremony

September 3, 2024
Cold Sands Ceremony

Suspensions

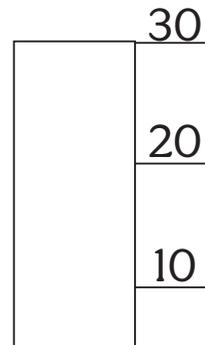
Restorations

Lorem ipsum



For years we have suspended in excess of 100 Nobles annually for non payment of dues. Get those guys that haven't been active back in the fold. Get them active and give them a reason to.....

Stay a Shriner.



You know the guy that dropped for whatever reason. Bring him back, **get him involved!**

Restorations Over 30

Help your Club or Unit Grow! Help ABA Grow!
Help keep our Fraternity Alive... Let's meet these Goals for 2024!



2024 Club & Unit Membership Ideas

2024 Creations start at Fall Ceremonial

Creations

GOAL 1 or more Creations for each Club or Unit in 2024.

- Have your Club or Unit provide a meal at a local Lodge meeting.
- Have an open meeting night where everyone can bring a “buddy”.
- Invite prospects to any open events you have, make sure they feel welcome.
- Make sure your Club or Unit is visible to the public at local events.

Restoration

GOAL 1 or more Restoration for each Club or Unit in 2024.

- Have your Club or Unit Reunion night and invite former members.
- Invite former members to one of your events at a discount.
- Communicate with former members, let them know you would welcome them back.

Suspensions

Minimize the Suspensions in your Club or Unit.

- Make sure the Members of your Club or Unit are engaged in your endeavors.
- Communication is the key, ESPECIALLY with New Nobles. They need to get in the habit of attending your meetings and knowing when events are happening, involve them!

2024 ABA Membership Goals

Creations
Over 55

Suspensions
Under 100

Restorations
Over 30

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Spring Ceremonial

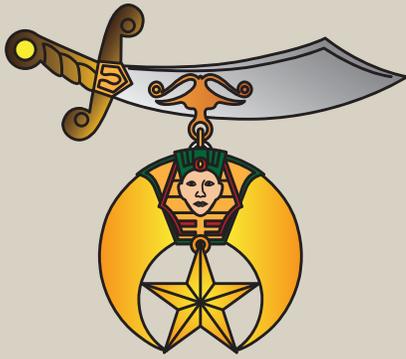
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100th Anniversary Party





Abou Ben Adhem Shriners Fall Ceremonial Agenda December 1st & 2nd

Friday, December 1st

- 5:00 p.m.Novice Registration – Membership Office
- 5:00 p.m.Club and Unit members visit with Novices - Auditorium
- 6:45 p.m.Close all bars and club and unit rooms (all nobles to the lower level)
- 7:00 p.m.Novice Orientation – Lower Level
- 8:30 p.m.Open Club and Unit rooms for Novice Hospitality

Saturday, December 2nd

- 5:30 a.m.BATS close parking lot
- 6:30 a.m.Breakfast – Lower Level
- 7:30 a.m.Novice Registration – Membership Office
- 8:30 a.m.Temple Meeting (Divan Only - Potentate's Room)
- 8:30 a.m.Invocation, Ritualistic Section - Auditorium
- 10:45 a.m. ...New Noble Class Picture - Auditorium
- 11:15 a.m. ...Ceremonial Parade
- 12:15 p.m. ...Ceremonial Lunch - Lower Level
- 12:30 p.m. ...Club and Unit heads line up – Lower Level
- 1:00 p.m.Introductions - Auditorium
Potentate, Divan, Trustees, Past Potentates, Honorees and Guests
Unit Heads - Introductions and Check Presentations
- 1:30 p.m.Second Section – Auditorium
- 3:15 p.m.Closing Ceremonial – Auditorium
- 6:00 p.m.Ceremonial Dance – Lower Level
- 7:00 p.m.Fez Presentation to New Noble by Noble's Lady – Lower Level
DJ spins your favorites
Karaoke
Nobles and Ladies dancing the night away – Lower Level
- 11:00 p.m. ...Pizza for everyone



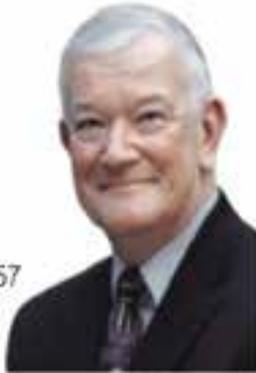
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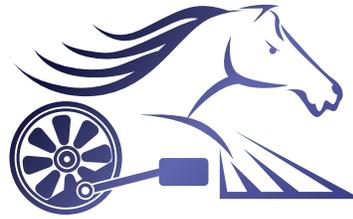
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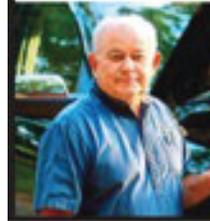
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Lake of the Ozarks SC

Marty Clark

Everybody loves a parade! The Lake of the Ozarks Shrine Club has been busy this fall with parades! The club in conjunction with the Keg Patrol has participated in multiple area parades including the Hillbilly Fair parade, the School of the Osage homecoming parade, the Turkey Festival and the Apple Festival. The club has several more parades on the calendar this fall and winter as well. The club is meeting on a regular basis planning events and continuing to promote our wonderful organization. Big things are in the future for this club!!



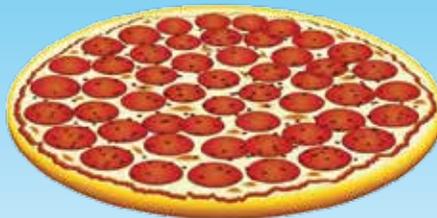
2023 Fall Ceremonial Dance



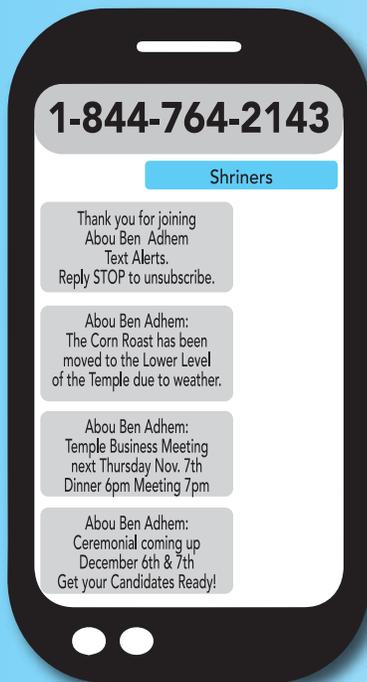
6:00 p.m.Ceremonial Dance – Lower Level

7:00 p.m.Fez Presentation
DJ spins your favorites
Karaoke
Dancing the night away

11:00 p.m. ...Pizza for everyone



Free to all ABA Nobles & Ladies

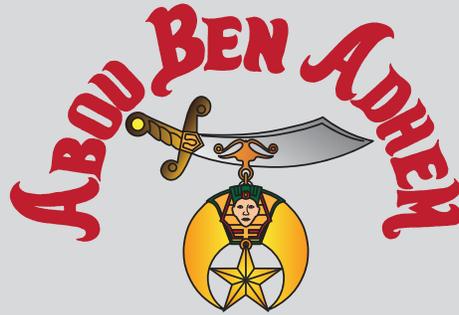


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Official Call Of Business



**Quarterly Business Meeting
Chief Rabban Night
November 9, 2023**

&

**Quarterly Business Meeting
Annual Election
January 11, 2024**

Notice is hereby given that the scheduled stated session of Abou Ben Adhem Temple Shriners International, will be held at the time and place shown below for the transaction of such business as may come before the Temple.

Thursday, Nov. 9th, 2023

&

Thursday, Jan. 11th, 2024

**Dinner 6:00 pm • Meeting 7:00 pm
Lower Level of the Shrine Mosque**

Attest
Sam Montgomery, PP Recorder • Bradley Roam, Potentate

YABAN

Rich Zummo

Nobles,

This past July 14th, during YABAN's annual campout/float trip, a terrific storm ripped through our site. A nearby tree crashed through Gary's camper and knocked Brother Farron Shortt to the ground, almost fatally. Miraculously a month later he was headed home but had no way to negotiate his wheel chair up the rocky drive.

In one of the purest displays of true brotherhood I have ever seen, twenty or so brothers showed up 'Tools -in- hand' to build the 50 foot handicap ramp the day before Farron arrived.

Yaban meets downstairs the first Wednesday. Visit with us and I'd be glad to tell you more.

Rich Zummo, VP YABAN
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Ring Club

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LET THE RACE BEGIN!!!

Illustrious Sir Bradley Roam has agreed, we need to have a Ring Race again!

We are kicking off the race on October 30th in the Director's Staff Room with a Race Orientation (formerly known as Inquiry) at 7:00 sharp. All the Ring Club Candidates will meet (separately) with their managers for an important discussion of the race, and to make sure all candidates are worthy and well qualified. Please see the calendar in this article.

Thanks to both the Clowns and Taney County Shrine Club for being flexible in their Ring Nights, to allow for this busy schedule.

As a reminder to all past ringers, both winners and losers, this race is being run by Master Masons for Master Masons, and they WILL always be treated as such during the race. If you have any questions about this, please contact me, Ring Club President Chuck Oheim, or Rep Scott Houge.

RING RACE CALENDAR

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Race Orientation Starts 7:00 pm Director's Staff		1 Greene County Lower Level	2 Carthage Carthage SC	3	4
5	6 Dallas County Dallas Co. SC	7	8 Stockton Lake Stockton SC	9 Business Meeting NO RINGERS	10 Clowns Clown Room	11
12	13	14 Neosho Neosho SC	15 Director's Staff Lower Level	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving	24	25
26	27	28 Taney County Taney Co. SC	29	30	Ceremonial Inquisition Ring Room	Ceremonial Ring Presentation Director's Staff



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KEYSTONE KOPS

BRINGING HOME THE TROPHIES!

ABA Kops did a GREAT job by earning 1st place in Inspection, 2nd in Skit and 3rd in Parade, but what we really work hard for is that TOP KOP award! Great job to all involved this year!



A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO KRIS BOOTH ON HIS WIN OF THE BERT COOPER AWARD. A GREAT AWARD WON BY A GREAT KEYSTONE KOP WHO DEDICATES SO MUCH TIME AND HARD WORK TO MAKE ABA SUCCESSFUL EACH YEAR. PROUD OF YOU KRIS! YOU DESERVE IT BROTHER!

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS
BIG PLANS FOR 2024, SO STAY TUNED!!**



It was a great time competing and spending time with all our shrine brothers and family at CSSA in Omaha.

Eggfest was a success! Thank you Kops and Kop ladies that helped out and purchased raffle tickets.

ABA PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP

To the Potentate, Officers and Nobles of Abou Ben Adhem Shriners, situated in the city of Springfield, State of Missouri: I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing in _____ Lodge #_____, located in (city)_____ (state)_____ which meets the recognition standards of the Conference of Grand Masters in North America, Interamerican Masonic Confederation of Grand Lodges, or have otherwise met the prerequisites for membership under the bylaws of Shriners International. Furthermore, I have resided at my current address for not less than 6 months, as required by the Bylaws of Shriners International. I hereby make application to become a Noble of the Order and a member of your temple. If granted membership, I promise to conform to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of Shriners International and the Bylaws and Ceremonies of Abou Ben Adhem Shriners.

Have you previously applied for admission to any temple of the Order? _____ Yes _____ No
 If yes, what temple? _____ When? _____

Were you ever a DeMolay? _____ Yes _____ No
 If yes, what chapter (name and location) _____

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Date of Birth ____/____/____

Wife's Name _____

Wife's Email _____

Wife's Phone _____

**Recommended and vouched for on the Honor of
 Abou Ben Adhem Nobles:**

Signing Nobles MUST be current members of ABA Shriners

Nobles PRINTED Name Member # _____

Nobles PRINTED Name Member # _____

Credit Petition to Club or Unit _____

Novice Fees:	
Initiation Fee	\$125.00
Imperial Certificate....	\$3.00
Novice Fees Total.....	\$128.00
Dues:	
Jan 1 - Mar 31	\$135.00
Apr 1 - June 30.....	\$110.00
July 1 - Sept 30.....	\$85.00
Oct 1 - Dec 31	\$135.00
<small>(Oct 1- Dec 31 Coming year's Dues)</small>	
<small>Fall Ceremonial Novices pay coming years full Dues.</small>	
<small>No Dues due for the Current Year</small>	
Dues Total:	\$ _____
Fez: _____ Size	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Fez	
Embroidered Fez...	\$110.00
Jewel Fez.....	\$185.00
Fez Total:.....	\$ _____
Class Picture:	
Class Picture	\$10.00. \$ _____
TOTAL DUE	
Total.....	\$ _____
<small>(Novice Fees + Dues + Fez)</small>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Cash	
<input type="checkbox"/> Card..... Receipt # _____	

Revised 10-23

Directors Staff

Ill. Sir. Chuck Oheim P.P Director

First and foremost, a big THANK YOU to Illustrious Sir Scott Houge for his years as Director of the Director's Staff! It certainly wasn't an easy task, with the many challenges presented to us in the last couple of years. Scott managed it well, and we appreciate his dedication to the Staff. Scott is still dedicated to our Director's Staff, and to Shrine Director's Association, where he serves as Governor at Large on the Board of Governors.

A lot has changed since I was director almost 14 years ago, however I have every confidence in the capable Staff we have now, and we're bringing in some new faces also. Our last meeting we brought in 3 dedicated new Nobles to the Director's Staff! Welcome to Nobles Donny Needham, Jeff Floyd, and Justin Sorgen!

We're bringing EXCITEMENT AND FUN (to borrow Illustrious Sir Sam Montgomery's motto) back to the Ceremonial activities. Not in the same way we used to, but we'll still make sure the candidates receive a WARM reception to the Shrine! We'll make sure they have a memorable experience, and they'll want to come back to future Ceremonials!

So plan to attend our December 1st and 2nd Ceremonial! We'll have FUN WITH A PURPOSE (to borrow my motto) and provide an experience that will be memorable!

Respectfully submitted,

Ill. Sir Chuck Oheim, Director



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- Kayak



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About Ben Adhem Shrine



Kids Christmas Party

FREE for All Shrine Patients, Shrine Nobles and their Immediate Families



Pictures with Santa

All kids get Gifts
Cookie Decorating
Holiday Crafts & Games
Food / Snacks Provided



SUNDAY, DEC. 10
1 to 3 PM

SHRINE MOSQUE
LOWER LEVEL

601 E ST LOUIS ST SPRINGFIELD

Entrants agree to hold harmless About Ben Adhem Shriners from any loss, damage or injuries.

Parade Approval Changes

Fill Out and Submit Online

Go to: abashrine.com

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Click: Parade Request Form

Fill out and click Submit for Pote Approval

ABA Shriners
Southwest Missouri

Parade Approval Request

PARADE OFFICIAL NAME:

CITY:

PARADE DATE:

PARADE START TIME:

PARADE STAGING TIME:

STAGING LOCATION:

County:

Once the parade is approved, it and all the information from your request will be posted in the Official Parade Calendar on abashrine.com

Just click Official Parade Calendar at the top of the abashrine.com home page.

There is even a map to the Staging area if an address is provided.

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Branson Veterans Day
Osage Beach Veterans

Osage Beach Veterans Day Parade

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When Saturday, Nov 11, 2023

Where 1000 City Pkwy, Osage Beach, MO 65065, USA
[\(map\)](#)

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Description: PARADE OFFICIAL NAME: Osage Beach Veterans Day Parade
CITY: Osage Beach
PARADE DATE: November 11, 2023
PARADE START TIME:: 1:00 PM
PARADE STAGING TIME:: 12:00 PM
STAGING LOCATION:: 1000 City Parkway, Osage Beach, Missouri 65065, United States
EXTRA INFORMATION: (Oasis, Club/Unit Meals, etc):
NOBLE CONTACT INFORMATION: Mike Briggs
Email: lozshrinernews@gmail.com
Phone: (573) 216-0685
Sent via form submission from Abu Ron Arham

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2024



About Ben Adhem
Shrine Circus

2024 Dates

**February 1, 2024
to
February 11, 2024**

**Nobles Tickets will be
mailed as soon as they
are available.**

**Watch the Week at ABA and
our Facebook Page for
more information.**

About Ben Adhem Shrine News

Submitting Articles

Submit your articles for the Shrine News by sending the article **typed in the body of an email**. When you attach a file (Word, Publisher, etc) this creates several more steps and can limit our editing capabilities so **PLEASE, copy the text out of your document and paste it into the body of the email**.

Every effort should be made to use good grammar, correct spelling and accuracy.

Please attach your photos separately. Don't paste them in a file and attach, this makes for much lower quality pictures when printed in the Shrine News. Remember, there is not always room to use all your photos if you send several.

An article for the Shrine News is not the same as your meeting minutes. Report on something interesting that your club is doing or planning.

Submit your articles via e-mail to fa@abatemple.com with Club name and Shrine News in the Subject Line.

When submitting an article, you will receive an response email letting you know we received the article. If after 24 hours (more if over a weekend) you haven't received a response, please send

Deadlines

Sept - Oct 2023

Article Deadline **August 18th**

Nov-Dec 2023

Article Deadline **October 20th**

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Noble William Buchanan Westfall - Obituary

Abou Ben Adhem 70 Year Member

William (Bill) Buchanan Westfall, age 101, passed from this life Sunday, October 1, 2023 at Glendale Gardens Nursing and Rehab in Springfield, MO. He was born October 3, 1921 in Springfield.

After graduating from Springfield High School (Central) in 1939, he worked for Springfield Wagon Co. He is probably one of the last to have worked there. He moved to Detroit, Michigan to live with relatives and worked at Fruehauf Trailer Co. In 1941, Fruehauf transferred him back to Springfield to work at their local offices.

In 1942, he met the love of his life, Rozetta Fuller, at Doling Park Skating Rink and 3 months later he was drafted into the Army, not returning until November 1945. They married in December of 1945, creating a wonderful life for 69 years. They corresponded by letters for 3 years.

While in the Army, he was in the 2nd Armored Division (Hell on Wheels). He participated in D-3 invasion of Normandy, France and the Battle of the Bulge. He always said that "he saw it all."

After returning from the war, he returned to Fruehauf and then made a change to Hutco Equipment Co., where he was able to purchase with his wonderful partner, Mac McDaniel.

Bill was an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting quail, fishing, gardening and farming. He loved all sports, especially the St. Louis Cardinals. He could talk about anything and loved life and people.

Bill was a member of Abou Ben Adhem Shriners for 70 years. He loved being in the Greeters, having so many wonderful memories. He was also a Mason for 74 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Ruth Westfall; wife of 69 years, Rozetta; 2 grandchildren, Allison Ann Anderson and William "Billy" Ray McAnally; four brothers, Ray, Jr., Bob, Paul and Jack and a sister, Deloris Miller, all of Springfield.

He is survived by his two daughters, Janice (Robert) McAnally of Branson and Judy (Ric) Anderson of McKinney, TX; four grandchildren, Natalie (Brad) Reasons of Branson, Robbie McAnally of Branson, Andy (Brittany) Anderson of Lucas, TX and Amy Anderson of Austin, TX; great granddaughter Charlie Anderson of Lucas, TX; sister Melba Barclay of Springfield and brother Danny Westfall.

Thank you to all of his family and friends and those that helped him every day at Glendale Gardens Nursing and Rehab. Thank you Allison, Rhonda, Tina, Kent, James, Lonnie and Olen for always being there for him. Thank you also to Hospice for your help and assistance.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 - 7:00 PM on Monday, October 9, 2023 at Gorman-Scharpf Funeral Home. Graveside Service with Full Military Honors will be at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, October 10 in Missouri Veterans Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Abou Ben Adhem Childrens Hospital Fund, 601 East St. Louis Street, Springfield, MO 65806.

It's time to Roast the Pote



January 10, 2024 - Lower Level Shrine

5:30 Doors Open

6:30 Appetizers

7:00 Dinner

Program - Following Dinner

\$35.00 includes Dinner, 2 drink tickets, & gift contribution

RSVP beth@abatemple.com or 417-869-9164

Deadline January 5th 2024



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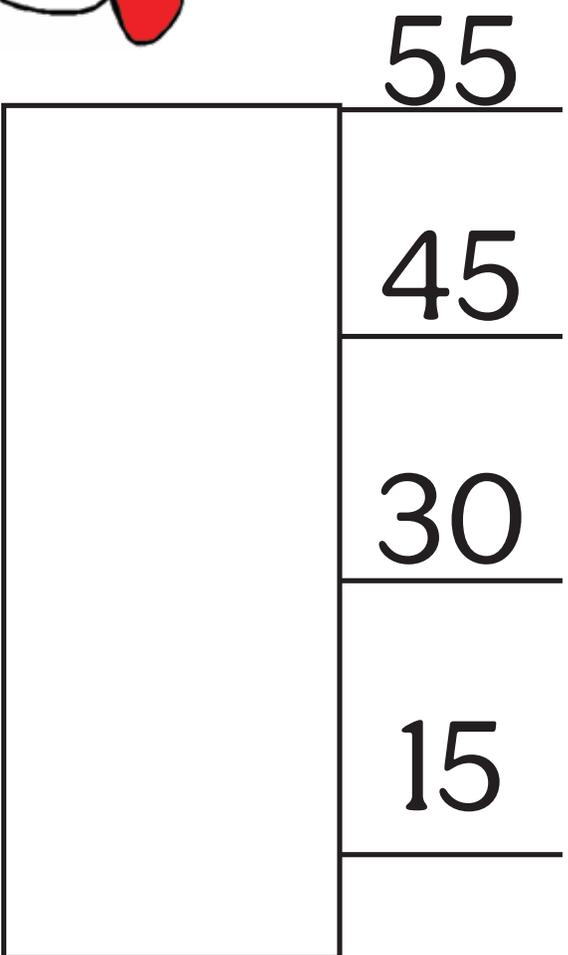
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Get your Novices ready!



Ceremonial is coming!!

2024 Goal for Creations



**Creations
Over 55**

Lets get WAY over half way to reaching our 2024 Membership Creation Goal at Fall Ceremonial!!

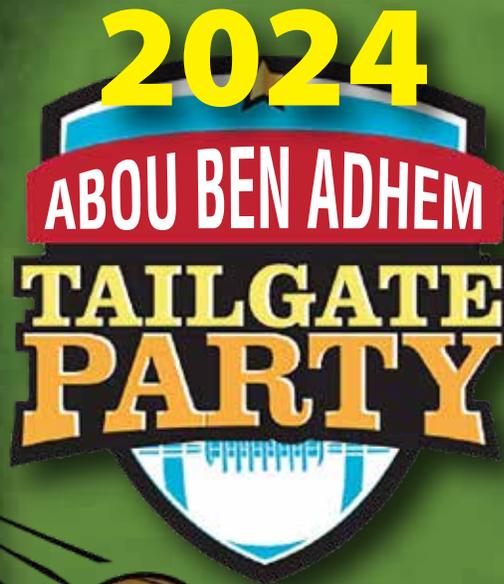
Bring someone in, it has never been easier! The Petition is available at: beashrinernow.com and a printable version at: abashrine.com

If each Club or Unit brings in 1 new member, we will reach our goal!

If 2% of our Members bring in 1 new member, we will reach or goal!

If Everyone does a Little we can keep our Fraternity Alive!!

If you have someone not ready for Fall Ceremonial, make sure to bring them to one of our open events. Outdoorsmen Expo, Festival of Trees, Tailgate Party etc., or one of the many Club and Unit open events!



SATURDAY
January 27

DOORS OPEN AT 1:30

FOOD • FUN
EXCITING HEAD TO HEAD COMPETITIONS

ADMISSION \$5

MUST BE 18 or older to attend

*Admission ticket required for all people attending,
including cooks and booth workers*

Competitions are Open to Clubs, Units, or Nobles!

Tailgate Booth Pricing:

10x10 with 5 tickets \$125

10x20 with 5 tickets \$175

*You may have ONE specialty drink to give away
donations only No Bars – No alcohol sales in booths*

2023 New Nobles

and their Lady get FREE Admission!
You will be mailed tickets in January.



Reserve your Booth

Contact Kris Booth:

417-294-1486 or

email booth286@gmail.com

**Open to all Nobles, Masons,
Prospective Nobles and their Ladies**

Not Open to the Public but Nobles may bring guests over 18!

Proceeds are for the benefit of Abou Ben Adhem Shriners activities. Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions.
Entrants agree to hold harmless Abou Ben Adhem Shriners from any loss, damage or injuries.

Puttin' Around the Shrine Mosque

Mini Golf Tournament

601 E. St. Louis St. Springfield

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Travel Room to Room

Puttin' Your Way to a Win

Saturday, March 2nd, 2024

Registration Begins 11:00 AM

Tee off at any hole starting at Noon

Cut off time for the last group to start the course 3:00 PM

Refreshments Available Throughout the Event

18 And Older Event

Awards Ceremony 5:00 PM

4 PERSON TEAM SCRAMBLE FORMAT

\$25 PERSON OR \$80 WHOLE TEAM

(\$100 PER TEAM DAY OF EVENT REGISTRATION)

For More Information: JR Smith, jr@jrsmith.org 417-205-0415

To Register a Team: Abou Ben Adhem Shriners

601 E St Louis St, Springfield MO 65806 417-869-9164

beth@abatemple.com

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Abou Ben Adhem

2024

TEMPLE ANNUAL BUDGET AND COMPARISON REPORT

ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

Account Number	REVENUES	Estimated	
4000	Initiation Fees	6,875.00	55 @ \$125
4010	Membership dues & PCT	276,000.00	2400 @ \$115
4100 & 4110	Less: Dues writeoffs	(5,000.00)	
4030	Rental income	_____	
4040 & 4050	Investment income	9,500.00	
4070	Realized gains/losses	_____	
4060 & 4080	Miscellaneous income	_____	
4090	Donations	5,000.00	
4400-4599	Charitable fundraising - net proceeds	12,000.00	2400 @ \$5
7970	Less: Distribution to S.H.C.	(12,000.00)	2400 @ \$5
7980	Less: Retained for Hospital Patient Transportation Fund	(_____)	
4600-4799	Fraternal fundraising gross revenues	125,000.00	Circus
6400-6459	Less: Direct fundraising costs	(_____)	
4800-4999	Other revenues - net	35,000.00	Other Fundrasing
	TOTAL REVENUES	452,375.00	
	EXPENSES		
6000-6099	Shriners Intl. (\$50 per capita & \$3.00 diploma fee) (Do not include \$5/Noble Hosp. Assessment)	120,000.00	2400 @ \$50
6100-6399	Administrative	125,000.00	
6500-6699	Building operations	85,000.00	Rent and Insurance
6700-6999	Business sessions/Ceremonials	7,000.00	
7000-7199	Social activities/Entertainment	35,000.00	
7200-7399	Visitations & Pilgrimages	20,000.00	
7400-7599	Promotion & Publicity	7,500.00	
7600-7899	Unit & Club expenses	1,000.00	
7900-7949	Donations to fraternal groups	_____	
7950-7969	Members' relations	7,500.00	
7990-7999	Donations to charities	_____	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	408,000.00	
	NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	44,375.00	
3750 & 3760	Transfer To/From Designated Funds	_____	
	OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	44,375.00	
4079	Unrealized gain(losses) from investments - net	_____	
	CHANGE IN EQUITY	44,375.00	
CAPITAL BUDGET			
1500-1639	Fixed asset additions	_____	

I hereby certify that the 2024 Temple Budgets were adopted on: _____

Potentate

Assistant Rabban

High Priest and Prophet

Oriental Guide

*Pre-audited balances are acceptable for this comparison report. NOTE: Mail budget comparison reports to Director of Temple Accounting by March 1, 2019.

WANTED

THE QUEEN OF HEARTS



STARTING POT \$1,000

- \$1.00 - 1 Ticket
- \$5.00 - 6 Tickets
- \$10.00 - 15 Tickets
- \$20.00 - 35 Tickets
- \$25.00 - 45 Tickets

Tickets sold to ABA Nobles and Noble's Lady only. Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase tickets and must be present to win.

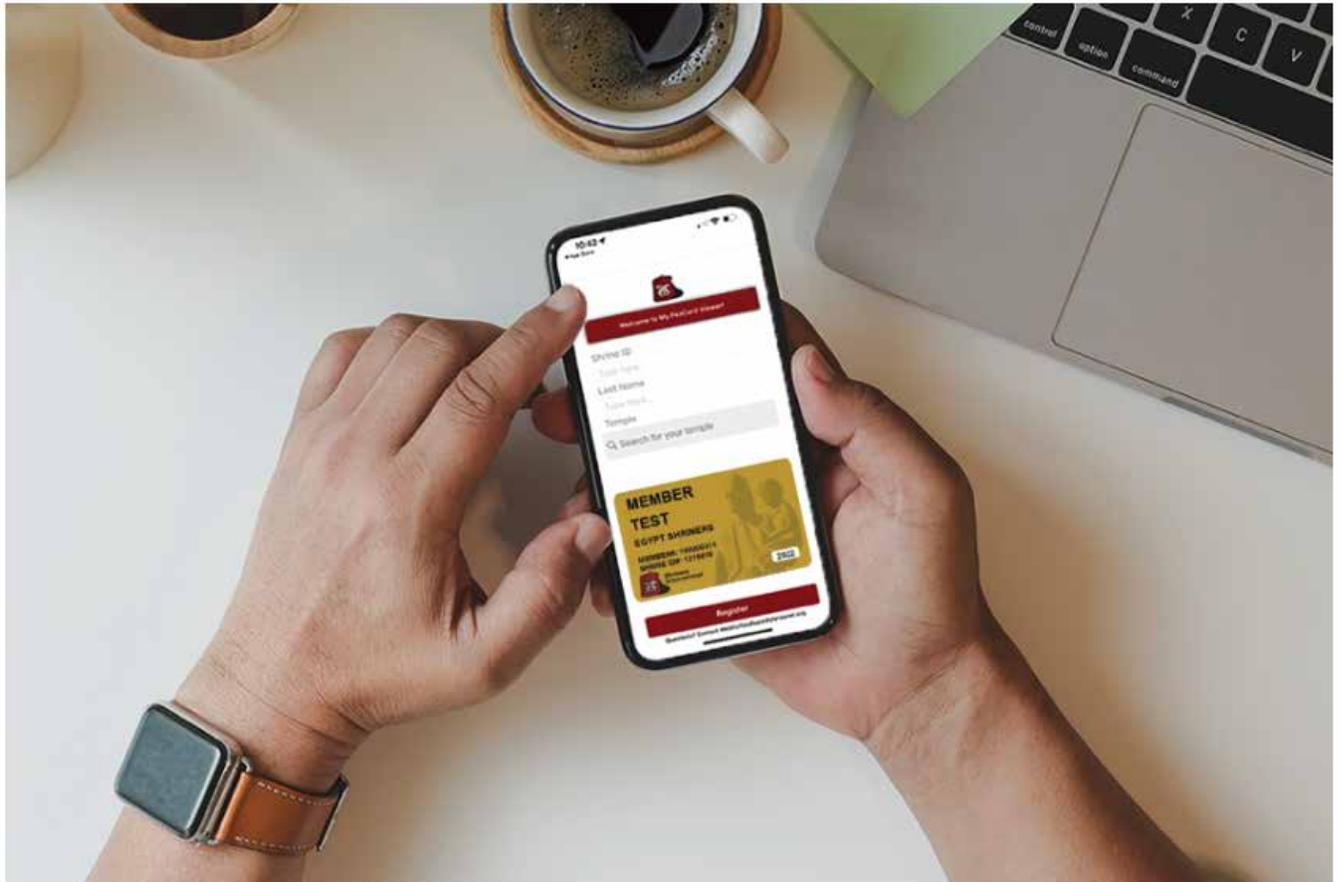
Look for her every Tuesday at the Abou Ben Adhem Greeter Bar. Tickets are available for purchase up to 15 minutes prior to the drawing at 6:30

Queen of Hearts revealed = Cumulative jackpot amount
Jokers = \$50.00 Any other Queen = \$25.00
Any Ace = \$20.00 Any Face card = \$10.00
Any other card = \$5.00

Winner must confirm identity and complete all required State and Federal paperwork to receive winnings. Proceeds are for the benefit of Abou Ben Adhem Shriners. Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions. Entrants agree to hold harmless Abou Ben Adhem Shriners from any loss, damage, or injuries.

My FezCard Viewer

The new My FezCard Viewer app provides members with immediate access to their digital membership card on their smartphone without the need to carry a hard card in their wallet. Additional benefits of the My FezCard Viewer include a unique QR code function that permits members to check in at their Shrine Center/Club/Unit, earn award points, enter raffle drawings, and more!



The My FezCard Viewer is available for download on the [Apple App Store](#) or on [Google Play](#).

Currently, there are three methods to access a digital membership card:

1) At ShrinersInternational.org, members may log into the Member Center and click “View Member Card.” Once showing on their screen, they may take a screen shot of their current card and retain it in their photo gallery for future use. *Note, this is a static image, and will not update following the 2023 renewal cycle.

2) At WebFez.ShrineNet.org, members may log into their member profile and click “View Shrine Card.” Likewise, a screenshot and static image may be retained for future use.

3) **NEW: Launched at Session**, members may visit their app store (Google Play Store or Apple App Store) and download “My FezCard Viewer.” They will be prompted to register (once) using their Shrine ID, last name and Temple name. This will populate a dynamic, live membership card which will update when new payments are posted to their WebFez account by the temples each year. Likewise, a swipe will reveal a QR code which can be utilized for scanning purposes (for attendance, award points, etc.).

NOVEMBER - 2023

Check the ABA Calendar on abashrine.com for up to date event information.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	Outdoorsman Expo 
5 ★	6	7	8	Chief Rabban Night/Temple Business Meeting 	10 ★	11
12	13	14	15	16	Festival of Trees 	Festival of Trees 
Festival of Trees 	19	20	21	22	23	24
26	27	28	29	30		



ABA Events

- 4..... Outdoorsman Expo
- 9....Chief Rabban Temple Business Meeting
- 17-19Festval of Trees



Club & Unit Events

- 5..... Carthage Train Crew Breakfast
- 11.... Laclede County SC Community Dinner

**Current Parade List at:
abashrine.com**

DECEMBER - 2023

Check the ABA Calender on abashrine.com for up to date event information.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					Ceremonial	Ceremonial
					1 	p 2 
3 ★	4 p	5 p	6	7	8 ★	9 ★
Kid's Christmas Party						
10 	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
				Board Trustee Meeting		
24	25	26	27	28 	29	30
31						



ABA Events

- 1-2 Ceremonial
- 10 Kid's Christmas Party
- 28..... Board/Trustee Meeting

★ Club & Unit Events

- 3..... Carthage Train Crew Breakfast
- 8..... Laclede County SC Community Dinner
- 9..... Keystone Kops Kornhole

Parades

- 2..... Fall Ceremonail
- 2..... Neosho Christmas
- 4..... Carthage Christmas
- 5..... Joplin Christmas

