December 1, 2009

Abou Ben Adhem Shrine Directors Staff cordially invites you to a fun filled event at our facilities in Springfield, Missouri April 21 – 24, 2010. With the help of Russ Baird, Chief Rabban 2009 and Sam Montgomery, PP, we have planned an exciting time for you and your ladies, if accompanied.

Please read the enclosed registration forms carefully. We have 2 registration forms, one for individuals, and one summary page for your temple, as in the past. One page can be used for two Nobles, if they are rooming together. Of course, if bringing wives, they can use the same form the Noble uses, as before.

The headquarters hotel is the University Plaza Hotel, which is across the street and 1 ½ blocks East. They are located at 333 John Q. Hammons Pkwy ($119.00 per night), and the hotel phone number is **417/864-7333**. Another short 1 ½ blocks East, but on the same side of the road as our Temple is the second hotel, which is the Holiday Inn Express ($129.00 per night). Their address is 901 East St. Louis St, and their phone number is **417/862-0070**. We also have a 3rd hotel, the Clarion Hotel, which is about 5 miles from our Temple at 3333 South Glenstone Ave., phone **417/883-6550** ($110.00 per night maximum). All of the hotels serve complimentary hot breakfast.

Registration will be held in the host hotel (University Plaza Hotel). Please be sure to fill out the arrival times, even if you are driving. We need to be staffed to receive you at the registration desk. A reminder that you must have your official "**PINKIE**" to receive packets for the others in your group. If the Director is not the first to arrive, or for some reason is unable to attend, your authorized representative must have this form before packets can be released.

Wednesday evening there will be a reception held at the headquarters hotel, University Plaza, for the weary travelers from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. We will have light Hors D'oeuvres and a cash bar available there. We will also have the Temple Greeters Bar open for your convenience across the street at the Temple from 4:00 to 10:00 pm. The price of $15.00 includes Hors D'oeuvres at the Hotel, 1 drink and a BBQ pulled pork sandwich or hamburger at the Temple lower level.

Thursday while we are in our usual business meeting, our ladies will be having some serious fun. Motor coaches will be picking them up and taking them to Branson, Missouri. The Landing will be the first stop for some intense shopping. This is a beautiful new area, with some upscale shops, and some affordable shops. Even a Bass Pro shop is there, if they want to pick up something for us guys. After shopping, they will enjoy lunch on the Branson Belle. This day will be memorable for them, with the wonderful meal and superb entertainment on the paddleboat with the scenery and serenity of beautiful Table Rock Lake.

Thursday evening will be our Mardi gras theme evening upstairs at our Temple. We will be entertained by a musically talented Jim and Kathleen, and of course have the opportunity to visit with old friends, and partake of some excellent Cajun food on our casual buffet. You'll note that we're a short 12-hour drive from New Orleans . . .

Friday morning while the Nobility is hard at work performing what we do best, our ladies will be preparing for a light luncheon at The Tower Club. Across the street from our host hotel is one of the premier restaurants in Springfield, Missouri. The tallest building in Springfield, it offers panoramic views of our fair city from the 21st floor restaurant. Reservations are limited, so get your name on the list early for this memorable event.

The Presidents Banquet on Friday evening promises to be another stellar event. As we enjoy the light music of Clayton Watson at the piano, we will again enjoy a wonderful dinner prepared by Master Chefs. We don't take our food lightly here (pun intended). The excellent preparation and presentation will be the work of our Noble John Bruton.

He will again be preparing breakfast for us on Saturday morning, with a breakfast buffet of mini quiche or scrambled eggs, hash browns or brunch potatoes, sausage or bacon, biscuits and gravy, and a fruit medley. Both Thursday and Friday we will have lunch available for purchase in our lower level for your convenience.

Should any questions arise before or during your stay, please feel free to contact any of the below Abou Ben Adhem Directors Staff members:

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