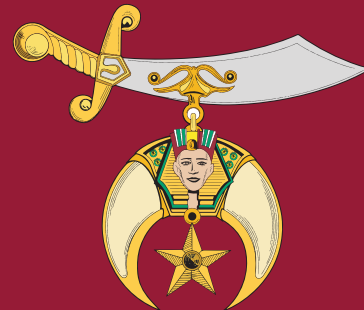


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Illustrious Ruben Robles and First Lady Bea

POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

by Illustrious Ruben Robles

We have been very busy in the month of February with Divan Mid-Winter in Mesquite, Texas. We had the opportunity to discuss with our counterparts about issues that they are having at their Shrine Temples. The biggest problem that we're all having is Membership.

This year Arabia suspended 276 Nobles for non payment of dues, and some of these Nobles have been very active in the past years. This is a requirement from headquarters that if a Noble has not paid their dues at the end of 2 years, they are automatically suspended. Nobles if you have not received your annual dues card by now that indicates that you are suspended, call the office at 713-664-3437 if you have any questions.

Arabia Shrine now has a new website at www.arabiashriners.org with all information about your Shrine activities and events. You can also read our newsletter and RSVP for all of our events and view our calendar.

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THE ROAD TO 200 NOBLES

by Noble Stephen Aganan



At the last February Stated Meeting, six new nobles were brought in to the Shrine. In front of the nobility and the ladies, they took their oath. The new nobles came from surrounding area Lodges and were eager to start participating in the the activities of the Shrine.

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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

by **Illustrious Ruben Robles**
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The only advertising we have as Shriners is by participating in Parades in our communities. For the last few years, we are having less parades and this year we have added 4 parades to our calendar - Saint Patrick's Day Parade @ Downtown City of Houston on Saturday of March 14th and the Saint Patrick's Day Parade on FM 1960 on Sunday of March 15th, Pasadena Parade on Saturday of May 9th and the HEB Thanksgiving Parade @ Downtown City of Houston. These parades have always been fun with a large turnout from the public. This information will be on our website under events.

If you know of a parade with a large public attendance that you feel we should be part of it, just contact Colonel Jim Clark to see if we are available to participate.

Our next Arabia Stated Meeting is on the 3rd Monday of the month, March 16th with a meal at 6:00 pm and the meeting promptly at 7:00 pm. Please come and join us for fun and fellowship. You can now RSVP online on our website for any event you will be attending.

Yours in the Faith,

Ruben Robles
Potentate

Social begins at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Come out and enjoy the evening. If you have sold circus, please bring it in that evening and don't forget to RSVP to Melissa or Grace at 713-664-3437.

If you have any items you'd like to donate to our 2020 Circus Silent and Live Auction, please bring the items with you to turn in that evening. If you need us to pick it up, call me and I will make arrangements.

I am committed to the Temple, the Nobles and their Ladies, our Hospitals and our Children. We, as your DIVAN are here to work for you. So please get with us with any ideas and or concerns.

Let's help grow our Fraternity and our mission in 2020 and beyond, and in turn, our Clubs and Units will grow as well. If you know a Mason, who would make a Shriner "Just-One". Keep up the great work that each of you are doing while supporting our Children, and we are here with any questions or help that you may need.

I'm only a phone call or email away, so call me at 713-545-9204 or email me at rpenalpasa@aol.com with any questions that I may be able to help you with. Please leave a message with your name and a call back number, and I will call you back as soon as I can.

Sincerely,
Rick Peña
Chief Rabban and
2020 General Circus Chairman



FROM THE CHIEF RABBAN'S SEAT

by **Noble Rick Peña**

Dear Nobles and Ladies,

I hope that this article finds each of you, your lady and your family doing well. Our Temple needs each of you to sell and support your Circus in 2020. If you need assistance in selling Circus or have any questions related to Circus, please reach out to me. The Circus dates are April 22nd thru April 26, 2020. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDER for our Fourth Circus Turn-In which will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2020.

LOOKING ON AS THE ASSISTANT RABBAN

by **Noble Corky Bynum**

I'm hoping this edition of the Arabian finds you all doing well as we are gearing up for a busy month of March. The Divans has been busy in the beginning of the year visiting as many Clubs and Units as we can. It's good to see several of the Clubs growing, along with crowded Unit and Club meetings!

I want to thank Rick Gallier and Travis Aldridge for helping me to drive vans with kids from our Shriners Hospitals for Children, along with their parents out to the HLSR BBQ Cook-Off to visit Primetime Cookers tent on Saturday, 2/29/2020. The kids had a great time! *Continued on next page*

They especially enjoyed the clowns and we had quite a few show up to support this event. Thank you to all the clowns that came out to visit with the kids!

As I said, we have a busy March planned and I hope to see you all and about at the various events going on this month. I want to thank each of you for your commitment and care for our fraternity and philanthropy. This year, my duty is to work with Clubs and Units. I'm here to help you as much as I can. Please reach out to me if I can help in anyway. My lady, Ruth Ann and I enjoy visiting all of the Clubs and Units and having the opportunity to spend time with each of you. Thank you all for everything you do to support our Arabia Shrine Center and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Yours in The Faith,
Corky Bynum
Assistant Rabban

REFLECTIONS FROM THE HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET by Noble Eddie O. Reed

February was a very busy Month for us. Last month we assisted Imperial with the Foreigner Concert at Rudder Auditorium in College Station. We had an awesome time. Thanks to all who responded to assist us with this event. Special thanks go out to Brenham Shrine Club.



Thanks for all you do for the Shrine and the Kids.

For those who were not able to make this concert, we will have another chance on September 12, 2020 at the Cynthia Woods Pavilion.

February 19, 2020 we held the Benefits Kick-off at the Houston SHC. Had a great time. Our Patient Ambassador was Tyler Creduer. Tyler presented his history with the Shriners Hospital and all that they had accomplished.



February 25, IHOP Day went very well. We were able to assign Team captains to 45 IHOP's in our area of responsibility from Missouri City to College Station. Jim MacInvale (Mattress Mack) was in attendance along with five of our Patient Ambassadors. We also had a Special Guest in attendance, Miss Angela Witzkoske, Miss Southeast Texas.



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The Shriners College Classic was a big hit this past weekend. Many of our Texas Shriners were in attendance enjoying the games.



Our next big event will be at the "Willis Chili Cook-Off" on March 20-21, 2020. We hope everyone is able to attend. The Official posting will be sent out the first week of March. We will have steak and fish dinner Friday night prepared by our Legion of Honor Unit. Karaoke will begin later in the evening. Saturday will be competition day for the Chili and the Blood Mary judging. Come out and join us for fellowship and have a good time. See poster on page 8.

Thanks to the Divan and the Membership for allowing me to continue serving Arabia Shrine.

As the Journey Continues,

Eddie O. Reed
High Priest & Prophet

FROM THE RECORDER

by Illustrious John V. Olivarri, PP

February came in with a blast, the Legion of Honor had their Mid-Winter here at Arabia. There were attendees from several Texas Shrine Centers and a couple of Nobles from out of State. Arabia Shriner Marshal Rick Villareal and his Lady Olga worked hard to put this on. Needless to say that the members and ladies of the LOH helped Noble Villareal go all out with the decorations, dance, and hospitality room. Great job! By the way the "Bloody Mary's" were awesome (done by Past Potentate Tony Macias).

The "Sweetheart" Dance theme worked well because it was given on Valentine's day. So, all the ladies were ready to dance the night away. The M.C. Marty Rodriquez kept all the group laughing as he gave out door prizes. This is just what Arabia Shrine needed to start the year off - fun, fellowship and laughter. My Lady Grace and I hope to see all of you soon. Below is a picture of some of the ladies in attendance.

Recorder
John V. Olivarri P.P.



NOTICE OF STATED MEETING

Notice is hereby giving that the next regular scheduled meeting of Arabia Shrine will be held on Monday March 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Dinner will be served. Please RSVP to the Shrine Center.

Wear your fez and 2020 dues card required.

John V. Olivvvari, PP
Recorder

Ruben Robles
Potentate

SHRINE CLUB UPDATE

by Noble Richard Ventrca

How long has it been since you have attended your Shrine Club meeting? Well if it has been more than two months, THAT IS TOO LONG. Our Shrine Clubs need your attendance and participation. It is easier to attract new members if the Club meetings are well attended. Our Clubs give some of our mature members that are not capable of driving at night an opportunity to stay involved with Arabia.

We have a great group of Ambassadors this year that bring an update at each meeting of the activities Arabia Shrine has going on. This year, our Potentate Ruben Robles has a lot of ideas and activities planned and you do not want to miss out on the fun and joy of helping our Shrine Kids. The Ambassadors have a meeting during the meal at each stated meeting to get updates and share ideas among the other Clubs. Come out and join the fun and if there is anything that is keeping you from attending your Shrine Club, please let know what it is. (rventrca@gmail.com)

Richard Ventrca
Chief Ambassador

FIRST LADY'S EASTER EGG PREPARATIONS

by Noble Dale Dickman

The Temple is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on 11 April - Easter is the day after! In preparation for this event, the 1st Lady is planning to pack the Easter Eggs and Baskets, with the help of your Ladies during the March Stated Meeting on March 16th. Lady Bea is asking for donations of "small" individually wrapped sweet items that will fit inside the plastic EASTER EGGS. The size of the sweet items donated is CRITICAL - last year we received candy items that were much larger than the Egg that we were trying to fill - please go for the smaller items!.

The Stated Meeting starts at 6 PM on March 16th with a meal (please RSVP to the Temple), with the meeting starting at 7 PM.

Thanking you in advance,
Dale Dickman
Chief of Staff

WALLER SHRINE CLUB

by Noble John McGaughy

Waller Shrine Club is a small but intimate Shrine Club. Everyone knows each other. Even though we are small in size, we still are an active group. We contribute to the 1st Lady's Project and to Circus each year. Some of our members are on Staff and others are Clowns and Hot Rods. We are a varied group and are looking to expand our membership as we have lost at least 7 members in the last few years to the Black Camel three of which were Past Potentates. Come and join us for dinner and fellowship on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Waller Masonic Lodge on Main Street in Waller, TX at 6:30 pm.

Fraternally,
John McGaughy
Waller Shrine Club President 2020

PATROL UNIT

by Noble Michael P. Sevilla

The new set of officers for Arabia Patrol were elected last November stated meeting at the Shrine Center. Installation of the officers were held on January 20 by the newly installed Illustrious Potentate Ruben Robles.

The following are the new officers: Captain Michael P. Sevilla and Lady Gay, 1st Lt. Social Art Valdez and Lady Fey, 1st Lt. Military John Randy Morgan and Lady Linda, Secretary / Treasurer Stephen Aganan, Drill Officer Greg Edmonds and Lady Patty.

Patrol meets every 4th Monday of each month, except the summer months at 6pm at the Shrine Center. One of the duties of the Unit is to march during TSA (Texas Shrine Association) and during parades. The unit competes during TSA with other participating Units from Temples in the great State of Texas. There are 12 Temples in the State of Texas and each year, it is held in different cities and hosted by different Temples.

Last year, Arabia Patrol won 2nd over-all, winning in the Parade competition and 2nd in the drill competition. We plan to bring home the trophy this year and make Patrol great again!

Fraternally,
Michael P. Sevilla
2020 Patrol Unit Captain

SOLIDARITY LODGE NO. 1457 SUPPORTS LADY BEA

by Noble Stephen Aganan

The Nobles of Solidarity Lodge No. 1457 presented a check of \$1000 to Lady Bea for her First Lady's project at the February Stated Meeting.

The money was originally intended for Noble Lope Lindio's brother who passed away last month. In Filipino culture, money is usually given to the bereaved family to help out with expenses. So the members of the lodge pitched in and collected \$1000 for Noble Lindio's brother. But Noble Lindio who is a Past Master of the lodge, refused to accept the money and said that it would be best to just donate it to the Shriners Hospital for Children. The lodge then decided that the First Lady's Project would benefit the most with this money.

Several members of the lodge were in attendance to present the check, including the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, Noble Joven Villanueva. Also present were Nobles Stephen Aganan, Danny Baula, Florante Gaid, Titus Madria and Juvenal Usero.



IHOP DAY 2020

by Staff

Last February 25th was the National Pancake Day & Arabia Nobles were well represented in the Houston area.



Nobles Byron Upton, Robert Hagen, Allen Bettis

THANK YOU NOTE...

by Chief of Staff Dale Dickman

I want to take just a minute to publicly thank everyone who helped CLEAN the upper warehouse on February 15th - while we did not get it done, we did make a start and filled two (2) dumpsters to point that they were overflowing.

Specifically, thanks to the Directors Staff (Wayne Kirkland, David Cottrell, Bubba Hyde, Bobby Hyde, J.J. Johnson, and Greg Edmonds); Baytown Shrine Club (Illustrious Sir Jerry Parrish), Clown Jewels (David & Sue Hankins), Oriental Band (Mike and Carla DeFrance), Legion of Honor (Shawn & Sugey Renner), Patrol (Rebecca Gordon, Noreda Bagwell and Delores Clark), and Arabian Knights (Jim & Kelly Clark). If I missed anyone - my apologies! Thanks again for your fantastic help - we will schedule another date (after Circus) to finish the job!

Yours,
Dale Dickman



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-- The Chair Ad for 2020 Circus--

We will continue to sell our Chair Ads this year for the 2020 circus. If you sell your ads in September of this year (2019), you can offer your customers a full 12 months of advertisement, as they will be removed in September of 2020. The longer you wait, the shorter time the ad will be displayed

The cost to our circus buyers is only \$250.00. Note: the circus chair ad will stay on the chair back until September 1, 2020.

Locations available so far this year are the following:

Papa Yolk's Grill, 5824 Spencer Highway, Pasadena

Bob's Taco Station, 1902 Ave. H, Rosenberg

Lercey's West Café, 1203 N. FM 565 Rd., Mont Belvieu

No-Name Bar-B-Que, 101 N. Pasadena Ave., Pasadena

As time permits, we will have additional locations to place the chair ads and we will advise you when this happens.

Complete the Shrine Circus AD paperwork, furnish a business card for information to be used on the plaque and turn in with \$250.00 for each plaque. Turn this in to the circus office; or if you want to wait, you may turn in the ad at our regular circus turn-ins. The installation and removal will be handled by our team. Remember; the earlier you turn in your chair ad, the longer time your customer has to receive his/her advertisement time. Printing and installing the chair ad will take approximately 2 – 3 weeks. Be sure and designate your preference of café location.

Don Slayton, P.P.

Circus Sales Chairman



Shriners Hospital "2020 Benefit Kick-off"

Photos by Noble Michael Paul McDaniel

February 19, 2020

