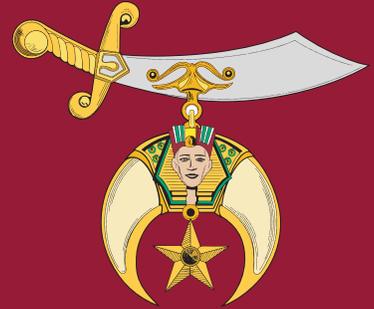


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*Illustrious Ruben Robles with Lady Bea*

## POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

**by Illustrious Sir Ruben Robles**

Now that the summer break is over, we are now getting back to business at the Shrine Center. There has been some exciting news this month and we can now have meals at the Shrine center for the Stated Meetings, and other Shrine events, including all Unit Stated Meetings, although there are strict requirements that we must comply with. I suggest that all Unit meetings bring in a boxed plate with plastic forks and knives. Chief Of Staff Dale Dickman will be sending an email to all Unit and Club leaders with the procedures.

We will open the Shrine Center in September for all Units or any Shrine Club that would like to meet at the Shrine Center.

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## HABIBI SHRINERS HURRICANE DONATIONS

**by Illustrious Sir Ruben Robles**



Nobles as you all know, last week Hurricane Laura hit Lake Charles, Louisiana area and caused major devastation to that region. Habibi Shrine Temple sustained tremendous damage and many of their Nobles also have damage to their homes, are in need of our help.

During Hurricane Harvey, Habibi Shriners sent us water and essential supplies, and now it is our duty as Masons to assist our Brothers to the east.

Every year Habibi Shriners invites Arabia to attend the Crowley Parade as their guest,  
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## POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

by **Illustrious Sir Ruben Robles**  
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Shrine Clubs can also meet at your local restaurant. We will not meet in the Unit Rooms yet, but we can use the 3 large rooms at the Shrine Center, the Brasewood Room, the Prairie Room or the Oasis Room for your regular Scheduled meetings indicated on the Arabia Calendar.

These rooms are capable of having enough room to social distance, and we will adhere to, and enforce the Grand Master's Proclamations regarding Covid-19.

If you wish to meet at the Shrine Center please contact Illustrious Sir John Olivarri so he can make arrangements for your meeting room, and also copy your Potentate so I can arrange to have 2 Divan members attend to your meeting, to allow more members from your Unit or Clubs to attend.

All Unit and Club Presidents will enforce that all members will, social distance, wear their masks, use hand sanitizer and all rooms will be limited to 50 Percent Capacity. Units can serve meals and must follow guidelines from the Chief of Staff.

All Units and Clubs must have your stated meeting according to your By-Laws either in person or by Zoom. If you cannot have your regular stated meeting, you must notify your Potentate.

We will have our September Stated Meeting on Saturday, September 26th in the Ball Room with Nobles and Ladies attending, and a meal will be served.

We will send an RSVP 10 days before the Stated meeting and you must RSVP.

If you do not want to attend because of underline health conditions or don't feel safe attending we will also have the Stated Meeting in Zoom. When you RSVP let us know if you will attend in Person or via Zoom

All Shriners International functions have been canceled this year up to the Tournament of Rose Parade on January 1st, 2021. The Shriners Hospital Golf Classic which is held in Las Vegas, every October will only be televised, no spectators or Patient Ambassadors or hole Marshals will attend. All Shrine Hospitals have also canceled their board meetings in Las Vegas. If you have made arrangements to attend, please cancel your reservation.

Nobles and Ladies, it is my intent with the support of your Divan to keep everyone safe and we will continue to take every necessary precautions.

Yours in the Faith,

Ruben Robles  
Potentate 2020

## 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, your family and friends all doing well. This Coronavirus - COVID-19 still has a lot of us at home more than we probably want to be, but like a lot of us it has allowed us to catch up on things around the house that needed to be done. In the meantime, your DIVAN is only a phone call, text or email away. Please reach out to us if you need anything.

As you well know our Circus Fundraiser - themed Carnival Festival, silent and live auction at Arabia Shrine Center, did not happen as we had planned, and we had hoped for. But this isn't going to keep me down. I'm working on other fundraising activities for the Temple that will get the Nobility and Our Ladies involved.

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. Some of these ideas could take someone like yourself to step up and help, but don't let that stop you with your ideas.

I'm only a phone call or email away, so call me at 713-545-9204 or email me at (rpena1pasa@aol.com) with any questions that I may be able to help you with. If you call and I can't answer the phone, please

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leave me a message with your name and a call back number, and I will call you back as soon as I can.

Yours in Faith,

Rick Peña  
Chief Rabban  
2020 Circus Chairman



## LOOKING ON AS THE ASSISTANT RABBAN by Noble Corky Bynum

I hope this article finds you all healthy and happy. My Lady, Ruth Ann, and I have certainly missed seeing all of you this year. As we begin September, our hope is that we will be able to begin opening up and able to come together for fun and fellowship.

As you all know, with the beginning of September it is time to start thinking about 2021 Arabia Shrine Circus. Ruth Ann and I are hoping we will be able to have our Circus Kick-Off on OCTOBER 11, 2020. Please be looking for an invitation, once we get the approval to have a meal at the Shrine Center. We are going to need all the help we can get to make sure our Arabia Shrine Circus is successful.

As the Shrine Units and Clubs begin meeting again, I will be at as many meetings as I can possibly attend. I'm looking forward to seeing each of you and spending time catching up. If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to reach out to me via email at corkybynum@yahoo.com or via phone 832-816-5681. If I don't answer, please leave a message. I will return the call as soon as possible.

Thank you for all you do for our Shrine Center and our Fraternity!

Yours in The Faith,  
Corky Bynum  
Assistant Rabban

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

Well here we are again, keeping our social distance, and staying close to the house except for necessities. From my point of view with the wearing of the mask it's better to be safe than to be infected. Fact or fiction, who knows who's right or

who isn't, all we can really do is go with the science, so I'll wear mine for now, thank you.

For me this Covid-19 is devastating on our society, communities and especially for organizations like "The Shriners". No circus, no meetings, no chili cook-offs, no Bar-B-Que cook-offs, no concerts, no golf tournaments, no dances or Balls. no East-West Shrine game, no TSA, or Imperial. Will we survive? Can we return to the pre-Covid-19 status that we once coveted? I believe that question will be answered by our leadership and most importantly by the membership. As a Divian member, I can assure that Arabia has our strongest support and commitment. We have continued to meet and solve the issues that don't go away with the Covid-19 pandemic. The building, grounds maintenance as well as the business function must continue. There are many dedicated Shriners who we can thank for keeping our facilities operational. We owe them a great deal of gratitude.

For our membership, we need you, you are Arabia, our pulse, our heart and our every breath. Without you, we don't exist. When this Pandemic is over, we need to come together and get our Philanthropy re-energized. We have Hospitals and kids that depend on our help. It won't be easy. We just need to be committed.

Please continue to follow your CDC recommendations for the Covid-19 Virus.

As the Journey Continues,

Eddie O. Reed  
High Priest & Prophet  
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## THE ORIENTAL GUIDE'S OUTLOOK by Noble Bobby Hyde

Dear Nobles,

It is with great excitement that I am writing this, we have started meeting back with each other in person. After attending a few in person events it is very obvious that our shrine family is very happy to be back together. we just had a social at Tomball shrine club and brought in a new noble. It has been an eventful year so far but the membership team

and myself are still trying to push through and bring as many new nobles into Arabia as possible. If there is anything anyone is needing help with my Lady Jamie and myself are here for you. I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy.

Bobby Hyde  
Oriental Guide

## HABIBI SHRINERS HURICANE DONATIONS

by **Illustrious Ruben Robles**

with Illustrious Sir Laris Nolan putting this parade together. We always enjoy the fun and fellowship with our Habibi Shriners from Lake Charles. I have appointed Illustrious Sir Laris Nolan as Arabia's Disaster Relief Ambassador to oversee the donations.

We are sending water and ice this weekend and making several trips next week of essential supplies. I am asking for donations of essential supplies to be delivered to Arabia Shrine Center and Illustrious Sir Laris Nolan will coordinate and have the donations delivered. They are in need of water, blue tarps, cleaning supplies, bleach, paper towels, non-perishable food, can food, clothes, personal hygiene supplies, masks, gloves, mops, and brooms. Or anything else you can think of.

You can also send a check with your Donation to Arabia Shrine on the memo write Hurricane relief Donation, 10510 Harwin Dr., Houston TX 77036.

For donation delivery to the Shrine Center contact High Priest and Prophet Eddie Reed at

713- 542-3231 or email: eoreed48@aol.com, or Oriental Guide Bobby Hyde at 832-244-1756 or email: rrh03@aol.com. You can also call Arabia Shrine Office at 713-664-3437 to coordinate your donation delivery. We will also need volunteers to help load the trailers.

Yours in the Faith,

Ruben Robles  
Potentate  
Email: selbor54@yahoo.com

## HOW TO AVOID GETTING SICK Excerpt from the Texas Health and Human Services

How can I help protect myself? There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed. Take the following precautions to avoid exposure:

Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, you can use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Clean and disinfect frequently-touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands. Stay home when you are sick. When you must go out, practice social distancing. For more info visit: <https://dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/faq.aspx>

## NOTICE OF STATED MEETING

Notice is hereby giving that the next regular scheduled meeting of Arabia Temple will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2020 @ 11:00 am. Nobles and Ladies are welcome, food will be served. **RSVPs** will be sent out 10 days prior to the meeting. This meeting is subject to state and local COVID-19 Guidelines. This meeting will be available via zoom as well.

Wear your fez - 2020 and dues card required.

John V. Olivvari, PP  
Recorder

Ruben Robles  
Potentate



## **Nobles & Ladies**

**The Arabia Bowlers are starting their new season on Sunday, September 13th at Armadilla Lanes, 3210 Preston Ave., Pasadena, TX.**

**The lanes have assured us that we will be bowling as usual and keeping with the current requirements.**

**Please arrive around 1:00 p.m. so we may have time to fill out forms and set up teams for our 2:00 p.m. starting time. We are unable to have our hamburger supper at Fuddrucker's as usual this year so we will also be using this time to renew old friendships and make new ones.**

**New teams need to consist of 4 members having at least one member of the opposite sex. In other words, no all male or female teams.**

**Come one, come all and we will put the new teams together as needed.**

**We look forward to seeing you at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 13th!!!**

**Rick Gallier, President**

**713 829-1957**

**Don Slayton PP, Secretary**

**281 787-8431**

**Marc Miller PP, Treasurer**

**713 419-1000**



The Ladies of the Units and Clubs of  
Arabia Shrine Center  
Request the Pleasure of your Company at a  
Luncheon Honoring

*First Lady Bea Robles*

Saturday, November 14, 2020

Reception 11:00 AM

Lunch 11:45 AM

Junior League of Houston

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Hats Optional

Please RSVP by October 19, 2020  
with a \$35 check to Unit or Club President's Lady

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