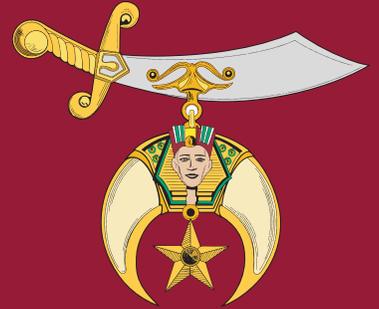


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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

by Illustrious Sir Rick Peña

I hope that this article finds each of You, Your Lady, Your Family and Friends all doing well.

We had a great time at our Widows/Widowers Luncheon at the Temple on February 12, 2021. Thank You for all those who attended, and we plan to do this again on December 17, 2021. My hopes are is that those that couldn't attend in February can attend in December. Please see the pictures attached.

Naomi and I want to personally thank Illustrious Sir Jerry Parrish and Lady Edie for all

of their hard work and creativity in making this year's Inaugural Ball beautiful. We also want to thank all of the nobles and ladies who took time out of their day to come help us decorate, we could not have done it without you! And we also want to Thank all those who attended. Each of you made this night so Memorable. Thank You!



Illustrious Rick Peña and First Lady Naomi

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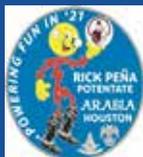
I've asked Henry Gohike our Chief Administrator to contact the Nobility and have you all update your information in WEBFEZ. It's very important that we do this ASAP, because we would like to produce a Temple Directory by the end of the first Quarter of 2021. The information in the directory will only be as good as the information that is in WEBFEZ. That's where the information comes from.

We hope to have a Year of Fun and Fellowship with our Nobles and their Ladies, as well as with all our Families and Friends. We have several things planned this year, while keeping safety in the for front.

Naomi and I are 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 you may have.

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 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
Potentate
Arabia Shrine



FROM THE CHIEF RABBAN'S SEAT by Noble Corky Bynum

Can you believe it is almost March? My lady Ruth Ann and I are hoping you are all doing well and came through the recent freezing weather in the area with little to no hardships. Our thoughts, prayers, and well wishes were certainly with each of you as we all dealt with uncomfortable and unusual circumstances for our area.

Even though our 2021 Circus has been cancelled, we are still working on picking up and delivering any outstanding shirt orders. We also have some Ladies' shirts to continue to sell. They are red and white with red, white, and blue bling on them, if you haven't

seen them. We also have T-shirts, caps, and visors still for sale. Please see Ruth Ann or I if you would like any of these items. We are continuing to explore fundraising opportunities for this year. I'm open to hearing any ideas that anyone has for fundraising activities.

Your divan is here to support and work with you all. If there is anything, I can do to help you, please don't hesitate to reach out to me via phone 832-816-5681 or email corkybynum@yahoo.com.

Thanks again for all you do for Arabia. Have a great week!

Yours in faith,
Corky Bynum
Chief Rabban



LOOKING ON AS THE ASSISTANT RABBAN by Noble Eddie O. Reed

I sincerely hope that everyone was able to survive the unrepresented storms these past few weeks. I have talked to many of our members who experienced excessive power outages, followed by water outages and then the broken water pipes. On the Gulf coast we have learned to expect inclement weather during hurricane season, but nothing like this. Lesson learned. Let us not allow our state officials to forget either. The problem is not fixed just because the weather is good now.

Inaugural Ball

What a great event everyone had a fantastic time. The Potentate and First Lady really did an awesome job planning, decorating, and moving the event along. They had a lot of great help from their committees and helpers who equally deserve credit for a great event. Thanks for all that each of you do for Arabia Shrine.

Baseball Classic

It's that time of year again for the Annual Baseball Classic. I'm sure that we as well as Imperial will be reaching out for volunteers to sell programs and drive the Dignitaries and hospital Ambassadors around. The event will be

Friday, March 5

11 a.m. Rice vs. TAMU-Corpus vs Christi

3 p.m. TAMU-corporis Christi vs TCU

7 p.m. Texas State vs. Texas Tech

Saturday, March 6

11 a.m. SHSU vs. Rice

3 p.m. Texas Tech vs. SHSU

7 p.m. Texas State vs. TCU

Sunday, March 7

11 a.m. TAMU-Corpus Christi vs. Texas Tech

3 p.m. TCU vs. SHSU

7 p.m. Rice vs. Texas State

2022 Circus is still on the books right now. We will know more in September.

Please continue your CDC recommendations for the Covid19 Virus.

As the Journey Continues ,

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ORIENTAL GUIDE'S OUTLOOK

by Noble Ben LaBlanc

Hopefully this message finds you all well and healthy. It has been a wild week around the Houston Metro area, and the entire State of Texas with many of our brothers and sisters feeling the pain of this arctic weather event. Please let my Lady Alyssa or I know if there is anything we can do to help you during this time.

In last month's article, I mentioned that the membership team has already started working hard to bring in new nobles, as well as restore some of our brothers who may have been behind in their dues. I am pleased to announce that as of this writing, we are plus 10 in the creations and restorations areas for the year. We are also actively continuing to work on creating more new nobles, with a few waiting patiently to join at our next stated meeting, as well as reaching out to any brothers that are past due to get them back to current on the books. If you know of a good Mason that wants to become a Shriner, or a Shriner that may have let his dues lapse, please reach out to me and let's see what we can do to get them active in the Shrine. Membership takes all of us, and we all need to be working on it year round.

I also mentioned last month about the incentive plan we have been working on. Due to recent unforeseen events, the Divan has not had a chance to finalize the plan, but I assure you we are working on it, and our hope is to have it rolled out to the nobility by the March stated meeting. Keep an eye out for that as I think it will peak some interest.

Thank you again for your continued support of both my Lady Alyssa and I, and I look forward to working with all of you in the future. As always, please don't ever hesitate to reach out; I am only a call or email away.

Fraternally,

Ben LaBlanc

Oriental Guide 2021

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FROM THE RECORDER

by Nobble Dale Dickman

Just a couple of items this month – 1st we continue to sanitize the Temple prior to scheduled events, and I encourage you to take appropriate social distancing precautions, and wear the mask and frequently wash your hands.

Second, please update your information in WebFez, the Potentate wants to publish a new Directory in the next couple of months, and we need check and update the information before we publish something with the wrong address, or phone number – in the information technology world there is a saying (“garbage in – garbage out”) which means if there is “bad or incorrect” information in the database – then you will get “bad” information in your reports – or our Directory! So please take a minute and update your record, or call the office for help!

Third, the ceiling in the Arabian Knights, Directors Staff, and Greeters rooms has been repaired and are ready for units to meet.

Fourth, the merger of the Houston and Galveston Hospitals is complete and the NEW name is “Shriners Children – Texas”. Renovation of a couple of floors is nearing completions and the integrations of staff is complete.

We now have two (2) Chiefs of Staff – one for
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Burns and one for Orthopedics. As always there is a need for donations.

Finally, March 15th, 2021 is the date for the Stated Meeting - we will have a meal at 6 P.M. in the Braeswood Room, followed by the meeting in the Parie Room at 7 P.M.

Fraternally,
Dale Dickman
Recorder



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF AMBASSADOR by Noble Travis Aldridge

My Lady Nikki and I hope that you all made it through the last week and this crazy cold weather that we all experienced safely and with little damage.

We are starting out to a busy year and I hope you all have been able to attend a Shrine Club meeting. Whether that was via zoom or in person. We have several activities going on in March that I hope you are able to attend - starting off with the Inaugural Ball for our Potentate Rick Peña and Lady Naomi on February 27th. It is sure to be a fun time. We are kicking off our Shrine Club official visits in March. If you do not have yours scheduled, please get with me so we can get you on the calendar. Lets make this a year of growing our Shrine Clubs, if you need any assistance, please get with me.

Please feel free to reach out to me via phone at 281-831-3032 or email at travisnikialdridge@gmail.com if you need any assistance or have any questions.

Travis Aldridge
Chief Ambassador



Weekend Weather - Houston, TX

This Weekend

Fri 05 | Day

72° 39%
SE 9 mph

Overcast with showers at times. Thunder possible. High 72F. Winds SE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 40%.

Fri 05 | Night

54° 19%
NNE 13 mph

Partly cloudy in the evening with more clouds for later at night. Slight chance of a rain shower. Low 54F. Winds NNE at 10 to 15 mph.

Humidity 76%	UV index 4 of 10
sunrise 6:42 am	sunset 6:23 pm

Humidity 82%	UV index 0 of 10
moonrise 12:28 am	moonset 11:10 am
Last Quarter	

Sat 06	71°/50°	Partly Cloudy	6%	NE 14 mph
Sun 07	70°/51°	Mostly Sunny	2%	E 13 mph

NOTICE OF STATED MEETING

Notice is hereby giving that the next regularly scheduled meeting of Arabia Shriners will be held Monday March 15, 2021. 7:00 pm. Dinner will be served. Please RSVP online or to the Temple. Wear your fez - 2021 dues card required. This meeting is subject to state and local COVID-19 guidelines.

Dale Dickman
Recorder

Rick Peña
Potentate

2021 Hospital Benefit Kickoff



Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 5:00pm

Location: Arabia Shrine Center

10510 Harwin Drive Houston, Texas 77036

Attire: Business Casual – Men Wear Fez

Guest Speakers – Paige Johnson; Regional Director of Marketing for Shriners Hospitals Children – Texas & The Family of Patient Elyzabeth Alvarez
Dinner to be served.

Come out and Support Arabia's Hospital Benefit



R.S.V.P. to The Shrine Center at 713-664-3437 on or before March 7, 2021.
& make a selection of Beef or Chicken

2021 High Priest & Prophet Bobby Ray Hyde
832-244-1756 or rrh03@aol.com



Baytown Shriners Clay Shoot



Duck Hunt Challenge



Saturday, March 27, 2021

**Location: 12525 I-10 East Baytown, Tx
Gene's Powersports Country**

Shoot Starts at 9:00am

Free lunch furnished for shooters by Baytown Shrine Club

Come join us for a day of fun filled activities

ATV's, Golf Carts & Coolers Welcome

To be raffled:

15 Guns | Polaris 570 Ranger Crew

All Proceeds go to the Baytown Shrine Club and are not tax deductible as a charitable donation.

For information call Bobby at 713-539-8584, Gene Anderson at 281-932-0097, Kenny at 713-702-7954, Russell at 832-414-7041, or Robert at 281-414-8262.

ARABIA SHRINERS
INVITES YOUR FAMILY TO



Easter
Egg Hunt

SATURDAY, APRIL 3 | 12 PM

Bring your children and or your grandchildren. The Potentate will furnish the Easter baskets, candy, and prizes. Lunch and games will be from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. The Easter Egg hunt starts at 2:00 p.m. Please RSVP with the temple office by March 30 at 713 664 3437.

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WIDOWS LUNCHEON

February 12, 2021

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INAGURAL BALL

Photos by Noble Michael Paul McDaniel
February 27, 2021



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