



Tassel Tales



Potes Notes



My Fellow Nobles,



Q1 with Gratitude and Purpose

Nobles of Habibi Shrine,

It is with deep humility and great enthusiasm that I address you as I begin my service as Potentate for Habibi Shrine in 2026. I am honored by the trust you have placed in me, and I am excited for the year ahead as we work together to strengthen our fraternity, support our philanthropy, and renew the spirit of fellowship that makes our Shrine so special. My goal this year is simple: to build unity, increase participation, and ensure that every Noble feels proud to be part of this distinguished body.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

POTENTATE

Joe Gibbs

CHIEF RABBAN

Rupert White

To help accomplish this, we will be making a few adjustments to our meeting format. Following dinner, our stated meetings will now be held in the large building, allowing for a more comfortable and focused environment for conducting Shrine business. At the same time, our ladies will have the opportunity to remain in the small building where organized activities and social time will be provided for their enjoyment. This approach allows us to include everyone in the evening's fellowship while still conducting our work efficiently.

Additionally, I am committed to bringing more enjoyment back into our gatherings. Before each regular stated business meeting, we will incorporate a fun or engaging activity designed to encourage fellowship, laughter, and participation among the Nobility. The Shrine has always been known for its spirit of fun and brotherhood, and I intend to ensure that this tradition remains strong throughout the year.

Communication will also be a priority in 2026. You can expect quarterly updates in **Tassel Tails** so that every Noble stays informed about our progress and upcoming events. I also ask each of you to connect with **Jared Milner**, our Shrine Recorder, to confirm that he has your current email address so we can maintain timely and effective communication. Nobles, I am truly excited to serve you this year, and I look forward to working side by side as we continue to make Habibi Shrine a place of fellowship, fun, and faithful service.

ASSISTANT RABBAN

Chris Fowler

**HIGH PRIEST AND
PROPHET**

Russell Bertrand

ORIENTAL GUIDE

Tommy Lemaire

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Dexter Downs

RECORDER

Jared Milner

**1ST CEREMONIAL
MASTER**

Artemious L. Bailey

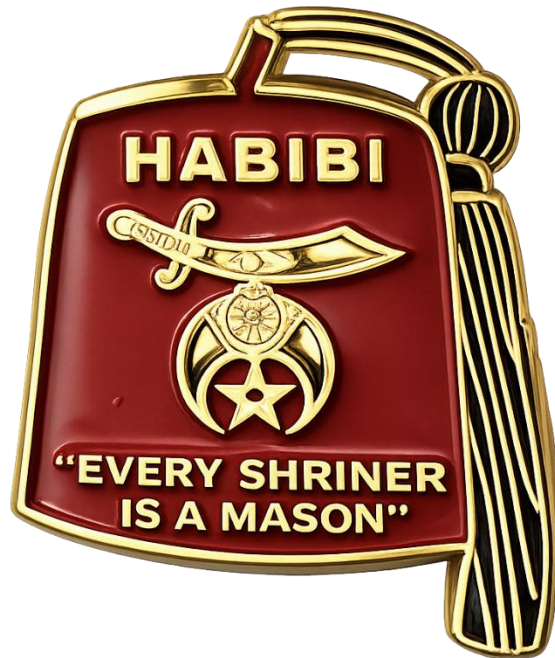
**2ND CEREMONIAL
MASTER**

Don Bush

Thank you,

Joe Dan Gibbs

Habibi Potentate 2026



DIRECTOR

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MARSHAL

Ronnie Prioux

**CAPTAIN OF THE
GUARD**

Luke Gaspard

OUTER GUARD

Arthur Roberts

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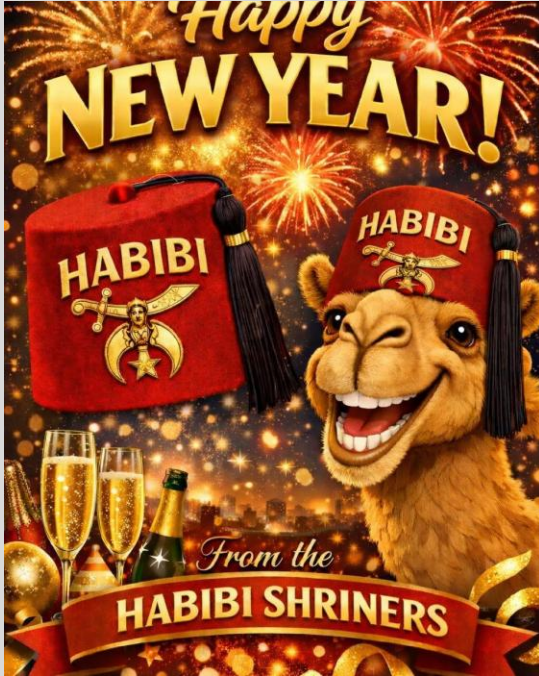
Ray Moses

Editor

Marcus Moseley



From The Recorder's Desk



Illustrious Sir, Illustrious Sirs, Members of the Divan, Nobles All,

It is a profound honor to have been elected to serve as Recorder for **Habibi Shrine**. I am deeply grateful for the trust and confidence placed in me by the Nobility, and I accept this responsibility with humility and dedication. I am committed to performing the duties of this office to the very best of my ability and to serving our Temple in the utmost professional manner, ensuring that our records, communications, and administrative functions reflect the excellence our Shrine represents.

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We are fortunate to have a strong and capable leadership team, along with devoted members who care deeply about our mission and our fellowship. Working together, I believe we can continue to strengthen our Temple, support our charitable work, and create meaningful opportunities for fellowship and service. I am truly excited about what lies ahead and confident that our combined efforts will lead to continued growth and success for our Shrine.



HABIBI SHRINERS

EVENT SPACE AVAILABLE FOR RENT

If you have a need for a venue for your next function, please contact our office at 337-436-9782 for more information.

WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU HERE!

2928 PACK ROAD, LAKE CHARLES, LA 70615

Above all, my sincere wish for our Temple is that friendship, brotherly love, and unity remain at the heart of everything we do. When we support one another and work together in harmony, our Shrine becomes not only effective but truly magnificent. I look forward to serving alongside each of you and doing my part to help ensure a bright and prosperous future for our beloved Temple.

Thank you, and Habibi Forever,

Jared Milner

Recorder

Habibi Shrine Center

Office: 337-436-9782



Habibi Drifters Unit

Nobles interested in joining the Drifter Unit and riding Drifters in Parades please get in touch with Noble Jared Milner at (337) 842-2840

Dates To Remember

Krewe Decuole Soul

January 24th, 2026

Krewe Del' Amite

January 30th, 2026

Habibi Prayer List

Please keep the following Nobles in your Prayers:



Krewe De L'ecore

February 6th, 2026

Krewe Du Couillon

February 7th, 2026

Antonio Duhon Chicken Run

February 8th, 2026

HABIBI Shrine Stated Meeting

February 11th, 2026

Evangeline Shrine Club Voodoo Ball

February 13th, 2026

Southwest Louisiana Children's Day Event

February 15th, 2026

Medical expense benefit for Miguel Escobedo

February 28th, 2026

HABIBI Shrine Stated Meeting

March 11th, 2026

Pioneer Heritage Festival (Merryville)

March 28th, 2026

Habibi Easter Egg Hunt

April 5th, 2026

York Rite Easter Sunrise Service

April 6th, 2026

HABIBI Shrine Stated Meeting

April 8th, 2026

Grand Lake Elementary Bloom Fest

April 18th, 2026





Habibi Clown Unit

The Clown Unit thrives at Habibi Shrine, with participation now extended to Shrine Ladies.

If you would like to become a Clown and help promote Habibi Shrine, please contact Col. of the Units Jim Josker at *(337) 532-4001*



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2025 - 2026 Election Notice

December 10th, 2025

§325.2 Election and Qualification.

(a) Election Order. The first 7 officers shall be elected annually, in the order in which they appear in **§325.1(a)**, by ballot and constitute the official divan. Candidates for elective office in a temple must be members in good standing of that temple. Amend. 1969, 1983 (b) Term Limit. A noble may not serve as Potentate of any temple for more than 2 years. However, a Noble may serve as Potentate of an additional 2 years if he has served in an office or offices on the official Divan other than Potentate, for at least 2 years subsequent to his previous terms as Potentate and there are no eligible candidates otherwise eligible for the position as Potentate. Amend. 2018 (c) Qualification. A Noble may not serve as a temple officer unless he shall have first served at least one term as either Chief Rabban or Assistant Rabban of a temple. Amend. 1981 (d) Dispensation. Upon a showing of good and sufficient cause, in writing and at least 60 days prior to the temple election, the Imperial Potentate may waive the provisions of subsection (c) with respect to candidates for the office of Potentate at such temple election.

§325.3 Appointment.

The other officers named in §325.1 shall be appointed by the Potentate.

§325.4 When Elected.

Each temple must elect its officers and representatives at its annual meeting in January unless its bylaws allow the election to occur at the temple's stated meeting in December.

§325.5 Ballot.

(a) Separate Ballot. Election of officers shall be by a majority vote of those present and voting. When there is more than one candidate for 63 Bylaws (Iowa) election to a particular office, a separate written ballot is required. A blanket ballot is prohibited. Amend. 2012 (b) Retention. The ballots cast in any contested election for temple office shall be retained in the custody of the Recorder for a period of 90 days following the election, after which they may be destroyed unless the Imperial Potentate otherwise orders. Amend. 1978 (c) Void Ballot. Blank ballots or ballots containing any markings other than the name of a candidate nominated from the floor are not votes and are not to be considered for any purpose.

§325.6 Time of Election.

Nominations must commence not later than 9:00 p.m. and when that hour arrives all other business must cease and none may be transacted until the election is concluded.

§325.7 Other Officers.

The temple may elect such other officers as its bylaws provide.

§325.8 Nomination.

Candidates for office and Representative must be placed in nomination from the floor.

§325.9 Leadership Search Committee.

The Board of Directors may appoint a committee consisting of not more than five (5) Nobles to study the qualifications of possible candidates for elective office in the temple. This committee may report their findings to the Board of Directors and/or to the temple members in the form of a nomination at a temple election. This committee may also consult with the Chief Rabban on his appointments if so requested.

§325.10 Representatives.

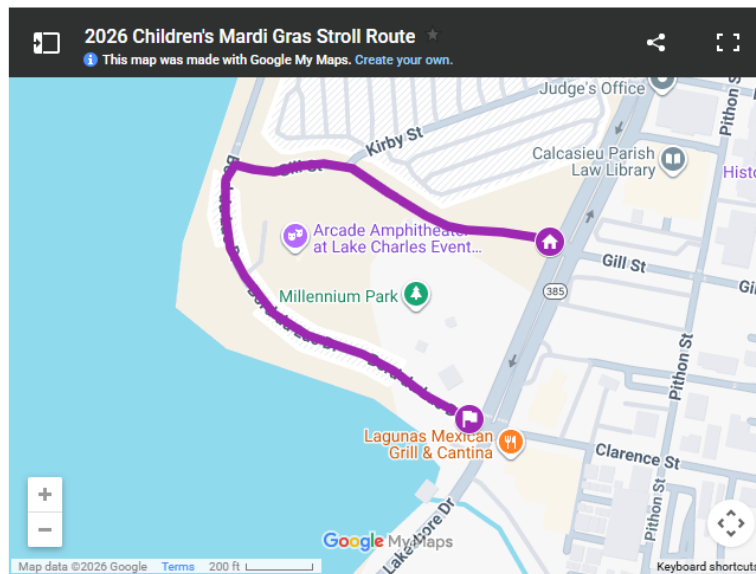
(a) Single Ballot. Where a temple elects more than one Representative, all candidates must be balloted on one written ballot. (b) Complete Ballot. Each member voting must vote only for the total number of Representatives to be elected, otherwise his ballot cannot be counted as a vote. (c) Majority Vote. A majority vote of those present and voting is necessary to elect each Representative. (d) Election. Only those candidates who receive a majority vote shall be declared elected. (e) Successive Ballots. Successive written ballots must then be taken in the same manner on other candidates until all Representatives are elected. (f) Highest Vote. If more candidates receive a majority vote than the number of Representatives to be elected, then those receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected. 64 Bylaws (Iowa) (g) Void Ballot. Blank ballots or ballots containing any markings other than the name of a candidate nominated from the floor are not votes and are not to be considered for any purpose.

§325.11 Election Regulations.

(a) Electioneering. A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine temple may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a résumé consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email or other devices, by a unit, club, Noble, or group of Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing, or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited. (b) Expenditures Prohibited. The expenditure of money for gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited. (c) Violation. For any violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the officer void and order a new election. (d) Notice. At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election, the temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof, containing this section.

Saturday, Feb. 14

- **DeRidder Mardi Gras:** Fun starts at 9 a.m. at the Beauregard Parish Fairgrounds. Gumbo cook-off, king cake contest, chicken run, costume contest and more. Parade rolls at 4 p.m.
- **Children's Mardi Gras Stroll:** Rolls from 9 to 11 a.m. This is a walking parade for children ages 3 to 12. This is a walking parade only, with no throws, and no motorized vehicles, bikes, strollers, skateboards or pets are allowed.
 - Route: Young revelers will meet on the north side of Millennium Park, then parade down Gill Street to Bord Du Lac and return to Millennium Park.



- Entry: Registration will begin at 9, and line-up will begin at 9:30 at the Lakefront Promenade. There is no fee to enter.

2026 Evangeline Shrine Club Voodoo Ball

EVANGELINE SHRINE CLUB
VOODOO BALL



\$50 A TICKET

MEAL AT 6:30 PM

BAND AT 7:00 PM

**RYAN FORET AND
FORET TRADITION,**

MEAL, BAR, SILENT AUCTION, AND MORE

FEBRUARY 13, 2026

EVANGELINESHRINECLUB@GMAIL.COM



Medical expense benefit for Miguel Escobedo


The parade lineup is at the PetSmart and Office Depot parking lot in Lake Charles at 7:30 AM Saturday. Make sure you are there in the parking lot before 7:30. Law enforcement will escort the floats to the beginning of the parade at 7:30. Come out and support this extraordinary young man's last wish to lead the parade.

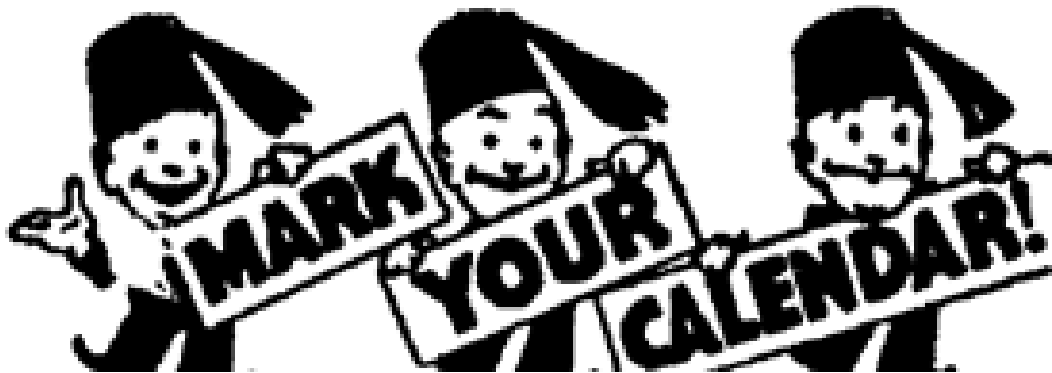
Saturday, February 28, is the Miguel Escobedo Medical Expense Benefit. The event is at 10:30 and ends at 9:00 PM at the Cajun French Music Association, 3481 E Prion Lake Rd, Lake Charles, LA 70615

They will sell jambalaya plate lunches and T-shirts and host a raffle. Band Lineup: DJ roster 12 to 2:15 PM, Flashback with Gus Johnson 2:30 PM to 3:45 PM, Live auction starts at 4:00 PM.

Immediately after the live auction and closing out the benefit with Twisted X with Mark Reeves Band

This is an extraordinary young man who was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. We need all the nobles we can to attend and support his final wish.





Fraternal Fundraiser

Donations or Gifts made to Habibi Shriners are not tax-deductible as Charitable Contributions.

Contact the Office at (337) 436-9782,
2928 Pack Road, Lake Charles, LA 70615

27 RV/Camper Lots are Available for Rent at Habibi Shrine Center for \$600.00 Per Month If you are interested in staying at Habibi call the Office Today at (337) 436-9782



If you know a Mason Interested in becoming a Shriner



Call Habibi Shrine & Ask for a Petition!

(337) 436-9782



My Fellow Nobles,

2025 & 2026 Dues Are Due!

Temple Clubs & Units Meetings

MEMBERSHIP

COASTAL CLUB 4th Wed.

Delcambre, LA

Members
..... 416

New Nobles
..... 0

EVANGELINE CLUB 3rd Mon.

Laffayette, LA

Affiliations
..... 0

SWLA SHRINE CLUB 4th Mon.

201 Washington St.

DeRidder, LA

Associations
..... 0

YELLOW PINE CLUB 4th Thur.

Oakdale, LA

Restored
..... 0

**DRIFTERS UNIT after Regular Meeting
2nd Wed.**

Habibi

Death(s)
..... 0

Suspended
..... 0

CLOWN UNIT 1st Wed.

Habibi

COOKING CRECENTS UNIT 3rd Sat. Demitted 0

Suger Town, LA

Associate Drop 0

TRAIN UNIT after Regular Meeting 2nd Wed.

Habibi

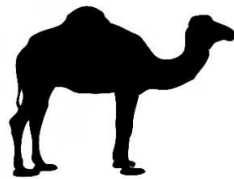
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TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 416

HABIBI SHRINE CENTER 2nd Wed.

2928 Pack Rd.

Lake Charles, LA.



In Memoriam

The deepest sympathy of the Illustrious Potentate, Divan, and Nobles of the Habibi Shrine is extended to the family and friends.

Those We Do Not Forget



Join DeMolay as an Advisor!

*"Calling all Habibi Nobles! Join DeMolay as an Advisor
& Make a Positive Impact Helping Grow our*

Fraternity!"

Charles F. Buck DeMolay Chapter

Lake Charles, Louisiana

**The Demolay Chapter Meets at the Temple's Small Building on the First and Third
Sundays of the Month.**



“No Man
Stands So
Tall As
When He
Stoops To
Help A
Child!”

Donate to Habibi Shriners Transportation Fund!

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501(c)3 Qualify as Charitable Contributions and
are 100% Tax-Deductible!**

