



Tassel Tales

Potes Notes



My Fellow Nobles,

Can you believe it? We're about to celebrate 50 amazing years with the Habibi Shriners Temple! That's five decades of dedication, fun, friendship, and doing good. Let's toast the next 50 years of even more unforgettable moments and camaraderie.

We've got some exciting events coming up. First, we have the Gumbo Cook-Off and Cornhole Tournament, filled with friendly competition, fantastic food, and pure excitement.

We also have a BBQ featuring mouthwatering pork steaks for just \$15. It's a great opportunity to enjoy delicious food while supporting our Temple. Our upcoming Golf Tournament will be a fun day of friendly competition on the golf course.

Looking forward to November, we have the Moto Circus at Burton Coliseum, featuring fantastic motorcycle stunts and high-energy performances.

As we move toward the end of the year, we have thrilling events like Halloween Bingo and our highly anticipated Christmas Party. These



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James Smith

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Joe Gibbs

get-togethers are all about celebrating the season, building our bonds, and enjoying each other's company.

With your support and involvement, we can make all of these events a huge success. Let's continue building on our Temple's legacy and create incredible memories together.

Thank you for being such an integral part of the Habibi Shriners family. Your past support has been invaluable, and we can't wait for the incredible memories we're about to create together.

Thank you,

Potentate

James Smith



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From The Recorder's Desk



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

Our fundraising efforts are gaining momentum, and we have some incredible partnerships taking shape. Bolton Ford is considering sponsoring our motor corp, which will provide substantial support and visibility for our initiatives.

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Lake Charles, LA 70615

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Darrell's Sandwiches and Raising Canes have expressed their enthusiasm for supporting our cause and are also interested in partnering with us on fundraising initiatives. Their commitment will bring fresh energy and significant backing to our events.

We are also engaging a marketing firm to enhance our event promotions and exploring a

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Habibi Shriners

Golf Tournament 2024

Putt-Putt Fun Center

October 19th 2024

- **2-Man Teams \$50 Entry Fee**
- **18-Hole Course**
- **\$100 - Hole Sponsors (Needed)**



partnership with McNeese University to bring a marketing intern to the Office.

Additionally, we are in discussions with Team Citgo to assist with manpower for our upcoming Moto Circus. Their past support at our Circus events at the Civic Center in Lake Charles has been invaluable, and their continued involvement will be a tremendous asset.

Moreover, I proudly announce that Habibi Shrine continues its rich tradition of hosting Mardi Gras Krewes. Since Hurricane Laura, four Krewes have committed to holding their events at Habibi:

- The Krewe De L'Amitie
- The Krewe Du' Couillon'
- The Krewe Da' La' Bouicaners'
- The Krewe De' L'Ecore

These new collaborations and commitments highlight our community's resilience and spirit.

Your ongoing support is the driving force behind our success. Together, with these new partnerships and renewed energy, we are poised to achieve even greater heights.

Habibi Forever!

Thank you, and until next time,

We are Seeking Sponsors for our upcoming Golf Tournament at Putt-Putt Fun Center in Lake Charles on October 19th, 2024.



\$100 Hole Sponsor to advertise your company!



Contact Noble Trevor Porter for more information on registering a team or sponsoring a hole.

Craig Manuel

Habibi Recorder.

Habibi Shrine Center

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Dates To Remember

Habibi Shrine BBQ

Pre-Sale Fundraiser

- August 23, 2024
- \$15 Porksteaks & Sides
- Will deliver orders of 10 or more

Habibi Shriners 50th Anniversary Gala

- September 7th
- Doors open at 5 PM
- Introductions by Potentate James Smith
- M/C Noble RB Smith
- Proclamation by Mayor of Lake Charles Nic Hunter

Information:

337-540-1332

trevporter84@gmail.com

Habibi Meeting

September 11th

Dress Code - Yellow Shirts

Divan Meeting - 5:30 PM

Dinner Time - 6:30 PM

Habibi Shriners

Gumbo/Chilli Cook-Off Cornhole Tournament

September 21, 2024



Habibi Widow's Sons Escort Unit

ESTABLISHED FEBRUARY 14th 2024

The Habibi Widow's Sons Escort Unit brings together dedicated members from both the Widows Sons Louisiana Masonic Riders Association and Habibi Shriners, uniting for a common cause.

The Unit is in search of "A Few Good Men" to join their ranks!

Nobles interested in joining this Unit, please contact: [Noble Phillip Andrus at \(337\) 509-5900](#)

Habibi Nobles Work Day!

Nobles are needed to help cook BBQ and deliver plates to pre-sale customers on Friday, 08/23/24, at 8 AM. Habibi BBQ Shed at the Temple!



Habibi Shrine BBQ Pre-Sale Fundraiser

August 23, 2024

 **Habibi Shrine** 

Pre-Sale BBQ Fundraiser

\$15



August 23rd, 2024

Name _____

Phone Number _____

How Many _____

Will deliver 10 or more plates!

**** Pick-Up at 2928 Pack Road, Lake Charles, LA 70615 ****

11 AM to 2 PM

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact the temple.

337-436-9782

Mail Checks payable to *Habibi Shriners* to **PO Box 112 Lake Charles, LA
70602**



Potentate James Smith has ignited a sizzling fundraiser with a bold goal: **1000 Mouthwatering Plate Lunches!**

It's time to rally our Shrine family, fire up your social media, get on the phone, and spread the word far and wide!

Let's make this event legendary!

Every plate sold fuels our fraternal mission and supports the activities of Habibi Shriners.

So, unleash your inner sales champion, shout it from the rooftops, and smash through our goal together!

Sell, sell, sell—because together, we're unstoppable!

Plate Lunches will be sold for \$15 per plate and include BBQ Pork steaks with sides!



Invitation

You're Invited!

Join us for a momentous occasion as we celebrate the **50th Anniversary of Habibi Shriners!**

We are honored to recognize and celebrate our charter members, 50-year members, and 25-year members, along with our esteemed legacy members and past potentates. Your presence will help make this event truly memorable.

Event Details:

- **Date:** September 7th
- **Time:** Doors open at 5 PM.

Introductions & Proclamation at 5:30 PM

Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM

Honors & Awards at 7 PM

After-Party 1950s Dance

Habibi Shrine Center

- **Venue:** 2928 Pack Road, Lake Charles, LA
- **Cost:** \$35.00

Program Highlights:

- **Master of Ceremonies:** RB Smith
- **Introductions by:** Potentate Jame Smith
- **Special Proclamation:** Lake Charles Mayor Nic Hunter will read a proclamation and honor Habibi Shriners as a Beacon of Hope in SWLA.
- **Honors and Awards:** To the Members of the Habibi Shrine Center
- **After-Party 1950s-Themed Dance:** 1950s attire or black suit

Please be sure to RSVP by **September 1st** to ensure your place at this remarkable celebration.

We look forward to celebrating this significant milestone with you!

The cost of the event is \$35.00 Per Person.

RSVP Contact the Office!

337-436-9782



Gumbo/Chili Cook-Off & Cornhole Tournament

September 21, 2024

HABIBI SHRINE

SEPTEMBER

21ST

Chili or Gumbo Cookoff

**Entry Fee- \$50 Per Team
(5 Gal. Minimum)**

**BEGINS AT 11AM -
JUDGING AT 3PM**

\$10 WRISTBANDS

**CALL HABIBI SHRINE
TO REGISTER!
337.436.9782**

**2928 PACK RD.
LAKE CHARLES, LA 70615**

**FRATERNAL FUNDRAISER
CONTRIBUTIONS OR GIFTS TO HABIBI SHRINERS
ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE AS CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTORS**

CORNHOLE

\$40 PER TEAM

1ST , 2ND & 3RD PLACE AWARDS

BEGINS AT 4PM

**CONCESSIONS,
SILENT AUCTION &
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**AWARDS- 1ST, 2ND, 3RD
& PEOPLES CHOICE**



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 Habibi Shriners Presents: 

Gumbo/Chili Cook-Off & Cornhole Tournament

September 21, 2024

2928 Pack Road, Lake Charles, LA 70615

Cook-Off Competition

- Entry Fee: \$50 per team
- Start Time: 11:00 AM
- Judging Time: 3:00 PM
- Categories: Gumbo & Chili
- Prizes: Custom Awards

Cornhole Tournament

- Entry Fee: \$40 per team
- Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Places: 4:00 PM
- Prizes: Custom Awards

Concession Stands


- Enjoy a variety of delicious food and drinks throughout the event!


Silent Auction

- Bid on exciting items and support a great cause!

Live Entertainment

- Enjoy music and performances throughout the day!

 *Registration Deadline September 14th*

 *To Register: Call Habibi Shrine at 337-436-9782*

Come for the food, stay for the fun!

Join us for a day of delicious bites, friendly competition, and great company.

All proceeds go to support The Habibi Shrine Center.

Fraternal Fundraiser for the purpose of Habibi Shriners activities, contributions, or gifts to Habibi Shriners are not tax deductible as charitable contributions.

For More Information:

Habibi Shrine Center

337-436-9783



Upcoming Parades!

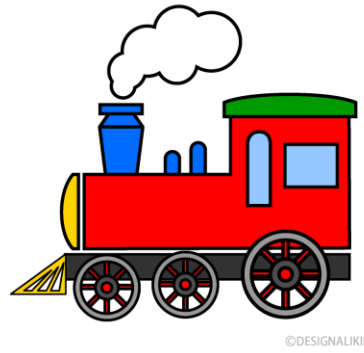
Swine Festival Parade.

November 3rd, 1 pm Basile, LA



Nobles interested in participating in parades.

*Contact Noble John McDaniel, Col. of the Units,
at 337-718-7488.*



***Hey Noble!
Dues Are Due!
2023 - 2024***

My Fellow Nobles,

If you have been unable to pay your dues for multiple years, we understand the challenges you may be facing. Our office will contact you by phone to discuss your situation. If, for any reason, we are unable to resolve your dues account, you will receive an NPD letter informing you of your suspension. We are here to support you through this process and find a solution that works for everyone.

Craig Manuel

Recorder



Temple Clubs & Units Meetings

MEMBERSHIP

_____	Members.....4
—	29
COASTAL CLUB 4th Wed.	New Nobles..... 0
Delcambre, LA	
	Affiliations.....
	0
EVANGELINE CLUB	
To Be Determined	
	Associations.....
	13
SWLA SHRINE CLUB 4th Mon.	
201 Washington St.	Restored..... 0
DeRidder, LA	
	Death(s).....
	2
CLOWN UNIT 1st Wed.	
Habibi	

HABIBI SHRINE CENTER 2nd Wed.	Suspended.....
2928 Pack Rd.	0
Lake Charles, LA.	
	Demitted.....
	0
Drifters Unit after Regular Meeting 2nd Wed.	
2928 Pack Rd.	Associate Drop.....
	0
Habibi Widow's Sons Escort Unit	-----
To Be Determined	----
	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 442



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

Robert Scott Bradshaw

William K Cookson

2025 Fundraiser Announcement

2025 Fraternal Fundraiser for the benefit of Habibi Shriners

Habibi Shriners

High School Football Jamboree

McNeese State University

Committee Appointed by Potentate James Smith

July 10th, 2024

Garret Baker - Chairman

Jerry McCaig - Member

Chris Fowler - Member

McNeese Cowboys Stadium is currently undergoing reservations and will be available next year.

The committee will organize a competition for four local high school football teams to compete for trophies, awards, and bragging rights.



**A Special Thank you
to McNeese Cowboys for
offering use of their Stadium**

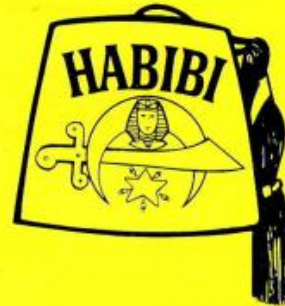
**Inspired by the first Shrine
Charity Bowl game played
at Cowboy Stadium November
1974**



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November, 1974

Vol. 1, No. 2

ENTHUSIASM RUNNING HIGH FOR FIRST CLASSIC CONTEST



Evolving from several years of planning and discussion the First Classic Shrine Charity Bowl will be heralded on November 16th. This contest will pit two of South Louisiana's best high school teams and promises to be the first of many games from which burned and crippled children in this area will reap future dividends.

David (Pistol) Spears, an ardent Temple worker, developed the idea. After many hours of laborious effort and planning, he organized a committee that is making history in Shrinedom throughout the State of Louisiana. Composed of Temple members from both the Acadiana and Southwest areas, they have worked hand in hand to fulfill this dream on November 16th.

A morning parade, marshalled by L.R. McCollum, will signal the beginning of a day of festive activities. At 6:30 P.M. the pregame festivities will begin with many of the Shrine Units parading around the stadium, being highlighted by the entrance of the King and Queen. The King will be Shane LeJeune, from Eunice, Louisiana, who has been treated in the Orthopedic Hospital in Shreveport, Louisiana. The Queen, Connie Watkins, was a patient at the Shrine Burns Institute in Galveston. They will be crowned at half-time by Potentate Voris King and popular TV personality Becky Barnett, both of whom belong to the ranks of royalty, having reigned as King and Queen at the Washington Mardi Gras Ball in 1962.

Tickets are now being sold throughout the Lake Charles and Lafayette areas for \$3.00 each with no seats reserved except the boxes. It is hoped that a sellout crowd will be on hand for this game, since the entire proceeds will go to the Burns and Orthopedic Hospitals Trust Fund.

Connie Watkins, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmond C. Watkins of Fenton, has been named queen of the 1st annual Shrine Charity Bowl to be played in McNeese Stadium November 16. Connie, a patient at the Burns Hospital in Galveston under sponsorship of Habibi Shrine Temple, was accidentally burned at age 8 months. She will undergo one more operation. Connie is pictured with David Spears, chairman of the bowl which will match Lake Charles areas vs. Lafayette area grid teams.



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

Habibi Nobles can Join DeMolay as an Advisor!

"Calling all Habibi Nobles! Join DeMolay as an advisor and make a positive impact!"



**Charles F. Buck DeMolay
Chapter**

Lake Charles, Louisiana

DeMolay has seven *Cardinal Virtues*, taught as its basic ideals. The Order calls for every member to live according to these Virtues, which are considered as the things that distinguish a good leader and a good man.

- **Filial love (the love between a child and their parent)**
- **Reverence for sacred things**
- **Courtesy**
- **Comradeship**
- **Fidelity**
- **Cleanliness**
- **Patriotism**



Charles F. Buck

The DeMolay Chapter is looking for Nobles of Habibi to consider becoming "Masonic Advisors" to the chapter.

Nobles who are interested are welcome to attend the chapter's regular meeting at Habibi Shrine Center.

2928 Pack Road Lake Charles, Louisiana 70615

The Demolay chapter meets at the temple's small building on the first and third Sundays of the month.



Donate to Habibi Shriners Transportation Fund!



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

Donations to Habibi Shriners Transportation Fund 501(c)3 qualify as charitable contributions and are tax-deductible!

Our core mission is to bolster Shriners Children’s efforts to extend its vital care to a broader spectrum of locations, reaching more needy children. With a legacy of fifty years as a beacon of hope in Southwest Louisiana, we’ve steadfastly ensured that children receive necessary medical treatments, facilitating their transport to Shreveport, Galveston, or any other crucial location.

Donate today and make a difference in the lives of local families.

Mail Checks made payable to 'Habibi Shriners Transportation Fund' to P.O. Box 112 Lake Charles, LA 70602



A RED CARPET AFFAIR GALA

Shriners Children's Shreveport

The First Shriners, Est. 1922

www.ShreveportFirstShriners.org

October 12, 2024, 6 pm

Horseshoe Casino & Hotel, Bossier City, LA

An inspiring evening of entertainment, dining, and Hollywood glamour

Fundraising gala for thousands of children treated annually from six states and beyond

Tickets: \$150 Table of 8: \$1200

Family 4 pack: \$350



Habibi Shriners to Celebrate 50 Years of Service!

HABIBI SHRINE 50TH ANNIVERSARY INVITATION



**OPEN
TO
PUBLIC!**



RSVP BY AUGUST 15, 2024

SEPTEMBER 7, 2024

EVENT MENU

DOORS OPEN 5:00 PM

Don't forget your **50's attire!**

INTRODUCTIONS 5:45 PM

Recognizing Members/Guests!

DINNER 6:15 PM

Buffet of Delicious Food!

ENTERTAINMENT 8:00 PM

Live band & Dancing! (Socks not Included)



\$35 Per Person
Check/Cash or
Visa/Mastercard
Pre-sale: Call Office

2928 PACK RD
LAKE CHARLES, LA
70615
337-436-9782

RSVP

Habibi 50th Anniversary GALA!

September 7th 2024

5:00 PM

2928 Pack Road Lake Charles, LA 70615

Holiday Inn Express
402 N Martin Luther King Hwy.
Lake Charles, LA 70601
337-491-6600

HOTEL CODE:
HS2
***USE WHEN**
BOOKING A ROOM*

FOOD - POINTS OF INTEREST:

Steamboat Bills
Pats of Henderson
Luna Bar & Grill
Darrells
Pujo St. Cafe

ACTIVITY - POINTS OF INTEREST:

GOLDEN NUGGET CASINO
L'AUBERGE CASINO
HOESHOE CASINO
DOWNTOWN LAKE CHARLES

Habibi Shrine Temple's 50th Year will Honor Charter Members, 25-year Members, 50-year Members and Legacy Members!

2024
HABIBI SHRINE

50'S FOR 50

SAVE THE DATE

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE POODLE SKIRT
AND BOBBY SOCKS FOR OUR 50th
ANNIVERSARY GALA!

DOORS

OPEN

AT 5

September 7

MUSIC BY TODD

O'NEILL BAND

FORMAL INVITATION TO FOLLOW



Habibi Shriners Moto X Circus

Get ready for a high-energy, adrenaline-rushing show! This event combines action sports with the most spectacular circus thrill acts. It's going to be an unforgettable experience!

- November 15th, 2024
- November 16th, 2024
- November 17th, 2024

Ticket pricing is as follows:

Children (ages 3-12): \$15.00 per ticket

Adults (13+): \$25.00 per ticket

VIP: \$42.00 per ticket



The schedule of event(s) is as follows: Date/Time Function.

11/15/2024 06:00 PM 11/15/2024 07:00 PM

Doors/Box Office Open Show 1

11/16/2024 09:00 AM 11/16/2024 10:00 AM

Doors/Box Office Open Show 2

11/16/2024 01:30 PM 11/16/2024 02:30 PM

Doors/Box Office Open Show 3

11/16/2024 06:00 PM 11/16/2024 07:00 PM

Doors/Box Office Open Show 4

11/17/2024 09:00 AM 11/17/2024 10:00 AM

Doors/Box Office Open Show 5

11/17/2024 01:30 PM 11/17/2024 02:30 PM

Doors/Box Office Open Show 6





These performances bring an extraordinary display of talent and fearlessness. Freestyle motocross showcases professional riders performing incredible tricks, reminiscent of those seen in X-Games and other major contests. The BMX freestyle is a high-energy and choreographed performance, featuring non-stop action and some of the most spectacular tricks in the world of BMX, including backflips, super-mans, 360s, and an array of others.

The Globe of Death, presented by the X Metal Riders, is not just a daring act but a heart-stopping experience as these riders crisscross around the globe with four motorcycles simultaneously. Pitbike Freestyle, featuring the skillful Roger Mclovin, demonstrates amazing tricks on mini pit bikes, defying gravity and unleashing a spectacle of skill and precision.

The Rocketman's performance sees him being shot from a cannon, soaring through the air at incredible speeds of 55mph, reaching heights of over 65ft, and traveling distances of 165ft. The

heart-stopping moment when he lands in a narrow net set 20ft off the ground and marks his triumphant landing with a heartfelt victory salute, leaves the crowd in awe.





The pendulum wheel act delivers a jaw-dropping, high-speed display of synchronized acrobatic skills. Performers carry out epic back-and-forth maneuvers at dizzying heights of up to 30 feet above the ground while the massive wheel rotates independently at breathtaking speeds.

The Nuclear Aerial Stunt girls present a beautiful group of performers who execute breathtaking aerial and acrobatic acts, including aerial Lyra, Spanish aerial web, acrobatic juggling on aerial silks, and an array of professionally choreographed acts. These performances promise to be a feast for the eyes, leaving the audience in a state of wonder and amazement.



ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS

 **Step Right Up!** 

Get ready to showcase your business at the Habibi Shriners Moto X Circus! Experience the thrilling combination of engine roars and electrifying excitement.    

Set up a sign at our electrifying event to attract thrill-seekers and families. Your business will stand out amidst the heart-pounding action of our motor circus!

☀️ Why Choose Us? ☀️

- Maximum Exposure: Your sign will be prominently showcased, ensuring high visibility to our diverse audience.
- Community Impact: Demonstrate your support for a local tradition while enhancing brand recognition.
- Memorable Impressions: Make a lasting impact on attendees who will link your business with the excitement and thrill of the motor circus.
- Customized Packages: We provide tailored options to match your budget and marketing objectives.

Rev up your business at the Habibi Shriners Moto X Circus! Contact us today to secure your spot. 🎪🏆

Habibi Shrine Center

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