

Oasis of Rockford

Desert of Illinois

# Tebala



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**2025 Divan L to R: Mark Torrance, Recorder; Robert "Bobby" Colasuono, Oriental Guide; Matt Thomann P.P., Chief Rabban; Illustrious Sir Doug McPherson, 2025 Tebala Potentate; Eric Gulbrantson, Assistant Rabban; Edward Hernandez, High Priest and Prophet; Tom Runge P.P., Treasurer**

APRIL		MAY		JUNE	
Divan Meeting	4/ 1	Divan Meeting	5/6	Divan Meeting	6/3
Directors Staff	4/ 8	Directors Staff	5/13	Directors Staff	6/10
Stated Meeting	4/16	Social Meeting	5/21	Social Meeting	6/18
Air Squadron	4/23	Air Squadron	5/28	Air Squadron	6/25
Memorial Service	4/27			Imperial Begins	6/29

**NOTICE:**

Meal reservations for events where a meal is served, including both Social and Stated Meetings, are generally required to be made no later than one week before the event.



## POTE'S NOTES

Greetings Nobles:

I would like to thank everyone who has supported me since I became a Shriner.

Lady Nancy and I want to thank everyone who was able to attend my installation in January and hope you all had a good time. We look forward to a great year. As Potentate, I am very honored to have been elected to serve and it is a great honor bestowed upon me.

Upcoming events include:

- Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> will be a stated meeting.
- Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> will be our Memorial Service
- Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> will be our Potentate's Ball, which this year will have a "beach party" theme and will be casual attire. More information on that will follow in upcoming months.
- Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, Tebala Family Picnic will be co-hosted with The Daughters of the Nile. The picnic will be at Blackhawk Springs Forest Preserve, 5360 South Mulford Road, Rockford. We will be in the Indian Springs shelter house located at the back of the Forest Preserve, there is also a playground.

As I spoke of at my installation, we need to build our membership and whenever possible bring past members back in.

We are also looking at holding one possibly two meat raffles which will be hosted at different locations other than Tebala. Jack Barnes is working on this for us.

Yours in the Faith,

Doug

### MEAT RAFFLE!

Tebala will be holding its first meat raffle on June 21 from 1-4 at Wild Cherries, 413 Southtown Dr., Belvedere IL.

FUNNY BUSINESS – Life Lessons from Bill Murray

The best way to teach your kids about taxes is to eat 30 percent of their ice cream.

Knowledge is like underwear. It's useful to have it but not necessary to show it off.

People are like music. Some speak the truth, and others are just noise.

I'm suspicious of people who don't like dogs, but I trust a dog when it doesn't like a person.

We're Americans, do you know what that means? It means we were kicked out of every decent country in the world.

I always want to say to people who want to be rich and famous "try being rich first, see if that doesn't cover most of it.

Whatever you do, always give 100%. Unless you are donating blood.

2025 Tebala Events				
Event	Description	Date	Start Time	End Time
Tebala April Monthly Meeting	Social Hour starting at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM, Stated Meeting at 7:30 PM	April 16, 2025	5:30 PM	10:00 PM
Tebala Memorial Service	Annual Memorial Service at Tebala Shrine.	April 27, 2025	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
Vidalia Onion Sale	Vidalia Onions arrive at Tebala on the first weekend of May.	May 2, 2025	10:00 AM	12:00 PM
Tebala May Monthly Meeting	Social Hour starting at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM, Stated Meeting at 7:30 PM	May 21, 2025	5:30 PM	10:00 PM
Tebala Past Potentates Brunch	Tebala Past Potentates meet with the 2025 Divan	May 17, 2025	11:00 AM	2:00 PM
Rock River Jeep Club	Go Topless Day Jeep Run for Shriners Transportation - Registration and 1st stop is Fire House Pub	May 17, 2025	11:00 AM	7:00 PM
Rock River Motorcycle Club Hill Climb	Rock River MC Club Hill Climb event benefiting Transportation fund Located at 6719 W Pines Road, Oregon, Illinois	June 15, 2025	9:00 AM	4:00 PM
Tebala June Stated Meeting	Social Hour starting at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM, Stated Meeting at 7:30 PM	June 18, 2025	5:30 PM	10:00 PM
Tebala Meat Raffle	At Wild Cherries located at 413 Southtowne Dr, Belvidere, IL 61008	June 21, 2025	TBD	TBD
Illinois Shriners	51st Annual Illinois High School Shrine Game at Illinois Wesleyan Tucci Stadium	June 21, 2025	11:00 AM	5:00 PM
Shrine Imperial Session	Shrine International Session in Atlanta, GA	June 29-July 3, 2025	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
Tebala July Monthly Meeting	Social Hour starting at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM, Stated Meeting at 7:30 PM	July 16, 2025	5:30 PM	10:00 PM
Tony Brown	Tony Brown Jeep Run (Located mostly in Lee County).	July 19, 2025	9:00 AM	5:00 PM
Rock River Motorcycle Club Hill Climb (Additional Event)	Rock River MC Club Hill Climb event benefiting Transportation fund Located at 6719 W Pines Road, Oregon, Illinois	July 26, 2025	9:00 AM	4:00 PM
Franklin Grove Big Rig Truck Show	Big Rig Show of Franklin Grove Located at 1715 Whitney Road, Franklin Grove, Illinois	August 2, 2025	9:00 AM	5:00 PM
SM & SF Club	SM&SF Corn Boil and Car Show	August 3, 2025	9:00 AM	5:00 PM
Potentate's Ball	Tebala's 2024 Potentate's Ball	August 16, 2025	5:30 PM	11:30 PM
Tebala Corn Boil	Tebala's annual Corn Boil. This is a stag event	August 20, 2025	5:30 PM	10:00 PM
Tebala Family Picnic	Tebala's annual Family Picnic – The picnic will be at Blackhawk Springs Forest Preserve, 5360 South Mulford Road, Rockford.	September 7, 2025	11:00 AM	5:00 PM

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GLSA	Great Lakes Shrine Association Fall Session	September 9-September 13, 2025	9:00	5:00 PM
Tebala September Monthly Meeting	Social Hour starting at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM, Stated Meeting at 7:30 PM	September 18, 2024	5:30 PM	10:00 PM
Tebala October Monthly Meeting	Social Hour starting at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM, More social at 7:30 PM	October 15, 2025	5:30 PM	10:00 PM
Tebala November Monthly Meeting	Social Hour starting at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM, Stated Meeting at 7:30 PM	November 19, 2025	5:30 PM	10:00 PM
Sportsman's Raffle	Tebala's Tenth Annual Sportsman's Raffle	November 29, 2025	11:00 AM	3:00 PM
Silver Fizz	Tebala's annual Silver Fizz Brunch	December 7, 2025	10:00 AM	2:00 PM
Santa's Workshop	Children's Christmas Part	December 7, 2025	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
Tebala December Stated Meeting	Social Hour starting at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM, Stated meeting and election of officers starting at 7:30 PM	December 17, 2025	5:30 PM	10:00 PM
Tebala Annual Meeting	Social Hour starting at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM, Stated meeting and installation of officers starting at 7:30 PM	January 21, 2026	5:30 PM	10:00 PM
Open Installation of Officers	Open installation of Officers. Social Hour starting at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM, Installation of 2026 Divan and Potentate at 7:30, Entertainment follows speechifying	January 24, 2026	5:30 PM	11:30 PM