

TEHRAN SHRINERS BULLETIN



May - June 2023



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From the Desk of: Assistant Rabban David Pitts



Greetings Nobles, Ladies and friends

As stated in last month's bulletin. Shriners quickly learned that there were two additional needs in supporting their mission to care for children. The first was research and second to educate medical professionals.

Research: Shriners Hospitals for Children (SHC) conduct clinical research in every area of care, including orthopedic disorders, burns, spinal cord injury treatment, and cleft lip and palate. So-called “bench” research is also a hallmark of the organization. This laboratory-based research has led to major discoveries in genetics, nutrition, metabolic function, wound healing and much more. However, SHC may be best known for its work in burn research. In fact, many of the treatments used as standard practice in burn center across the country today originated within Shriners.

Education: When it comes to pediatric orthopedic care, SHC are the experts, bar none. Virtually every pediatric orthopedic specialist in the United States has done a rotation during their education at a SHC. Each of our hospitals holds a close relationship with a major university medical center or hospital. SHC are also a training ground for other medical professionals like nurses, physical therapists, speech therapists, occupational therapists and others. This focus on education helps keep SHC on the front lines of medicine.

I hope these articles have been enlightening. I have enjoyed researching the material and passing it on. Thank you for the opportunity.

From the Desk of: High Priest & Prophet Wayne Schwartz



Membership: We have 217 members of which 14 have not paid their dues. Check your card, the plastic one or the one you can get on WebFez and see if it has a 2023 sticker. There are 2 masons who have expressed an interest in the Shrine on an imperial program called epetition, but I have not been able to contact them as of this date. Petitions are coming in at a pretty good pace. I'm sure we will have 8 or 10 candidates at our **May 20th ceremonial.** Kudos to Gary Campbell. He has signed up several (I lost count) Masons from Fresno Lodge. Let's all talk about our Shrine at your Lodge meetings and we can end the year with an increase in our membership. Even if it's one more member, it will be the first time in a few years.

"The secret of getting things done is to act!" Dante Alighieri - Poet (1265 - 1321)

Come on down to the Shrine Center on May 20 and welcome our new Nobles. It's open to the public, so bring along the family and a Masonic brother. There are lots of good things happening in Shrinedom. Did you know we have 10 Shriners starting a club in South Africa? Know how you can find out stuff like that! While in WebFez, click on the SI button and it will take you to the Shriners International Site. Then there are several titles that will drop you into such places as the Member Center or if you need some training, look in the Education place. You have to start out by creating an account in WebFez. Have you looked at **www.tehranshriners.org**. Get Ur done!

How do trees get online? They just log in!

Spring is here, the grass has riz, I wonder where the flowers is.

May: Celebrate the gorgeous month of May! The Sun is warming, the birds are chirping, the flowers are blooming, and the garden is growing. May (in Latin, Maius) was named for the Greek goddess Maia, who was identified with the Roman era goddess of fertility, Bona Dea, whose festival was held in May. Conversely, the Roman poet Ovid provides a second etymology, in which he says that the month of May is named for the maiores, Latin for "elders," and that the following month (June) is named for the iuniores, or "young people" (Fasti VI.88).

Eta Aquariids meteor shower appears in May. It is visible from about April 21 to about May 20 each year with peak activity on or around May 6. The Arietids shower from May 22 – July 2, and peaks on June 7. The Virginids also shower on various dates in May.

May's birthstone is the emerald which is emblematic of love and success. The May birth flowers are the Lily of the Valley and the Crataegus monogyna.

The zodiac signs for the month of May are Taurus (until May 20) and Gemini (May 21 onwards).

May 5 is Cinco de Mayo ("The Fifth of May"). This day celebrates the victory of the Mexican army over the French army at The Battle of Puebla in 1862.

May 14 is Mother's Day—don't forget! Do you have something planned to show appreciation for your mother?

May 20 is Armed Forces Day, which honors those who serve in all branches of the United States military.

Memorial Day (United States), a public holiday, is on May 30, but observed on the last Monday in May.

My uncle named his dogs Timex and Rolex. They're his watch dogs.

Memorial Day (originally known as Decoration Day is a federal holiday in the United States for mourning the U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces. It is observed on the last Monday of May. From 1868 to 1970, it was observed on May 30. Many people visit cemeteries and memorials on Memorial Day to honor and mourn those who died while serving in the U.S. military. The first national observance of Memorial Day occurred on May 30, 1868. Then known as Decoration Day, the holiday was proclaimed by Commander in Chief John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic to honor the Union soldiers who had died in the Civil War. This national observance was preceded by many local ones between the end of the Civil War and Logan's declaration. Many cities and people have claimed to be the first to observe it. However, in 2022, the National Cemetery Administration, a division of the Department of Veterans Affairs, credited Mary Ann Williams with originating the "idea of strewing the graves of Civil War soldiers - Union and Confederate" with flowers. Official recognition as a holiday spread among the states, beginning with New York in 1873. By 1890, every Union state had adopted it. The World Wars turned it into a day of remembrance for all members of the U.S. military who fought and died in service. In 1971, Congress standardized the holiday as "Memorial Day" and changed its observance to the last Monday in May. In 1915, following the Second Battle of Ypres, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, a physician with the Canadian Expeditionary Force, wrote the poem, "In Flanders Fields". Its opening lines refer to the fields of poppies that grew among the soldiers' graves in Flanders. In 1918, inspired by the poem, YWCA worker Moina Michael attended a YWCA Overseas War Secretaries' conference wearing a silk poppy pinned to her coat and distributed over two dozen more to others present. In 1920, the National American Legion adopted it as its official symbol of remembrance.

"When you arise in the morning, think of what a precious privilege it is to be alive - to breathe, to think, to enjoy, to love."



In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders Fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

by Lt. Col. John McCrae

And the weather forecast for the month is:

May 1-12 Sunny, warm
May 13-19 am sprinkles, pm sun; cool.
May 20-31 Sunny; hot inland, warm coast
May temperature 67° (3° above avg.)
 precipitation 0.2" (0.3" below avg.)

I'm on a whisky diet. I lost 3 days already.



FRESNO SHRINE CLUB

Come have lunch with your friends!

Sometimes you wanna go
Where everybody knows your name
And they're always glad you came
You wanna be where you can see
Our troubles are all the same
You wanna be where everybody knows your name.



**Our May 10th meeting is at:
Tehran Shrine Center**

5407 E Olive Ave, Fresno
Lunch will be by Hewitt's Catering
Menu still to be determined
12 Noon Social - Lunch at 12:30
\$20.00 per person

**Reservations
needed by
noon Monday May 8th**

Please call
Judy Hershey at (916) 717-0458
or respond via email to make your reservations
(jhershey01@comcast.net)





Save The Date

Sharon Temple No. 92

Pageantry 'Happy Hour' Fiesta

COME AND JOIN US!

Fabulous Margaritas, Delicious Hors D'oeuvres, Great Company!

Only \$15.00 Per Person

Sunday, May 21, 2023
2-4 PM at Tehran Shrine Center
5407 E. Olive, Fresno CA

Pr. Nancy Campbell is General Chairman

Tickets may be purchased from any Pageantry member

Make check payable to Sharon Temple Pageantry. Mail this order form

To Pr. Nancy Campbell, 4575 E. Pico Ave., Fresno CA 93726

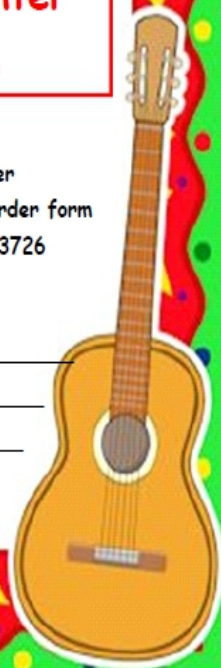
Ticket Order Form:

Name: _____

Number of Tickets _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

Not coming, but here's my donation \$ _____

Proceeds go to Pageantry General Fund



**WALK FOR LOVE
SHRINER'S HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA**



Start Time:

Saturday, June 17, 2023 - 9 am

Finish Time:

Saturday, June 17, 2023 - 12 pm

Address:

**2425 Stockton Blvd
Sacramento, CA 95817**

REGISTER AT:

<https://lovetotherescue.org/events/walk-for-love-northern-california>

Celebrating 100 years of service to Northern California

The 1.5 mile course begins and ends at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Northern California with plenty of fun and food for everyone following the finish. Please join the celebration!

Walk for Love provides participants with an easy social stroll through portions of the UC Davis Medical Center campus and the beloved tree-canopied T Street Boulevard in East Sacramento. Prior to the start of the stroll, participants will enjoy a Parade of Shriners in their fezzes from throughout Northern California and northwestern Nevada. The Walk for Love officially starts at 10:00 a.m.

Cost 2023 Walk for LOVE – Registration: \$30



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MAY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Pageantry Practice	2	3	4	5	6
7 <i>Mother's Day</i>	8	9 Temple Guard/Patrol	10 Fresno Shrine Club Daughters of the Nile	11	12	13
14	15 Scottish Rite	16 Clowns	17 Nile Sewing	18 Roustabouts	19 Novkeps	20 Ceremonial*
21 Sharon Temple No 92 Pageantry Fiesta	22	23 BOD Mtg "Board of Directors"	24	25	26	27
28	29 <i>Memorial Day</i> 	30	31			
<p>Notes: BOD - Board of Directors; open to all Nobles OV - Potentate's Official Visit * Denotes Temple/Shrine Event.</p>						

- MAY 1 Pageantry Practice
- MAY 9 Temple Guard/Patrol
- MAY 10 Fresno Shrine Club
- MAY 10 Daughters of the Nile
- MAY 15 Scottish Rite
- MAY 16 Clowns
- MAY 17 Nile Sewing
- MAY 18 Roustabouts
- MAY 19 Novkep
- May 20 Ceremonial***
- May 21 Sharon Temple NO 92 Pageantry Fiesta
- MAY 23 BOD Mtg "Board of Directors" - 6:30 p.m.**



JUNE 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Pageantry Practice (DARK)	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Temple Guard/Patrol	14 Fresno Shrine Club Daughters of the Nile (DARK)	15 Bulletin Deadline Roustabouts	16 Novkeps	17
18 <i>Father's Day</i>	19 Scottish Rite	20 Clowns	21 Nile Sewing (DARK)	22	23	24
25	26	27 BOD Mtg "Board of Directors"	28	29	30	
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- Jun 13 Temple Guard/Patrol
- Jun 14 Fresno Shrine Club
- Jun 15 Bulletin Deadline
- Jun 15 Roustabouts
- Jun 16 Novkeps
- Jun 19 Scottish Rite
- Jun 20 Clowns
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CEREMONIAL

Saturday, May 20th, 2023



Tehran Shrine Center
5407 East Olive Avenue
Fresno, CA 93727

Tehran invites Shriners,
Ladies and Friends to attend.

Important Times:

Actors arrive by 11:00 am
Candidates arrive by 12:00 pm
Ceremonial begins at 1:00 pm

*Refreshments
will be Provided*

Questions/Clarification
Call Potentate Mike Nella
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