

TEHRAN SHRINERS

BULLETIN

March 2023



**Mike Nella
Potentate**

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From the Desk of: Potentate Mike Nella



Nobles and friends;

As we rapidly approach spring, I want to bring to your attention a program and a goal which I would like to see happen within our Temple.

Many of you have probably seen the promotional ads on television for the Shriners Hospital. The main subject being promoted is the \$19.00 a month donation which can be set as an automatic transaction. I would encourage as many of you to participate, without causing any hardship, in this program to establish a strong voice of support from our Temple. Please consider this program if it fits you comfortably.

I hope to see you all very soon and wish you well.



Send Love to the Rescue

Through the generosity of donors like you, we've been able to help more than 1.5 million children reach their potential and lead more fulfilling lives, regardless of the families' ability to pay.



Make your gift today to help Shriners Hospitals for Children® provide life-changing care to our children who need your help.

Thank you!

From the Desk of: Chief Rabban Christopher Guillen



We have had a great start to the year! Installation of the Divan was well attended and went seamlessly! Congratulations to newly installed Potentate Mike Nella, making children an offer they can't refuse, which is this year's theme. Next we had a very fun Blues Brothers themed Clown Director Installation which installed the new Clown line with Christopher "Criss Criss" Guillen as clown director. I look forward to serving as Chief Rabban this year and helping Potentate Mike Nella with his "Offer." I will end with this, if you know of anyone interested in joining our beloved Shrine Temple please reach out to Wayne Schwartz if you would like assistance!

Christopher Guillen



From the Desk of: Assistant Rabban David Pitts



Greeting Nobles, Ladies and friends.

For this article I thought I would it would be interesting to share some facts about Shriners and Shriners Hospitals for Children. Many already know the history. This article is for those that don't and a refresher for those that do.

The Shriners got their start in the 1870s New York City, where members of the Masons gathered for lunches. Among regulars were Dr. Walter M Fleming and actor William J.(Billy) Florence. They discussed starting a new group. Centered on fun and fellowship, more than ritual.

The first temple or chapter in the United States was launched in September 1872. By the early 20th century there were chapters throughout North America. The Shriners continued to grow, with dramatic growth after World War II.

From its earliest days the Shriners were known for their philanthropic efforts across the country. During a yellow fever epidemic in Jacksonville, Florida, members of the new Morocco Shrine and Masonic Knights Templar worked long hours to help the sick. In 1889 Shriners came to the aid of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, flood victims. In, fact by 1898 there were 50,000 Shriners, and 71 out of 79 temples were engaged in some sort of philanthropic work.

The idea to establish hospitals for children was brought to the membership in 1919 by Freehand Kendrick (P.I.P. Lu Lu Shriners, Philadelphia) after he visited a Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children in Atlanta. This visit made Kendrick aware of the overwhelming need to care for children with orthopedic disorders. During his year as Imperial Potentate in 1919-1920, Kendrick visited every Shriners temple in the Unites States. At the Imperial Session of 1920 held in Portland, Oregon, Kendrick proposed that the Shiners build a hospital for children. The resolution was passed unanimously. A committee was chosen to determine the site and personnel for the Shriners Hospital. After months of work, research and debate, the committee concluded that there should not be just one hospital, but a network of hospitals throughout North America. When the committee brought the proposal to the 1921 Imperial Session, it too was passed.

To be continued.

From the Desk of: Wayne Schwartz



MEMBERSHIP: WebFez show us with a membership of 218, 3 creations, 2 expired for a net gain of 1 or a 0.40% gain. 2 months into 2023 and we have already lost 2 nobles to the black camel. I think I have 1 application pending so maybe we can keep our numbers on the plus side for a while longer. I could use some help here. Let's get some petitions folks. Speaking of petitions, take a look at www.shrinersinternational.org Give this address to everyone whom you think might be interested in our fraternity. After you get done reading the bulletin go look at it and if you haven't already done so, sign up and look at WebFez.

Every new day is another chance to change your life."
Rumi - Poet (1207 - 1273)

Another site you should sign up for is www.freemason.org Lots of good stuff here on Masonry that you can pass on to that person you think should be a Shriner, this is the place for them to start.

COMING EVENTS: The Clowns annual corned beef and cabbage dinner will be held at the Shrine Center on March 28th (look elsewhere in this bulletin for flyer). The Clown cooking team go all out on this one, don't miss it. Check the calendar for all of the unit/club events. Keep them alive with your support. Anyone interested in getting in line to manage our Shrine Center? The Oriental Guide leadership conference is in Tampa March 16-18 and the Assistant Rabban conference is also in Tampa March 20-22. Per Imperial rules you must attend one of these conferences to become the Potentate. If you have an interest, give the Shrine Center a call.

"A gentleman is one who puts more into the world than he takes out."
George Bernard Shaw - Dramatist (1856 - 1950)

WHAT ABOUT MARCH:

What is the ides of March? [1] is the 74th day in the Roman calendar, corresponding to 15 March. It was marked by several religious observances and was notable in Rome as a deadline for settling debts. [2] In 44 BC, it became notorious as the date of the assassination of Julius Caesar, which made the Ides of March a turning point in Roman history. The Romans did not number each day of a month from the first to the last day. Instead, they counted back from three fixed points of the month: the Nones (the 5th or 7th, nine days inclusive before the Ides), the Ides (the 13th for most months, but the 15th in March, May, July, and October), and the Kalends (1st of the following month).

Why are babies born on March 31st the easiest to prank on April Fool's Day? They were literally born yesterday.

The name of March comes from Martius, the first month of the earliest Roman calendar. It was named after Mars, the Roman god of war, and an ancestor of the Roman people through his sons Romulus and Remus. His month Martius was the beginning of the season for warfare and the festivals held in his honor during the month were mirrored by others in October, when the season for these activities ended. Martius remained the first month of the Roman calendar year perhaps as late as 153 BC and several religious observances in the first half of the month were originally new year's celebrations.

March's birthstones are aquamarine and bloodstone. These stones symbolize courage. Its birth flower is the daffodil. The zodiac signs for the month of March are Pisces until approximately March 20 and Aries from approximately March 21 onward.

***Why can't you borrow money from a leprechaun?
Because they're always a little short.***

Saint Patrick's Day was made an official Christian feast day in the early 17th century and is observed by the Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion (especially the Church of Ireland), the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Lutheran Church. The day commemorates Saint Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland, and celebrates the heritage and culture of the Irish in general. Christians who belong to liturgical denominations also attend church services and historically the Lenten restrictions on eating and drinking alcohol were lifted for the day, which has encouraged and propagated the holiday's tradition of alcohol consumption.

“Sorry, love, can I have a pint of Guinness and a packet of crisps where you're ready there.' Oh. You must be Irish', she replied. The man was evidently offended and responded, 'The cheek, just because I order a pint of Guinness you assume I'm Irish. If I ordered a bowl of pasta would you that make me Italian?!'No' she replied. 'But this is a hardware store.'”

Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated in more countries than any other national festival. Modern celebrations have been greatly influenced by those of the Irish diaspora, particularly those that developed in North America.



For each petal on the shamrock
This brings a wish your way-
Good health, good luck, and happiness
For today and every day.





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 March 8th meeting is at:

Riley's Brew Pub

2674 Owens Mountain Parkway, Clovis
12 Noon Social - Lunch at 12:30
\$20.00 per person



**Reservations needed by
Monday March 6th**

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



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Fresno Shrine Club - February

"Sometimes you wanna be where everybody knows your name."



The Clowns Sweetheart Brunch



Clowns Cake Bake Auction



2023 Tehran Clown's and **Modesto Shrine Club** Calendar 2023

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|-------------|--|
| 2/19 | Clowns Sweatheart Brunch and Cake Bake Auction |
| 2/25 | Ripon Almond Festival Parade |
| 3/28 | Clowns St. Paddys Day Dinner |
| 4/01 | Laton Lions Club Rodeo Parade |
| 4/8 | Oakdale Rodeo Parade |
| 4/15 | Raymond Parade (12 Noon) |
| 4/29 | Clovis Rodeo Parade (Shrine Event) |
| 4/23 | Fizz :& Mary Breakfast |
| 5/?? | Chowchilla Spring Festival Parade Date TBA May 13th or 20th |
| 6/3 | Patterson Apricot Fiesta Parade |
| 7/3 | Margarita Bash 5 P.M. |
| 7/4 | Modesto Independence Day Parade (televised) |
| 8/5 | Escalon Park Fete Parade |
| 9/3 | Newman Fall Festival Parade |
| 9/23 | Dinuba Raisin Harvest Festival |
| 10/?? | Corcoran Cotton Festival Parade |
| 10/07 | Reedley Fiesta Parade |
| 10/07 | Parlier Parade |
| 10/07 | Paso Robles Pioneer Day Parade |
| 10/28 | Selma Rotary Marching Band Parade |
| 11/04 | Sanger Veteran's Parade |
| 11/11 | Porterville Veteran's Parade (In A.M.) Televised Parade |
| 11/11 | Lemoore Veteran's Parade (P.M.) |
| 11/25 | Hanford Christmas Parade |
| 12/2 | Modesto Celebration of Lights Parade |

ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE



ST. PADDY'S DINNER

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

5:30 pm - Social

6:30 pm - Dinner

Corned Beef & Cabbage

\$30.00 Per Person

RSVP TO RINGMASTER

Matt Dawson

mcdawson81@yahoo.com or 559-904-1021

MARCH 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|-------------------------|--|--|-------------------|--|-----|
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 Pageantry Practice | 7 Temple Guard/Patrol | 8 Fresno Shrine Club Daughters of the Nile | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Nile Sewing Bulletin Deadline | 16 Roustabouts | 17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> Novkeps | 18 |
| 19 | 20 Scottish Rite | 21 Clowns | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 Temple Belles | 28 Clowns St. Paddy's Day Dinner <u>BOD Mtg "Board of Directors"</u> | 29 | 30 | 31 | |
| | | Notes: BOD - Board of Directors; open to all Nobles | | | | |

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- MAR 7 Temple Guard/Patrol
- MAR 8 Fresno Shrine Club
- MAR 8 Daughters of the Nile
- MAR 15 Nile Sewing
- MAR 15 Bulletin Submission Deadline
- MAR 16 Roustabouts
- MAR 17 Novkep
- MAR 20 Scottish Rite
- MAR 21 Clowns
- MAR 27 Temple Belles
- MAR 28 Clowns St. Paddy's Day Dinner
- MAR 28 BOD Mtg "Board of Directors" - 6:30 p.m.**



Happy St. Patrick's Day

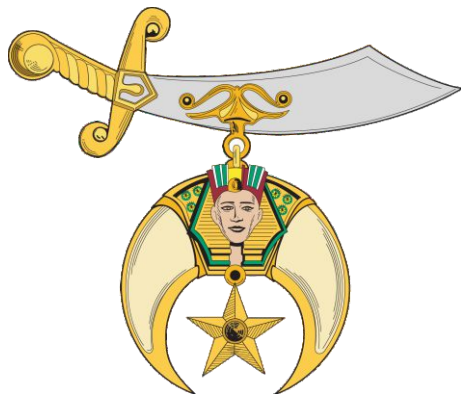
APRIL 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|---|---|-----|----------------------|---|
| | | | | | | 1 Laton Parade |
| 2 | 3 Pageantry Practice Tehran Shrine Stated Meeting* | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 <i>Good Friday</i> | 8 Oakdale Parade |
| 9 <i>Easter</i>  | 10 | 11 Temple Guard/Patrol | 12 Fresno Shrine Club Daughters of the Nile | 13 | 14 | 15 Bulletin Deadline Raymond Parade |
| 16 | 17 Scottish Rite | 18 Clowns | 19 Nile Sewing | 20 | 21 Novkeps | 22 |
| 23 | 24 Temple Belles | 25 BOD Mtg "Board of Directors" | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 Clovis Rodeo Parade * |
| 30 | Notes: BOD - Board of Directors; open to all Nobles OV - Potentate's Official Visit * Denotes Temple/Shrine Event | | | | | |

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- APR 3 Tehran Shrine Stated Meeting - 6:30 p.m.**
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TEHRAN SHRINE STATED MEETING NOTICE



**Monday, April 3, 2023
6:30 p.m.**

**Tehran Shrine Center
5407 East Olive Avenue, Fresno, CA**

**Attire: Business Casual
Fez
Must Be a Noble in “Good Standing”**

Tehran Shrine Bylaws

§3.6 Notice of Meetings. At least one week's notice must be given of the time and place of all meetings and ceremonial sessions. The notice may be given in the official temple publication or by letter.