

TEHRAN SHRINERS BULLETIN

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From the Desk of:



Potentate-Elect Mike Nella

Once again, a new Shrine year is upon us here in the Temple of Tehran. As you may have noticed, I have returned for a second term as Potentate. Our Temple, as many others, has navigated through a very trying time period. It is time to put it all behind us and start enjoying the wonderful Shrine experience we all so love and cherish. Its the new year, lets light the fuse and take off like rockets.

Please do your best to plan to attend Shrine functions as they come along so we may start building back our activities.

The annual East/West Shrine football game will be held in the Allegiant stadium in Las Vegas on February 2nd, 2023, which is the beginning of the W.S.A. event being held at the nearby Orleans Hotel. This will be an excellent outing for us to share and its not too far away from home. The stadium is quite a place to see and I am confident it will be worth your effort to make the trek across the hot sands!

I wish you all the happiest of holidays, and am looking forward to seeing you all very soon, over and over again!



From the Desk of: Assistant Rabban-Elect David Pitts



I would like to begin by thanking the Nobility for electing me to the office of Assistant Rabban. Carol and I are looking forward to an exciting year, under the leadership of our Potentate Mike Nella.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas. Always a special time of the year, for our family, to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and spend time with family and friends.

While keeping it short. I want to let the nobility, ladies and friends of Tehran Shrine know that I will take this position seriously and look forward to having a great time with all of you in the coming months . Fun with a purpose. Our Shrine hospitals.



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From the Desk of: Wayne Schwartz



FYI—DID YOU KNOW?

Our year-end membership report shows we have 218 members, lost 21 to the Black Camel, 1 suspension, 2 restorations, 2 creations and 3 applications.

What were some of our expenses in 2022?

Insurance \$103 per member

Business expense \$56 per member

Building/Property \$129 per member

It looks like we have 72 members who have not paid their dues for 2023! Dues are due by 31 December. If you are one of the 72, send in your check or call the office as we accept credit card payments. Don't let your membership expire. If you have any questions, call us. We don't want to lose anyone!

Our Shrine Christmas party was just great. Gigantic Kudos to Sandy and Mark Dawson for a great party. The potato bar was a super idea and I think everyone filled up on the taters and fixins. Of course, all of the food was great. If you haven't joined us lately for a Shrine function, you have missed out on some wonderful parties. Come on down and join us and bring a friend!

***"An optimist may see a light where there is none, but why must the pessimist always run to blow it out?"
Rene Descartes - Philosopher (1596 - 1650)***

My new year's resolution is to be more optimistic by keeping my cup half-full of either gin, brandy, or bourbon.

Happy New Year! Our new (recycled) Potentate, Mike Nella has a great year planned. We will have all of our functions posted in the monthly bulletin. Come on out and support your Shrine Center and its units. All of our functions are open to all Members, and many are open to non-Shriner guests. Look for upcoming events in this bulletin and calendar but pay particular attention to the flyer telling you about ***the Clown Installation***. It's always a hoot to see what they do to the incoming officers.

I raised my left leg before the ball dropped so I could start the New Year off on the right foot.

Have you paid your lodge dues? Are you planning on going to your lodge installation? Lots of stuff happening in January in our Masonic world, with our installations, in & out parties, etc. While you are at the installation ask a brother if he knows about the good stuff us Shriners do (tell him when his wife is listening).

What do you call a pall bearer in Oklahoma? Karaoke!!

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT JANUARY?

January (in Latin, *Januarius*) is named after Janus, the god of beginnings and transitions in Roman mythology. Traditionally, the original Roman calendar consisted of 10 months totaling 304 days, winter being considered a month-less period. Around 713 BC, the semi-mythical successor of Romulus, King Noma Pompilids, is supposed to have added the months of January and February, so that the calendar covered a standard lunar year (354 days). Although March was originally the first month in the old Roman calendar, January became the first month of the calendar year either under Noma or under the Decemvirs about 450 BC (Roman writers differ). Various Christian feast dates were used for the New Year in Europe during the Middle Ages, including March 25 (Feast of the Annunciation) and December 25. However, medieval calendars were still displayed in the Roman fashion with twelve columns from January to December. Beginning in the 16th century, European countries began officially making January 1 the start of the New Year once again—sometimes called *Circumcision Style* because this was the date of the Feast of the Circumcision, being the seventh day after December 25.

Historical names for January include its original Roman designation, *Januarius*, the Saxon term *Wulf-monath* (meaning "wolf month") and Charlemagne's designation *Wintarmanoth* ("winter / cold month").

What would the furry hat say to the warm scarf during winter? "You better hang around while I go ahead."

According to Theodor Mommsen, 1 January became the first day of the year in 600 AUC of the Roman calendar (153 BC), due to disasters in the Lusitanian War. A Lusitanian chief called Punicus invaded the Roman territory, defeated two Roman governors, and killed their troops. The Romans resolved to send a consul to Hispania, and in order to accelerate the dispatch of aid, "they even made the new consuls enter into office two months and a half before the legal time" (March 15).

If you are in a freezing room and want to stay warm and comfortable, you should always stick to the corners because they are all 90 degrees.

January's birthstone is the garnet, which represents constancy. Its birth flower is the cottage pink *Dianthus caryophyllus* or galanthus as well as the traditional carnation. The zodiac signs for the month of January are Capricorn (until January 19) and Aquarius (January 20 onwards).

HOLIDAYS OR DAYS OF INTEREST.

Have you ever looked up the days of interest in a month or the stuff they call a particular month? It's really crazy. The list I looked at listed 80 things, ie. National walk your dog month, National self-love month (I won't go there), how about National clean up your computer month. I wonder who makes this stuff up. New Year's Day of course, but did you know it is also Bloody Mary Day? I guess that goes along with Hangover Day (also on the 1st). The 13th is blame someone else day (always the 1st Friday the 13th of the year), Well I guess you will have to look at the list and enjoy your days of choice cuddling up by the fireplace with a hot toddy, hot cocoa or your beverage of choice in one hand and the other arm around that special person in your life.

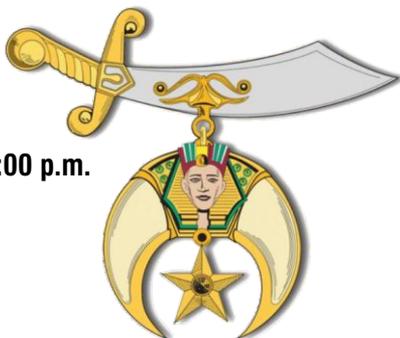
I'm not impressed with the organizers of the New Year's Eve celebration at Times Square. They always drop the ball.

JANUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day 	2 Tehran Shrine Annual Stated Meeting* Pageantry Practice	3	4	5	6	7
8 Installation of Officers*	9	10 Temple Guard/Patrol	11 Fresno Shrine Club Daughters of the Nile	12	13	14
15 Bulletin Deadline	16 Scottish Rite	17 Clowns	18 Nile Sewing	19 Roustabouts	20 Novkeps	21
22	23 Temple Belles	24 BOD Mtg "Board of Directors"	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	Notes: BOD - Board of Directors; open to all Nobles * Denotes Temple/Shrine Event			

INSTALLATION OF 2023 TEHRAN OFFICERS SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH

- JAN 2 Annual Stated Meeting**
- JAN 2 Pageantry Practice
- JAN 8 Tehran Installation of Officer, 1:00 p.m.**
- JAN 10 Temple Guard/Patrol
- JAN 11 Fresno Shrine Club
- JAN 11 Daughters of the Nile
- JAN 15 Bulletin Submission Deadline
- JAN 16 Scottish Rite
- JAN 17 Clowns
- JAN 18 Nile Sewing
- JAN 19 Roustabouts
- JAN 20 Novkep
- JAN 23 Temple Belles
- JAN 24 BOD Mtg "Board of Directors" - 6:30 p.m.**



FEBRUARY 2023

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

*Clown Sweet Heart Brunch & Cake Bake
This Month - Watch for More Information!*

- FEB 2** East-West Shrine Bowl, Las Vegas
- FEB 3** WSA Las Vegas
- FEB 4** WSA Las Vegas
- FEB 6 Pageantry Practice
- FEB 8 Fresno Shrine Club
- FEB 8 Daughters of the Nile
- FEB 12 Super Bowl LVII
- FEB 14 Temple Guard/Patrol
- FEB 15 Bulletin Submission Deadline
- FEB 15 Nile Sewing
- FEB 16 Roustabouts
- FEB 17 Novkep
- FEB 20 Scottish Rite
- FEB 21 Clowns
- FEB 27 Temple Belles
- FEB 28** BOD Mtg "Board of Directors" - 6:30 p.m.





*Tehran Shrine
Installation
of
2023 Officers*

Sunday
January 8th, 2023
Tehran Shrine Center
1:00 p.m.
Refreshments to Follow





*The Clown's
Sweet Heart Brunch
&
Cake Bake*

Coming
February
2023
Plan to Attend

TEHRAN SHRINE ANNUAL STATED MEETING



**Monday, January 2, 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.