

# TEHRAN SHRINERS BULLETIN

## January, 2024

## Soar in 2024



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# JANUARY MESSAGE FROM THE POTENTATE

Nobles & Ladies,

Soar in 2024 with Fraternity & Fun is our slogan for our upcoming year! Lady Amy and I are looking forward to seeing that this year we get back to what being a part of the Shriners family is all about, Having fun!

We have a lot of fun events planned out for this year starting with our installation on January 6th at 6 pm at our beloved Shrine Center!

Our very first stated meeting will be on January 8th at 6 pm at our Shrine Center!

In Faith,

Chris Guillen

## SHRINE CALENDAR

### January, February

Our very first stated meeting will be on January 8th at 6 pm at our Shrine Center!

BOD Meeting is scheduled for January 23rd at 6 pm.



Football with the Pote AFC/NFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES will be on January 28th and will start at 10 am!

(Shrine Center)



February 11th is THE TEHRAN SHRINE SUPER BOWL PARTY!

(Shrine Center)



February 27th is our monthly BOD meeting.

February 29th is the Start of Western Shrine!

See Flyer registration and Schedule of Events

# FROM THE DESK OF CHIEF RABBAN

## DAVID PITTS

Greeting Nobles, Ladies and Friends

I would like to begin by thanking the nobility for electing me to be Chief Rabban. I will do my best to prove worthy of the honor. We have a great, solid line in the divan currently and I look forward to working with the elected nobles this year. Potentate Chris has an exciting year planned and I would encourage your attendance whenever possible.

If you have not heard. Our dear friend, Noble Dick "Speedo" Haile has passed on. We mourn the loss of a brother whose spirit has been summoned to the land where our fathers have gone before us. Soft and safe be the earthly bed of our brother, bright and glorious be his rising from it. Farewell our brother!

Carol and I wish all a Happy New Year.  
For Shrine Brotherhood,  
David



## FROM THE ASSISTANT RABBAN

I'M BACK! I want to thank the Nobles for electing me to the office of Assistant Rabban. Unfortunately, due to the Covid lock down in 2020 I was not able to achieve what I had hoped to as Potentate, so I decided to run for a position in the line again. I am excited and look forward to working as part of the Divan under the leadership of our new Potentate, Chris Gullien. Chris has planned many fun activities for the year, but it takes everyone's help to make them happen. Aside from the fun, the most important part of the Shrine for me is the children we help through our Shrine hospitals and health care system. It is my hope that we can become more active in promoting what we do and getting more noticed in the community. We have taken in many new Shriners in the last year, and I hope they and their wives will get active this year, because I have learned that you only get out of something what you put into it.

In closing I want to again thank the Nobles for electing me and giving me the opportunity to help grow Tehran. It is the job of Masonry to take a good man and make him better and it is the job of the Shrine to take a good Mason and make the World better. Talk to your friends and good men you know about Masonry and talk to the Masons you know about the Shrine.

Gratefully and Fraternally,

Randy Forrester, PP  
Assistant Rabban



## **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:**

Happy New Year from the membership committee (Johnathon Higgins, Mark Dawson, Sean Flanagan & Wayne Schwartz). We did pretty good last year (19 creations, 1 demit, 12 expired for a gain of 6). Our Potentate wants us to have a net gain of 10 this year. We can do it, but we need your help in meeting his goal. Talk up the Shrine, our hospitals and especially our kids. Get your masonic friends to come out to those events where they can come. Chris has several on the calendar, but the committee will try to sneak in a few more. The initiation fee is \$150.00, and the candidate also has to pay his annual dues (\$135.00). OK, let's start the new year off with a bang, get petitions in the hands of our masonic brothers.

**"A little more persistence, a little more effort, and what seemed hopeless failure may turn to glorious success." Elbert Hubbard - Writer (1859 - 1915)**

## **HIGH PRIEST AND PROFIT:**

Happy New Year! I hope your holidays were happy and gay and you got to spend time with your families. Congratulations to the 2024 officers: Pote-Chris Guillen, Chief Rabban-Dave Pitts, Assistant Rabban-Randy Forrester,P.P, High Priest & Profit-Wayne Schwartz and Oriental Guide-Nathan Williams and Recorder Mike Nella. As of the day I am writing this, we do not have a Treasurer. Chris has a bunch of good stuff on this year's calendar, come on out and join us. Looking forward to talking to you!

**: "Ever since happiness heard your name, it has been running through the streets trying to find you." Hafez - Poet (1325 – 1390)**

## **JANUARY TIDBITS:**

Other than the Shrine stuff, what's happening/happened in January? Well for starters we had New Years Day- Hangovers and lots of football. There are still lots of football left, several bowl games. The first AFL–NFL World Championship Game (known retroactively as Super Bowl I and referred to in contemporaneous reports, including the game's radio broadcast, as the Super Bowl was an American football game played on January 15, 1967, at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum in Los Angeles, California. The National Football League (NFL) champion Green Bay Packers defeated the American Football League (AFL) champion Kansas City Chiefs by the score of 35–10. But as we all know, the Super Bowl is now being played in February.

Other notable events in January: 1<sup>st</sup> Bloody Mary day (guess this goes along with hang over day), 20<sup>th</sup> is national cheese day and the 21<sup>st</sup> is national hug day (give your lady an extra hug today), 27<sup>th</sup> is national chocolate day (I wonder who invented all of these event days).

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

Hey, did you make a New Years resolution? What do you know about resolutions? New Year's resolutions actually go back to ancient times! In 2000 B.C., the Babylonians celebrated the New Year during a 12-day festival called Akitu (starting with the vernal equinox). This started the farming season to plant crops, crown their king, and make promises to pay their debts. One common resolution was the return of borrowed farm equipment (which makes sense for an agriculturally based society). What is the most made (and also broken) resolution today? Of course, it is- I'm going to lose a bunch of weight!

**What is a New Year's resolution? Something that goes in one year and out the other.**

FYI: Why is January 1 the beginning of the year? January 1 starts the New Year according to the Gregorian calendar, which is the calendar in use today. In 45 B.C., New Year's Day was celebrated on January 1 for the first time in history when the Julian calendar took effect (thanks to Julius Caesar's reforms). Today's Gregorian calendar was introduced in 1582 by Pope Gregory XIII to correct some slight inaccuracies but continues to start the year in January.

OK, now you know! Look elsewhere in this publication for our Shrine calendar. See you there!

**My New Year's resolution is to stop hanging out with people who ask me about my New Year's resolution.**

**CIGARS AND SPIRITS CLUB HAPPENINGS.**

The club officers for 2024 are: President/Dictator-Ken Dewey, Vice Pres-Dave Pitts, Secretary-Wayne Schwartz, Treasurer-T.A. Heckle, Parliamentarian-Tim Hooyenga. Congratulations to all! At our December meeting the above officers were sworn in by the 2024 Chief Rabban. We had our Christmas feast (Famous Dave's Bar-b-que). It was a gala event with our testing what goes best with Jack Daniels (none established but 7up was pretty much the last choice), smoking great cigars (a couple boxes of Olivia's) and completing next year's list of host's and a couple of hours of comradely.

## FRESNO SHRINE CLUB



### Happy New Year!

**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 January 10th and February 14th meetings a  
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

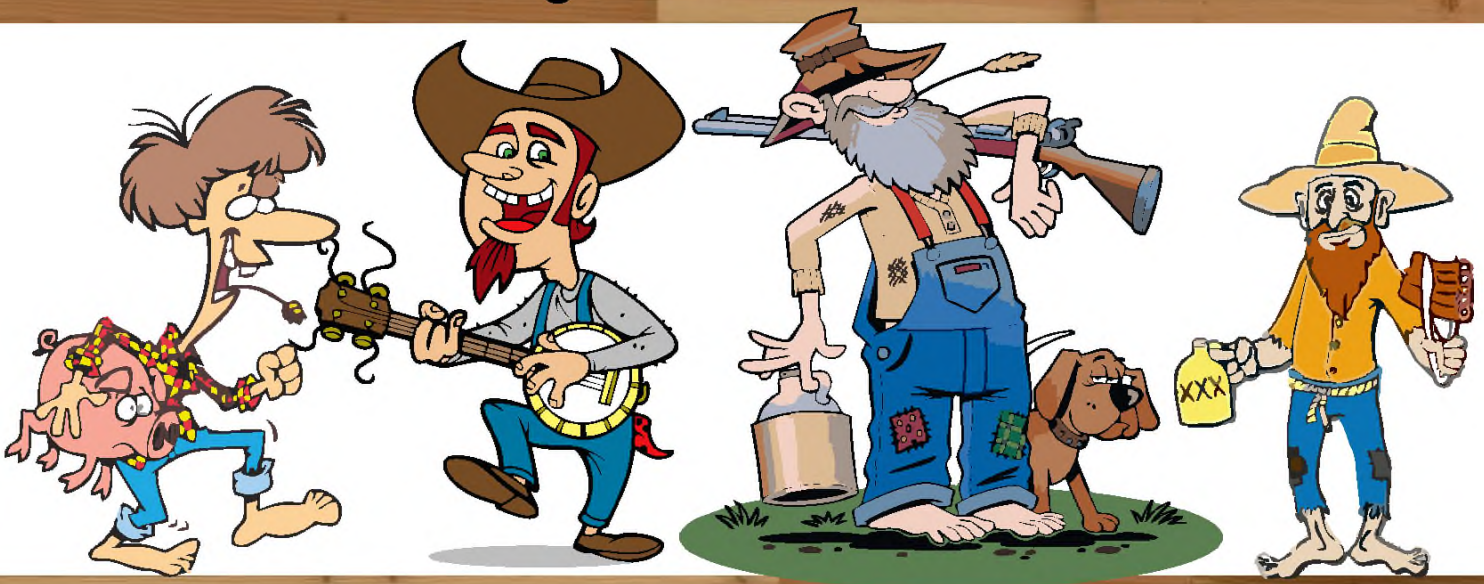
**Reservations needed by Monday January 8 and February 12**  
Please call or text Judy Hershey at 916-717—0458 or respond to this email to  
make your reservations ([jhershey01@comcast.net](mailto:jhershey01@comcast.net))

# 2024 Installation of Officers Tehran Shrine **Clowns**

Saturday, January 20th, 2024

**Matthew "Petals" Dawson**

Incoming 2024 Clown Director



## ***Theme: Hillbilly***

5407 E. Olive Ave., Fresno  
Shrine Center

**\$35.00 per person**

**Reservations**  
Due by Jan. 15th  
Wayne Schwartz  
559-229-2458

Social at 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Mail Checks To:  
Tehran Clowns  
2851 E. San Gabriel  
Fresno CA 93726



# Western Shrine Association

2024 Business Meeting – February 29 to March 3, 2024

Masonic Memorial Temple

2200 W. Mesquite Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89106

**USA - All for One, All for Fun**

Noble: Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Initial \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lady Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Initial \_\_\_\_\_  
 Temple \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Conference Registration

**Registration Fee:** \$200 per Noble (includes wives): Includes Hospitality (T, F, & S), one T-Shirt, Thursday BBQ, Friday and Saturday Continental Breakfast plus Lunch and Friday night Armenian Festival.

	Fee	No.	Subtotal	
Registration Fee	\$200.00	x		T-Shirt Size:
<b>Guest Fees</b>				
Armenian Festival	\$35.00	x		
Opening Night BBQ	\$10.00	x		
Extra WSA T-shirt	\$20.00	x		T-Shirt Size:
Hospitality - Non-Register Guest T, F, S	\$30.00	x		
			<b>Total</b>	

Mail Completed Registration form and Payment:

WSA 2023

1716 Quesada Way Burlingame, CA 94010

(Attire Nobles Business Casual with Fez, no shorts, or Tank Tops; Ladies Casual)

Or Email Registration Form to: [glopez@netwiz.net](mailto:glopez@netwiz.net)

Method of Payment:

By Venmo:

By Check: Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Make Payable to **WSA 2023**

By Credit Card: Name on Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

Visa

Mastercard

Discover

Amex

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CCV# \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel Reservation: Make your reservations directly with The Orleans, 4500 W. Tropicana Ave, Las Vegas 89103 (702) 365-7111. Make Sure to mention Western Shrine Association or WSA to get the Group rate.

Here is the link for reservations: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50660375>

Rates are Thursday \$59\*, Friday and Saturday \$99\*. For those who wish to stay longer Rate for Sunday is \$59\*.\*Tax and Resort Fee \$41.80/ night. \*\* Zalzah Shriners have their Potentates Ball Saturday Night March 2,2024 at the Orleans, registration for this event is separate and reservations must be made directly with Zalzah Shrine.

# Western Shrine Association 2024

## Registration and Hospitality February 29 -March 2

### Business Meeting Agenda March 1 & 2

#### **Thursday, February 29**

1600	Registration & Hospitality	Masonic Memorial Temple
1700	Opening Night BBQ	Al Atfal & Anezeh Shriners
2000	End of BBQ & Hospitality	

#### **Friday, March 1**

0730	Transportation to MMT	Valet Stand Orleans
0800	Registration and Continental Breakfast	
1000	Welcome & Presentation of Colors	Seb Badoyan
1015	WSA Business	Seb Badoyan
	Committee Reports	
	Resolutions & Bylaws	
	Election of 2023 Officers	
1200	Lunch	
1330	Imperial Program	Imperial Potentate & Officers
1645	WSA Legion of Honor Meeting*	Library Rm.
1700	Armenian Festival & Hospitality	Seb Badoyan
2000	Transportation back to Orleans	

#### **Saturday, March 2**

0800	Continental Breakfast	
1000	Welcome Back and Introductions	Seb Badoyan
1015	Installation of 2024 WSA Officers	Imperial Officers
1045	Presentation of Temple Success (Temple Speakers TBD)	Brendan Vargas
1200	Lunch	
1300	Town Hall Discussion	Imperial Officers
1500	Adjourn & Benediction	Mike Sekera
1505	Transportation Back to Orleans	
1700	Zalzah Potentates Ball RSVP directly with Zalzah Shriners	Hosted by Zalzah

\*Must be a LOH Temple and National Member