

TEHRAN SHRINERS

BULLETIN

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From the Desk of: Potentate Mike Nella

WHY DO WE DO IT ?

All the time spent, all the money spent and all the effort put out on what seems like a daily basis. I will relate a story which happened to me and is not altered nor enhanced in any way.

I was on my way home from the Temple late one night and stopped at a drive thru for a meal. As I sat in line, I saw the driver of the car behind me step out and approached me on foot. He walked up to me and said, "I saw the emblems on your car, are you a Shriner?" "Yes," I said proudly, and he continued. "I just wanted to shake your hand and say thank you. When I was young, I was very badly burned and you (Shriners Hospital) treated me extensively allowing me to completely recover. My family would have never been able to pay for such care, which included recovery and therapy. I just want to say thank you again".

Any more questions about why we do it?... I didn't think so. Nobles and ladies, never lose sight of our great philanthropy as it is truly a noble cause.

As we navigate through these tough times never forget "Having fun with a purpose".

I wish everyone the very best as we continue to make all needy children "AN OFFER THEY CAN'T REFUSE".



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From the Desk of: Assistant Rabban David Pitts

Happy New Year

I would like to begin by thanking everyone that attended the Tehran Shrine Installation of Officers. Potentate Mike and First Ladies Judy and Little Ellie did a fantastic job planning the event. The decorations by Gay and Richard Mehelic were beautiful, to say the least. Bartenders Matt and Skyler were always eager to pour your next drink. And the food from Fabian at Bella Pasta was outstanding as always. I know that there were many others involved to make the afternoon so special. Thank you to all.

Next, congratulations to the newly elected officers. I'm sure we will have a fun and productive year under the leadership of Potentate Mike. The most important area I would like to address is membership. The next time you see Wayne Schwartz, Tehran's Membership Chairman, please acknowledge him with a sincere thank you. Wayne has been working his back side off in promoting Shrine. His efforts are paying off. We initiated three new members the day of the installation. Please welcome our new Nobles, Sean Flanagan, Jesse Solero and Ron Manfredi. Please invite the new Nobles and their ladies to sit at your table, engage them in conversation and make them feel welcome.

As we start the new year. Please keep in your prayers the children that are treated at Shriners Hospitals. Let us never forget the reason we became a Shriner. It's all about the children. God Bless Shiners.



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From the Desk of: Wayne Schwartz



What's happening at the Shrine Center! We initiated 3 new members at our Mass Installation last month. Per WebFez our membership now stands at 220 a whopping 1.38% increase from the end of 2022. That's a great start.

"Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm." ***Winston Churchill - Statesman (1874 - 1965)***

Now for the other side of the page! We have 45 Nobles who have not paid their dues! Check your dues card and see if you are one of them. If you are, send us your check or call the office with your credit card number or talk to us so we can work something out. We do not want to lose you. Speaking of **WEBFEZ**, have you registered and looked at the site? It's loaded with great recruiting tools. Congratulations to our 3 new members: Ron Manfredi, Sean Flanagan and Jesse Solorio. We hope we see you joining one of our units or clubs. All of us should be looking for new members. Increasing membership usually solves most of our problems. If you need flyers, etc., to take to your lodge meetings, give me a call and I will get some for you. Or, better yet, look at WebFez where you can download a bunch of stuff.

On February 19th the clowns are having their annual Sweetheart brunch. They have their cake bake/auction which is our big fund raiser. The cooks put out a great breakfast and the price is right. Come join us. Look elsewhere in this bulletin for the flyer.

Live life "as if everything is rigged in your favor." ***Rumi - Poet (1207 - 1273)***

What's special about February? Well to start off with, it's the most misspelled word in the English language. . Even the White House has misprinted the word "February" before in a press release! February is the only month where it's possible to go the entire time without having a full moon. The name of February comes from the Latin word "februum," which means purification. February was named after a purification ritual which was like an early Roman spring-cleaning festival. The length of February was finalized when Julius Caesar remade the Roman calendar and assigned the month 28 days and 29 days. In 713 B.C., February was officially added to the Roman calendar. Over time, the length of February kept changing. At one point, it had as little as 23 days. February, March, and November always start on the same day of the week unless it is a leap year.

If you were born in February, your birthstone is an amethyst, and your flower is a primrose. The western zodiac signs in February are Aquarius which is until February 19th, and Pisces, which is until February 20th. The odds of being born on February 29th are about 1 in 1,461.

Sadly, on February 1, 2003, the Space Shuttle "Columbia" broke apart in flight, which killed all seven crew members. The accident was believed to be a result of damage that occurred during lift-off. The tragedy occurred only 16 minutes before the shuttle was scheduled to land.





Special days of the month:

2nd – Groundhog Day. I don't believe in Groundhogs Day!

The Easter bunny told me it was nonsense.

3rd – The Day the Music Died.

5th – Shower with a Friend Day. (One of my favorites.)

9th – Pizza Day.

12th – Super Bowl

14th - Valentine

16th – Do a Grouch a Favor Day. (Have anyone in mind?)

17th – Random Act of Kindness Day. (This should be every day!)

18th – Drink Wine Day. (Let's get together and celebrate the day)

20th – Love Your Pet Day. (My little Nacho thinks this should be every day)

20th – President's Day. Q: What did George Washington say to his men before crossing the Delaware? A: Get in the boat...

22nd - Ash Wednesday

23rd – Dog Biscuit Day. (This goes along with the 20th)

"Do something wonderful, people may imitate it." Albert



Valentine's Day, also called Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine is celebrated annually on February 14. It originated as a Christian feast day honoring one or two early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine and, through later folk traditions, has become a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world. Saint Valentine's Day is not a public holiday in any country.

What did the valentine's day card say to the stamp?

Stick with me and you'll go places.

There are a number of martyrdom stories associated with various Valentines connected to February 14, including an account of the imprisonment of Saint Valentine of Rome for ministering to Christians persecuted under the Roman Empire in the third century. According to an early tradition, Saint Valentine restored sight to the blind daughter of his jailer. Numerous later additions to the legend have better related it to the theme of love: an 18th-century embellishment to the legend claims he wrote the jailer's daughter a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell before his execution; another tradition posits that Saint Valentine performed weddings for Christian soldiers who were forbidden to marry.

Dad: Son, do you have a date for Valentine's Day? Kid: Yes, February 14th.

The 8th century Gelasian Sacramentary recorded the celebration of the Feast of Saint Valentine on February 14. The day became associated with romantic love in the 14th and 15th centuries when notions of courtly love flourished, apparently by association with the "lovebirds" of early spring.

In 18th-century England, it grew into an occasion in which couples expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). Valentine's Day symbols that are used today include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards. The U.S. Greeting Card Association estimates that approximately 190 million valentines are sent each year in the US. Half of those valentines are given to family members other than husband or wife, usually to children. When the valentine-exchange cards made in school activities are included the figure goes up to 1 billion, and teachers become the people receiving the most valentines.

CHEERS TO LOVE

The world must become a much better place
Where more people dwell with a smile on their face
Living together in kinship and peace
A world full of hope where joys never cease.

Wearing our heart on our sleeve everywhere
Will show all mankind that we really care
Thus, shining a light that's warming and bright
Love's a splendid way to make the world right.

Live for the moment, our time here won't last
Life is too precious to live in the past
The dawn of each day gives us all a fresh start
To those whom you love, tell them straight from your heart.

Today is a day that's made for romance
Cast cares aside, let us all sing and dance
Kissing any doubts and heartaches away
Raise our glasses to love on Valentine's Day.

(writer unknown)

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)
4/22	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



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 February 8th meeting is at:
Tehran Shrine Center**

5407 E. Olive Ave, Fresno

12 Noon Social - Lunch at 12:30

\$20.00 per person



This will be a catered lunch so please
be sure to call in your reservation.

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

Tehran Clown's



Sweetheart Brunch & Cake Bake

Sunday - Feb. 19th, 2022
10:00 am - Good Morning Social
11:00 am - Brunch
Cake Auction starts after Brunch
\$20.00 per person



RSVP TO RINGMASTER

Wayne Schwartz



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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 Valentine's Day Temple Guard/Patrol	15 Bulletin Deadline Nile Sewing	16 Roustabouts	17 Novkeps	18
19 Clown Sweetheart Brunch & Cake Bake	20 Scottish Rite	21 Clowns	22	23	24	25
26	27 Temple Belles	28 <u>BOD Mtg "Board of Directors"</u>	Notes: BOD - Board of Directors; open to all Nobles			

*Clown SweetHeart 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 19 Clown Sweetheart Brunch & Cake Bake 11:00 a.m.

FEB 20 Scottish Rite

FEB 21 Clowns

FEB 27 Temple Belles

FEB 28 BOD Mtg "Board of Directors" - 6:30 p.m.



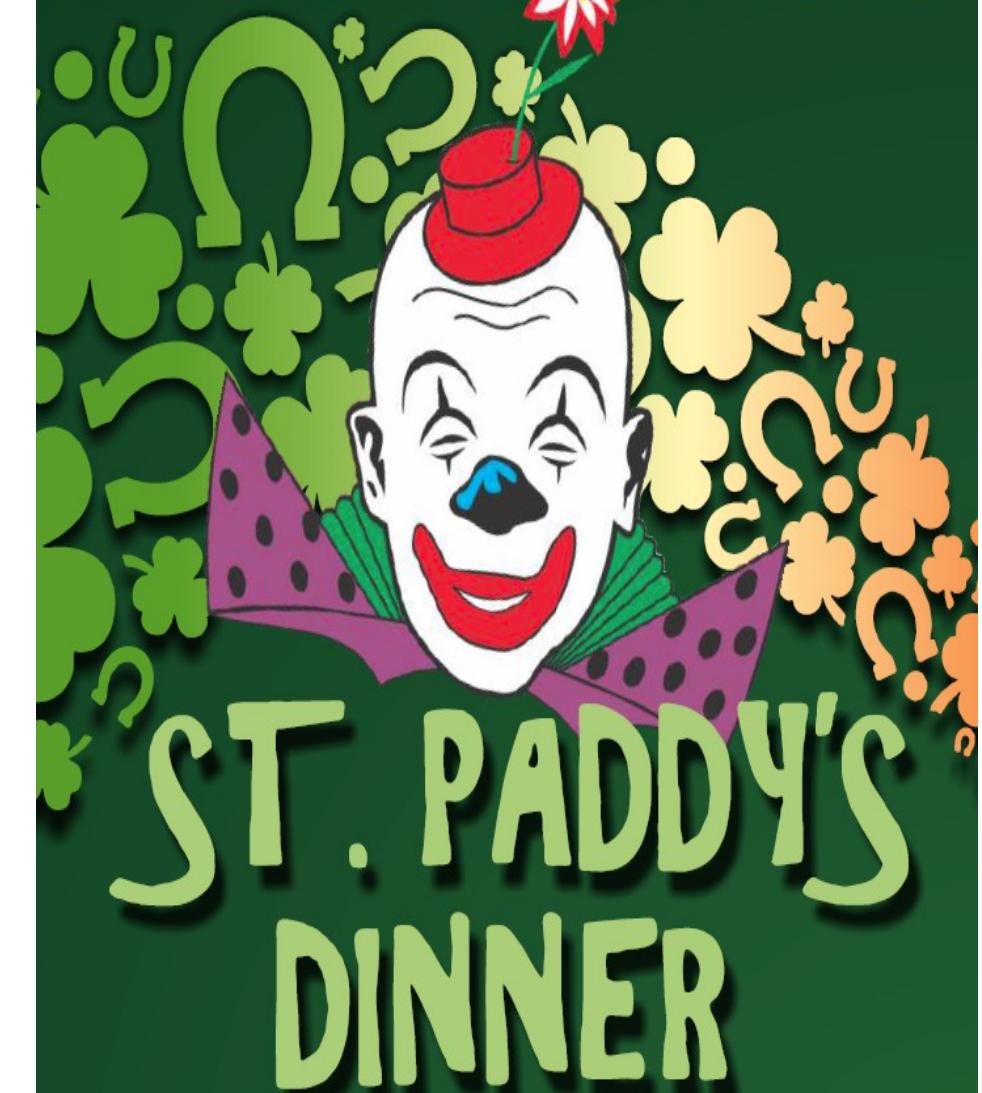
MARCH 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Pageantry Practice	7 Temple Guard/Patrol	8 Fresno Shrine Club Daughters of the Nile	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Nile Sewing Bulletin Deadline	16 Roustabouts	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> Novkeps	18
19	20 Scottish Rite	21 Clowns	22	23	24	25
26	27 Temple Belles	28 Clowns St. Paddy's Day Dinner <u>BOD Mtg "Board of Directors"</u>	29	30	31	
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 Mar 21 Clowns
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 Mar 28 Clowns St. Paddy's Day Dinner
Mar 28 **BOD Mtg "Board of Directors"** - 6:30 p.m.



Happy St. Patrick's Day

SAVE THE DATE



ST. PADDY'S DINNER

Tuesday, March 28th

SHAMROCKS & SHENANIGANS