

TEHRAN SHRINERS BULLETIN



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From the Desk of: Assistant Rabban David Pitts



Greeting Nobles, Ladies and friends.

My article this month is a continuation of facts about Shriners and Shiner Hospitals for Children.

As mentioned in my previous post. The decision to build a hospital for children was voted on and passed unanimously at the Imperial Session of 1920.

We opened our first hospital in 1922, in Shreveport, LA. The hospital initially focused exclusively on treating the orthopaedic aftereffects of the polio virus, which was rampant at that time. The first patient to be admitted in 1922 was a little girl with a clubfoot, who had learned to walk on the top of her foot rather than the sole. The next hospital to open was Minneapolis in 1923.

Today the principal service lines offered at Shriners Hospital for Children are pediatric orthopedics, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate.

Through the remarkable foresight, commitment and fundraising skills of the Shriners nearly one million children have been treated at one of the 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children across the United States, and in Canada and Mexico.

As Shriners Hospitals for Children sprang up across North America, the mission behind this unique organization also grew. The Shriners quickly learned that there were two additional needs in supporting their mission to care for children. The first was research to help develop better medical treatments. The second was to educate medical professionals. The result is a three-pronged mission that has impacted medical care not just for children, but for people of all ages all over the world.

To be continued.

From the Desk of: High Priest & Prophet Wayne Schwartz



MEMBERSHIP AND STUFF: Webfez (have you registered and looked at this site?) sez we have 216 members of which 29 have not paid their dues, check your dues card! I believe there are 4 petitions in the mill. Speaking of new members, **Mark your calendar: Saturday May 13th is the day of our ceremonial.** As of right now it looks like we will have 8 Sons of the desert becoming Shriners. It would be nice if we have a large number of our Nobles, and their ladies, present to welcome our new members. If you have a Brother, you have been talking to about the Shrine, get him signed up so we can vote on him at our April Stated Meeting (check the calendar elsewhere in this missive). These 8 new members need to belong to a club or unit. Come on down when they get initiated and get them involved. Statistically speaking nobles belonging to unit/clubs are much more active and hang around longer. And I know our units/clubs can use members. **Unit and club leadership, etc.** Our Web site www.tehranshriners.org has a drop-down titled units & clubs. We need more information on this page such as: Officers names and contact information, meeting days, times places or the name of the person to call and his contact information. Perhaps more information about what your club and unit does would be beneficial to these 8 new members when it comes time for them to decide which one they are going to get involved with.

"Do something wonderful, people may imitate it."
Albert Schweitzer - Humanitarian

WHAT ABOUT APRIL?

It's time to get out your rubber boots and splash in the rain! Across a large part of the world, April means spring is just beginning.



The days get longer and hotter, and for many it means we can officially say goodbye to winter. Generous amounts of rain tend to fall in April ushering in the new growth of spring. And, of course, we all know the most famous month-themed rhyming couplet, April showers bring May flowers. There is something so refreshing about a rainy spring day, isn't there? When the grass starts to get green and the freshness creeps in after the desolate winter? This yearly April phenomenon is referred to as spring renewal. You feel good, everyone is just happier!

A highway patrolman pulled alongside a speeding car on the highway. Looking at the car, he was astounded to see that the elderly woman behind the wheel was knitting. The trooper cranked down his window and yelled to the driver, "Pull over! "No!" the woman yelled back, "Cardigan!"

This really is one of the most fascinating months of the year. The Easter holiday jumps around the calendar depending on when the full moon lands. Technically, Easter always occurs on the Sunday after the full moon after March 21st. That is unless the full moon is on a Sunday, then Easter falls in March. Are you confused? Basically, Easter occurs in April about 80% of the time, but make sure you check the calendar on this one!

"Whether one believes in a religion or not, and whether one believes in rebirth or not, there isn't anyone who doesn't appreciate kindness and compassion." Dalai Lama

April 1st is April Fool's Day. It's the day to play mischievous pranks on family and friends (and hopefully get away with it). Companies are getting in on the fun as well with McDonald's introducing the McPickle Burger and Google launching Google Nose, an online database of scents. The first April Fool's Day goes back as far as the 1600s. As a rule of thumb, always be very skeptical of what you read on April Fool's Day!

I know who I was when I got up this morning, but I think I must have been changed several times since then.” Lewis Carroll - Writer (1832 - 1898)

Did I mention that April is rainy? April 14-15 in 2018, a rainfall gauge located at Waiya in Hawaii measured a total rainfall of 49.69 inches in a 24-hour period. This shattered the record for the most rainfall in a single day in the United States.

On April 10, 1912, the RMS Titanic set off from Southampton, England, for New York City on its maiden voyage. Four days into the crossing on April 14th, the Titanic struck an iceberg near Newfoundland. It sank in the early morning hours of April 15th killing more than 1,500 people in the disaster. This is one of the worst maritime disasters to ever have happened.

The Romans called the month of April, Aprillus. It is believed to come from the verb aperire, which means to bloom or open. This of course makes sense with the first buds sprouting on the trees and flowers starting to bloom from the ground every April. Here is one of the best-smelling fun facts about April. Every year in Japan, thousands of people descend on the towns and villages across the country to bear witness to the blooming of the cherry blossoms.

I tried to organize a hide-and-seek tournament, but it was a complete failure. Good players are hard to find.

If you were born in April, your Zodiac sign is either Aries or Taurus. People born April 1 to April 19 are Aries and are represented by the ram. They are natural born leaders with fiery tempers. People born April 19th to April 30th are Taurus and are represented by the bull. They are dependable but stubborn.

"Always try to do something for the other fellow and you will be agreeably surprised how things come your way - how many pleasing things are done for you." Claude M. Bristol - Writer (1891 - 1951)

Well ooh-la-la! The official gemstone of April is the diamond. The diamond represents mental clarity, balance, and prosperity. It is also the hardest natural substance, fitting in with the determination and grit known to people born in this month. Here is another April fact we love: the second-biggest diamond in history was discovered in April 2019 in Botswana. The Sewelô diamond weighed an astonishing 1,758 carats!

The honorary flowers for the month of April are the daisy and the sweet pea. Sunny-faced daisies are often found popping up in fields in April, signifying the start of the blooming season. While sweet peas begin their tender climb, sprouting their first tendrils from the dirt in April. Tulips are also celebrated every April in Europe, Asia and North America, when the tulip is the first flower to bloom after the spring thaw.



For marijuana users and advocates, April 20th is a National Day of Celebration for the legalization of cannabis. The first 4/20 celebration began in California in 1971, and since then the movement has seen marijuana be legalized in over 20 countries and 20 US states.

On April 14, 1865, at a crowded theater in Washington DC, John Wilkes Booth assassinated Abraham Lincoln, the President of the United States. Lincoln died the next morning on April 15th. In 1922, The Lincoln Memorial was officially completed in Washington, DC and is one of the most important historical landmarks in America.

So one morning little six year old Johnny grabs his little 4 year old brother Jimmy and pulls him into the closet under the stairs. Johnny- "Jimmy, I think it's time we started cursing. I'm going to say, DAMN." Jimmy - "Yeah yeah yeah, damn! Damn!" Johnny- "No Jimmy you need your own curse word. Yours should be hell. Jimmy - "Yeah yeah yeah, Hell, Hell, Hell. Later in the morning the boys sit down for breakfast. Their mother turns to Jimmy and asks what he wants for breakfast. Johnny - "I'm going to have some damn Cheerios!" Johnny's mother, in shock, slaps him right out of his chair and keeps slapping him all the way to his room. She then returns to Jimmy and angrily asks what he wants for breakfast Jimmy - "Well I sure as hell don't want any Cheerios."





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 April 12th 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



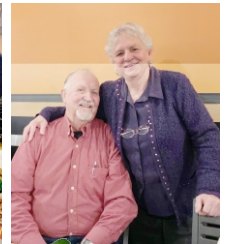
**Reservations
needed by
Monday April 10th**

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



Club Events

Fresno Shrine Club - March
Riley's Brew Pub



Happy
St. Patrick's Day
Novkeps - March



APRIL 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Laton Parade
2	3 Pageantry Practice <u>Tehran Shrine</u> <u>Stated Meeting*</u>	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 <u>BOD Mtg "Board of</u> <u>Directors"</u>	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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- APR 8 Oakdale Parade
- APR 11 Temple Guard/Patrol
- APR 12 Fresno Shrine Club
- APR 12 Daughters of the Nile
- APR 15 Raymond Parade
- APR 15 Bulletin Deadline
- APR 17 Scottish Rite
- APR 18 Clowns
- APR 19 Nile Sewing
- APR 21 Novkep
- APR 24 Temple Belles
- APR 25 BOD Mtg "Board of Directors" - 6:30 p.m.**
- APR 29 Clovis Rodeo Parade ***

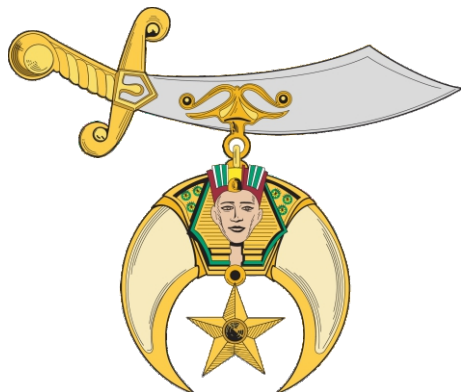


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	1 Pageantry Practice	2	3	4	5	6
7 <i>Mother's Day</i>	8	9 Temple Guard/Patrol	10 Fresno Shrine Club Daughters of the Nile	11	12	13 Ceremonial*
14	15 Scottish Rite Bulletin Deadline	16 Clowns	17 Nile Sewing	18 Roustabouts	19 Novkeys	20
21	22 Temple Belles	23 BOD Mtg "Board of Directors"	24	25	26	27
28	29 <i>Memorial Day</i> 	30	31			
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- MAY 15 Scottish Rite
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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.