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# TEBALA UPCOMING EVENTS

As Shrine year 2023 is concluding with some wonderful and traditional events, our event calendar will start to peek into what 2023 will bring us:

	<u><b>EVENT</b></u>	<u><b>DATE</b></u>
<b>THIS YEAR</b>	CLUB/UNIT ELECTIONS	ALL RESULTS DUE OCTOBER 31, 2023
	STATED MEETING	OCTOBER 18, 2023
	SOCIAL MEETING	NOVEMBER 15, 2023
	SPORTSMANS RAFFLE	NOVEMBER 25, 2023
	SILVER FIZZ/CHRISTMAS WITH SANTA	DECEMBER 3, 2023
	STATED MEETING	DECEMBER 20, 2023

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

<b>NEXT YEAR</b>	ANNUAL MEETING	JANUARY 17, 2024
	OPEN INSTALLATION*	JANUARY 20, 2024
	CLUBS/UNITS SEMINAR*	JANUARY 27, 2024
	*Subject to Potentate's discretion	

### NOTICE:

Meal reservations for events where a meal is served, including both Social and Stated Meetings, are generally required to be made no later than one week before the event.

### IMPORTANT

It is the responsibility of the club or unit executive officer to transmit the results of the club or unit election to the Potentate by October 31. This is necessary so that next year's calendar can be finalized and the results posted to Imperial by their due date.

### SPORTSMANS RAFFLE NOVEMBER 25, 2023 (Saturday following Thanksgiving)

Please turn in your tickets and money before the 25th, or plan on coming in at least an hour early on the day of the raffle to do so. Lunch will be provided by Director's Staff (no reservation required) to all those that purchase a ticket, please contact Director's Staff if you wish to volunteer with the meal prep!



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### **SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE:**

All materials, notices, and articles must be received **NO LATER** than the **14<sup>th</sup>** of each month previous to publication issue.

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Rockford, IL 61108**

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to **Mark Torrance, Recorder**  
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## Nobles:

The summer is coming to a close and with the changing of the seasons the Shrine starts to shift gears from all the outdoor activities towards the indoor ones. By the time this reaches you, Labor day will be a memory and the our next focus will be on THE POTENTATES BALL!

This year's PBALL will be held on Saturday October 28 and will be a HAL-LOWEEN COSTUME PARTY. Cost is still TBD, but will be in line with the previous events at \$40 to \$45 per person, admission gets you entered into the door prize raffle (similar to St. Patrick's day). Lady Marianne and I are counting on a large turnout so please make reservations by Oct 13. Doors will open at the usual Shrine time of 5:30. October is also Club/Unit election month, the Divan needs to know the 2024 elected officers so that they can be correctly published in the calendar book for a change.

November brings the second Shrine fundraiser of the year, the SPORTSMAN'S RAFFLE on November 25, doors are scheduled to open at 10:30, drawing to commence when it looks like we have a good crowd. As is customary the purchase of a ticket entitles the bearer to a delicious three course luncheon as well as entry into the drawing (hence the "food coupons" we have included for your purchase or sale). We are planning additional side raffles including the Divan 50/50, the Barrel of Fun, Playing card Raffles, plus we will have goods of some sort for sale. Bring lots of cash, there's no guarantee the ATM will be stocked in advance. Clubs and units are encouraged to seek their own independent action, see any Divan member for details.

We finish the calendar year with the Silver Fizz Brunch and visit from Santa for children of the nobility. Please see the invite in this publication for details. Please note the form for each child needs to be turned in before Thanksgiving to ensure enough gifts of proper age and gender are on hand.

The annual election of Officers will be held at the December 20, 2023 Stated Meeting immediately after the Parade of Awards. Nobles interested in running for Oriental Guide are encouraged to contact any Divan member or Past Potentate to receive instruction as to what is expected in the position, as well as to receive instruction on nominating and acceptance protocol. Bring your Shrine card or ECARD (basically your card on your smart phone) so that we can ensure a legit process with no funny business. If you are a club or unit wants to receive recognition for your awards, this will be the night to do it.

Assuming the election goes as planned and there's no funny business, January's stated meeting on January 17, 2024 will include the installation of officers, followed by the Open Installation Banquet on the following Saturday. It's likely that the Clubs and Units Seminar will be on January 27, 2024. Whomever is elected in December will have all the details and will be offering a correction just in case I have it wrong in this publication.

It's been a great year so far, thank you all for your wonderful support, and may God Bless you and your families.

Yours in the Faith

Tim Miller  
2023 Tebala Potentate.

**W a t c h   T h e m   S o a r !**

*Potentate Tim Miller and Lady Marianne*

**Invite you to attend  
Tebala Silver Fizz Brunch  
And  
Visit with Santa**

*Sunday, December 3, 2023  
Social at 10:00 AM, Serving 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
\$45.00 per person/\$35.00 Shrine Widows  
No charge under 4  
Carving Station with Ham and Turkey  
Fabulous Buffet and more  
Loads of Holiday Fellowship  
Casual Dress  
**Bring you family and friends**  
Please call 815-332-2010 for reservations  
No later than Monday November 27, 2023  
**Join us for this festive Tebala tradition***

**OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ELECTION—Posted in accordance with Imperial Shrine Law**

**TEBALA SHRINE TEMPLE  
ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS  
ALL NOBLES MUST HAVE A 2022 DUES CARD**

You are hereby notified that the Annual Election of Officers for the ensuing year will be held at the December Stated Meeting of Tebala Shriners at 7910 Newburg Road, Rockford, IL, on Wednesday, December 20th, 2023. A 2023 dues card or ECARD is required for admission.

The Imperial Council states in part as follows: Article 325.6 – Nominations must commence not later than 9:00 p.m. and when that hour arrives all other business must cease and none may be transacted until the election is concluded.

Section 326.1 (a) Electioneering. A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine temple may print, publish, and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a résumé consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email or other devices, by a unit, club, Noble, or group of Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing, or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited. (b) Expenditures Prohibited. The expenditure of money for gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited. (c) Violation. For any violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the officers void and order a new election. (d) Notice. At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election, the temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.

ATTEST: Tim Miller, Potentate. Mark Torrance, Recorder.

Please Note: This is the regular stated monthly meeting for December business. The election of officers may commence any time after the formal opening of the Temple at 7:30 p.m., but in no event later than the hour prescribed by the Imperial Code – Election of Divan.

**END OF OFFICIAL NOTICE**

PLEASE NOTE: Nominations will be taken right up to the time of the election.

**Sign up a new Noble!**

# Tebala's Annual Children's Christmas Party December 3, Noon until 2:00 pm

## Held at Tebala Shrine Center

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Open to all Nobles' Children and Grandchildren.

Hot Dog, Chips, Cookies, Juice and Coffee served at noon,

Clowns and MORE! Santa says "Kids ages 10 and under will receive a gift!"

**You must reserve a spot!!!!**

**Please cut and mail form to Tebala Shrine Center Office by November 24th, 2023**

Noble Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ No. Attending: Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Child #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ boy/girl  
(First & last name) (Circle one)

Child #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ boy/girl  
(first & last name) (Circle one)

Child #3 \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ boy/girl  
(First & last name) (Circle one)

Child #4 \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ boy/girl  
(First & last name) (Circle one)

**7910 Newburg Rd, Rockford, IL 61108**

**For Reservations Contact:**

**Tebala Shrine Office at 815-332-2010 or Fax (815) 332-5923**



COMING EVENTS 2024  
OPEN INSTALLATION OF 2024 OFFICERS  
SATURDAY JANUARY 20, 2024 at TEBALA  
Cocktails 6 P.M. followed by dinner



If you are an officer in a Club or Unit, or are interested in learning about becoming one, make sure you plan on attending The Clubs and Units Seminar planned for January 27, 2027. Last year's Seminar was held in the Members Bar where a delicious meal of Biscuits and Gravy was served with Coffee and Bloody Mary's (after 9:00 ET, of course). As per usual, the Biscuits were light and fluffy with just a hint of hardness in the crust, and the gravy was meaty, and not too spicy. The Bloody Mary's, although they contained no actual Blood, were Bloody Good with all the vitamins and refreshing liquids that a vegetable based concoction should have! All the usual Officers, Jr. Officers, and Eager Participants were there and as expected, there was lively conversation and the usual joking around associated with our Nobility. Some things heard include "Why don't we get started early?", and, "... I hope we don't run out of Bud Light like we did last year", "what is it about these biscuits and gravy that is making me so sleepy?". This goofing off lasted until the Illustrious Potentate gaveled the meeting to order, at which point everyone took a seat and focused on the task at hand. Members only, you do not need to be in a club or unit to attend. The seminar is scheduled to last until noon, but in the past, 10:30 or so is the norm, so



**COME ON OUT!**

*Before and after announcement of bar being open*

**Sign up a new Noble!**



# A DESIRE TO GIVE BACK!

## Hallie donates toys similar to items she received at Shriners Children's Chicago

Hallie was born with unilateral complete cleft lip and palate, in which a baby's lip does not form properly.

Hallie and her family say the care at Shriners Children's Chicago has surpassed all their expectations. After her first surgery, Hallie received an American Girl doll. This is just one of the many toys Hallie would receive after a visit or surgery.

Hallie received several toys after a couple of procedures and asked her parents where the toys came from. Her parents, Travis and Katie, said, "Well people donate them." Hallie decided she wanted to pay it forward and give back to the place that has given so much to her.

Hallie is one of many patients who has decided to donate toys and other items for future patients at the Chicago hospital.

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POTENTATE'S BALL, OCTOBER 28, 2023 About 5:30 until Midnight!

This year's PBALL is going to be a NO LIMITS HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY!  
ADULTS ONLY (just like when you were a teen or young adult yourself ) and could whoop it up without fear of having to explain things to those too young to understand.

Lady Marianne and I are expecting a good size crowd so please make your reservations no later than October 13 so that we can make the best of the time and space we have. The Event Center has an event scheduled that same day so we will only have a limited time for set-up, and we would appreciate it if you volunteered to help with the set up.

Menu and final cost is still gelling, we are planning on Buffet to include things that can be eaten without making a total mess though ...

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