

## **Time and Place**

The 2018 Texas Shrine Association Ceremonial Session (TSA 2018) will be held in Tyler, TX, June 6 through June 9, 2018

## **Host and Director General**

Your host is Jim Tidwell, Illustrious Potentate of Sharon Shriners. He can be reached at:

Phone: 903-570-9364

Email: clownjimbo@hotmail.com

He is assisted by Richard Gaiser, TSA Director General, along with his capable and dedicated staff. He can be reached at:

Phone: 903-571-3841

Email: rgaiser1@aol.com

## **Headquarters and Contact**

The Headquarters Hotel will be:

Holiday Inn South Broadway

5701 South Broadway

Tyler, TX 75702

903-561-5800 – office

903-561-9916 - Fax

Prior to registration:

Sharon Shriners

10027 State Hwy 31 E

Tyler, TX 75705

903-566-2151 – Office

903-566-2443 – Fax

## **Housing and Registration**

We are working to satisfy your housing requirements. Noble who are not preregistered for TSA will find the registration desk in the lobby of the Holiday Inn Select on Wednesday afternoon from noon to 5:00 p.m., Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 am to noon.

## **Cost of Registration**

Registration is \$80 per noble, single or accompanied. Your registration badge is your admission ticket for most events and is required to be worn at all events. Any competitor without a valid dues card and registration badge is ineligible for competition. The deadline for normal registration is Friday, May 25th. Registration packets will be available at the headquarters hotel.

## **Unit Competitions**

Nothing can be finalized until all Shrine Temples have submitted their information. A tentative schedule will be sent to each Temple prior to TSA 2018.

We will coordinate all Unit Competitions and all association heads will report to the Director General, John Threadgill through their assign liaison. It is our desire to have a competition schedule that can accommodate everyone. With this goal, all associations planning to hold competition must furnish competition order and time requirements no later than March 15<sup>th</sup> to:

Sharon Shriners  
Attn: TSA Competition Coordinator  
John Threadgill  
903-363-7373  
John\_threadgill@hotmail.com

Nothing can be finalized until all temples and associations have submitted their information. A tentative schedule will be published as soon as possible and sent to each temple prior to TSA.

### **Trophies**

TSA does not provide trophies. We will be more than happy to make arrangements to procure them for the various associations, but each association is responsible for paying for the trophies that they request. The deadline for requesting trophies is April 16<sup>th</sup>. Forward trophy requests to:

Sharon Shriners  
Attn: Ray Dark, trophy coordinator  
Radar06@gmail.com  
903-312-7777

### **Parade and Parade Marshal's Meeting**

The parade will be held on Front Street in front of Harvey Hall and continue around the fair grounds. Staging will be in front of Harvey Hall at 9:30 am and will step off promptly at 10:30 am. The order for the parade will be in accordance with Shrine protocol and TSA bylaws. TSA Parade Marshal, Richard Covell will assist you with parade arrangements and maps of the parade route will be available at the registration desk at the headquarter hotel. Please send lineups and any special requests no later than May 1<sup>st</sup> to:

Sharon Shriners  
Attn: TSA Parade Marshal

### **Nobility Luncheon**

A Nobility luncheon will be held on Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Harvey Convention Center following the parade. Two tickets are included in the cost of registration and will be in your registration packet. Additional tickets are available for \$15 each and must be requested no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>. Tickets will be collected at the head of the serving lines. Dress is casual.

### **Marketplace**

The TSA Marketplace will be located at the Harvey Convention Center. Please check the official program for times and vendors. Any interested vendor should contact Noble Danny Stroud or his lady Jackie at

Danny and Jackie Stroud  
Ph: 903-571-0728  
Email: jdsbayouranch@gmail.com

### **State Unit Functions**

State Unit Associations may hold functions at their discretion. Arrangements for and the cost associated with these events are borne by the Association conducting them. It is suggested that functions be limited to Friday and Saturday mornings and evenings to minimize conflict with other TSA scheduled events. If you want this information included in the official program, we will need the details by March 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Saturday Coffee**

Plans are being made to have an informal coffee for the Ladies and families of Nobles hosted by Sharuhan Temple No. 127, Daughters of the Nile on Saturday from 9:00 to 10:15 at the Rose Museum Center. More details will be sent to each Temple.

### **Awards and Closing Ceremony**

All awards will be presented at the closing ceremony to be held at the University of Texas at Tyler (UTT) Patriot Center at 2 p.m. on June 9<sup>th</sup>. The installation of TSA Officers will be immediately prior to the awards ceremony with the official closing ceremony immediately following the awards. All Attendees will be seated in the bleachers with the Nobles on the lower half and families and guest in the upper half. Nobles who appear on the floor to receive trophies are asked to be in a Fez or in the regalia of your unit (i.e. – bagpipers, clowns, etc.).

### **Website**

The official website, <https://rustysmith.wixsite.com/tsa2018>, is an ongoing work in progress and has valuable information concerning the carious activities of TSA. Please check it for updates.

### **Dress for TSA Activities**

#### **Nobles**

Opening Ceremony:	Potentate's discretion but fez and jewel required for Divan
Parade:	Potentate's discretion, fez and jewel required for Official Divan. Motorized units according to Imperial, TSA, TSMPA bylaws and the State of Texas
TSA Brunch/Business Meeting:	Coat, tie, fez and jewel
Reception and Banquet:	Tuxedo/Dinner jacket, fez and jewel
Awards and Closing Ceremony:	Potentates discretion, Fez and Jewel required for Official Divan, Fez preferred for Nobility

#### **Ladies**

Opening Ceremony:	Casual
Parade:	Casual
TSA Brunch/Business Meeting:	Business or before six attire
Reception and Banquet:	Cocktail dress or formal
Awards and Closing Ceremony:	Casual

## **VIP Specific Information**

### **Photographs**

No later than March 15<sup>st</sup>, please furnish the Director General a 5x7 black and white photograph of each Divan member for the official program. On a mailing label print his name, title and his lady's name and place this on the back of the picture. Remember that the quality of the program depends, in a large measure, to the quality of the photograph you provide. Photos may also be submitted in electronic format (PDF) to [shriners@sharonshriners.com](mailto:shriners@sharonshriners.com). Send you photographs to:

Sharon Shriners  
Attn: TSA Official Program  
10027 State Hwy 31 East  
Tyler, TX 75705

### **VIP Reception and Banquet**

The official reception and banquet will be Thursday June 7<sup>th</sup> at the headquarters hotel, Holiday Inn South Broadway in Tyler. The banquet is for TSA Officers, Imperial Officers, Past TSA Presidents, Past Imperial Officers, Texas Divans, Past Potentates, Distinguished and Invited Guests and their Ladies.

A Social Hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. with an available bar. Two drink tickets will be included with each paid ticket. All other drinks will be available at each noble's expense. Introductions at 7:00 p.m. followed by dinner and a guest speaker. TSA officers, Past and Present Imperial Officers, Past TSA Presidents and current Potentates and their Ladies are requested to begin lining up for presentations at 6:45 p.m. and be in formation by 6:55 p.m.

The thirteen Texas Temples have agreed to purchase 20 tickets at \$75 per ticket. Payment due no later than April 16<sup>th</sup>. Additional Banquet tickets may be purchased for \$75.00 each and should be requested and paid for with the regular tickets. We must guarantee a number to the hotel no later than May 9<sup>th</sup>. There can be no refunds on tickets. Send Payments to:

Sharon Shriners  
Attn: TSA Banquet and Brunch Tickets  
10027 State Hwy 31 East  
Tyler, TX 75705

### **Official Brunch**

There will be an official brunch held on Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> for TSA Officers, Past TSA Presidents, Past and Present Imperial Officers, Texas Divans, Past Potentates, Distinguished and Invited Guest and their Ladies at the headquarters hotel, Holiday Inn Select on South Broadway in Tyler. The brunch will begin at 9:30 a.m. East banquet tickets includes a brunch ticket. If you want a person to attend the brunch nut not the banquet, additional brunch tickets can be purchased for \$20 each.