
Shrine Parade Regulations

Nobles, be advised that due to a misunderstanding of instructions, some ladies took part in the parade in Lindsay, Ontario on July 28th, 2007. This is contrary to General Order No. 1 and Imperial Bylaws and will not be allowed in any future parade, civic or otherwise.

Please note the following.

SHRINE PARADE REGULATIONS

1. **Non-Shriners.** Other than the police escort, dignitaries and distinguished guests, only Shriners are permitted in Shrine parades.
12. **Enforcement.** Parade marshals shall enforce all Shrine parade regulations and they shall report any violators to the Potentate of his Temple. Failure on the part of a Temple Potentate to cooperate with parade marshals shall be reported in writing.
13. **Potentate Responsibility.** Each Potentate is personally responsible and accountable for knowingly permitting any violation of parade regulations. Temple Potentates are required to review parade regulations with their marshal, the Parade Marshal, and their Unit head.

CIVIC PARADES

Units and/or Clubs that participate in non-Shrine parades may do so only with approval from their Potentate. Should they be requested to participate in the jurisdiction of another temple, they will also need the permission of the Potentate of that Temple. Practice good Shrine etiquette when parading in non-Shrine parades and follow the protocol set up by the host sponsor of the parade.

Non-Shriners are not permitted to participate in Shrine Units and/or Clubs in civic parades.

TEMPLE GOVERNANCE

1. **Potentate:** The Potentate of each temple is reminded of his individual official responsibility for the operation of the Temple in accordance with the law of the land, Shrine law and the Temple bylaws. He is admonished to carefully review all provision of Shrine law including all provision of this General Order.

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Temple Units

§ 336.1 Control by Potentate.

The Units are a part of the working corps of the Temple and are under the control of the Potentate and must be composed wholly of Nobles.

§ 336.2 Public Exhibitions.

- (a) **Shriners Only.** In parades at Temples at annual sessions of The Imperial Council or in parades or public exhibitions under the auspices of Temples or Shrine associations, only Nobles shall participate.
- (b) **Potentate Approval.** No Temple Unit is permitted to participate in a parade or public exhibition without the express approval of the Potentate.
- (c) **Outside of Jurisdiction Approval.** Public appearances by Units are under the auspices of the Temple with which they are identified and are not permitted in any place outside the Temple's jurisdiction except with the consent of the Potentate of the Temple having jurisdiction.
- (d) **No Compensation.** Units and their members are prohibited from accepting any reward or compensation for participating in parades and exhibitions.

§ 335.10 Female Organizations.

- (a) **Prohibition.** A Temple may not organize, or sponsor, a female unit or any uniformed body of women.
- (b) **§ 336.2.** A Temple may not organize, or sponsor, any body of women, or men and women, purporting to be an organization connected with the Order composed of Nobles and female relatives or requiring such relationship as the prerequisite for membership in the organization.

§ 335.14 Compliance with Shrine Law. A temple or Noble may not violate Shrine Law.