

TEHRAN SHRINERS



BULLETIN

MARCH 2021



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Potentate

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Greetings From:

The Desk of Your Potentate



February (so far) is a continuation of the January Lockdown, but we managed to have fun anyway - following all edict directions. It looks like the rest of February will be the same with vaccinations, semi-lockdown, while still **having FUN and Fellowship**.

March is the month that we will see things starting to return to normal and slowly be able to meet in person, supplemented by Zoom for those who live inside and outside the Central California area (we sure want to include everyone.)

Just a reminder, the **Temple is open Monday-Friday from 9:30 am. until 1:30 pm**. If you want to stop by and pay dues, have a cup of coffee, or get answers to any questions you may have, we are here for you. Speaking of **Dues**, if you have already paid though 2021, **Thank You**. If you still have it on your list to pay, please contact us at the office so we can update our records. Our operating Budget greatly depends on your annual support.

I received my second COVID shot on the 11th of February. On the 12th I was down and in need of a lot of sympathy calls, but since Lady Jean had no reaction to her shot (except a sore spot) my calls for sympathy went unanswered and I suffered in silence. Today is the 13th and she said "pull it together and stop the moaning", so I'm back at the computer working on my March article.

I hope everyone remains well and is being safe. We are still under a lockdown edict from Grand Lodge and Imperial so safety measures are still in place. Even so the need for **maintenance work** around the **Temple** is on-going. The **Projects** we are working on are energy conservation to lower our utility costs, putting up new flags, hydro washing and repainting the Walking Man statue, cleaning and repainting the Shrine Sign, and repairing outside lighting for flags and the Walking Man. These are just some of the things going on to enhance our visible image to the public and decrease our operating costs.

The **Western Shrine Association Fun in Las Vegas** trip is coming up fast so if you plan to attend then check their website for timely discounts. This is going to be a great trip, to get away and safely have some fun and fellowship. This is not solely the **Potentates Fun Trip**, it is for everyone to get away, have fun, and relax at a reasonable cost. WSA is going all out to bring all the Western Shrine Centers together for a meet and greet and to have **FUN in 2021 Together**. They have a few dress-up events that cost, but the majority of the entertainment is free. If you are interested in forming one or more competition teams (see the list on the registration form), please call me so I can inform the WSA secretary to get our trophies ready.

As March approaches so does the **Parade** season. Our **Parade Chairman, Noble Robert Murdoch**, is working hard to get everything in order with the different cities and to register our intent. During March we will have **Parade Vehicle operation preparations**. I have talked to the Legion of Honor about the Jittney repair and they have offered it as a joint use project. The objective is to get a huge presence of Shriners in all Parades. Everyone is ready, and as soon as we can I will call **"HELP"** and your participation will be greatly appreciated.

One last note: The Nobility at the Shrine Center Office would like to extend a BIG **"THANKS"** to the Temple Belles Ladies for bringing goodies each month for us to enjoy. YUM, YUM - great cooks.

Stay safe, care for one another, and enjoy each and every day.
Fraternally, your humble servant,
John L. Denton

NEW EVENT!



Tehran Shrine 1st Annual Invitational Golf Tournament

Mark your calendars:

Saturday, June 26, 2021

Madera Municipal Golf Course

Stay tuned for more information.



From the Desk of Assistant Rabban Wayne Schwartz

My article is a little late for Burn Awareness Week, however this topic is very timely all year around.

Shriners Hospitals offer resources to help kids and families stay safe

For more than 20 years, Shriners Hospitals for Children® has been working to help reduce the number of preventable pediatric burn injuries by increasing awareness of the causes of burn injuries and offering prevention tips.

Burn Awareness Week, observed annually during the first full week of February, is the kickoff of our yearlong educational campaign. Free materials available via our website, including activity books and fact sheets, are designed to be a resource for firefighters, teachers, parents and others concerned with the safety and well-being of children.

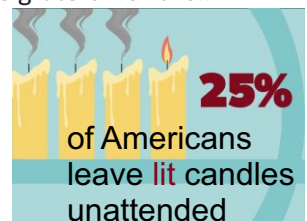
Be Burn Aware



Burn Awareness Week is Feb. 7-13, 2021. Building on the theme *Be Burn Aware*, the campaign focuses on preventing burn injuries in the home, because that's where the majority of preventable burn injuries occur. Homes are the sites of *thousands of burn injuries to children every year*, including scalds, fire-related injuries, and even electrical burns. With some simple precautions, many of these types of injuries may be prevented.

We have found that educational efforts have an impact: In the U.S., the occurrence of major pediatric burn injuries has decreased. Shriners Hospitals for Children is assisted in its burn prevention efforts by members of the Shriners International fraternity, who promote the campaign in their local communities in a variety of creative ways, and we are grateful for their support.

To learn more,
visit www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org
and www.beburnaware.org.



Patient Ambassadors

I was registering for WSA, April 7-11 in Las Vegas, and noticed that they had a "meet the Patient Ambassador" time scheduled, so I went to Shriner's Village to see who this year's Ambassadors are. This year our ambassadors are 14 year old Conner and 16 year old Mia. Their stories are presented on a video at the Shriner's Village website, and like all of the patient ambassadors I have seen in the past, their stories are what makes me proud to be a Shriner. Conner was born with a cleft palate and lip. When he was born feeding him was very difficult so he started losing weight right after birth. His mother took him to several children's hospitals and no one seemed to know what to do. Then a Shriner suggested our Chicago Shriner's Hospital and they instantly found the help that was needed. When they arrived Mary O'Gara, the speech pathologist, took Conner and showed his mother how to feed him. She immediately felt the warmth and friendship that are the hallmark of our Shriner's system. Conner has had 13 surgeries and will need several more. His family wanted to do something to help repay the care and kindness they have been given and started a golf tournament which has raised over ¼ of a million dollars. Conner has become an avid golfer and a poised enthusiastic spokesman for the Shriner's hospitals.

Shortly after Mia was born her mother noticed that her back was not right, but her pediatrician was not too concerned. It was not long before the problem became obvious. Even though her heart and lungs were being compromised and not developing normally, their insurance company told them that the scoliosis was cosmetic and not covered. Then they found the Saint Louis Shriner's hospital and nurse Joella Worton has helped them through Mia's 17 surgeries. From the time she was little, Mia loved to sing and has performed in many productions and Shrine commercials. She was filmed with Kelly Hanson of Foreigner for the video of the song I Want To Know What Love Is. Foreigner has donated all residual earnings from that song to the Shriner's Hospitals. Mia will make great use of her talent and poise as our Shrine Ambassador. Shriner's Hospitals strive to make our patients feel good about themselves as a person, which is what sets us apart from the average medical care. After going through all of this, she was recently diagnosed with thyroid cancer which was treated and she is now cancer free and has a bright future in front of her.

I encourage everyone to sign on to the Shriner's Village website to keep up with what is happening in the Shrine. I also encourage everyone to come with Potentate John and First Lady Jean to WSA in Las Vegas in April. He has included a registration form in the news letters or you can find it online at Western Shrine Association. We have been cooped up far too long and hopefully this time it looks like WSA will happen. It is a fun time to spend with your friends and meet Shriners and their wives from all over the Western States.

Hope To See You There!

Randy Forrester, PP, HP&P



Simple Friends vs. Real Friends

A simple friend has never seen you cry.

A real friend has shoulders soggy from your tears.

A simple friend doesn't know your parents' first names.

A real friend has their phone numbers in his address book.

A simple friend brings a bottle of wine to your party.

A real friend comes early to help you cook and clean.

A simple friend hates it when you call after he has gone to bed.

A real friend asks you why you took so long to call.

A simple friend seeks to talk with you about their problems.

A real friend seeks to help you with your problems.

A simple friend wonders about your romantic history.

A real friend could blackmail you with it.

A simple friend, when visiting, acts like a guest.

A real friend opens your refrigerator and helps himself.

A simple friend thinks the friendship is over when you have an argument.

A real friend knows that it's not a friendship until after u've had a fight.

A simple friend expects you to always be there for them.

A real friend expects to always be there for you!

Gary Campbell, Tehran Chaplain





March Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

*May your day be filled with joy and laughter
as you celebrate your birthday.*

*May you eat and drink and make merry
because you deserve all that and more.*

Harold L. Hudson

John R. Laird

Walter Elliott

George Hacnik

Sigmund C. De Guzman

Jack Ouzounian

LeRoy J. Foote

Scott C. Ellis

Gerald H. Peloian

Robert "Rob" D. Crossland, P.P.

Richard "Mac" E. Harris

Jeffery S. Lantz

James "Jim" L. Sperlich

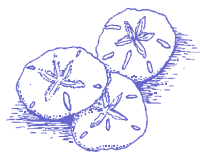
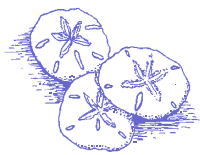
Mike Hamzy

Donald T. Mroz

Samuel "Cactus" Thomas Harris

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First Ladies 2021 Project

Assistive Devices Helping Children Reach Their Life Goals

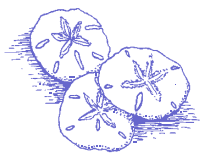
Wow, what a great time we had at the **Drive-By Super Bowl Party!** The members drove by, picked up their Popcorn & Candy packets, placed their name in the drawing for the "Crown Royal Quilt" and chose a square for the game. Thanks goes out to **Ralph Takakjian, P.P., and First Lady's Aide Pat Dougherty** for planning a great Saturday drive-by event. Sunday a bunch of us joined in and watched the game on Zoom, narrated by **Mark Dawson, P.P.** I think the nobles had more fun talking then watching the game. The winner of the quilt was none other than **Lady Sherry Roberts**, and she was so excited. Congratulations Sherry!



Now, it is time to look forward to even more "**FUN IN 2021.**" Potentate John, are you taking me to the "**Clowns Sweet-heart Drive-By Cake Bake & Burritos**" on February 27th & 28th? I'm calling in for my reservation. I've heard the "Fantastic **"Shades"** Burritos are really **FANTASTIC!** The COVID Pandemic can't keep Tehran Shrine from having "**FUN IN 2021!**" What kind of "**FUN**" is your Unit or Club planning? Let the membership know your plans.



The **Ladies** of Tehran Temple had a great time on Zoom, February 8, 2021, even though there were only a few of us - that doesn't stop Ladies from having "**FUN IN 2021.**" Our next program, March 8, 2021 at 1 PM, will be "**Bunco**" ran by **Lady Kerri Gans**. Look for your BUNCO cards and instructions in an email and on Facebook. Ladies programs will be held on the second Monday of each month until we can once again get together in person. The First Lady's **Aides Pat Dougherty, Kerri Ganns and Jane Gamonian** are busy planning each month's programs and **Lady Sandy Dawson** will make our Zoom Program a fun afternoon.



Our local **Daughter's of the Nile, Sharon Temple**, held their Official Visit on Zoom with **Her Supreme Majesty Heather Krastins Lambert** on February 8th. She then traveled to the **Northern California Shriners Hospital**, where the hospital had a dedication ceremony for DON's **\$3,000,000** plaque. The hospital also had the new van on display, purchased by Supreme Session 2019, put on by Sharon Temple, dedicating it in memory of our own **PSQ Dale Obernolte**.

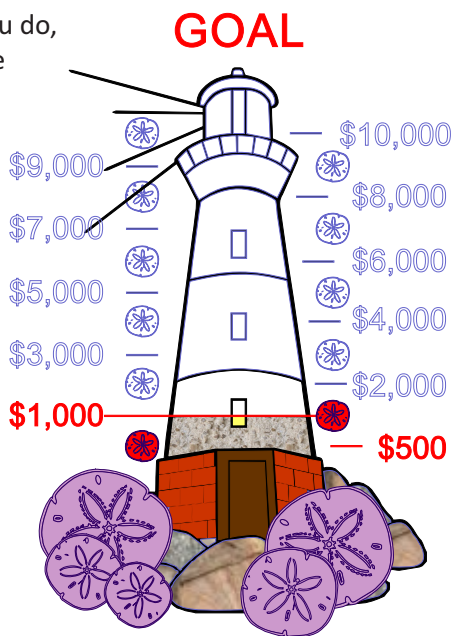
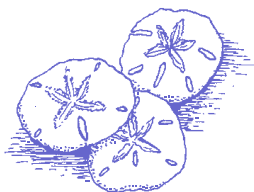


It is exciting to know that I am well on my way and I can now start coloring in my **"Goal Chart"** all the way to the **\$1000 Sand Dollar** mark. The members and Ladies of Tehran Shrine have been very generous in donating to the 2021 First Ladies Project. I can't say **"Thank You"** enough for supporting our 2021 program, **Assistive Devices**, and for all you do, both Shriners and Ladies, on behalf of the children at the **Northern California Shriners Hospital for Children** - a place where healing starts and grows, so that providing help today, they will have a brighter tomorrow.

Join me and let's
"Stroll Along the Sand Dollar Shore"

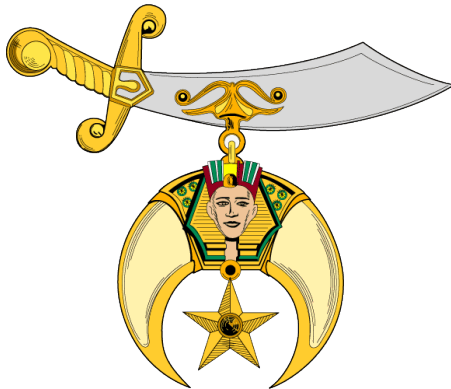
2021 First Lady

Jean Denton



Light The Way

TEHRAN STATED MEETING NOTICE



Monday
April 5, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Via Zoom
Meeting ID: 208 485 9416
Passcode: tehran

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.

JOIN IN THE FUN!



POTENTATE'S Las Vegas Fun Trip with WSA April 7 - 11th, 2021

**Golden Nugget, Las Vegas
Call for your Reservation
844-468-7738 (toll free)
Group Code GSWSA21
Reservation cut-off Date: March 8, 2021**

If you wish to attend WSA you can still
register and get information at
www.westernshrine.org

DRIVE THRU SUPER BOWL EVENT



Potentate & Popcorn!



Ron, buying the winning ticket for Sherry.



The Team
Ralph & Pat



Gary & Nancy
Picking up
the goodies...



John & John
Taking a
break?



CROWN ROYAL BAG QUILT



First Lady Jean & Lady Pat



Bill & Catherine
Tickets!!!



John & Richard



Potentate John & Lady Pat

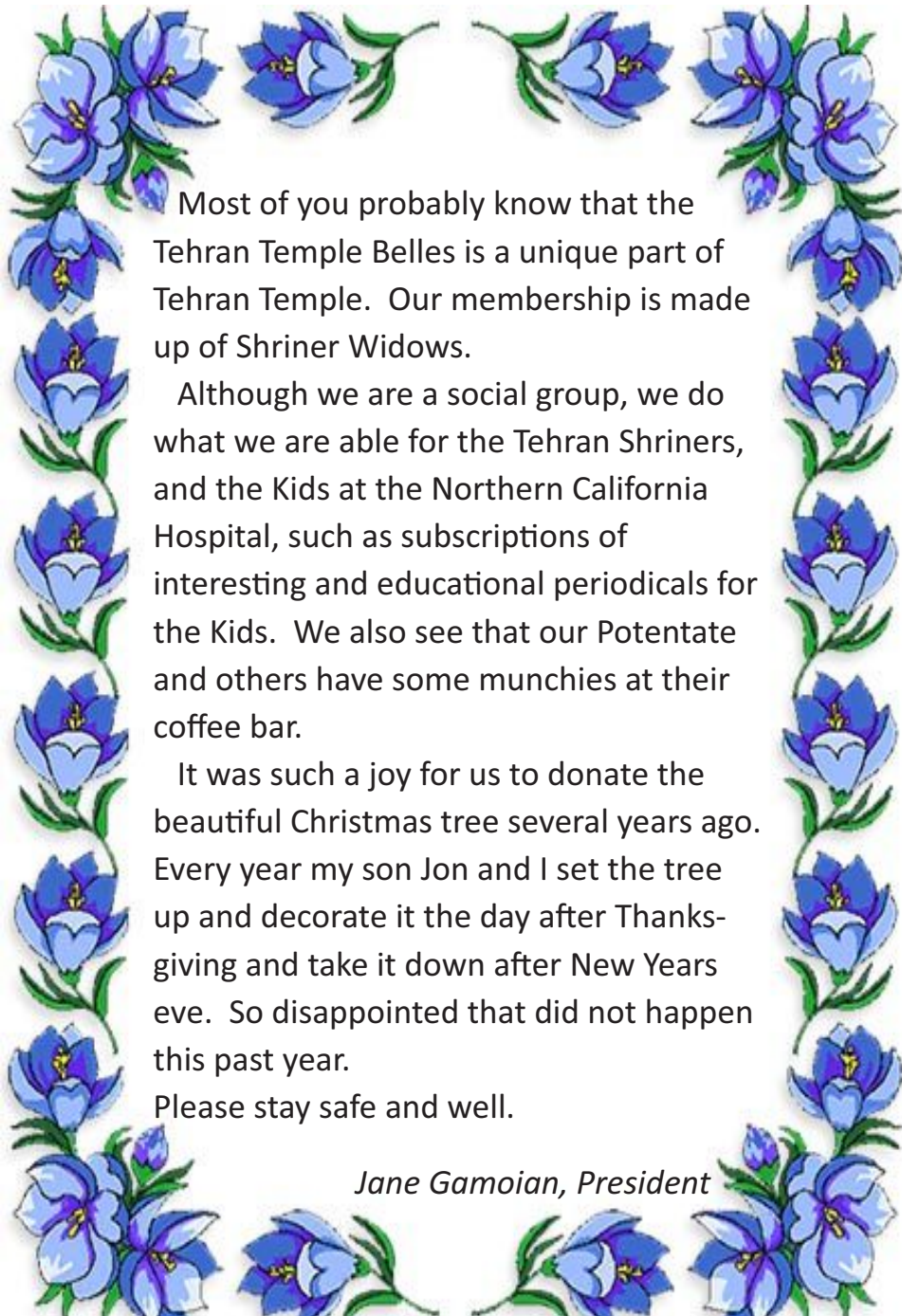


Mix those tickets!

*Thank You!
To all who
worked and
supported
this event!*



Greetings from the Tehran Temple Belles.

A decorative border of blue and purple flowers with green leaves surrounds the text. The flowers are arranged in a rectangular frame, with some flowers at the corners and others along the sides.

Most of you probably know that the Tehran Temple Belles is a unique part of Tehran Temple. Our membership is made up of Shriner Widows.

Although we are a social group, we do what we are able for the Tehran Shriners, and the Kids at the Northern California Hospital, such as subscriptions of interesting and educational periodicals for the Kids. We also see that our Potentate and others have some munchies at their coffee bar.

It was such a joy for us to donate the beautiful Christmas tree several years ago. Every year my son Jon and I set the tree up and decorate it the day after Thanksgiving and take it down after New Years eve. So disappointed that did not happen this past year.

Please stay safe and well.

Jane Gamoian, President



**MERCED-MARIPOSA SHRINE CLUB
ST. PATRICK'S DAY GREETINGS!**

NEXT MEETING: WHO KNOWS?

**WHERE: We Hope at Bella Nita Restaurant,
2684 Shaffer Rd., Atwater**

WHO: Shriners & Ladies



The officers of the Shrine Club really hope all members are well and plan to join us when it is safe to gather!

When we are able to meet, again, notices will be sent out!



**Have questions or need more information? Call: Rudy Perez 209-769-3962.
Shrine Club Officers for 2021: President,
Noble Rudy Perez; Vice-President, Noble Max
Madayag; Secretary/Treasurer, Vacant
(Bev Baker, Secretary, Pro-Tem)**



Ladies ~ You Are Invited



Your Hosts
First Lady Jean & Lady Kerri

Via Zoom
Monday, March 8th, 2021
Program 1:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting ID: 208 485 9416
Passcode: tehran

Note: If we have an email for you, we can send a reminder and link to the programs through Constant Contact. Call First Lady Jean to provide your email so that you don't miss any announcements. 559-246-9588

- * Below is the Bunco Card for the Program on March 8th, it will be available on the Tehran website to print.
www.TehranShriners.org/news-and-events
- * Ladies, you can use dice you already have or go to the APP Store on a smartphone and download the Dice Dice game.
- * Kerri will explain how to play the game when we get together on Zoom. Note this is a modified version that allows you to play as individuals.

TEHRAN SHRINE
FIRST LADY PROGRAM
BUNCO

Buncos_____

Birdies_____

Wins_____

Loses_____

First Bunco_____

Last Bunco_____

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2				
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MARCH 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Pageantry Practice	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Ladies Program - Bunco 1 pm Via Zoom	9 Temple Guard Unit/ Patrol Unit Mtg	10 Fresno Shrine Club Mtg Daughters of the Nile Mtg	11 Legion of Honor Unit/ Flying Shriners Club Mtg	12	13
14	15 Scottish Rite Bulletin Deadline	16 Clowns St. Paddy's Day Drive Thru Dinner 5:30-6:30 pm	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>  Nile Sewing	18 Roustabouts Club Mtg	19 Novkeps Unit Mtg OV	20
21 Daughters of the Nile Installation	22 Temple Belles Mtg	23 BOD Mtg "Board of Directors" 6:30 pm	24	25 Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club Mtg	26	27
28 Hillbillies Club Mtg	29	30	31			
Notes: BOD - Board of Directors; open to all Nobles OV - Potentate's Official Visit * Denotes Temple/Shrine Event ** Lady's Event; all Nobles' Ladies are invited to attend.						

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 Mar 8 Ladies Program - Bunco 1:00 p.m. Via Zoom
 Mar 9 Temple Guard/Patrol Mtg
 Mar 10 Fresno Shrine Club Mtg
 Mar 10 Daughters of the Nile Mtg
 Mar 11 Legion of Honor/Flying Shriners Mtg
 Mar 15 Scottish Rite
 Mar 15 Bulletin Submission Deadline
 Mar 16 Clowns St. Paddy's Day Drive Thru Dinner 5:30-6:30 p.m.
 Mar 17 Nile Sewing
 Mar 18 Roustabouts Mtg
Mar 19 Novkeps Mtg-OV
 Mar 21 Daughters of the Nile Installation
 Mar 22 Temple Belles Mtg
 Mar 23 BOD Mtg "Board of Directors" - 6:30 p.m.
 Mar 25 Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club Mtg
 Mar 28 Hillbillies Mtg



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APRIL 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Good Friday	3
4 Easter 	5 Pageantry Practice Tehran Shrine Stated Meeting* , Ladies Program**	6	7 Las Vegas (WSA) Fun Trip* April 7-11	8 Las Vegas (WSA) Fun Trip* April 7-11 Legion of Honor Unit/ Flying Shriners Club Mtg	9 Las Vegas (WSA) Fun Trip* April 7-11	10 Las Vegas (WSA) Fun Trip* April 7-11
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Apr 5 Pageantry Practice
 Apr 5 First Lady's Program - 1:00 p.m. Via Zoom
Apr 5 Tehran Shrine Stated Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
Apr 7-11 Las Vegas Fun Trip - WSA
 Apr 8 Legion of Honor/Flying Shriners Mtg
 Apr 13 Temple Guard/Patrol Mtg
 Apr 14 Fresno Shrine Club Mtg
 Apr 14 Daughters of the Nile Mtg
 Apr 15 Roustabouts Mtg
 Apr 15 Bulletin Submission Deadline
 Apr 16 Novkeps Mtg
 Apr 19 Scottish Rite
 Apr 20 Clowns Mtg
 Apr 21 Nile Sewing
 Apr 22 Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club Mtg
Apr 24 Clovis Rodeo Parade
 Apr 26 Temple Belles Mtg
 Apr 27 BOD Mtg "Board of Directors" - 6:30 p.m.



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You are cordially invited to:
The Tehran Clown's
St. Paddy's Day 2021
Drive Thru Dinner

Tuesday, March 16th
Shrine Center
Drive Thru - Pick Up
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

RSVPs
by Friday,
March 12th
2021



\$15.00 per Person
Corned Beef & Cabbage
of course!!



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