

NOVEMBER MESSAGE FROM THE POTENTATE



Greetings Nobles & Ladies,

Lady Amy and I are humbled by all the support we have received this year. Thank you, Lady Carol Pitts, for your graciousness and all your help this year and for putting on an AMAZING First Lady's Luncheon!

We have The Chief Rabban's Dinner coming up this month! If you haven't reserved yet make sure to get a hold of David Pitts or Carol Pitts!

This year has taught us that if you truly believe in something, no matter the obstacles put in front of us, we will persevere.

I would like the opportunity to thank Gordan & Dolores Keeton for always helping out in the background and doing an amazing job as Purveyor this year! Also I would like to thank Nobel Rowland "Row Boat" Trent and his lovely Lady Ladonna Sanchez for their participation and willingness to serve and help at almost every event we've had this year!

Our last Temple Function of 2024 is the Tehran Shrine Christmas/Thank You Party on December 7th, 2024 at 5PM. We will be having Chicken Parm with Pasta and Alfredo Sauce. Mixed Veggies with a Garden Salad with dressing and Garlic bread and Dessert. Please call the Shrine or Potentate for Reservations. Also we will have Guests from ASIYA Temple that night! Price of Admission is **FREE!**

Also this night we will be Dedicating Jane's Corner in a Ceremony in the Oasis on this night!

I would also like to take this time to thank the Divan, Our Recorder Illustrious Sir P.P. Mike "Oil Can" Nella and our Treasurer Robert "Boardwalk" Murdoch for stepping in and making this year possible with the help of Oren "Leatherhead" Daughtery and Illustrious P.P. Mark "Frown Buster" Dawson.

Thank you to Jonathan "Sweet Pea" Higgins for doing an amazing job on the Bulletin this Year!

Last but not least, Thank you so so much to Lady Sandra Dawson for getting our books in order and keeping them up to date helping tremendously. This year was made possible by all the unsung Heroes of our Beloved Shrine. Thank you so much for making Our Year Happen

Illustrious Sir,
Christopher J. Guillen



SHRINE CALENDAR

October 31 **HAPPY HALLOWEEN**



November 9 **CHIEF RABAN NIGHT**
See Flyer



November 11 **VETERANS DAY**
Porterville Parade.



November 28 *Thanksgiving*



December 7 **Christmas / Thank you Party**
See Flyer



FROM THE DESK OF CHIEF RABBAN



Greeting Nobles, Ladies and Friends,

It finally looks like the extreme hot weather is on it's way out. Thank goodness! Carol and I escaped somewhat by spending a month in our RV at Lake Wishon. It was beautiful in the Sierra National Forest. The trout fishing was excellent, and the weather was perfect for early morning hikes.

Thank you to everyone that attended and participated in the Ceremonial on September 14. Congratulations to our newest Nobles. We have received a stellar group of men and their ladies. A special thank you to LaDonna Sanchez for an outstanding dance performance. And new Noble Ericson Abuan's lady, Mary, for the delicious chow mein and chicken she prepared. Carol and I look forward to getting to know the newest group better at upcoming events.

Speaking of upcoming events: please mark your calendars for Shrine Octoberfest on October 19, 2024. Come eat, drink and be merry. And don't forget to RSVP for Chief Rabban night, Saturday, November 9, 2024. Carol and I can't wait to share our plans for 2025 with everyone. Check out the flyer in this bulletin. It has all the details.

Monday, December 2, 2024, will be our stated meeting and election of officers. Please plan to attend this very important meeting. This is your Shrine Temple, and all Nobles of Tehran should be present for any items that need to be discussed and voted on.

Fraternally,
Dave Pitts, Chief Rabban

Happy Thanksgiving!



FROM THE ASSISTANT RABBAN

2024 has been a great year and our Potentate Chris has worked hard to have great events. This last month the Past Potentate and Nobility Dinner was wonderful with steak, scampi, baked potato with all the fixings and a great dessert. The Clowns have been parading and Carol Pitts put on an outstanding 1st Lady's Luncheon, and now it's time to think about 2025.

Our Chief Rabban, David Pitts will be having his Chief Rabban's night on Saturday, November 9th and by now you should have received the invitation he sent. He has an exciting year planned to share with you, and I look forward to starting it off with this great event.

Christmas is just around the corner and with it comes the all the lights and decorations on Van Ness Avenue (Christmas Tree Lane). Our Past Potentate Jim Stahl and his lady Jennifer are again hosting a All Masonic Night for a ride down Christmas Tree Lane on Wednesday, December 18th. Save the date and a flyer will follow next month.

One of most rewarding part of my Shrine experience was serving on the Board of Directors for the Northern California Shriner's Hospital. I was extremely impressed with the dedication of our Doctors and staff and the state of the art treatment our patients receive. Not only do our doctors work on the physical problem but treat the whole child. While burns and other problems are visible on the outside the scars can go much deeper so we work to make our hospital a happy place to help erase those scars. We are to Orthopedic and burn problems what Danny Thomas's Saint Jude Hospital is to Cancer (Danny Thomas was also a Shriner). There is no charge to the patient or family and the child receives the highest quality care in the world. When you get a chance, go visit our hospital and it will make you proud to be a Shriner!

Our motto is FUN WITH A PURPOSE and our purpose is helping KIDS.

Fraternally,

Randy Forrester, PP
Assistant Rabban



HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET

Lot of stuff happening at the Shrine Center. Most of the Units and Clubs will be holding their elections this month. Our Chief Rabban will be holding his annual meeting, and we hope you come on down and see what Dave and Carol have planned for next year. Looks like a lot of fun stuff.

What's on the calendar (non-shrine stuff) for November and how did November get its name? Well, to start with, Thanksgiving! Deer season in Wisconsin runs from the Saturday before thanksgiving to the Sunday after the holiday. When I was going to high school, most of the boys did do-ahead schoolwork and got permission to miss school the 3

school days that week. Several of the teachers had substitutes. Yup, deer season in Wisconsin is a big deal.

I bought a thesaurus, but when I got home and opened it, all the pages were blank. I have no words to describe how angry I am.

November is the eleventh and penultimate month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars. Its length is 30 days. November was the ninth month of the calendar of Romulus c. 750 BC. November retained its name (from the Latin novem meaning "nine") when January and February were added to the Roman calendar. November's birthstone is the topaz (particularly, yellow) which symbolizes friendship and the citrine. Its birth flower is the chrysanthemum. Zodiac signs-Scorpio; October 23 to November 21, Sagittarius: November 22 to December 20.

Other November Observances: Lung Cancer Awareness Month, Military Family Month, National Impaired Driving Prevention Month, Daylight saving time ends (United States and Canada) on first Sunday, ELECTIONS DAY (Tuesday after first Monday), Great American Smoke out, Black Friday, Buy Nothing Day, Small Business Saturday, Sadie Hawkins Day.

When I told the contractor I didn't want carpeted steps, he gave me a blank stare!

Veterans Day (originally known as Armistice Day) is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans of the United States Armed Forces. It began, and now coincides with other holidays, including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, which are commemorated in other countries, marking the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

Quote of the day: "The person who says it cannot be done should not interrupt the person who is doing it." Also, "They succeed, because they think they can." Virgil-Poet (70-19BC)

Veterans Day is distinct from Memorial Day, a U.S. public holiday in May: Veterans Day commemorates the service of all U.S. veterans, while Memorial Day specifically honors those who have died while in military service. Another military holiday that also occurs in May, Armed Forces Day, honors those currently serving in the U.S. military. Additionally, Women Veterans Day is recognized by a growing number of U.S. states that specifically honor women who have served in the U.S. military.

Because it is a federal holiday, some American workers and many students have Veterans Day off from work or school. When Veterans Day falls on a Saturday then either Saturday or the preceding Friday may be designated as the holiday, whereas if it falls on a Sunday it is typically observed on the following Monday. Legally, two minutes of silence is recommended to be observed at 2:11pm Eastern Standard Time.

"Man is most nearly himself when he achieves the seriousness of a child at play." Heraclitus-Philosopher (544-483 BC)



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Not much has changed this month. The Webfez status count breakdown is as follows: Regular 221, Creations 10, Expired 9 for Gain of 1. Last year we had 217 Regular, Creations 18, Expired 10, 1 demit for a Gain of 7. As we have stated in previous reports, we received a Gold award which is given to those Shrine centers who had a positive net growth of one additional member to 2.99% net positive growth by the end of the year. To receive the highest award, Platinum, a Shrine center must achieve a 3% increase in Membership. Humm, I guess I'm going to call Imperial and ask about the requirements of the Platinum award as our numbers indicate we had a 3.125% increase. Will let you know in future bulletins where my figures are off. Now for the disturbing numbers: The Webfez delinquent report shows there are 21 Shriners who have not paid their dues (some paid the wrong amount) of which 4 are projected to be suspended at the end of the year. Look at your dues card (it's on Webfez) and see if you are current. Also, it's time to submit your dues for next year, \$135.00. As I stated earlier this year, we are all on the membership committee. Let's end the year with greater growth than last year. To do so we need to get at least 10 more members and that is not considering that the black camel could visit us again before the end of the year.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Wayne Schwartz

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CANDIDATE FOR ASSISTANT RABAN

Hello Nobles and Ladies, my name is Jason Weiner. I wanted to introduce myself as I will be running for the office of Assistant Rabban for Tehran Shriners. I was raised in a "Shrine family" and have been around the shrine my entire life. My father, Ron Weiner, was Potentate in 1984 of Tehran Shriners and my brother, Brent Weiner, is also a member of Tehran Shriners. I have supported Shriners Hospitals for over 30 years and have a passion for athletics and helping kids. My wife Zuly, the love of my life, and I meet in line at Panera while getting lunch. We have 2 great boys, CJ and Nic, and live in Yosemite Lakes near Chukchansi. I have listed some information about myself and my background with shrine below.

- Born and raised in Fresno, Ca.
- Raised in Las Palma Lodge in 1991 at the age of 21, then joined Tehran Shriners in 1992 during the Potato Bowl Ceremonial in Bakersfield California.
- Became a member of the Clown Unit in 1995 and joined the Order of Quetzalcoatl in 1998.
- Game Week Manager with the East West Shrine game for 15 years. The final two years I was a member of the Board of Directors for the game.
- Appointed to the Imperial Athletic Committee and served for 17 years at the request of the Imperial Potentate. We oversaw 42 Shrine Sporting Events throughout North America.
- I have been blessed to have attended dozens of Western Shrine and Imperial Shrine Sessions.

Fraternally, Jason Weiner

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 November 13th 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 November 11th

Please call or text Terre at 559- 458-9114 or email (me4pekes@yahoo.com) to make your reservations.

TEHRAN SHRINE WALL OF FAME



Wall of Fame, located on the outside of the Main Hall between the two sets of double doors.



Order Now!

Nobles & Ladies;

You have an amazing opportunity to purchase one or more stone rectangles in recognition of Shriners, Friends or Family. Orders being taken now!

Thank you,

*Wayne Schwartz
Membership Committee*



Cost: \$125.00 each

Lines & Characters: 3 lines, 18 characters/spaces each

Order Contact: P.P. Mark Dawson - dmdawson@webdawsons.com

Questions: Contact Mark Dawson 559-643-1956

You are invited!



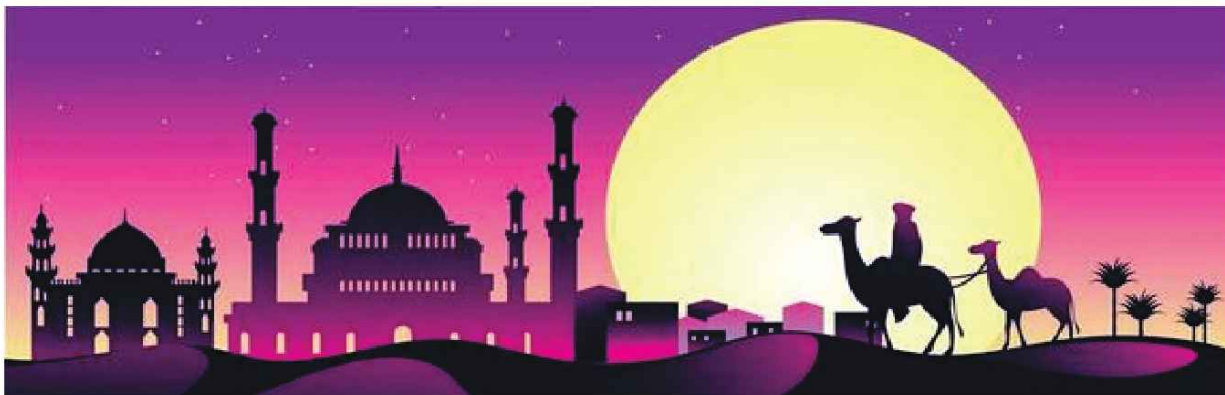
Saturday, November 9th, 2024
Social - 5:30 pm / Dinner 6:30 pm
Tehran Shrine Center
5407 E. Olive Ave
Fresno, CA 93727

Cost: Free

RSVP To: David Pitts, Chief Rabban
Phone, (559) 906-5064
Email, dpitts01@icloud.com



Please join Carol and me to hear about all the fun and exciting events we have planned for 2025. The 2025 Shrine calendar will be available and sample shirts with the 2025 theme will be on display and available to order. We will tell you about the two wonderful trips we will take in 2025. And the best part will be the Free dinner, prepared by Tehran's great chefs. We hope you can join us and meet the team for 2025. RSVPs are necessary so we know how much food to prepare.



Tehran Shrine
POTENTATE'S
Christmas
& Thank You Party
Saturday, Dec 7th

Illustrious Sir, Chris would like to thank all the Nobles and Ladies for the support you have shown for Tehran Temple and our Potentate, by inviting all of you to come enjoy the holiday Season by having a delicious dinner and joyous Christmas cheer with your Friends and family.



And best of all, the entire evening is

*Absolutely **FREE***

Chicken Parmesan, pasta alfredo, garden salad, garlic Bread and Desert With eggnog, and all your favorite refreshments.

Maybe Santa will even show up. Call the Shrine at 559 251 1991 or the Pote at 559 519 9678 for reservations. We will also be dedicating Jane's Corner in the Oasis room

Dress will be ugly Christmas sweaters or festive attire

PARTY STARTS AT 5:00 PM DINNER 6:00 PM

TEHRAN SHRINE CLOWNS



SPRINGFIELD ARMORY
HELLCAT PRO OSP
9MM BK10+1 CA

GUN RAFFLE

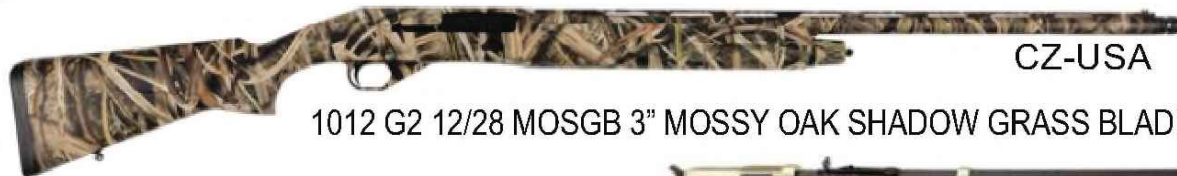


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CZ-USA
1012 G2 12/28 MOSGB 3" MOSSY OAK SHADOW GRASS BLADES



HENRY REPEATING ARMS
GOLDENBOY 22 LR LARGE LOOP
BL/WD LARGE LOOP LEVER

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

**TICKETS AT \$20 EACH OR
6 FOR \$100**

To purchase ticket(s) Contact any Clown or call Wayne Schwartz at 559-240-1232

**Drawing Limited To 400 Tickets
Do Not Need To Be Present To Win
Must Be 21 Years Old To Purchase Drawing Tickets
Winner Can Select The Gun Of Their Choice From Five (5) Options
Maximum Gun Value Not To Exceed \$800**



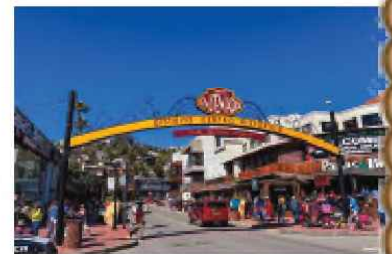
2025



With David Pitts & Lady Carol

4 Night Catalina and Ensenada Cruise

**April 28-May 2, 2025
Round Trip Los Angeles**



Quick Facts:

1. Round trip LAX **Royal Caribbean Cruise** on the **Navigator of the Seas**.
2. Cost includes room and taxes per person only. Transportation to LAX, insurance, extra amenities, prepaid gratuities are additional.
3. Deposit of \$100.00 **NON-REFUNDABLE** due to hold your space.
4. Final payment due February 1, 2025.
5. Triples and Quads based on availability along with other categories.

INSIDE based on double 4V

\$387.01 room and taxes per person

OUTSIDE based on double 2N

\$595.01 room and taxes per person

BALCONY based on double 2D

\$784.01 room and taxes per person



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In 2025 with
David Pitts & Lady Carol



*Shriner's of Fresno
Royal Caribbean 4 Night Catalina Ensenada Cruise
April 28-May 2, 2025*

COMPLETE NAME AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT

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COPY OF PASSPORT *(please send me a copy)..* or notarized copy of birth certificate
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