

# TEHRAN TEMPLE



Shriners International

BULLETIN

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## APRIL Potentate's Message

The second "all" Shrine dinner occurred on Friday, February 24, at the Shrine Center. Our Temple Belles and our Novkeps worked together to present a gastronomic event to rival any restaurant in Fresno! Our newly renovated kitchen was the star of the show! Thank you to DG **Travis Cantrell**, Recorder **Jim Stahl** and many of you who helped with this project!

Temple Guard and Patrol had their Official Visit in Dunlap, CA, at the cabin of **Gary and Nancy Campbell**. A good time was had by all at this Blossom Trail picnic!

Flying Shriners and Legion of Honor met Thursday, March 9, at Buddy's Smokehouse-N-Grill in Clovis – a fun place to have a meeting and an Official Visit! The ribs are great!

The Clowns Official Visit was held at **Wayne Schwartz's** home on Tuesday, March 21. Great corned beef was the faire and Director **Bryan Kincade** did an admirable job of entertaining this stag event.

The Temple Belles meeting on Monday, March 27, was attended by yours truly to thank these ladies for all their help throughout the year. President **Betty Veffredo** runs a tight ship and the ladies appreciate her!

During February, the **Property Management Advisory Board** met with a potential renter of our kitchen as an independent caterer. Your **Board of Directors** heard from this committee at their meeting on Tuesday, February 28, and agreed to continue this idea of renting our kitchen to someone who would be responsible for our physical inventory and provide services to our clubs and units at reduced costs. At that meeting, it was agreed that the Board of Directors had the power to sign any possible resulting contracts in an effort to increase the income to the Temple. At negotiations where I have been present, this income could be \$14,400 per year for the kitchen plus 60% percent of the hall rental, if utilized. This certainly would help cover the deficit we face due to the building costs.

Nobles, make it a New Year's Resolution to be active in the Shrine this year! Your Board of Directors, your Potentate and your Director General are excited about the events for this Shrine year. Watch for your newly formatted monthly bulletin for news about the coming events and book early to save your place! Enjoy your fraternity!

Tehran Shriners: "Having fun and helping kids"!

*Ron Obernolte, PP*

Potentate

# APRIL 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Laton Parade
2	3	4	5	6 WSA Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club Q	7 WSA	8 WSA
9 WSA	10 Shrine Stated w/Dinner *	11 Temple Guard Patrol	12 Fresno Shrine Club Nile Stated	13 Flying Shriners	14	15 Raymond Parade
16 <i>Easter</i>	17 Scottish Rite Stated	18 Clowns	19 Nile Sewing	20 Roustabouts	21 Novkeys	22
23	24 Knights of Mecca Temple Belles	25 BOD	26	27	28	29 Clovis Parade & BBQ *
30		NOTES: * denotes a Temple Event Financial Mgmt & Property Mgmt Advisory Boards meet every 3rd Tuesday BOD open to all Nobles				

# MAY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Q	5	6 Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club OV
7 Hillbillies	8	9 Temple Guard Patrol	10 Fresno Shrine Club Nile Stated	11 Flying Shriners	12	13 Nobility Ball *
14	15 Scottish Rite Stated	16 Clowns Tin Lizzies	17 Nile Sewing	18 Roustabouts	19 Novkeps OV	20
21 Nile Fiesta	22 Temple Belles	23 BOD	24	25	26	27
28	29 <i>Memorial Day</i> Knights of Mecca	30	31			
		NOTES: * denotes a Temple Event Financial Mgmt & Property Mgmt Advisory Boards meet every 3rd Tuesday BOD open to all Nobles				

# TEHRAN SHRINE CENTER

DATE: APRIL 10TH, 2017

TIME: 6:30 PM

## Stated Meeting and DINNER

PLEASE CALL WITH YOUR  
RESERVATION FOR DINNER  
559-251-1991

*Suggested donation for Dinner \$8.00*

PLEASE CALL THE  
RECORDER, JAMES STAHL  
PP, @ 559-251-1991

STATED MEETING



## **FIRST LADY'S PROJECT-2017**

**My project for 2017 is the purchase of a SARA COMBILIZER for the Northern California Shriners Hospital.**

The Sara Combilizer is a patient mobilizer that will improve nursing and physical therapy's ability to mobilize critical care patients earlier, while ensuring optimal safety for both patient and staff. Safe Patient Handling and Early Mobilization are regulatory requirements. The usage of this equipment would assist in early ambulation for spinal fusions and critical burns over the age of six. Early mobilization decreases falls, delirium, pneumonia, ventilator days and hospital length of stay. Without the proper equipment to support the patient, staff is unable to safely support the patient during mobilization without risk for injuring both patient and staff member. The cost for this equipment is \$17,800. It is my hope, that together, we can make this a reality for the Northern California Shriners Hospital.

Please send your donation to Tehran Shriners, 5407 E. Olive Ave., Fresno, CA 93727 and indicate "First Lady's Project" in the "Memo Area" of your check. You can also call the Shrine Office at 559-251-1991 to charge your donation if this is more convenient.

Thank you for your support!

*Dale Obernolte*  
2017 Tehran Shrine First Lady



FRESNO SHRINE CLUB  
"Have Lunch With Your Friends"  
Potentate's Official Visit

DATE: Wednesday, April 12, 2017

TIME: 12 Noon Social (No Host)  
12:30 Lunch

DRESS: Men Casual  
Ladies Casual

PLACE: Yosemite Falls Cafe in Granite Park  
4020 N. Cedar Ave halfway between Dakota and Ashlan  
Behind Me and Ed's Pizza Restaurant

PRICE: \$17.00 per person

**RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!!!** Please call Judy Hershey at 559-255-2672.

If no answer please leave a message. Please call in your reservation by  
Monday, April 10.

We will have 4 or 5 lunch choices set up by Yosemite Falls. The choices will be such that they are require about the same amount of preparation so all can be served at close to the same time. The choices will be the same or similar to what we have previously had.

PLUS:

Choice of soup or Salad  
Choice of potato or rice  
Beverage and dessert included.

We hope to see you there!  
Shrine Club Officers

President: Richard Hershey  
Vice President: Orron Dougherty  
Treasurer: Ralph Takakjian  
Secretary: John Techman

# MERCED-MARIPOSA SHRINE CLUB

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 27, 2017 6 pm Social**

**(Order dinner from menu) 7 pm Meeting**

**WHERE: LaNita's Restaurant, 2682 Shaffer Rd., Atwater**

**WHO: Shriners & Ladies-Nobles, bring a Brother**

**Mason & Lady**

**Easter Bunny may leave an after Easter treat for all!**

**For more information call Ray 209-769-7917 or**

**209-358-2769**



HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE

**Upcoming Merced-Mariposa Shrine Club Events:**

**Saturday, April 22, 2017—Fizz Breakfast & Potentate's O.V.**

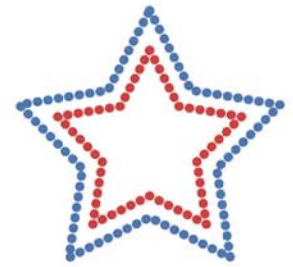
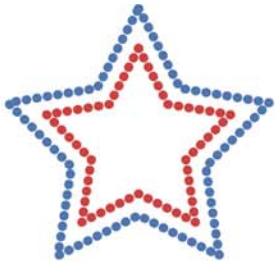
**Saturday, April 29, 2017—Clovis Parade & BBQ**

**Thursday, May 25, 2017—Stated Meeting**

**Thursday, June 22, 2017—Stated Meeting**

**July & August, 2017—Dark**





Please join us in supporting the  
Daughters of the Nile–Supreme Session 2019 Fund  
and our very own

*Supreme Princess Badoura--Dale Obernolte, P.Q.*

Sunday May 7th, 2017  
4:30 pm–Doors open  
5:00 pm–Dinner  
Shrine Center–5407 E. Olive Avenue, Fresno

You will enjoy an all inclusive dinner of:  
BBQ beef, chili beans, potato salad, cole slaw,  
garlic bread, beer, wine, and bread pudding for dessert

All this for just \$20.00 a person

50/50 Drawing and a Boutique for your shopping pleasure

Please send checks made out to “Supreme Session 2019 Fund”  
and mail to: Pr. Lisa Marzullo-1 1378 N. Calmante Way, Fresno, CA 93730  
Any questions? Feel free to call Lisa at 559-269-1056

Net proceeds to benefit Daughters of the Nile Supreme Session 2019 Fund

Please cut and return the below segment with your reservation

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ # of dinners \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sorry, I can't attend, but here is a donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you all for your support and we hope you can join us!

# *Save the Date*

## *Mobility Ball*

*Evening of Saturday, May 13, 2017*

*San Joaquin Country Club*

*Look for your Invitation by Mail*

## *Tehran Shriners*

*luncheon honoring*

*First Lady*

*Dale Oberholte*

*Saturday, June 3, 2017*

*Details Coming Soon!*

### **News from Shriners International:**

Note that a complete copy of the 2016-2017 General Order No. 1 is available on our website. Go to: [www.tehranshriners.org](http://www.tehranshriners.org) and click on Bylaws from the main page. From there you'll see a link to the General Order No. 1.

Please pay particular attention to the section on Fundraising Activities, which is found on page 41 of the Order.

## **An Excerpt from General Order # 1-Fundraising Activities**

It is natural to associate the fez with Shriners Hospitals for Children. Because of this, meticulous attention must be given to all fundraising activities, including circuses, to make certain that such activities comply with the law of the land and that a contributor is not led to believe that his money will be used for the Hospitals when all or a portion thereof will be used otherwise. The integrity of our charity and of our fraternity must remain above reproach.

Your specific attention is called to the following fraternal and charitable bylaws: §335.3 Use of Name "Shriners Hospitals For Children." The use of the name "Shriners Hospitals for Children" or reference to the Hospitals in connection with any fundraising activity by a temple or Noble without the written consent of the Imperial Potentate and the chairman of the board of trustees of the Hospitals is prohibited. §503.11 Commercial Use of Name. The use of the name "Shriners Hospitals for Children" or reference to the hospitals in connection with any commercial product or business enterprise is prohibited unless the written consent of the boards of directors and trustees has been first obtained.

**Now, therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

### **1. Fundraising for Fraternal Purposes:**

(a) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations, shall engage in any fundraising activity without the express written consent of the potentate of the temple having jurisdiction thereof.

(b) There can be no representation, express or implied, that the proceeds will be for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

(c) The temple potentate shall carefully examine all phases of the advertising, promotion and solicitation to determine that it complies with §335.3 and §503.11 of the fraternal and charitable bylaws and that there is no representation, expressed or implied, that would lead a reasonably prudent person to believe that the proceeds will be for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children. If the potentate is in doubt, he must receive the opinion of the Imperial Potentate who, after consultation with the Director of Temple Accounting, shall make the final determination.

(d) The temple potentate must approve the terms and provisions of any contract for a fundraising activity after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, and, additionally, as may be required by the temple bylaws. 42 43

(e) A copy of the temple potentate's written consent shall be mailed to the Executive Vice President, Shriners International. Further, such written material pertaining to the fundraising activity, as requested by the Executive Vice President, Shriners International, shall be promptly mailed to him.

### **2. Fundraising for Charitable Purposes:**

(a) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations shall engage in any charitable fundraising activity other than for Shriners Hospitals for Children. Permission therefor must be first obtained in writing from the temple potentate. The temple potentate must then obtain written permission from the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees. This request for written permission shall be sent to the Executive Vice President, Shriners International, P. O. Box 31356, Tampa, FL 33631-3356. No charitable fundraising activity shall be held in the jurisdiction of another temple without the written permission of the potentate of that temple.

(1) A joint charitable fundraising activity with another 501(c)(3) charity may be authorized, provided that a minimum of 50% of the net proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children, and the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees determine, on a case by case basis, that it is in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children and they grant their written permission for the activity.

(2) A charitable fundraising activity conducted by a temple located outside of the U.S.A. may be authorized for other charities, provided that the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees determine, on a case by case basis, that it is in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children and they grant their written permission for the activity.

(b) All Shrine temples and their units, Shrine clubs, Shrine Associations and their units and Imperial Sessions of Shriners International are prohibited from engaging telemarketing firms and direct mail firms to assist with fundraising for Shriners Hospitals for Children. Any existing contracts may be completed, but not renewed. No new contracts are permitted without first obtaining written permission from the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees.

(c) 100% of net proceeds (as defined in the Charitable Fundraising—Approval And Reporting provisions of this General Order) from charitable fundraising must be given to Shriners Hospitals for Children except for such portion thereof as may be permitted to be retained for the temple Shrine Hospital Patient Transportation Fund, pursuant to the Special Purpose Funds provisions of any General Order. Provided, however, if the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees determine for good cause shown, that the law of the land requires that a portion of the net proceeds must be distributed locally, then they may, if they determine it to be in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children, grant their written permission for such distribution. The remaining net proceeds from charitable fundraising must be given to Shriners Hospitals for Children and may not be designated or restricted in any way other than for research at one or all of our hospitals.

(d) The temple shall report the result of each charitable fundraising activity within sixty days of the activity, pursuant to the Charitable Fundraising—Approval And Reporting provisions of any General Order.

(e) This section shall not apply to activities exempt under §335.4(b) of the bylaws of Shriners International.

(f) Each independent corporation or entity that receives the permission of the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees to raise moneys for Shriners Hospitals for Children, and which does not have its financial statements reviewed pursuant to §§334.6 & 337.8 of the bylaws of Shriners International, shall have its financial statements audited by a certified, chartered or licensed public accountant and shall submit such audit report to Shriners International within 120 days of the activity.

### **NEW REVISED 42 43 3. Statement of Purpose and Disclosure:**

(a) Every fundraising activity must contain factual information on its solicitation material, tickets, programs and documents, including all electronically transmitted material, regarding the use of the proceeds. Examples: "Proceeds are for the benefit of ( Shriners) ( Shrine club) activities." "Proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children."

(b) Every fundraising activity which is not entirely for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children shall prominently state on all solicitation material, including tickets, programs, documents and electronically transmitted material, that "payments are not deductible as charitable contributions."

(c) There must be compliance with the Revenue Act of 1987 provision of any general order by U.S. temples.

**4. Compliance with Applicable Laws:** It is the responsibility of the temple potentate, after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, to determine that there is compliance with all applicable laws in its jurisdiction for the temple's fundraising activities.

### **5. Financial Records:**

(a) The temple shall maintain detailed financial records pertaining to all fundraising activities involving Nobles, clubs, units, organizations of Nobles and affiliated and appendant corporations. Details of all revenues and expenditures shall be maintained in such financial records.

(b) The temple must retain such detailed financial records for a period of seven (7) years.

(c) There must be compliance with Financial Reporting on Charitable Funds and Activities provision of any General Order.

**6. Notification to Nobility:** A copy of the Fundraising Activities provisions of this General Order shall be printed in the temple publication at least once every calendar year. If there is no temple publication, then a copy shall be mailed to each Noble in the temple not later than the last day in March of each calendar year.

**7. Prior Permission:** Every Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, temple, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations is prohibited from entering into any telemarketing agreement or contract to raise money for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children without first obtaining written permission from the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees. This request for written permission shall be sent to the Executive Vice President, Shriners International, P. O. Box 31356, Tampa, Florida 33631-3356. 8. Discipline: Any officer, Noble or temple which violates a provision of Fundraising Activities is subject to discipline pursuant to the bylaws of Shriners International.



March 12, 2017

Tehran Shriners  
Attn: Ron Obernolte, David Coleman, Jim Stahl  
5407 East Olive Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93727

RE: Use of Facility and Insurance Coverage

Dear Gentlemen,

Per your request, we have reviewed the current insurance policy and who is defined as an "insured". This would include the organization, its members, and volunteers (the policy has more specific wording). Liability coverage is extended to sponsored events by the Tehran Shriners.

In the specific case of other non-affiliated Shriner groups that do not report to the Tehran Temple Shrine Center, it is our opinion that they are not to be considered an "insured" by the definition of the policy. Additionally, all Shriner groups or clubs that do not report financial information to be included on Tehran Shriners specific IRS Form 990 are not to be considered an "insured" as well.

Because of this reason, we advise that the Tehran Shriners require that a facility agreement be used. I have included a general paragraph that should be included in all agreements below:


**SUGGESTED HOLD HARMLESS WORDING**

The Tenant shall save Landlord harmless and indemnify Landlord from all injury, loss, claims, or damage to any person or property while on the used Premises, unless caused by the willful acts or omissions or gross negligence of the Landlord, its employees, agents, licensees or contractors. Tenant shall maintain with respect to the used Premises, commercial general liability insurance with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 for bodily injury or property damage from any one occurrence and name Landlord as additional insured. A certificate of insurance shall be delivered to the Landlord on or before the commencement date of the use of the premises by the Tenant.

**NOTE: WE ARE NOT ATTORNEYS AND THIS SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS LEGAL ADVICE. ALL CONTRACT WORDING THAT IS WRITTEN HERE SHOULD BE REVIEWED BY LEGAL COUNSEL.**

Upon review, please contact me with any questions or if the board would like me to discuss this in greater detail at the next meeting.

Thank you,

  
Tom Zarate CPA, AAI  
Jackson & Associates



OFFICE OF  
JOHN C. PILAND  
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT/COO  
813-281-0300

March 9, 2017

MEMBER  
ANSAR SHRINERS  
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

**Sent Via E-Mail to [dmdawson@webdawsons.com](mailto:dmdawson@webdawsons.com)**

Dobie M. "Mark" Dawson, Chief Rabban  
Tehran Shriners  
613 Centennial Drive, Apt. C  
Hanford, CA 93230

Dear Noble Mark:

Thank you for your inquiry with regard to whether the temple's current arrangement of having Ron Obernolte serve as a partner with the investment firm that is investing Tehran's funds while he is simultaneously serving as Potentate is permissible.

The short answer to this question is that as long as there is full disclosure of the relationship and the Potentate refrains from any participation as it relates to discussions and decisions related to the temple's investment funds, there is no provision in Shrine law which prohibits it.

The governing provisions of Shrine law as it relates to this question are found in section 210.7(b), (e), (f), and (g). The important considerations here are to be sure that no actions are taken by the Potentate which would put the Potentate's personal or business interests ahead of those of the temple. This can be done through full disclosure of any conflict of interest and by abstaining from participation in consideration of the matter to include refraining from voting and to include relinquishing the gavel during the consideration of any matters that may be a conflict. It is also important that the disclosure and the lack of participation of the Potentate in the consideration of these issues, as described above, should be reduced to writing and documented in the minutes and elsewhere.

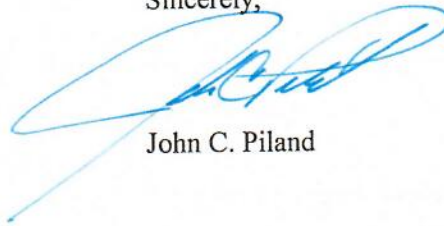
As long as the provisions of Shrine law cited above are followed, including the principles of disclosure and refraining from participation in consideration of questions in which there may be in conflict, it is not a problem for the temple or the Potentate. It is important, however, that great care be given in identifying any potential conflicts, acting appropriately when the conflict is identified, and documenting the specific actions taken to be sure that the records indicate that disclosure has been made and the Potentate is not involved with the consideration of questions where there may be a conflict of interest.

The question is a good and legitimate question. However, it does not appear that the relationships described above create a problem for the temple or the Potentate, if acting in a manner consistent with the principles described above. Hopefully, this responds in a productive way to the question you posed.

Please understand that this letter is not intended to be and is not in fact a ruling or order of Shriners International. Rather, it is intended to provide you with helpful guidance to the specific provisions of the bylaws of Shriners International which are relevant to the question posed. You are always encouraged to contact your temple attorney for the benefit of his advice as to how to properly address or handle this question.

If we can be of further assistance to you on this or any other matter in the future, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for being sure that the temple is being properly governed in a manner that embraces transparency and accountability.

Sincerely,



John C. Piland

JCP: alc

cc: Ronald P. "Ron" Obernolte, Potentate, Tehran Shriners  
James C. "Jim" Stahl, Recorder, Tehran Shriners

Noble John,

Allow me to express my appreciation for your response. Although the reply you provided matched expectations, having authoritative guidance should address completely the issue for any Noble of our Temple having lingering questions.

At the same time, I feel a need to express frustration with the process. As you may know, I elevated this issue to Imperial weeks and weeks ago, near the end of last year. My hope was to have a written response prior to Illustrious Obernolte's installation in January such that his term as Potentate would not have the shadow of this open question. Subsequently, I contacted Tampa repeatedly requesting an answer or at least an update on progress. Receiving your official response came unexpectedly as I couldn't even confirm research at Imperial was continuing. I appreciate that everyone in your office is, to quote an old movie, "Blessed with too much work." Perhaps, when backlogs are a reality, you can consider a better process for keeping those submitting inquiries informed and setting reasonable expectations regarding responses.

Thank you for your consideration and your time. See you in Daytona Beach!

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Chief Rabban  
Tehran Shrine  
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