

TEHRAN TEMPLE



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JONE Potentate's Message

The **Merced-Mariposa Shrine Club OV** in Atwater was quite a party! First Lady Dale received a check for \$1,780 from **President Rudy Perez** which represents 10% of the cost of a Sara Combilizer Patient Mobilizer used to improve nursing and physical therapy's ability to mobilize critical care patients earlier while ensuring optimal safety for both the patient and the staff. The brunch was spectacular with grilled steak and eggs. Thank you Nobles for a wonderful Saturday get-together!

The Nobility Ball was held at the San Joaquin Country Club in northwest Fresno. The event Chairperson was **Sloan Johnson**. She did an excellent job! The dinner was a great success and the party started early with flutes of champagne on arrival! **Past Potentate David Johnson** was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening and I thought he did a masterful job! The event was visited by six guests from Zelzah Temple including Potentate Michael Holmstrom and his Lady Bette and two guests from Asiya Temple including Oriental Guide Michael Castelan and his Lady Jana. Thank you all for coming! The evening's special presentation was from California Assemblyman Jay Obernolte and his Lady Heather: an Assembly Resolution honoring his Dad (me) and signed by himself and California Assemblyman Frank Bigelow. It has been a long time since I have been speechless but this was one of those occasions! Many thanks to all of you who attended this elegant event!

Our Special Stated Meeting on Tuesday, May 16, resulted in the formation of a new Capital Expense budget. This is a first and I cannot believe it took us 69 years to figure it out. Thank you Nobles for your support! The leasing of the kitchen was defeated even though it would have created an income of about \$23,000 and also would have paid the utilities and maintenance needs of about \$6,000 per year. If your club or unit would like to use the kitchen, have your club or unit president appoint someone to be trained in the use of our new equipment. A cleaning deposit will be necessary as well.

Nobles, make it a Shriners 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 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

From the High Priest and Prophet

Looking from the Inside Out

I was honored to be elected to the Divan this year, but I have received quite an education over the last 6 months. Membership in Masonry and the Shrine is continuing to decrease and at Tehran it is to a point where we will not be able to exist much longer. It has become painfully obvious why. Rather than our members coming together, to be involved, forgetting past and present personal irritations and working to solve the problems which face us, we continue to be divided by groups espousing their own personal interest without regard for Tehran or the Shrine system. Sadly the children we claim we wish to help, will ultimately be the ones to suffer. Based on our last meeting I doubt Tehran will be here for me to be Potentate in 2020. (Hey guys I already ordered the counterparts' shirt, and may have wasted my money.) As I sat up front I watched men, who I have always liked and respected, react inappropriately. These men had strong opinions based on false and incomplete information, and I was saddened by the shouting and putting down the Potentate when he tried to explain what we were trying to do. These actions were more characteristic of immature school children than that of intelligent Masons and Shriners working together to resolve a problem.

Tehran's membership has decreased to slightly over 300 with 65 members who have not paid dues in one or two years and 25 scheduled for suspension in December. Of that 300 there are also many who have life memberships and the earnings from those memberships do not cover the cost of their current dues. Our building is both an asset and a liability. If it is frequently used to provide fun activities that increase our membership and we derive income for its maintenance from rentals etc., it is an asset. Currently due to its lack of use and cost of maintenance, taxes, utilities and other expenses it is actually a liability. Illustrious Obernolte attempted to show the membership the actual cost of running Tehran and proposed a very realistic, but meager, budget which revealed that we were going in the red by about \$80,000 each year. With our current membership, even if all of our members paid their dues and the planned fund raising activities were successful, we will still be in the red. I spent over 6 hours in meetings trying to decrease our spending, but the amount of required spending on both the fraternal and building side left little to be cut. There is enough money left to last several years if we do nothing, but I would rather see us

be a good stewards of that money and try to grow the fraternity and help the children. Much of our money came from people who donated to us because of our support for our hospitals to help children. I do not imagine that the money was donated to support partying for the few of us that are left.

Enough about problems. Problems are not necessarily bad things but offer a chance to reevaluate who and what we are and offer the opportunity to work together to find solutions. I would like to see us get together in the afternoon several times a month to socialize, plot a course for our future and talk about solutions to any problem. This will offer the opportunity to make sure that everyone has correct and current information about what is happening and why it is happening. I would like to call on the experience of our past potentates and have them recommit and again run for office and join the Divan to share their knowledge and experience from the inside, rather than the outside. Men with a long time commitment to the Shrine and extensive business experience like Past Potentates Takakjian, Blosser, Techman, Robinson, Herrington and any others who would commit to being involved. There are also many exceptional men like Wayne Schwartz, Orron Dougherty, Ron McClain and many more who have always been the strength of Tehran. With their years of experience and ideas to help improve our fraternity to support the kids, they would be invaluable members of the Divan.

Through the years I have lost many friends to death, to which we will all eventually succumb. Many of us are getting older and it is unknown how much longer we have to try to help the kids and try to make the world a little better place for us having been in it. I am the eternal optimist and far too stupid to know when I have been insulted, and the only thing I want people to remember about me is that **I CARED**. In 2008 I had to leave the Shrine for health reasons and I was not sure how much longer I would be alive. If I ever have to leave again, I hope it is because I died and not because Tehran died.

Fraternally.

Randy Forrester, High Priest and Prophet

JUNE 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club <i>dark</i> Q	2	3 First Lady's Luncheon *
4 Hillbillies	5	6	7	8 Flying Shriners & Legion of Honor	9	10
11	12	13 Temple Guard Patrol	14 Fresno Shrine Club	15 Roustabouts	16 Novkeps	17
18	19 Scottish Rite Stated	20 Clowns	21	22	23	24 Crab Feed *
25	26 Knights of Mecca Temple Belles <i>dark</i>	27 BOD	28	29	30 Shrine Dinner * CANCELED	
		NOTES: * denotes a Temple Event Financial Mgmt & Property Mgmt Advisory Boards meet every 3rd Tuesday BOD open to all Nobles				

JULY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5	6 Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club <i>dark</i> Q	7 PNA	8 PNA
9 Imperial	10 Imperial	11 Imperial Temple Guard Patrol	12 Imperial Fresno Shrine Club	13 Flying Shriners	14 PNA	15 PNA
16 PNA	17 PNA Scottish Rite Stated	18 PNA Clowns	19 PNA	20 PNA Roustabouts DARK	21 PNA Novkeps	22 Clowns Summer Party
23	24	25 BOD	26	27	28	29
30	31 Knights of Mecca Temple Belles <i>dark</i>	NOTES: * denotes a Temple Event Financial Mgmt & Property Mgmt Advisory Boards meet every 3rd Tuesday BOD open to all Nobles PNA = Potentate not available				

MERCED-MARIPOSA SHRINE CLUB

HAS BEEN VERY BUSY!

Saturday, April 22nd Fizz Breakfast/Potentate's Official Visit



1st Lady Dale, Debbie & Rudy Perez , and Potentate Ron.



Dawsons & Simonets

Mercy's Annual Family Festival Saturday May 6th

Maddie Richards, a patient of our Northern CA hospital, came by our booth for a visit & hugs from all!

Shrine Club members Joycelyn & Ross Simonet, Larry Smith, Max Madayag, Rudy Perez, Bev & Ray Baker provided Shriners Childrens Hospital informational handouts to attendees.





Our Annual Crab Feed at the Shrine

Date: Saturday, June 24, 2017

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$50.00 per person

Menu: Crab – Pasta – Veggies – Bread

Bar will be open for drinks

Our event will be held indoors, with parking next to the Shrine Center. Seating will be limited, so be sure to buy your tickets early!

This has been a blowout event so far through advance reservations and sponsorships. Don't miss this terrific event which benefits our Shrine Center.

Mail checks to:

Tehran Shrine

5407 E. Olive Ave

Fresno, Ca. 93727

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Your tickets will be promptly mailed to you, upon receipt of your check.

***FINAL DATE TO PURCHASE A TICKET: JUNE 15, 2017
NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR***



PAGEANT OF THE MASTERS

BUS TRIP TO LAGUNA BEACH

AUGUST 13-15, 2017

BOOKING DEADLINE IS JUNE 15, 2017

Only 24 seats available!

Reserve your place by sending **\$100.00** per person to:

Tehran Shrine Office

5407 E. Olive Ave., Suite 102 Fresno, CA 93727

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT EITHER RON OR DALE OBERNOLTE

FRESNO SHRINE CLUB
"Have Lunch With Your Friends"

DATE: Wednesday, June 14, 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!!! Note different RSVP choices for this month:
Call: Madeline Kasabian at 325-0107 OR
Email Ralph Takakjian at: buckaroo123@att.net

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.

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



Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

I know where you will be on **Saturday, July 22nd**. At least I know where you will want to be...

The 147th annual Clown Summer Party!

As always, there will be great food, amazing entertainment, specialty drinks and a bit of silliness. So, right now (*while I have your attention*), grab your calendar and block out the date.

This year's celebration is one you won't want to miss!

Remember, keep smiling,

Bryan "Shades" Kincade

Clown Director

Tehran Shrine Clowns

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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

