

# TEHRAN SHRINERS BULLETIN

JUNE 2018



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Potentate**

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## A Note from your Potentate

They say April Showers bring May Flowers. I don't know if that's true, but May proved to be pretty bloom'n busy!

First we traveled to Atwater for the Merced-Mariposa Shrine Club's Fizz Breakfast and Official Visit. We enjoyed a wonderful meal (*steak, no less*) and a very exciting auction. I managed to fill the last bit of free garage space with my auction treasurers. Kudos to Larry Smith and Crew for arranging a really fun time!

Next we dined and danced the night away at the Nobility Ball. The venue proved to be top notch (*what a sunset!*) and the food was not to be missed. The Ed Burke Group kept the tunes hopping, and First Lady Sandy enjoyed the waltz she had been promised. Some people didn't want to leave, opting to stay nearly all night, but that's a story best told by Past Potentate Mike Nella. Many thanks go to Orron and Pat Dougherty for helping at every turn.

Then Tehran Shrine held its first Ceremonial in many a blue moon. Five new candidates and five Nobles (*yes, 10 total!*) experienced the wonders of our stage production, and they were rooted on by a crowd of over 70. Special thanks go out to Co-Directors Roger Wethey and Mike Nella (*for herding the Thespian cats*) and to the cast, crew and members of the Novkeps. We had such a good time that a Fall Ceremonial is now rumored.

But we're just getting started! Check out the following Bulletin pages for details of exciting upcoming events. Block space on your calendar (*now*) so not to miss any of the fun.

Why do we do it? ***Because we care!***

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FROM THE CHIEF RABBAN

# Shieks of the Desert Sands

My journey on the Hot Sands is continuing. Many challenges have been solved by the Caravan, we have encountered many ASPS and soft sand. As we ride across the desert, we have some camels who have no rider. As you probably know, Matt Dawson, Skyler Summers and Orron Dougherty, have decided to point their camel on a different trail. That leaves our Divan without riders for Assistant Rabban, High Priest and Prophet, Oriental Guide and Recorder.

So, the Shrine needs your help. If you have the heart to step up on your camel and drive to assist us in pitching our tent on the dessert sand. Please contact either Randy or myself. We realize this is a big step but Tehran could use a few good camel drivers.

Peace be with you!

Thomas F. Bailey



## FROM THE ASSISTANT RABBAN

Since my last article life has not slowed down. I had a total knee replacement April 23 and am doing great! On May 5th it was Pam and my pleasure to attend the breakfast and Potentate's reception in Atwater, wish Denise Crossland a happy birthday and attend the Nobility Ball that night (I even danced on my new knee). On May 12 we participated in the ceremonial welcoming 10 Nobles into the Shrine. This month we also attended the funeral for our Past Potentate Gene Bopp who was an outstanding Shriner, a wonderful friend and he is greatly missed.

On Saturday June 23, we will be having a MURDER MYSTERY DINNER at the Shrine center. If you have ever been to one, you know that a murder will take place and we will try to solve the murder over dinner. For those who wish to take a part, it is a costume affair for the main characters, but everyone is a participant to figure out "who done it". The cost for the evening is \$30.00 per person with the net proceeds going to support the Northern California Shriner's Hospital through our first ladies hospital project. This event is open to all Shriners and friends, Masonic or not, but probably is not appropriate for children. This is a great time to introduce your friends to the Shrine. Please send in your reservation to the Recorder as soon as possible so we can arrange for food and refreshments.

As I noted last month, if elected, and if Tehran still exists, Pam and I will be Potentate and First Lady in 2020. As we continue to lose the good men that made Tehran what is today, we need your direction and your help more than ever. The Divan is trying to put together some multi year plans so each of us does not start over each year and we will have a clear vision of where you want Tehran to go and how to get there. Please share YOUR vision with YOUR Divan members. Call or write down your thoughts and send them to us.

The future of our civilization rests with the children of today. Every child we help makes the future a little better. Like Lady Sandy's story this year about the starfish, we can't make a difference for all children but we can make a great difference for many!

It is Masonry's job to take good men and make them better. It is the Shrine's job to take good Masons and make the World better! So continue to let the good men you know about Masonry so they can become Shriners and we can continue to help the kids that need us so they can help make the world better. If you know someone who might be interested in Masonry or the Shrine, let us know so we can send them information and invite them to some of our functions.

Sincerely and Fraternaly.

Randy Forrester, Assistant Rabban



# **BBQ**

**Hosted by  
The Flying Shriners  
& Legion of Honor**



**Open to all Shriners, Family & Friends**

**When: Saturday, June 2, 2018**

**Time: 12:30 pm**

**Where: Shrine Temple on Olive Ave**

**Cost: \$20.00 Per Person**

**Menu: Meat, Beans, Salad, Bread, and Dessert**

**Drinks Included**

**RSVP by Tuesday, May 29th to**

**Mike Bowman 559-930-8269**

## JUNE 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 BBQ Hosted by Flying Shriners & Legion of Honor
3 Hillbillies	4	5	6 <i>Shriner International Awareness Day (June 6, 1876)</i>	7	8	9 <u>Walk for Love</u> *- Sacramento Hospital
10	11	12 Temple Guard Patrol	13 Fresno Shrine Club Nile Stated (Dark)	14 Flying Shriners & Legion of Honor	15 Novkeps	16
17 <i>Father's Day</i>	18 Scottish Rite	19 Clowns 6:30 pm Financial Mgt Board Property Mgt Board Insurance Advisory	20 Nile Sewing (Dark)	21 Roustabouts	22	23 <b>Murder Mystery Night</b>
24	25 Temple Belles Knights of Mecca	26 BOD	27	28 Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club (Dark)	29	30
		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.				

- Jun 2      BBQ - Hosted by Flying Shriners & Legion of Honor, Shrine Center
- Jun 3      Hillbillies - Shrine Center, 3:00 p.m.
- Jun 9      **Walk for Love - Sacramento Hospital**
- Jun 12     Temple Guard - Golden Restaurant
- Jun 13     Fresno Shrine Club - Yosemite Falls Restaurant, 12:00 p.m.
- Jun 14     Flying Shriners & Legion of Honor
- Jun 15     Bulletin Deadline
- Jun 15     Novkeps
- Jun 19     Clowns - Shrine Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Jun 21     Roustabouts
- Jun 23     **Murder Mystery Night - Shrine Center, 5:00 p.m.**
- Jun 25     Temple Belles
- Jun 26     Board of Directors Meeting - Shrine Center, 6:30 p.m.

## JULY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5	6	7
8	9	10 Temple Guard (Dark) Patrol	11 Fresno Shrine Club (Dark) Nile Ice Cream Social 6 pm	12 Flying Shriners & Legion of Honor	13	14
<u>15</u> <u>Imperial Session</u>	<u>16</u> <u>Imperial Session</u> Scottish Rite	<u>17</u> <u>Imperial Session</u> Clowns 6:30 pm Financial Mgt Board Property Mgt Board Insurance Advisory	<u>18</u> <u>Imperial Session</u> Nile Sewing (Dark)	<u>19</u> <u>Imperial Session</u> Roustabouts (Dark)	20 Novkeys	21 Clowns Summer Party
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- Jul 11 Nile Ice Cream Social - Las Palmas Masonic Center, 6:00 p.m.
- Jul 12 Flying Shriners & Legion of Honor
- Jul 15 Bulletin Deadline
- Jul 15 Imperial Session - Orlando, FL, July 15-19**
- Jul 17 Clowns - Shrine Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Jul 20 Novkeys
- Jul 21 Clowns Summer Party - Shrine Center
- Jul 24 Board of Directors Meeting - Shrine Center, 6:30 p.m.



David Coleman  
Raban of the Clan

## HEY CUZIN'S

Pa and I moved around the junk  
at the ole homestead so we  
could have a gatherin of the clan.

Hope you can come and join  
us on **SUNDAY, JUNE 3rd.**

Tehran Shrine Center  
5407 E. Olive Ave, Fresno

We will open up the summer moonshine  
around 3:00 and start serving vittles around  
4:30. We want to make sure we have enough  
vittles for everyone, so give a holler to cuzin  
"Ore'n" at the shrine center (251-1991) and let  
us know you are coming.

Cost is \$15.00 per cuzin.

So grab your hillbilly hat and come  
join the fun.

Louise Coleman  
Possum Queen

Come join the Hillbillies for some fun and good food.

Road kill prepared by  
Potentate Mark Dawson and 1st Lady Sandra.





PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 2ND ANNUAL

## **WALK FOR LOVE**

TO SUPPORT SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN  
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Saturday, June 9, 2018

8 a.m. - Walk registration and check-in begins

10 a.m. - 1.5-mile Walk begins

12 p.m. - Post-Walk BBQ and entertainment

Cost: \$25.00 includes Walk registration and Walk t-shirt

<https://lovetotherescue.org/events/walk-for-love-northern-california/>

Bus Transportation Will Be Provided on Saturday June 9th.

Bus is being provided at no cost by Past Potentate David Johnson.

First come, first served basis. To reserve your seat:

Contact the Recorder at 559-251-1991 or [Recorder@tehranshriners.org](mailto:Recorder@tehranshriners.org)



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# **FRESNO SHRINE CLUB**

**“Have Lunch With Your Friends”**

**This is the last meeting before our summer (July and August) break!**

**DATE:** Wednesday, June 13th

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

**DRESS:** Men Casual  
Ladies Casual

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

**PRICE:** \$17.00 per person

**Note this is different: Please call Orron Dougherty at 559-292-5316 to make your reservation.**

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

# MERCED-MARIPOSA SHRINE CLUB

***NEXT MEETING: NO SHRINE CLUB MEETINGS IN 6, 7, OR 8, 2018,  
A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO WORKED, BROUGHT ITEMS, OR JUST HAD  
BREAKFAST MAY 5, 2018, OFFICIAL VISIT!***

CLUB PRESIDENT LARRY SMITH MAKING PRESENTATION  
TO POTENTATE MARK & 1ST LADY SANDRA



HOPE DOROTHY, DALE, DAVID, & RON ENJOYED THE  
STEAKS & FIZZES!



RAY BAKER, CLUB SEC/TREAS., 1ST LADY SANDRA, POTENTATE MARK, CLUB  
PRESIDENT LARRY SMITH, ROSS SIMONET, P.P.

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH POTENTATE MARK FOR LIVENING UP OUR RAFFLE!**

**WE HOPE ALL WHO CAME TO THE ANNUAL FIZZ BREAKFAST HAD A GOOD  
TIME! COULD NOT HAVE HAD BETTER WEATHER!**



**PRESIDENT LARRY SMITH TALKING IT  
OVER WITH ROGER WITHEY**



# Set Sail *for* Disaster

## A Murder Mystery and Scavenger Hunt in Two Acts

*You have been invited* on a pleasure cruise by Captain Michael Von Ammon. The guest list includes a number of the Captain's friends, family members, and business associates, as well as the crew of the Captain's sixty-foot yacht, the Elizabeth May. Everyone is expecting an evening cruise replete with dinner, drinks, and dancing - they aren't expecting foul weather, the murder of the Captain, or a sudden shipwreck on a deserted island in the uncharted Caribbean.

**Saturday, June 23rd**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Tehran Shrine Center**

**5407 E. Olive Ave, Fresno**

**Cost: \$30.00 per person**

SET SAIL FOR  
*Disaster*



*Set Sail for Disaster* is a Murder-Mystery Party wherein the guest will take on the roles of Captain Michael Von Ammon and his guests and staff and play as those characters throughout the course of the event. At some point during the evening, one of the guests will be “killed” by one of the other participants, and the remainder of the evening will be spent piecing together clues in an attempt to determine who the murderer is. Food and drink will be provided.

Cost: \$30.00 per person

*Net Proceeds to be donated to the Sacramento Hospital  
through the First Lady's Project.*

For More Information Contact:  
Assistant Rabban Randy Forrester  
[AssistantRabban@TehranShriners.org](mailto:AssistantRabban@TehranShriners.org)

RSVPs due by: Wednesday, June 20th

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Linda (Randy's Office)  
559-292-6191

# Save The Date

Saturday, July 21st

for the

**"Fantastic"**

## Clown Summer Party

Saturday, July 21st

6:00 pm Social

7:00 pm Dinner

Steak and All the Trimmings

\$30.00 per person

Tehran Shrine Center

5407 E. Olive Ave, Fresno

*More information to come!*



CLOWNS

## Updates to Calendar Events

July 7th - Temple Fund Raising Event - Cancelled

September 1st-3rd - Cambria Weekend Cancelled

October 13th - Paso Robles Parade Weekend (Added)

October 20th - Oktoberfest (Date Change)



## Tehran Temple Guard Summer and Fall 2018

Fewer Dinners Out This Year but Better Company and Conversation

**Tuesday, June 12** is Chinese Food Night. Golden Restaurant in the Tower District has served us well for years. We'll go there again this year.

**Saturday, July 7** TBD - Temple Event Cancelled.

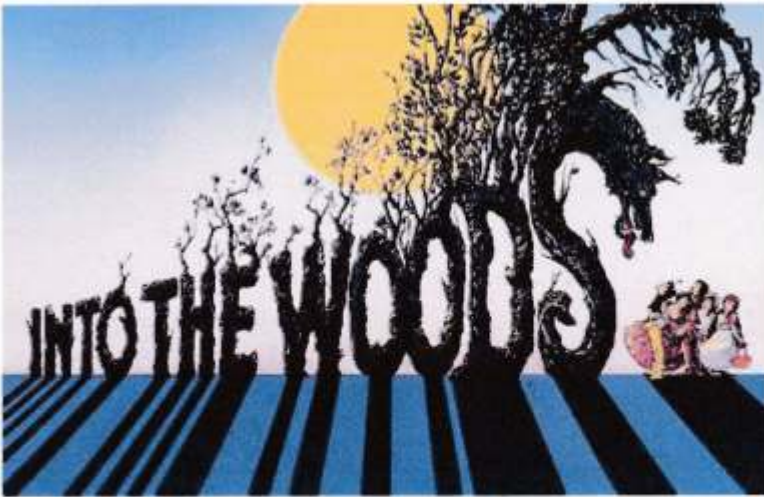
**Tuesday, August 14** will be a hot summer day so we should have a big heavy meal. The Shepherd's Inn on Santa Fe Street downtown is just the place. 6:00PM.

**Saturday, September 15** is the Shrine and Masonic Family Picnic. We'll do that because it will be fun. It is also our Shrine duty.

**Tuesday, October 9** will take us back to Andiamo's in Clovis. A nice romantic place with good food. Who could ask for anything more? 6:00PM.

**Tuesday, November 13** is another business meeting and our annual election of officers. We may have a nice catered dinner at the temple.

Gary Campbell  
Temple Guard Social Director  
Cell 559-355-9571



## Sheiks of the Desert Sands

For those Nobles who are caravanning with the Shrine to Roger Rockas Dinner Theatre on August 18, 2018. I have spoken with my contact there, for those of you who have season tickets, Dave said it would be cheaper for you to purchase the ticket because it is cheaper than the season ticket price.

In case you don't know about the play, it is a musical. Songs are from your favorite Nursery Rhymes. It is light hearted and full of suspense.

Cost of the ticket is \$55.00 per person.

Please write your checks to: Roger Rockas Dinner Theatre.

Tom Bailey needs all reservations and money by July 31, 2018.

Tables reserved are 11, 12, and 13. You can go to the web site and look at floor plan to see how great the tables are placed.

Tom Bailey, Chief Rabban  
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