

# TEHRAN SHRINERS BULLETIN



MAY 2021



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Potentate**

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# Greetings From:

## The Desk of Your Potentate



April is slowly coming to a close and we are heading into May with all the flowers starting to bloom. Almost time to store your jackets and get ready for summer activities. Some good news and some not so good, due to Covid I have to cancel my Thank You Breakfast on May 22, but may have it later.

The Grand Master has issued new guidelines to reopen which you should see shortly. Everything is based on which tier we are in and local and State directives. Some of the requirements are new and will require us to formulate a plan to slowly reopen with more added safety restrictions, so please stay tuned for updates and keep an eye on which tier we fall into each Tuesday. In the mean time we will continue to meet **ONLY** on Zoom until all restrictive requirements are lifted.

The Calendar of Events has changed quite a bit, so check and make the necessary notes. With the uncertainty of Covid fluctuations nothing can be scheduled for sure so please understand and bear with us. Hopefully we will move to a less restrictive zone as more are vaccinated and virus cases drop drastically.



I hope everyone is enjoying the Drive-By events the Tehran Clowns are doing to create Fun and Fellowship in these crazy times. They are working hard to provide us with great food and fun times. Many thanks go to the Tehran Shrine Clown Unit.

Noble Robert Murdoch and Noble Wayne Schwartz are working hard on putting together the Golf Tournament on June 26 at Madera Municipal Golf Course, so please jump on and call Robert or Wayne to reserve your spot.

# 1ST ANNUAL TEHRAN SHRINE GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Saturday, June 26, 2021**  
**Madera Municipal Golf Course**  
**23200 Avenue 17, Madera, CA**



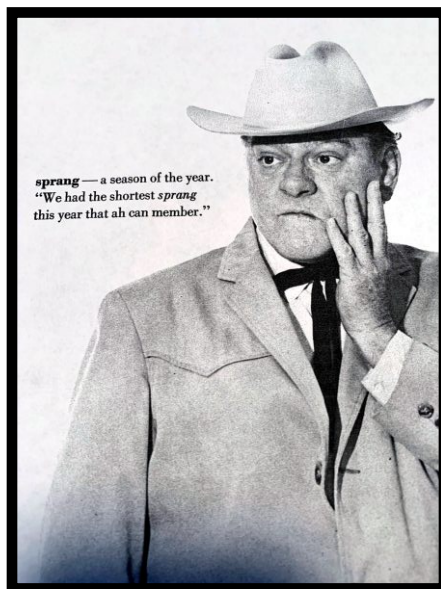
I hope everyone is staying healthy and happy. Our Sunshine Chairman, Noble Omer Durham, is working hard sending out cards. If you know someone who needs a little cheer, please let the Recorder know so we can get a nice card sent out to them.

We are here at the Shrine Center on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:30am to 1:30pm. If you are in the area stop by and I'll buy you a cup of coffee and we'll have a chat.

Please stay safe, and enjoy each and every day.

Fraternally and always your humble servant,

John L. Denton



# From the Desk of Assistant Rabban Wayne Schwartz

Are we seeing the light at the end of the tunnel? In parts of the country it appears to be the beginning of round 2 (or 3, maybe 4)! Our Grand Master has set down criteria for in-house meetings and we are in the process of attempting to meet the requirements and hope to start having person to person meetings and socials sometime after

the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. We have had 3 brother Masons contact us with an interest in becoming Shriners. How about that! If our color code keeps getting better, we should be able to have an initiation ceremonial in late summer or early fall. So, get out there and shake the bushes and get a couple of candidates.

Some years ago in the San Francisco Chronicle there was a short column by Herb Cain. I do not remember what it was called, but it was always something of interest or funny, very funny (to me). One of them was "Something to think about when you are shaving in the morning - Have you ever wondered what a crowded elevator smells like to a midget?"



The clowns are having a "Cinco de Mayo chicken enchilada dinner (drive thru) on Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of May. Give me a call and order a few.

Hey, do you know the story of Cinco de Mayo? Years ago mayonnaise was shipped from England to Mexico on the transport of the day-the big sail boats. One day, while trying to get into port during a violent storm, the boat carrying the mayonnaise ran aground on large rocks at the entrance to the harbor. It had been awhile since a boat had dropped off their mayo so there was a large crowd of locals at the pier waiting for the boat to dock. When they saw the ship hit the rocks and started to sink they started yelling “Cinco de Mayo”. Now you know the whole story.

OK, what else is going on in May. Of course one of our very patriotic days is Memorial Day, May 31. Wikipedia states “ **Memorial Day** (previously, but now seldom, called **Decoration Day**) is a [federal holiday in the United States](#) for honoring and mourning the military personnel who have died in the performance of their military duties while serving in the [United States Armed Forces](#).

The holiday is [observed](#) on the last Monday of May. The holiday was formerly observed on May 30 from 1868 to 1970. There is much more information about Memorial day on Wikipedia, look it up.



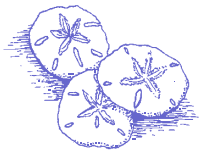
If you see someone from the American Legion or VFW selling poppies, stop and buy one.



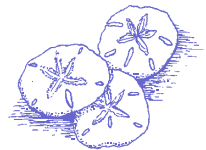
One of my favorite poems (written by John McCrae, a Canadian army doctor, following the death of his close friend and compatriot Lieutenant Alexis Helmer)

### ***In Flanders Fields***

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.  
Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.*



# First Ladies 2021 Project



## Assistive Devices Helping Children Reach Their Life Goals

Once again, I ask, have you seen the **First Lady's Goal Chart** lately at the Temple? The **First Lady's Goal Chart** has now reached the **\$2550** plus mark, all because of **YOU**, the members of Tehran Temple! I can't say **"Thank You"** enough for supporting the **"Assistive Devices Service Project"**.

The **Ladies** of Tehran Shrine met again, on Monday April 12, 2021 and had a **"FUN in 2021"** time, watching on Zoom, **Tehran Temple's World-Famous Cook Former First Lady Jeri Techman and grand daughter Cashel**. They demonstrated, step by step, how to make a **"HOT & COLD"** recipe that you can take to any gathering. **Thanks Lady Jeri and Cashel for a FUN afternoon**, our mouths were watering by the time it was over! Jeri also shared the recipes afterwards. A special **"Thank You"** to **PP John Techman, PP Mark and Lady Sandra Dawson** for all the technical portion of the program. The next Ladies Program will be **BUNCO** with **Hostess Lady Kerri Gans on May 10, 2021, at 1 PM**. Then on **June 14, 2021**, we will learn to **"Line Dance"** with instructor **Lady Jane Gamonian**. **Potentate John**, is working on an opening plan, following the guidelines set down by Grand Master Art Weiss. If all goes well and following the guidelines, we may be able to **"Boot Scoot and Boogie"** all over the dining room along with those who may need to zoom.

I am still hoping for a **GOAL of 50 Lap Quilts** to present to the **Northern California Shriners Hospital** by the end of the 2021 year. I am excited to announce that I now have 36 Lap Quilts to present, so far this year. Do you quilt or know someone who does that would like to help? I would love to have more donations of **"Lap Quilts"** for the children. The Shriners Hospitals send each child home with a quilt when they are discharged from the hospital. This is such a special gift that belongs to them and only them.

**Where Hope & Healing meet, Compassion & Expertise come together, and Lives are Changed,**

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

*2021 First Lady, Jean Denton*



# Ladies ~ You Are Invited



*Your Hosts*  
*First Lady Jean & Lady Kerri*

**Via Zoom**  
**Monday, May 10th, 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



# May 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.*

**Russell B. Adams**

**Richard E. Morehead**

**John Gahvejian**

**Ronald S. Nelson, M.D.**

**Roger C. Allison**

**Jerry F. Tabor**

**Clyde R. Johnson**

**Gary A. Skopp**

**Joel Wallace**

**Ross A. Simonet, P.P.**

**Frank L. Gann Jr.**

**Gordon D. Keeton**

**Gary D. Schmall**

**Enrique G. Perez**

**David S. Kelley**

**David S. Dougherty**

**Skyler J. Summers**

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# Virtual Walk for Love

## Every Step You Take, Is A Step Toward Hope and Healing



Our fifth annual Walk for Love is virtual once again! Join us June 12 through June 19, walk, roll, run, bike or stroll from anywhere! However you travel, your steps and miles will advance you along the virtual map of Sacramento. Powered by the MoveSpring app, this 8-day, 20-mile journey is open to everyone. Registration fees associated with the event help us to provide life-changing care to the kids who depend on us.

**When** - Saturday to Saturday June 12-19, 2021

**Where** - Anywhere you want to walk, roll, run, bike, or stroll and at any time!

- As part of exercise or as a course of your day
- At work and at home
- Around the neighborhood or on errands

**Cost** - Registration Fee is \$35  
Patient Registration is Complimentary

All participants receive a registration swag box, by mail or pick-up

**How** - Registration includes a link to the MoveSpring App (FREE) which can be used on your mobile phone or computer.

### Additional Information

The WALK FROM HOME Walk for LOVE is a health and fitness event open to everyone and appropriate for all ages. All proceeds from registration fees benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children — Northern California, helping to assure all children requiring specialized treatment receive the expert care they need, from birth to 18 years of age, regardless of the families' ability to pay.

This virtual experience can be enjoyed on a mobile phone or computer – and includes a chat feature for friends and family also participating on the course. Steps accumulate any time you are using a fitness tracking device (mobile phone or commercial device) or may be manually entered using the website. You participate at your pace, on your schedule and at any time, anywhere!

TEHRAN TEMPLE BELLES  
QUILT RAFFLE

Tehran Temple Belles invite you to participate in a raffle to own this lovely quilt made by our First Lady Jeanie Denton to benefit Tehran Temple Belles and Lady Jeanie's Project.

The quilt is the Royal Gems pattern and is 48" X 64"



Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00

For tickets contact

Lady Jane Gamoian (559) 299-3627

Lady Kerri Gans (559) 449-1950

Or any Temple Belle

The drawing will be held at the

First Lady's

Luncheon

On November 13, 2021



## MERCED-MARIPOSA SHRINE CLUB



**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 23, 2021**

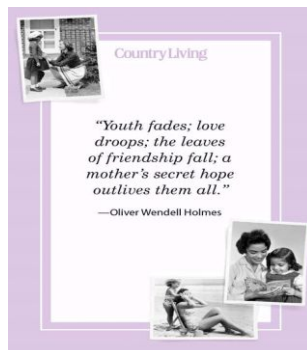
Yes, you read that right. Merced-Mariposa Shrine Club will not have a meeting until September 23, 2021. Members plan to host the Tehran Potentate & First Lady, John & Jean Denton, for the Potentate's Official Visit at that meeting.

Looking for a day trip? Castle Air Museum outdoor exhibits are on display and, there is a nice brewery very close by, 1930 Airdrome Entry, Atwater, called the Blaker Brewery – Tarmac. It is open at 4 p.m. On the Landing Zone, right next to The Tarmac are a variety of food trucks, especially on Friday & Saturday evenings. (My favorite is the Bangin' Box. Love the fried shrimp! )

Club members, be thinking of taking a club office. The club needs President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer.

***BE WELL! BE SAFE! BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER—  
IT'S THE SHRINE THING TO DO!***

*Mother's Day, May 9th, 2021*



# 1ST ANNUAL

# TEHRAN SHRINE

# GOLF TOURNAMENT



**Saturday, June 26, 2021**

**Madera Municipal Golf Course  
23200 Avenue 17, Madera, CA**

Proceeds will go to help Tehran Shrine of Fresno in their efforts to help locally sponsored Shrine Children. Tehran has and continues to help & assist children so that they may receive the medical assistance they need via Shriners Hospitals for Children in Sacramento, CA.

Proceeds of this event is for the Benefit of Tehran Shrine. Payments are not deductible as a charitable contribution.

## **4-Person Scramble**

**\$125 per Player Entry Fee Includes:**

Greens Fees, Cart, Range Balls, 2 Drink Tickets,  
Dinner at an Offsite Location  
(\$100 per person, without dinner)

Included in the Above Fees:

Putting Contest, Longest Drive with a 9 Iron,  
Closest to the hole (Toilet Seat)

Additional Contest:

Closest to the Hole on a Par 3  
\$20 to Enter, Winner gets 50%  
of all monies Collected for this contest.



All Individual & Team Prizes will be awarded at the dinner.

Dress Code: No Denim

Men - Collared Shirts, Shorts Min. 6" Inseam

Women - Shorts No Shorter than Mid-Thigh, Shoulder Straps Min 3" Wide

# 1ST ANNUAL TEHRAN SHRINE GOLF TOURNAMENT



Saturday, June 26, 2021 - Madera Municipal Golf Course  
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4-Person Scramble  
\$125 per Player Entry Fee Includes:

**ENTRY DEADLINE MAY 26TH**

Single Players or teams less than 4 are welcome.

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 4: \_\_\_\_\_

**Don't Play Golf, Be a Tee Sponsor - \$100.00 Each**

Make Checks Payable to: Tehran Shrine

Mail to: Tehran Shrine

Attn: Golf Tournament Chairman  
5407 East Olive Avenue, Suite 101  
Fresno CA 93727-2500

To Pay by Credit Card:  
Call Tehran Recorder  
559-251-1991

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Additional Information: Bob Murdoch, 559-223-4676, robert93610@hotmail.com  
Wayne Schwartz, 559-240-1232, oldsarge21@comcast.net  
Mark Dawson, 559-251-1991, recorder@tehranshriners.org

## MAY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Pageantry Practice	4 Clowns' Cinco de Mayo - Drive Thru Enchilada Dinner	5	6	7	8
9 <i>Mother's Day</i>	10 Ladies Program**	11 Temple Guard Unit/ Patrol Unit Mtg	12 Fresno Shrine Club Mtg Daughters of the Nile Mtg	13 Legion of Honor Unit/ Flying Shriners Club Mtg	14	15 Bulletin Deadline
16	17 Scottish Rite	18 Clowns Unit Mtg	19 Nile Sewing	20 Roustabouts Club Mtg	21 Novkeps Unit Mtg	22
23	24 Temple Belles Mtg	25 BOD Mtg " <u>Board of Directors</u> "	26	27 Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club Mtg OV	28	29
30	31 <i>Memorial Day</i> 	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.				

- May 3 Pageantry Practice
- May 4 Clown's Cinco de Mayo - Drive thru Enchilada Dinner
- May 10 First Lady's Program - 1:00 p.m. Via Zoom
- May 11 Temple Guard/Patrol Mtg
- May 12 Fresno Shrine Club Mtg
- May 12 Daughters of the Nile Mtg
- May 13 Legion of Honor/Flying Shriners Mtg
- May 15 Bulletin Submission Deadline
- May 17 Scottish Rite
- May 18 Clowns Mtg
- May 19 Nile Sewing
- May 20 Roustabouts Mtg
- May 21 Novkeps Mtg
- May 24 Temple Belles Mtg
- May 25 BOD Mtg "Board of Directors" - 6:30 p.m.
- May 27 Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club Mtg - OV**



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# JUNE 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
<b>6</b> Hillbillies Club Mtg - OV	<b>7</b> Pageantry Practice (DARK)	<b>8</b> Temple Guard Unit/ Patrol Unit Mtg	<b>9</b> Fresno Shrine Club Mtg Daughters of the Nile Mtg (DARK)	<b>10</b> Legion of Honor Unit/ Flying Shriners Club Mtg	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Walk for Love*
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Clowns Unit Mtg Bulletin Deadline	<b>16</b> Nile Sewing (DARK)	<b>17</b> Roustabouts Club Mtg	<b>18</b> Novkeps Unit Mtg	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <i>Father's Day</i>	<b>21</b> Scottish Rite	<b>22</b> <u>BOD Mtg "Board of Directors"</u>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club Mtg	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Tehran Shrine 1st Annual Invitational Golf Tournament
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Temple Belles Mtg (DARK)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			
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- Jun 6** Hillbillies Mtg - OV
- Jun 8** Temple Guard/Patrol Mtg
- Jun 9** Fresno Shrine Club Mtg
- Jun 10** Legion of Honor/Flying Shriners Mtg
- Jun 12** Walk for Love - Virtual
- Jun 15** Clowns Mtg
- Jun 15** Bulletin Submission Deadline
- Jun 17** Roustabouts Mtg
- Jun 18** Novkeps Mtg
- Jun 21** Scottish Rite
- Jun 22** BOD Mtg "Board of Directors" - 6:30 p.m.
- Jun 24** Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club Mtg
- Jun 26** 1st Annual Shriners Golf Tournament



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The Tehran Clown's  
**“Cinco de Mayo”**

Chicken Enchilada Dinner

Drive-Thru Tuesday, May 4th, 2021  
Drive Thru - Pick Up  
5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

**\$15.00**  
per Person

If today is  
**“May the 4th Be With You”**  
And tomorrow is  
**“Cinco de Mayo”**

Does that make Thursday  
**“The Revenge of the  
6th” ?**



**RSVPs by Friday,  
April 30, 2021**

Reservations: Wayne “Wayno” Schwartz  
559-229-2458 or [oldsarge21@comcast.net](mailto:oldsarge21@comcast.net)  
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