

TEHRAN SHRINERS BULLETIN



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A Message from Potentate Mark

Greeting Nobles, Ladies and Friends of Tehran Shrine,

The end of 2021 rapidly approaches. As we relegate another year to the rearview mirror I hope we will clearly see COVID behind us as well! This is my prayer...



Here's a look back at October.

Shrine Day at the Races had huge attendance this year thanks to Denise Crossland's marketing skill. So many Nobles, Ladies and Shrine Friends were eager to eat, drink, make merry, and lose money on long shots. Very few of us won, however our Oriental Guide, Chris Guillen, was among them and donated 100% to the First Lady's Project. Many thanks for the \$3.00, Chris!

Our Chief Rabban's Lady, Jeanne Goeringer, hosted a wonderful First Lady's Luncheon for Lady Jean Denton and Lady Sandy Dawson. The Manhattan Restaurant was the venue and customized an amazing menu for the function. This year the ladies even invited Tehran Shrine's elected nobles. It was unusual, I realized, but it worked out well once they were relegated to their own table in the corner. It was sooo much fun!

The Nobles conducted their delayed Stated Meeting. Much was accomplished, regarding actions needed to help balance future Shrine budgets. One item, however, really stood out. A donation from the Hospital Transportation fund, in the amount of \$100,000, to our Sacramento hospital was overwhelmingly approved. You see we had nearly \$250,000 in the Transportation Account, which is many times the amount allowed by Imperial Bylaws. What better use for some of the hospital's money than funding select hospital needs which are otherwise going unbudgeted and unmet?

Unser Oktoberfest hat so viel Spaß gemacht! (*Our Oktoberfest event was so much fun!*) The food and drink were excellent, as was the company. Kudos to event Chairman John Techman and his crew. Bryan Kincade's "Kochen der Braten" (*cooking the brats*) and Jeri Techman's Rotkohl (*Red Cabbage*) were hits of the day. Together, with all the other helpers, they made our excursion into German gastronomy a wondrous experience. Plus, the music provided by Cactus Harris and band put everyone in the perfect frame of mind. I freely admit, however, I still can't polka.

Another event highlight was recognition of our Past Potentate's and First Ladies. They each were asked two questions; Who got you into the line and what did your lady say when she learned you'd said "yes"? The answers were both moving and humorous - especially what some of the ladies said...

While trying to perfect a German waltz we also learned from Jean Denton that her First Lady's Project has earned much more than the original \$10,000 goal. A new light house goal chart was unveiled showing that currently the total is around \$15,000, with donations from the Clowns, Temple Belles and First Ladies' Luncheon. Rumor has it she's now shooting for north of \$17,000! Nobles and Ladies, we can do it!

On the parade front, thanks go out to the Roustabouts for their entry in the Paso Robles Pioneer Day Parade, and to the Clowns for entertaining crowds at the Corcoran Cotton Festival Parade. We are finally starting to get back into the swing of things!

Now, for a look forward.

Upcoming events include:

- November 1st - Ladies Program, Card Making with Pat Dougherty
- November 6th - Chief Rabban's night (*which sadly, tradition says I'm not allowed to attend*)
- November 11th - Veteran's Day Parades (*Porterville in the AM and Lemoore in the PM*)
- November 26th - Hanford Christmas Parade (*hosted by Sandy & Mark Dawson*)
- December 5th - Shrine Christmas Party (*and hospital check presentations*)

Enough for now. I look forward to seeing you at the Shrine Center!

Fraternally, Mark Dawson



From the Desk of Assistant Rabban Wayne Schwartz

Wow, November already! I don't know which is a true _ Time flies when you are having fun or Time seems to go faster as you get older, must be the later! There are way too many holiday/observance days to mention all, but here are a couple of important ones: Veterans day (11th), Thanksgiving (always 3rd Thursday), Election day (1st Tuesday after 1st Monday), Happy hour day (12th), Sadie Hawkins day (13th, It was celebrated when I went to High School, the girls had to ask the boys out), National Military Family month, Not a holiday, but Daylight savings time ends on the 5th. **It is also a good time to pay your 2022 dues...**

Hey, thanks to our past first lady Denise we had a great day at the races last month (I only lost 3 bucks). *My horse walked into the bar at the jockey club and the bartender sez, Hey. My horse sez "Yes please" (and my horse could not sing. He was a little hoarse).*

If you are getting this on the 29th you have only 57 shopping days before Christmas! Thanksgiving is just down the road. It's been a crappy year, but we all still have things we can be thankful for. ***"Reflect upon your present blessings - of which every man has many - not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some."*** Charles Dickens

OK important stuff here about Veterans Day: World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.” In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray was a seasoned veteran.

The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m.

“It is because of our veterans that we are free to do what we like to do.”

An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day." Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation's history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

- The number of veterans in the United States declined by about a third, from 26.4 million to 18.0 million between 2000 and 2018.
- Fewer than 500,000 World War II veterans were alive in 2018, down from 5.7 million in 2000.
- Women make up a growing share of veterans. About 1.7 million, or 9% of veterans, were women in 2018. It is projected that number will jump to 17% by 2040.
- The largest cohort of veterans alive in 2018 served during the Vietnam Era (6.4 million), which lasted from 1964 to 1975. The second-largest cohort of living veterans served during peacetime only (4.0 million).

“They have lived for the country and they have died for the country and we must always be thankful to them.”

Thanksgiving: Prayers of thanks and special thanksgiving ceremonies are common among almost all religions after harvests and at other times. The Thanksgiving holiday's history in North America is rooted in English traditions dating from the Protestant Reformation.

In the English tradition, days of thanksgiving and special thanksgiving religious services became important during the English Reformation in the reign of Henry VIII and in reaction to the large number of religious holidays on the Catholic calendar. Before 1536 there were 95 Church holidays, plus 52 Sundays, when people were required to attend church and forego work and sometimes pay for expensive celebrations. The 1536 reforms reduced the number of Church holidays to 27, but some Puritans wished to eliminate all Church holidays, including Christmas and Easter. The holidays were to be replaced by specially called Days of Fasting or Days of Thanksgiving, in response to events that the Puritans viewed as acts of special providence. Pilgrims and Puritans who emigrated from England in the 1620s and 1630s carried the tradition of Days of Fasting and Days of Thanksgiving with them to New England. The modern Thanksgiving holiday tradition is traced to a well-recorded 1619 event in Virginia and a sparsely documented 1621 celebration at Plymouth in present-day Massachusetts. The 1619 arrival of 38 English settlers at Berkeley Hundred in Charles City County, Virginia, concluded with a religious celebration as dictated by the group's charter from the London Company, which required "that the day of our ships arrival at the place assigned ... in the land of Virginia shall be yearly and perpetually kept holy as a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God." The 1621 Plymouth feast and thanksgiving was prompted by a good harvest. The Pilgrims celebrated this with Native Americans, who had helped them get through the previous winter by giving them food in that time of scarcity.

A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store for Thanksgiving Day, but couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?"

"No, ma'am. They're dead."

Thanksgiving proclamations were made mostly by church leaders in New England up until 1682, and then by both state and church leaders until after the American Revolution. As President of the United States, George Washington proclaimed the first nationwide thanksgiving celebration in America marking November 26, 1789, "as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favours of Almighty God".

My family told me to stop telling Thanksgiving jokes, but I said I couldn't quit cold turkey.

Thanksgiving in the United States has been observed on differing dates. From the time of the Founding Fathers until the time of Lincoln, the date of observance varied from state to state. The final Thursday in November had become the customary date in most U.S. states by the beginning of the 19th century. Modern Thanksgiving was proclaimed for all states in 1863 by Abraham Lincoln. Because of the ongoing Civil War, a nationwide Thanksgiving celebration was not realized until Reconstruction was completed in the 1870s.

A man buys a parrot, only to have it constantly insult him. He tries everything to make the parrot stop, but nothing works. Frustrated, the man puts the parrot in the freezer. After a few minutes the insults stop. The man thinks he might have killed the parrot, so he opens the freezer and takes the parrot out. The parrot is shivering. It stammers, "S-sorry for being r-r-rude. Please f-f-forgive me." Then, after a moment, the parrot softly asks, "W-w-what exactly d-d-did the turkey do?"

On October 31, 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a presidential proclamation changing the holiday to the next to last Thursday in November, for business reasons. On December 26, 1941, he signed a joint resolution of Congress changing the national Thanksgiving Day to the fourth Thursday in November.

Q: What's the best thing to put into a pumpkin pie?

A: Your teeth.

2021 PARADE LIST as of October 25, 2021

10/30	Selma Rotary Marching Band Parade Staging complete by 9 AM	Registered
11/06	Sanger Veteran's Parade Staging complete by 10 AM	Registered
11/11	Fresno Veteran's Parade	<u>TBD</u>
11/11	Porterville Veteran's Parade Staging complete by 9 AM (TELEVISED)	Registered
11/11	Lemoore Veteran's Parade Staging complete by 4PM	Registered
11/11	Merced Veteran's Parade	<u>SCHEDULED</u>
11/26	Hanford Christmas Parade Staging complete by 5 PM	Registered
12/04	Lemoore Christmas Parade (Evening Event)	<u>TBD</u>
12/04	Merry Mountain Christmas Parade, Mariposa	<u>TBD</u>

November Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

*Your birthday is special, This much you should know,
It's the birth of another year, Another chance to grow.*

*Your birthday is special, A time to pause and reflect,
Look back without sorrow, And look forward unchecked.*

*Your birthday is special, A day to start anew,
Break the rules you live by, And make your dreams come true.*

James C. McClain

Benjamin F. Davis Jr.

Theron J. Sheldon

James L. Jackson

John Denton

Michael V. Bowman

Floyd C. Olsen

James L. Withycombe

John B. Lane

Larry H. Smith

William G. Sotirion

Steve R. Adams

Michael V. Scott

Brenton R Weiner

Zograb Tsolokian

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Tracy J. Miranda

Jeremy F. Fallick

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FRESNO SHRINE CLUB



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

WHEN: Wednesday, November 10
12 Noon Social (No Host)
12:30 Lunch



WHERE: Yosemite Falls Cafe in Granite Park
4020 N. Cedar Av
Halfway between Dakota and Ashlan -
Behind Me and Ed's Pizza Restaurant

\$20.00 per person

Please call Judy Hershey at 916-717-0458
to make your reservation
or respond via email to jhershey01@comcast.net

MERCED-MARIPOSA SHRINE CLUB TENTATIVE MEETING THURSDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2021



TIME: 6 P.M. SOCIAL (Order dinner from menu)

6:45 P.M. MEETING

WHERE: Bella Nita Restaurant, 2684 SHAFFER Rd.
just before intersection of Shaffer & Bellevue Rd
Atwater, CA

Who: Shriners & Ladies-Nobles, bring a Brother
Mason & Lady

Dress: Casual -Nobles bring Fez

For more info call RUDY 209-769-3962



Tehran Temple Guard



Temple Guard Dinner for November will be at the Santa Fe Basque Restaurant at 3110 N. Maroa. 6:00 PM on Tuesday, November 9, 2021. Call Bill Pfister so we can tell the restaurant how many to expect.

Tehran Temple Belles

Christmas Luncheon

Monday, December 6th, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Tehran Shrine Center



RSVP to Kerri Gans 559-449-1950

*Chief Rabban Larry Goeringer
Invites Tehran Shrine Nobles & Ladies
to his*

Chief Rabban Event



Saturday, November 6th, 2021

Tehran Shrine Center

5407 E. Olive Avenue, Fresno

11:30 a.m. Social

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Program

**Come learn what Larry
has planned for 2022.**

Theme! Events! Fun & Excitement!

RSVP by November 1st

Tehran Recorder

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Shriners Having Fun!



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Corcoran Cotton Festival Parade

Paso Robles
Pioneer Day Parade



Past Potentate Recognition Dinner




Oktoberfest

NOVEMBER 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Pageantry Practice Ladies Program**	2	3	4	5	6 Chief Rabban Event
7	8 PNA	9 PNA Temple Guard Unit/ Patrol Unit	10 PNA Fresno Shrine Club Daughters of the Nile	11  Veteran's Day PNA Legion of Honor Unit/ Flying Shriners Club Veteran's Day Parade	12 PNA	13 PNA
14 PNA	15 PNA Scottish Rite Bulletin Deadline	16 PNA Clowns Unit	17 Nile Sewing	18 Roustabouts Club	19 Novkeys Unit Dinner	20
21	22 Temple Belles (DARK)	23	24	25  Thanksgiving Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club (DARK)	26 Hanford Christmas Parade	27
28	29	30 <u>BOD Mtg "Board of Directors"</u>				
Notes: BOD - Board of Directors; open to all Nobles PNA - Potentate Not Available * Denotes Temple/Shrine Event ** Lady's Event; all Nobles' Ladies are invited to attend.						

- Nov 1 Pageantry Practice
- Nov 1 Ladies Program ** - Card Making with Pat Dougherty - 1:00 p.m.
- Nov 6 Chief Rabban Event * - 11:30 a.m.
- Nov 9 Temple Guard/Patrol Mtg - 6:00 p.m.
- Nov 10 Fresno Shrine Club Mtg - 12:00 p.m.
- Nov 10 Daughters of the Nile Mtg
- Nov 11 Legion of Honor/Flying Shriners Mtg
- Nov 11 Veterans' Parade
- Nov 15 Scottish Rite
- Nov 15 Bulletin Submission Deadline
- Nov 16 Clowns Mtg
- Nov 17 Nile Sewing
- Nov 18 Roustabouts Mtg
- Nov 19 Novkeys Mtg
- Nov 26 Hanford Christmas Parade
- Nov 30 BOD Mtg "Board of Directors" - 6:30 p.m.



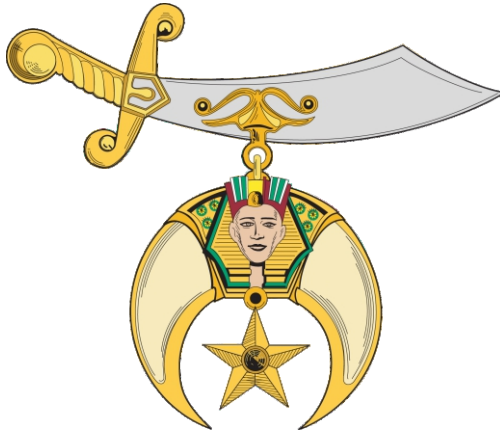
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DECEMBER 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Lemoore Christmas Parade
5 Tehran Shrine Christmas Party*	6 Tehran Shrine Stated Meeting & Elections*, Pageantry Practice Temple Belles Christmas Luncheon	7	8 Fresno Shrine Club Daughters of the Nile	9 Legion of Honor Unit/ Flying Shriners Club	10	11
12 Nile Queen's Open House	13 Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club Christmas Social	14 Temple Guard Unit/ Patrol Unit	15 Nile Sewing Bulletin Deadline	16 Roustabouts Club	17 Novkeps Unit Dinner	18
19	20	21 Clowns Unit (DARK)	22	23 Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club (DARK)	24	25 Christmas 
26	27 Temple Belles (DARK)	28 <u>BOD Mtg "Board of Directors"</u>	29	30	31	January 1, 2022 
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- Dec 4 Lemoore Christmas Parade
- Dec 5 **Tehran Shrine Holiday Party - 3:00 p.m. - 6 :00 p.m.**
- Dec 6 Temple Belles Christmas Luncheon- 11:00 a.m.
- Dec 6 Tehran Shrine Stated Meeting & Elections - 6:30 p.m.**
- Dec 8 Fresno Shrine Club Mtg
- Dec 8 Daughters of the Nile Mtg
- Dec 9 Legion of Honor/Flying Shriners Mtg
- Dec 12 Nile Queen's Open House
- Dec 13 Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club Christmas Party
- Dec 14 Temple Guard/Patrol Mtg
- Dec 15 Nile Sewing
- Dec 15 Bulletin Submission Deadline
- Dec 16 Roustabouts Mtg
- Dec 17 Novkeps Mtg
- Dec 28 BOD Mtg "Board of Directors" - 6:30 p.m.

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TEHRAN SHRINE STATED MEETING NOTICE



ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021
6:30 p.m.**

**Tehran Shrine Center
5407 East Olive Avenue, Fresno, CA**

Tehran Shrine Bylaws

§3.6 Notice of Meetings. At least one week's notice must be given of the time and place of all meetings and ceremonial sessions. The notice may be given in the official temple publication or by letter.