



# AUGUST MESSAGE FROM THE POTENTATE



Greeting Nobles & Lady's,

The Imperial Session was a great experience and I hope you get to go at least once as a Noble or Divan Member! I was accompanied by Chief Rabban David Pitts and his Amazing Wife Carol, Assistant Rabban Randy Forrester and his wife Pam, our Treasurer Bob Murdoch and Jason Wiener and his lovely Lady Zuly. We not only had a wonderful time together, we even got to Celebrate Carol's Birthday! We won the Gold Award for Temple Growth thanks to our membership chairman Wayne Schwartz and all our top line signers, and we are looking forward to David Pitts collecting our first Platinum Award next year! (Note to all our new Shriners. Come out and participate with us now. Root beer floats are coming this weekend and September is packed with events. We look forward to seeing all of you and enjoying everyone's fellowship with our upcoming events!

Amy and I are busy getting ready for an Intensive September.

Illustrious Sir,  
Christopher J. Guillen



# SHRINE CALENDAR

## August

Aug 18<sup>th</sup> – Daughters of the Nile Luau.  
See flyer

**September 9th Stated Meeting**  
See Flyer

September 14th Ceremonial  
See Flyer

September 21st All Masonic Picnic

September 24th BOD Meeting

September 28th Past Pote's Dinner  
See Flyer



## FROM THE DESK OF CHIEF RABBAN



Greeting Nobles, Ladies and Friends,

Wow; what's with this heat. Don't you think it's even hotter than it normally is at this time of year. I hope everyone's air conditioning is working properly and you all are staying cool and hydrated.

Carol and I, along with other Nobles and Ladies from Tehran had a wonderful, busy time at the 2024 Imperial Session in Reno, NV. The event was highly attended, well organized and just an overall fun trip. If you haven't been to an Imperial Session, make sure to put it on your bucket list.

I would like to share a couple of highlights from the trip for Carol and me.

First: we took advantage of the opportunity to take a bus trip to the Shriners Children Northern California Hospital. We were greeted with a chorus of welcomes from hospital staff and volunteers. We received a delicious lunch and participated in trivia questions pertaining to Shrine Hospitals. Winners were awarded prizes. Then we proceeded to tour the hospital, talk to department heads, present and past patients. After viewing videos of before and after treatment there was not a dry eye in our group. Carol came away with some very good ideas for her First Ladies Project in 2025.

Second: I had the opportunity to participate in the Imperial parade, thanks to Noble Bob Monroe's loan of one of the Mariposa / Merced Shrine Clubs little cars. It was great to see Shriners from all over the world take part in the parade. Many temples transported parade equipment all the way across the US and Canada to be in the parade.

*From a statement from our new Imperial Potentate, 2024-2025, Richard G. Burke: "We can help more Children if more people know what we do and why we are so passionate about our cause."* What better way to let people know about Shriners Hospitals for Children than participating in our local parades. You don't need a vehicle or uniform. Put your fez on, walk the parade route, smile, and wave at the appreciative crowd. It will make the sideliners happy; it will make you happy, and you will be making the public aware of our purpose for being Shriners.

It's all about the kids,  
Dave Pitts



## FROM THE ASSISTANT RABBAN

As I get older it seems like time really fly's! We just returned from the Imperial Session in Reno and it fulfilled all of my expectations. This is the first time an Imperial Session has been out West in many years and there were approximately 5,000 Shriner's with their families in attendance including a large number from the Philippines and Mexico. I was honored and proud to see our Potentate receive the Gold award for membership increases for last year. Wayne Schwartz and our membership team did a great job and I look forward to attending the award ceremonies again next year in Atlanta. Imperial Sir

Richard Burke was installed for the 2024-25 Shrine year and I was moved by the video they showed of his and his family's journey through Masonry and the Shrine. Before becoming a Mason, his granddaughter was scalded in the bathtub while they were babysitting her. A friend who was a Shriner contacted the hospital in Atlanta and the Shriner's sent a plane in the middle of the night to pick up the baby and her family. When they arrived, an ambulance was there to take the baby to the hospital and there was a therapist to help the family. Sadly the baby did not survive but care and counseling was provided for the family for over a year. He was so touched by the caring nature of Shriner's that he asked to become a Mason and that is where his journey began.

For the first time in years, I put on Clown makeup and participated in the parade which extended from the river all the way down Virginia street to Circus Circus where we were staying. The parade was huge and there was a large number of parade vehicles many from Shrine Centers on the east coast and the parade lasted close to 2 hours. I especially enjoyed the hospital report and meeting the patient ambassadors as well as observing the legislative session. At our level of membership, we only have 1 voting representative, but at 300 members we will have 2. So my goal for 2026 is to be back to a point where we have 2 or more representatives at the Imperial Session in Tampa. What we do for the Kids is why I am a Shriner!

For my standard closing, remember you only get out of life what you put into it! So, participate and invite the people you know to our functions, to share the fun and make memories. Remember, our motto is FUN WITH A PURPOSE and our purpose is helping KIDS.

Fraternally,  
Randy Forrester,  
Assistant Rabban



## **HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET:**

What is a "top line signer"? Well, he is more than the guy who signs a prospective candidate's petition. You talk to a masonic brother about joining the Shrine and he agrees, you give him a petition and sign your name. But this is not the end of your responsibilities. You give him a packet of information that tells him about our hospitals and all the things they can do for our kids (we have all of this at the shrine office). You also tell him about our Shrine activities and the clubs and units that are available for him to join. It also helps if you have the names of the contact persons in the unit/club. One step further, you should offer to take him to one of their meetings/functions. You tell him that we are a "family" oriented organization and attempt to have as many functions

dedicated to the families, and again offer to take him and his lady to one of these events. He probably doesn't know anyone there so you will make him more at ease when attending. We all know joining a unit/club is where the camaraderie/feeling of belonging is the greatest. It is the units/clubs that make the Shrine what it is. Tehran has too many clubs/units that are inactive. We are ready and willing to help anyone wanting to get a unit/club back on their feet. Some of them have monies available to help get the ball rolling.

We have a few members that are ready to get the Legion of Honor active. There are a couple of lockers at the shrine center full of uniforms and the parade flags are there. You must have been in the military to join this unit. It is the only unit in which you can belong to another unit (temple guard, clowns, patrol, etc.). Other than the Legion, you can only belong to one unit, but you can belong to as many clubs as you want. We are also looking at activating some of these clubs, Tulare shrine club, Sanger shrine club, Sierra shrine club etc. If you are interested in getting any of these up and running or starting a new club, contact me and I will try to help you or put you in contact with some who can. And of course, the Temple guard and Novkeys are looking for members. A group of new Shriners have gotten the "motorized" club going again. They are waiting for their new vehicles to come and then they will be one of our number 1 parade units which is really our PR unit. When they entertain parade spectators, the public knows that Tehran is up and running and they can ask about getting a child into our hospital. The hillbilly club will be holding a meeting in the first part of next year. It's a great club and they even have their own degree. It's open the Shriner and his lady. There will be more on this event in coming bulletins.

**WANTED:** We are in dire need of a Web master for our temple site. It is up and running, but very out of date. I'm sure this job will require some of your time as it should be constantly updated. This is where the coming events for the Shrine center and unit/cubs should be maintained. It should also have the club and unit officers and contact people's name and telephone number. Of course, it is the responsibility of the unit/club to keep said Webmaster informed, but I think this can be coordinated between the two. I'm sure there are many other things that can be put on the site, but I guess that will be up to the Web master and the Divan. If you are interested, please contact me and I will put you in contact with the people who are experts in this field. The address of our site is "tehranshriners.org". The other site we should be looking at is "webfez.shrinenet.org". This is the Imperial Shrine site, and you have to register (very easy, you need your shrine member number) and there are lots of neat stuff here for all members. Try it out! You can also download your dues card to your phone for ease of getting into a shrine center meeting.



OK, I stated a few times to contact me so me is “Wayne Schwartz” cell phone is 559-240-1232. I don’t take calls after 8 in the evening. I’m getting old and need all the beauty rest I can get (it ain’t doing much good, still not beautiful).

Hope to here from a bunch of you.

Wayne Schwartz, High Priest and Prophet



## Wall of Fame

Greetings Nobles and Ladies!

For years Tehran Shrine maintained the Wall of Fame located on the outside of the Mail Hall between the two sets of double doors.

Well guess what? The Membership Committee, chaired by Wayne Schwartz, is revitalizing the project!

Shortly an order will be placed for enough stone rectangles to complete the wall. As such, you have an amazing opportunity to purchase one or more in recognition of Shriners, friends, or family.



Here are the important details:

- What does each stone cost? They are being offered for \$125 each.
- What happens to the proceeds? Profits (which are modest) will be used by the Membership Committee to attract even more new Nobles.
- How many lines will each stone support? Up to three (3) lines of 18 characters/spaces each.
- How do I order? Contact P.P. Mark Dawson - [DMDawson@WebDawsons.com](mailto:DMDawson@WebDawsons.com)
- What if I have questions? Contact Mark Dawson

### MEMERSHIP COMMITTEE:



Per Web fez our membership is as follows: 226 members, 8 new creations, 3 expired for a net gain of 5. There are 40 listed as delinquents but 4 of these have stated they have or will get their check in the mail. There are 5 members who are at risk of losing their membership at the end of this year. We are attempting to contact these members to see if there is any way we can help them get current. We do not want to lose anyone. Please look at your dues card and see if you are current.

We had a movie night at the shrine center and 22 of us watched “the lion king”, ate popcorn and hot dogs. There will be another movie night in the fall. This month (august) we are going to have a root beer float event at the shrine center (look for the flyer in this bulletin). These events are open to your family and masonic friends and there is no charge! Come on down and join us and see what’s happening at the Tehran Shrine center.

# Stated Meeting



# Monday Sept. 9, 2024

## Tehran Temple Shrine Center

5407 E Olive Ave. Fresno CA.

Time 6:00 pm. Dress is casual with Fez, Dues card required.

**A stated Meeting has been called by The Potentate**

**Please attend and make your voice heard. Refreshments after the meeting.**

ATTESTED BY,

*Christopher Gullen*

Potentate

*Mike Nella*

Recorder



# Tehran Shriners'



# CEREMONIAL

**Saturday September 14, 2024**

**Shrine Center**

**Come on down and support our largest class  
Of candidates in a number of years!!**

**Ceremonial starts at 1:00 pm**

**Clubs and Units, this is a great time to get  
some new members. All Clubs and Units  
will have a chance to talk up their groups**

**Light lunch and refreshments served after ceremonial**



# Past Potentates' Night

**Saturday September 28**

**Spend the evening with us celebrating  
the time and effort our Past Potes have put in  
for our Temple. Enjoy a delicious dinner and  
refreshments while we honor our Past Potes.**



**Nobles- Black tie and fez**

**Ladies- Beautiful as always**



Past Potes  
dinners are  
**free!**

You have  
already  
spent  
enough over  
the years!!  
Dinner for  
Nobles and  
Ladies will be  
announced  
soon

Social  
starts at  
6:00 pm.  
Dinner  
7:00 pm  
Please call  
Illustrious  
Sir Chris for  
reservation  
519.9678  
by Thurs.  
Sept 26

# All Masonic Picnic



# Saturday, Sept 21, 2024



*Tehran Shrine Center*



# Free Free Free



Calling all Masonic Bodies! Masons, Scottish Rite, Shriners, Ladies appendant bodies and youth groups. Let's get together



Plenty of  
**FREE**  
Refreshments



for a great day of fellowship! Hamburgers and Hotdogs BBQ, Chili Cookoff with the Shrine And Lodges. Bounce house for the Kids And chances to dunk our Potentate in the dunk tank.



Come on out with your family and friends for a fun and free afternoon!



The Fun Starts at 12 noon.  
It is going to be a GREAT Time!!





*All Ladies Are  
Cordially Invited*

*To The  
First Lady's Luncheon*

*For First Lady Amy Ledford*

*Hosted by Chief Rabban Lady Carol Pitts*



Saturday, October 5, 2024

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Price: \$25.00

Tehran Shrine Center  
5407 E. Olive Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93230

Please RSVP by October 1st

To: David Pitts, Chief Rabban

559.906.5064

email: [dpitts01@icloud.com](mailto:dpitts01@icloud.com)





2025



Royal Caribbean INTERNATIONAL



With David Pitts & Lady Carol

**4 Night Catalina and Ensenada Cruise**

**April 28-May 2, 2025  
Round Trip Los Angeles**



**Quick Facts:**

1. Round trip LAX **Royal Caribbean Cruise** on the **Navigator of the Seas**.
2. Cost includes room and taxes per person only. Transportation to LAX, insurance, extra amenities, prepaid gratuities are additional.
3. Deposit of \$100.00 **NON-REFUNDABLE** due to hold your space.
4. Final payment due February 1, 2025.
5. Triples and Quads based on availability along with other categories.

**INSIDE based on double 4V**

\$387.01 room and taxes per person

**OUTSIDE based on double 2N**

\$595.01 room and taxes per person

**BALCONY based on double 2D**

\$784.01 room and taxes per person



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*In 2025 with  
David Pitts & Lady Carol*



*Shriner's of Fresno  
Royal Caribbean 4 Night Catalina Ensenada Cruise  
April 28-May 2, 2025*

**COMPLETE NAME AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT**

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**COPY OF PASSPORT** *(please send me a copy)..* or notarized copy of birth certificate  
*Scan a copy to my email or text a photo of the main page*

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**DATE OF BIRTH**

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**EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME, RELATIONSHIP, AND PHONE**

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*\*\*\*\*\*Cancellation insurance is available.*

**Questions? Please call**

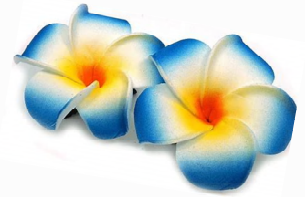
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Daughters of the Nile Choir  
 Sharon Temple No. 92  
 Would like to invite you to the



# Choir's 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Luau



Sunday, August 18, 2024  
 Shrine Center at 5407 N. Olive, Fresno, CA



4:00 pm He Anaina O Ka Laui  
 5:00 pm Dinner  
 6:30 pm Fabulous Hawaiian Entertainment

Light Hors d'Oeuvres / Libations / Hawaiian Dinner / Dessert

50/25/25 Drawing - Opportunity Tickets 6 for \$5.00

**Price per person \$20.00**



Send or call Reservations by August 11<sup>th</sup> to  
**Sue Dewey**  
 5085 N. Pleasant, Fresno, CA 93711  
 (559) 977-2920



Name \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Sharon Temple No. 92

Opportunity Ticket net proceeds to benefit Daughters of the Nile Foundation.  
 Dinner ticket proceeds to benefit the general fund of the Choir unit.

