

TEHRAN TEMPLE



BULLETIN

AUGUST 2017

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AUGUST POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

The Imperial Session of Shriners International was held July 9 through July 13 in Daytona Beach, Florida. The Hilton was the host hotel across the street from the Convention Center but those of us from the West Coast were housed in the Plaza Resort and Spa, an independent hotel about a mile away from the Convention Center in Daytona Beach. The good news about Daytona Beach is the town did their best to make us feel welcome by providing free shuttle buses every 15-20 minutes between the hotels and the Convention Center. It was quite nice to have such good service!

The Imperial Session opened spectacularly Sunday afternoon with a lot of pageantry and pomp. Monday's session was quite busy as we voted on 36 of the 52 pieces of legislation. Tuesday opened with the nominations for offices to be filled for the 2017-2018 Shrine year. Balloting took some time but the afternoon allowed time to complete 12 more pieces of legislation. Imperial Sir Chris Smith did an excellent job of moving the legislation before the body. Wednesday morning was the Installation of Imperial Officers followed by an afternoon of Public Relations Report on the Hospitals and meeting our new Patient Ambassadors, Isabella and Emily, for Shriners Hospitals in 2017-2018. Wednesday night was the Delegate Celebration with entertainment by "The Fab Four" who impersonated the Beatles in looks and music! Thursday wrapped up the four pieces of legislation and the delegates were dismissed.

Dale and I traveled to Washington, D.C., for our company's annual meeting to be held the following week. No sense traveling home only to return to the East Coast the next week!

Because of the business meeting, Dale and I were unable to attend the Clown Summer Party on Saturday, July 22. I understand the Clowns had about 90 people attend this event and those I had a chance to talk to about it said the food was excellent and the party was a success! I want to thank the Clowns for leaving the Temple very clean and the kitchen in a very satisfactory condition after their event!

Nobles, I want to encourage the Clubs and Units to attend Cambria on Labor Day weekend. This event has always been fun and a great opportunity for camaraderie. Please inform the Shrine Office of your intentions!

Nobles, make it your resolution to be active in the Shrine this year! Your Board of Directors, your Potentate and your Director General are excited about the coming events for the rest of the 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

I hope everyone is enjoying our wonderful summer heat (Pam is because she is always cold). I just returned from the Hospital Board meeting at the Shriner's Hospital in Sacramento and it always reminds me why I am a Shriner. Our hospital is a very busy place, serving over 70,000 children since it opened 20 years ago. This month we approved 645 applications for care. Yesterday we received a young boy from the Philippines who was severely burned about 2 years ago at the age of 1 and ½ when he fell into a kettle of hot cooking oil. He has had several surgeries at home and even had to have a colostomy so he could go to the bathroom. I am sure he will be in our hospital for an extended time, but because of what you do he has hope for a full and better life.

When I decided to run for the Divan I had several goals for the 2020 year. First I want to keep Tehran alive so that we can maintain a strong Shrine and Masonic presence in the valley to help increase membership in both organizations. Secondly to increase the awareness of the Shrine and our hospitals in the valley. Thirdly to increase participation of Tehran members in our functions (social and hospital) and the governance of Tehran. I also looked at our current challenges and defined them as I saw them. I saw our decreasing membership as a result of the toxic environment at our meetings and functions which has escalated to the point where our members and spouses don't even want to come. I saw the major drain on our endowment funds due to fixed expenses and insufficient income. I saw a lack of recognition in our community for the Shrine and our hospital system. All of these challenges can be overcome and goals met if we come together to save Tehran. The probable outcomes if we do nothing are that Tehran can continue to exist for a while with continued decreasing membership and assets. Tehran ceases to exist as a Shrine Center which further weakens the Shrine mission and Masonry in the valley. We will become a Shrine Club for another Shrine Center and our building sold and a major part of our assets going to another Shrine Center and/or our hospitals. None of these things I want to see happen.

Throughout my years in Masonry and the Shrine I have made many friends and met some truly fine people, many of whom have passed away. Two of the truly great lights in Masonry and the Shrine are Walt and Madeline Kasabian. Through the years I saw them set up and run our screening clinics sending hundreds of children to be helped at our hospital. Walt was also responsible for many large donations to our hospital. We have lost Walt but Madeline is still with us and still an inspiration. I will always be grateful that God brought these two wonderful people into my life through the Shrine and I hope to keep their spirit of helping children alive.

The way we are going, the chances of me being Potentate in 2020 are getting slimmer which is sad because Pam and I would look really good in our counter parts shirts. I keep trying because the children we help are worth it. As I said before, Tehran is made up of intelligent men, many with extensive business and community backgrounds and tremendous ability which could help turn our ship around. If we all come together there is still a chance we will not only survive, but can prosper. I work every weekday but I will find time for anyone who has an idea and is willing to help. My office number is 292-6191 and my cell number is 970-0812. If I am not available please leave a message and your number and I will get back to you. Please don't be one of the people who were busy rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic while the ship sank. Tehran is sinking, so reignite your Shrine spirit, pick up an oar and help row our life boat so we can help the kids.

Fraternally,

Randy Forrester

AUGUST 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club Q	4	5
6 Hillbillies	7 Shrine Stated w/Dinner *	8 Temple Guard Patrol	9 Fresno Shrine Club	10 Flying Shriners	11	12 Masonic Picnic * CANCELED
13 Pageant of the Masters Trip *	14 Pageant of the Masters Trip *	15 Pageant of the Masters Trip* Clowns	16	17 Roustabouts <i>dark</i>	18 Novkeps OV	19
20	21 Scottish Rite Stated	22 Tin Lizzies OV BOD	23	24	25	26
27 Nile Luau	28 PNA Knights of Mecca Temple Belles <i>dark</i>	29 PNA	30 PNA	31 PNA		
NOTES: * denotes a Temple Event Financial Mgmt & Property Mgmt Advisory Boards meet every 3rd Tuesday BOD open to all Nobles PNA = Potentate not available						

SEPTEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Cambria Weekend	2 Cambria Weekend
3 Cambria Weekend Hillbillies	4 <i>Labor Day</i>	5	6	7 Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club Q	8	9
10	11	12 Temple Guard Patrol	13 Fresno Shrine Club Nile Stated	14 PNA Flying Shriners & Legion of Honor	15 PNA	16 PNA
17 PNA	18 Scottish Rite Stated	19 Clowns	20	21 Roustabouts	22 Novkeps	23 Dinuba Parade
24	25 Knights of Mecca Temple Belles	26 Potentate's Trip *	27 Potentate's Trip *	28 Potentate's Trip *	29 Potentate's Trip *	30 Potentate's Trip *
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While attending the Imperial Session in Daytona Beach, Potentate Ron Obernolte presented a check for \$15,000.00 to Aloha Transportation Fund (as directed by Tehran BOD). The distribution represents the earnings on Tehran's Transportation Fund.

From left to right:

I'Il. Lee Gordon, PP

Noble Zelenograd Schyus

I'Il. Chris Acosta, Aloha Potentate

I'Il. Ron Obernolte, PP, Tehran Potentate

Noble Mark P. Leo, Chief Rabban

Noble Ed Slayvish, Chairman, Honolulu Hospital Board of Governors

TEHRAN SHRINE CENTER

DATE: AUGUST 7, 2017

TIME: 6:30 PM MEETING

7:30 PM DINNER

Stated Meeting and DINNER

*PLEASE CALL WITH YOUR
RESERVATION FOR DINNER*

559-251-1991

*Suggested donation for Dinner
\$5.00*

PLEASE CALL THE
RECORDER, JAMES STAHL PP,
@ 559-251-1991

STATED MEETING

SHARON TEMPLE NO. 92
DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

 **CHOIR'S 38th ANNUAL LUAU** 



Sunday, August 27th, 2017

at the

SHRINE CENTER

5047 E. Olive / Fresno, CA

He Anaina O Ka Lani: 4:00PM / Luau: 5:00PM

Fabulous Pupus/Desserts

Hawaiian Dinner



\$ 15.00 Per Person

*Tickets from Choir Members
or send reservation by August 21th to:*

Pam Forrester
8539 N. John Albert Ave.
Fresno, CA 93720-1976
Make check payable to: Sharon 92 Choir

Opportunity Tickets

50/25/25 Drawing Tickets



Net proceeds to benefit the general fund of Sharon Temple Choir

Name _____ **No.** _____ **Amount enclosed** _____

Make check payable to: Sharon 92 Choir





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BUS TRIP TO LAGUNA BEACH

AUGUST 13-15, 2017

BOOKING DEADLINE EXTENDED

ONLY TWO SEATS LEFT!!

*CALL DALE OBERNOLTE **TODAY**, IF INTERESTED*

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



*All Ladies Are
Cordially Invited*

To The

First Lady's Luncheon

In Honor Of

First Lady Dale Obernolte

Saturday, September 9, 2017
11:30 a.m.

\$35.00

(Includes First Lady's Gift)

The Cosmopolitan Tavern
625 "O" Street, Fresno
(Corner of Ventura & "O" Streets)

Dressy Casual/Business Attire

Coordinator, Chief Rabban Lady Sandra Dawson

Please RSVP by September 1st, to Sandra Dawson 559.643.1957
Mail your check payable to Sandra Dawson, 613 Centennial Dr. Apt C., Hanford, CA 93230

Please complete, cut and return the section below with your reservation.

First Lady's Luncheon - Lunch Options: RSVP by September 1st
(Beverages & Cocktails available for purchase.)

- Black & Bleu Salad** Char Grilled 8 oz. Flat Iron Steak Slice on a bed of Spring Greens with Tomatoes, Red Onion and Cucumber with Chopped Onions Rings. Served with Italian Dressing, Crumbled Bleu Cheese and Sweet Balsamic Reduction
- Linguine & Prawns Scampi** with Lemon Garlic Butter Sauce over Linguine. Served with Mixed Green Salad or Soup
- Chicken Marsala** Chicken Cutlet sauteed with sweet Marsala Wine, Mushrooms and Cream. Serve with Mixed Green Salad or Soup, Seasonal Vegetables and Choice of Pasta or Potato

Name: _____ Total \$ _____

Contact No. _____

(Checks made payable to Sandra Dawson)

Mail to: Sandra Dawson
613 Centennial Dr. Apt C.
Hanford, CA 93230

THE ANNUAL DAY AT THE RACES



BIG FRESNO FAIR HORSE RACES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2017

Arrive any time after 12pm

\$34.00 per person

Includes Turf Club, VIP Parking, Adult Admission to Fair, Horseman's Section and \$2.00 towards the Shriners Hospital for Children Northern California Race (winnings go to SHCNC)

Separate Checks for Food/Drink – Order off Menu

Dress is casual

All monies are due by September 2. Please mail your check payable to Denise Crossland, 3669 W Persimmon Lane, Fresno 93711.





FIRST LADY'S PROJECT-2017

**UPDATE: We've raised over \$7,100 so far!
Please keep your donations coming.**

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





Fun Boat, soon will be making another run
The Fun Boat, promises something for everyone
Set a course for adventure
Your mind on a renewed romance...

Fun won't hurt anymore
It's an open smile on a friendly shore
It's fun...It's fun...It's Shrine fun...
It's the **Fun Boat**

(Sung to the Love Boat Theme)

2018 Shrine Potentate's **FUN** Trip

Nobles, Ladies and Shrine Friends,

Sunday, September 23, 2018, board the Grand Princess in San Francisco for a 7-day cruise north along the Pacific Coast, returning Sunday, September 30, 2018.

Four fabulous destinations:

Astoria, Oregon (home of lighthouses, Fort Clatsop and the "Goonies"), Seattle, Washington (seafood, Pike Place Market & the Space Needle), Vancouver, BC (Gastown & Robson Street shopping) and Victoria, BC (English Tea, Butchart Gardens & craft beer).

Don't miss out on these amazing offers:

- ✓ **Reduced, and fully refundable, deposits!**
- ✓ A "**Sip and Sail**" promotion is available (free beverage package) if you book a balcony cabin or higher between June 20 and August 28, 2017!
- ✓ "**Specialty Dining**" is available (at no additional cost) if you book a mini-suite by July 5, 2017!
- ✓ **Active, Veteran and Retired military personnel enjoy free onboard spending money when registered with Princess!**

Call ALTOUR today at 431-1800 to ask about these very special (time sensitive & subject to continued availability) offers and to reserve your spot!

Cabins start **as low as \$749 per person!** Check out the enclosed flyer for details.

There's more...

Optional bus add-on, takes you from the Tehran Shrine Center straight to the San Francisco dock and back again (with a little lunch fun on the way home).

We really want you to come along. It isn't a party without you!

Let's have some FANTASTIC FUN, Sign up today!

Your fun cruise companions,

Chief Rabban Mark and Lady Sandra

P.S. Many thanks to Illustrrious Ron for allowing us to share our trip announcement now!

“WAVE GOODBYE AND SAIL AWAY” WITH THE TEHRAN SHRINERS

PACIFIC NORTHWEST COASTAL CRUISE
SEPTEMBER 23 – 30, 2018
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