

# OCTOBER MESSAGE FROM THE POTENTATE



Greetings Nobles & Ladies,

Lady Amy and I are very honored to be of service to you this year! What a month September has been! 8 new Nobles were initiated on the Hot Sands and the Ceremonial Team put on a Fantastic Ceremony! That's the dedication that Tehran has been known for! Thank you so much for your hard work!

We look forward to hosting you for our Oktoberfest on October 19th. We will be having an authentic rendition of this Great German Festivity! We look forward to seeing you soon!

Illustrious Sir,  
Christopher J. Guillen

## SHRINE CALENDAR

### October

October 5 First Lady luncheon  
See Flyer

October 19 **Oktoberfest**  
See Flyer

October 22 Special Stated Meeting For 2025 Budget Approval  
See Flyer

October 31 **Happy Halloween**

November 9 **CHIEF RABAN NIGHT**  
See Flyer



## FROM THE DESK OF CHIEF RABBAN



Greeting Nobles, Ladies and Friends,

It finally looks like the extreme hot weather is on it's way out. Thank goodness! Carol and I escaped somewhat by spending a month in our RV at Lake Wishon. It was beautiful in the Sierra National Forest. The trout fishing was excellent, and the weather was perfect for early morning hikes.

Thank you to everyone that attended and participated in the Ceremonial on September 14. Congratulations to our newest Nobles. We have received a stellar group of men and their ladies. A special thank you to LaDonna Sanchez for an outstanding dance performance. And new Noble Ericson Abuan's lady, Mary, for the delicious chow mein and chicken she prepared. Carol and I look forward to getting to know the newest group better at upcoming events.

Speaking of upcoming events: please mark your calendars for Shrine Octoberfest on October 19, 2024. Come eat, drink and be merry. And don't forget to RSVP for Chief Rabban night, Saturday, November 9, 2024. Carol and I can't wait to share our plans for 2025 with everyone. Check out the flyer in this bulletin. It has all the details.

Monday, December 2, 2024, will be our stated meeting and election of officers. Please plan to attend this very important meeting. This is your Shrine Temple, and all Nobles of Tehran should be present for any items that need to be discussed and voted on.

Fraternally,  
Dave Pitts, Chief Rabban



## FROM THE ASSISTANT RABBAN

And time marches on! September has been a fun month with lots of activities and October will continue with the FUN. It was a pleasure and honor to participate in our initiation ceremony. Eight new Shriner's walked the hot sands to Shrinedom and lots of family and friends were there to celebrate their journey.

This year our Potentate has put together many fun activities but we need more participation. Our pressing need is communication, and we desperately need someone to act as Webmaster. If you have a little time to spare and are good with computers, please come forward to help Tehran. Our purpose is to help kids but we need to keep Tehran strong and growing, to be able to help as many kids as possible.

Our Chief Rabban, David Pitts has lots of activities lined up for next year including a return of the Hillbilly's and our new improved Temple Guard with our new motor group. Soooo, plan on attending and helping at as many Shrine events as you can and invite your Masonic and non Masonic friends to join the fun.

A large part of making life more complete is helping others and creating relationships, so remember **“you only get out of life what you put into it!”** Participate and invite the people you know to our functions, to share the fun and make memories. Our motto is **FUN WITH A PURPOSE** and our purpose is helping **KIDS**.

Fraternally,  
Randy Forrester, PP



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## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE



September was a very busy month for Tehran. I hope you had the opportunity to participate in several of the events that occurred. I am writing this before the Masonic Picnic, but I hope we can get a few petitions from the visitors. There are quite a few events coming up in this last quarter of the year. We will be sending out flyers for all of them. Come on down and join in the festivities. As I said last month, if you don't get the bulletin and flyers via email, either you are not checking the emails from the Shrine center, or we don't have your email. Give us a call so we can check it out.

On Saturday (21<sup>st</sup> of September) we had our Initiation Ceremony for 8 Nobles. Chris Arend, Chuck Vang, Nick Phillips, Fred Foster, Khay Pettway, Josh Barkley, Eric Abuan and Benny Contreras. The Degree team consisting of PP Mark Dawson, Dave Pitts, PP Randy Forester, Jason Weiner and Nate Williams did a fantastic job portraying the Divan. Our Pote Chris presented the formally initiated Nobles with their Membership certificate and their lady's Fezed them. There was a nice group of our Shriners and ladies present to watch the festivities along with the new Nobles families. And then we had a very nice lunch.

We have 6 potential nobles who have expressed an interest in our Shrine. Hopefully we can get them into Tehran before the end of the year.

Tehran was again visited by the Black camel, and we lost a Past Potentate. Don Blosser was Potentate in 1979. He was very active in Tehran during his life. He started the Roustabout's (I believe the year he was Potentate) and initiated the fund-raising effort to raise the money to get the Circus Wagon build and the calliope purchased. Don will be missed.

Webfez sez we have 222 Nobles, 9 creations, 8 expired and as I said earlier, 6 potentials. Not much change from last month.

And last but not least, Happy Halloween!

Wayne Schwartz

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## FRESNO SHRINE CLUB

Come have lunch with your friends!



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.



**Our October 9th meeting is at  
Tehran Shrine Center**

5407 E Olive Ave, Fresno

Lunch will be by Hewitt's Catering - Menu still to be determined


12 Noon Social - Lunch at 12:30

→ 20.00 per person ←

**Reservations needed by Monday October 7th**

Please call or text Terre Rhymes-Stricker at 559- 458-9114 or email

[me4pekes@vahoo.com](mailto:me4pekes@vahoo.com) to make your reservations.



*All Ladies Are  
Cordially Invited*

*To The  
First Lady's Luncheon*

*For First Lady Amy Ledford*

*Hosted by Chief Rabban Lady Carol Pitts*

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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

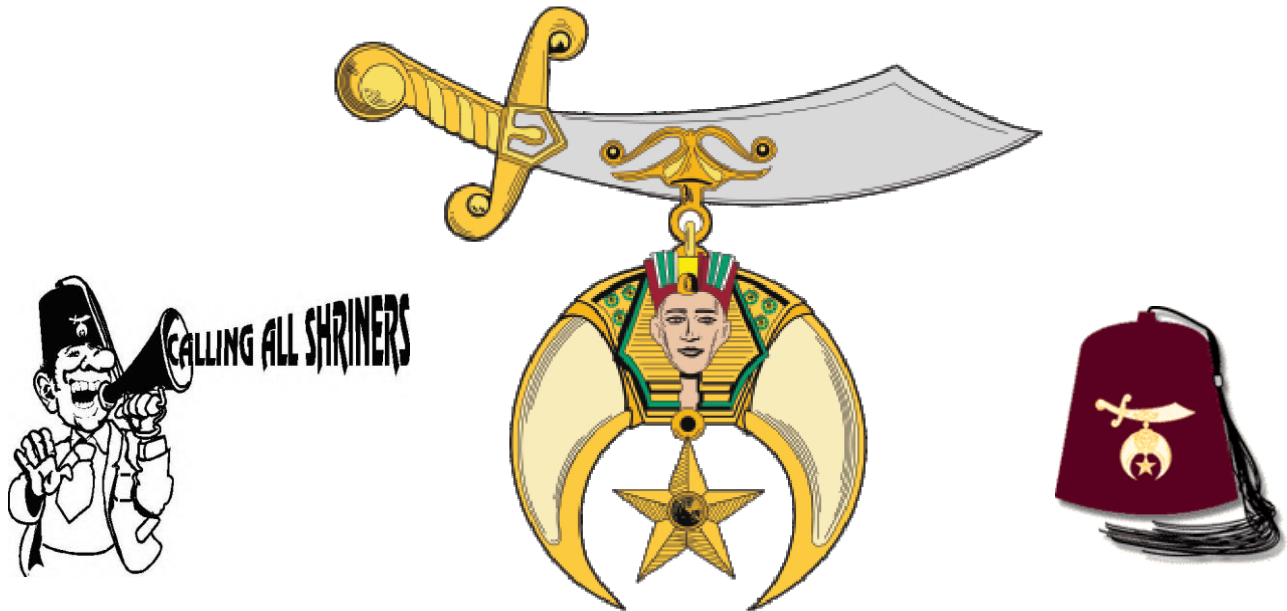
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**TEHRAN SHRINE  
SPECIAL STATED MEETING NOTICE  
Presentation of 2025 Proposed Budget**



**Current Dues Card Required**

**Shrine Center  
Tuesday, October 22, 2024  
Meeting 6:30 p.m.**

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.*

# Oktoberfest

Tehran Shrine

Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup>

Tehran Shrine Center, 5407 E. Olive Ave

Come Celebrate Oktoberfest with

Your friends and family!!



Enjoy delicious German brats with all

the trimmings including German mustard and sauerkraut.

Add in some potato pancakes and soft Bavarian pretzels  
with cheese sauce and you have a meal fit for German King!

Oh, and did we mention the wonderful

German beer?? Several varieties available along  
with all the standard refreshments

Dress in your favorite lederhosen!

It is the only time of the year it looks good on you!!

All the beer and food you want just

**\$25.00 per person**

**THAT IS DEAL!!!**

Social

6:00 pm

Dinner

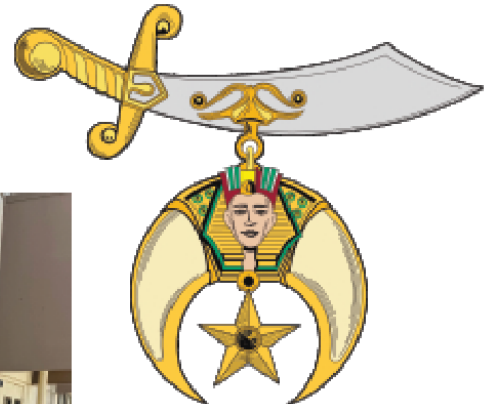
7:00 pm

Reservations

559. 251.1991



# TEHRAN SHRINE WALL OF FAME



Wall of Fame, located on the outside of the Main Hall between the two sets of double doors.

## Order Now!

*Nobles & Ladies;*

*You have an amazing opportunity to purchase one or more stone rectangles in recognition of Shriners, Friends or Family. Orders being taken now!*

*Thank you,*

*Wayne Schwartz  
Membership Committee*



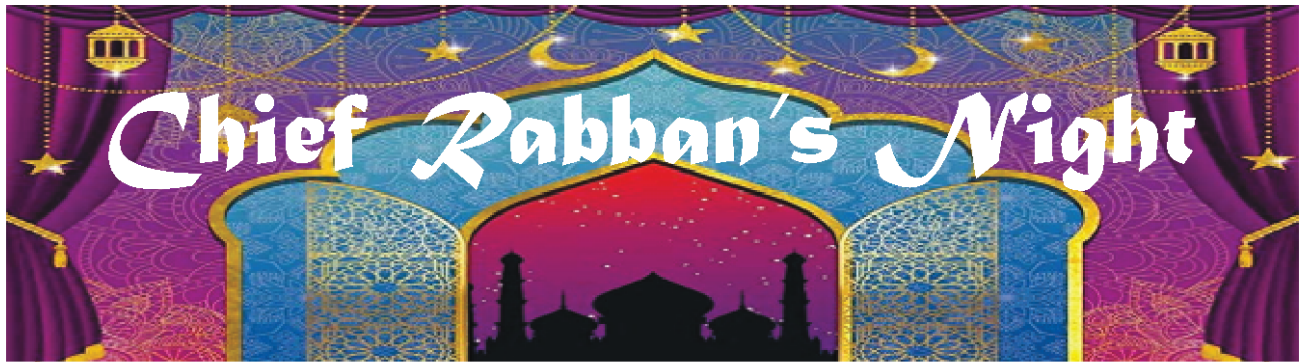
**Cost: \$125.00 each**

**Lines & Characters: 3 lines, 18 characters/spaces each**

**Order Contact: P.P. Mark Dawson - [dmdawson@webdawsons.com](mailto:dmdawson@webdawsons.com)**

**Questions: Contact Mark Dawson 559-643-1956**

# You are invited!



Saturday, November 9th, 2024  
Social - 5:30 pm / Dinner 6:30 pm  
Tehran Shrine Center  
5407 E. Olive Ave  
Fresno, CA 93727

Cost: Free

RSVP To: David Pitts, Chief Rabban  
Phone, (559) 906-5064  
Email, [dpitts01@icloud.com](mailto:dpitts01@icloud.com)



*Please join Carol and me to hear about all the fun and exciting events we have planned for 2025. The 2025 Shrine calendar will be available and sample shirts with the 2025 theme will be on display and available to order. We will tell you about the two wonderful trips we will take in 2025. And the best part will be the Free dinner, prepared by Tehran's great chefs. We hope you can join us and meet the team for 2025. RSVPs are necessary so we know how much food to prepare.*





2025



With David Pitts & Lady Carol

### 4 Night Catalina and Ensenada Cruise

April 28-May 2, 2025

Round Trip Los Angeles



Catalina Island!!



#### 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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**ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE**

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**PHONE and CELL NUMBER**

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**EMAIL**

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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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