

# TEHRAN SHRINERS BULLETIN



July - August 2023



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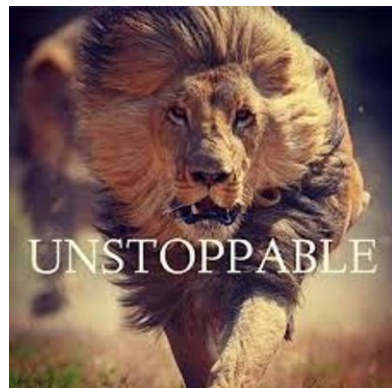
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# From the Desk of: Assistant Rabban David Pitts



Over 100 years ago Shiner's Children's made promise. One made of brick and mortar and compassion. One sworn to protect and heal the most precious among us. A century later, we are still keeping that promise with facilities all across the globe, helping children from almost every country in the world, with an unwavering dedication to breakthroughs in care, with an ever-growing army of healers standing ready and able. So when a child is staring down a health challenge, we're at their side. When parents despair in the dark, we shine a light. Together we're treated more than 1.5 million patients. 1.5 million children who inspired us with their endless drive to keep moving forward. And so we will too. Because 100 years later our commitment stands. Like our patients we will not yield. We will not quit. We are unstoppable.

## Find Your Purpose, Become



# From the Desk of: High Priest & Prophet Wayne Schwartz



**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Webfez (have you signed up yet? Geturdone!) sez we have 217 regular members, 1 demit, 6 expired (yup, 6 reported this year-the black camel keeps visiting) but how about this, 11 creations and we have 6 candidates that will be made a Shriner by the time you get this (I'm writing this on Father's Day-Happy belated Fathers-Day to all you fathers). So we have 17, yah 17 new Shriners at the end of June. How many more can we get by the end of the year? There are a couple of Masons that sound interested and an old-time member that wants to be re-instated, so we are working on membership. Can you help us out? Talk about us when you visit lodge or if you think old what's his name might want to be re-instated. Ask him!

## **What was Forrest Gump's password. 1forrest1**

Welcome to: Father-son Mark Allen (father) and Kyle Allen (son). Patrick Biggens, Mathew Burton, Sean Flanagan, Paul Gaither, Timothy Hooyenga, David Jarvic, Ronald Manfredi, Anthony Ratkus, Clint Shelton, Jesse Solorio, Jeffery Torosian, Roland Trent, Nathan Williams and G. Haven Young. Say Hi to them at the Clown Summer Party (see flyer elsewhere) as they and their ladies will be there as guests of the Clowns.

**"An optimist may see a light where there is none, but why must the pessimist always run to blow it out?" Rene Descartes - Philosopher (1596 - 1650)**

*"I have not failed. I've just found  
10,000 ways that won't work."*  
- Thomas A. Edison

**TIN LIZZIES:** There are several tin lizzies sitting outside the Shrine Center that are looking for a new home. I know there are several of our new members that have expressed interest in getting them up and running. If you are interested in getting them going and taking them to the parades we participate in, please call John Denton at 559-246-6653. We would like to get the lizzies off the lot and into a garage. There have been several that have driven themselves to a new location.

***Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.***

**WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT JULY?** It was named by the Roman Senate in honor of Roman general Julius Caesar in 44 B.C., it being the month of his birth. Before then it was called Quintiles, being the fifth month of the calendar that started with March. It is on average the warmest month in most of the Northern Hemisphere, where it is the second month of summer, and the coldest month in much of the Southern Hemisphere, where it is the second month of winter. "Dog days" are considered to begin in early July in the Northern Hemisphere, when the hot sultry weather of summer usually starts. July's birthstone is the ruby, which symbolizes contentment. Its birth flowers are the Larkspur or the Water Lily. The zodiac signs for the month of July are Cancer (until July 22) and Leo (July 23 onwards).

***If something goes wrong with the 4th of July celebration at Mt. Rushmore...It will be a monumental disaster***



**THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY:** We think of July 4, 1776, as a day that represents the Declaration of Independence, America's revolutionary Charter of Freedom, and the document upon which the nation's founding principles were established. But July 4 wasn't the day that independence was declared. Nor the day that the Declaration was officially signed. So what did happen on July 4, 1776? What this holiday commemorates is the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, by delegates from the 13 colonies. On the 4th, the Continental Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration of Independence. This is the day we celebrate the birth of the United States of America. The Declaration of Independence is one of the most important documents in the history of the United States. It was an official act taken by all 13 American colonies in declaring independence from British rule. The document was originally written by Thomas Jefferson, but Benjamin Franklin and John Adams, along with Jefferson then worked together to make changes. The final draft of the Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 4, 1776, but the actual signing of the final document took place on August 2, 1776.

**“YOU HAVE TO LOVE A NATION THAT CELEBRATES ITS INDEPENDENCE EVERY JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOT WITH A PARADE OF GUNS, TANKS AND SOLDIERS WHO FILE BY THE WHITE HOUSE IN A SHOW OF STRENGTH AND MUSCLE, BUT WITH FAMILY PICNICS WHERE KIDS THROW FRISBEES, THE POTATO SALAD GETS IFFY, AND THE FLIES DIE FROM HAPPINESS. YOU MAY THINK YOU HAVE OVEREATEN, BUT IT IS PATRIOTISM.”**  
**ERMA BROMBEC”**

July 4, 1776: Thomas Jefferson noted in his “Weather Memorandum Book” that the weather was cloudy, the temperature 76°F.

July 4, 1826: Both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson—signers of the Declaration of Independence who each later became president—died on the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the declaration.

July 4, 1884: The Statue of Liberty was formally presented to the United States by the people of France.

July 4, 1911: It was a hot Fourth of July in New England. All-time state records were set in Nashua, New Hampshire (106°F), and Vernon, Vermont (105°F).

The Fourth of July was not declared a federal holiday until 1938!

*Raise the Flag: If you don't have a flagpole, consider a front-entry flag! Before you hang Old Glory, check the American Flag Guidelines so that you can proudly and properly display your flag.*

*This is ridiculous. It's July 6th and people are still setting off fireworks.*

*One almost caught our Christmas decorations on fire.*

*I'm trying to organize a hide and seek tournament, but good players are really hard to find.*

**OK, HOW ABOUT AUGUST?** August is the eighth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars, and the fifth of seven months to have a length of 31 days. It was originally named Sextilis in Latin because it was the 6th month in the original ten-month Roman calendar under Romulus in 753 BC, with March being the first month of the year. About 700 BC, it became the eighth month when January and February were added to the year before March by King Numa Pompilius, who also gave it 29 days. Julius Caesar added two days when he created the Julian calendar in 46 BC, giving it its modern length of 31 days. In 8 BC, it was renamed in honor of Emperor Augustus. According to a Senatus consultum quoted by Macrobius, he chose this month because it was the time of several of his great triumphs, including the conquest of Egypt.



**One day in August, Julius Caesar was standing on the balcony in his palace, watching the leaves drop silently from the trees. He was witnessing....The Fall of the Roman Empire.**

Certain meteor showers take place in August. The Kappa Cygnids take place in August, with the dates varying each year. The Alpha Capricornids meteor shower takes place as early as July 10 and ends at around August 10, and the Southern Delta Aquariids take place from mid-July to mid-August, with the peak usually around July 28–29. The Perseids, a major meteor shower, typically takes place between July 17 and August 24, with the days of the peak varying yearly. The star cluster of Messier 30 is best observed around August.

August's birthstones are the peridot, sardonyx, and spinel. Its birth flower is the gladiolus or poppy, meaning beauty, strength of character, love, marriage and family. The Western zodiac signs for the month of August are Leo (until August 22) and Virgo (from August 23 onwards).

August is also a little bit unique, most of the time at least. In a standard year, there is no other month that begins on the same day of the week as August. In a leap year, however, August begins on the same day of the week as February.

On August 6, 1762, the first-ever sandwich was created, at least with such a name. It was named after the Earl of Sandwich when he requested a dish involving meat between two pieces of bread. As the story goes, he requested it as he was in the middle of a gambling game and didn't want to interrupt it.

**Bought some 250 million year old Himalayan salt. But it expires in August.**

August was a fateful month for the ancient Roman city of Pompeii. On August 24, 79AD, Mount Vesuvius erupted near the city. The mountain spewed out great clouds of ash, smoke, and pumice,

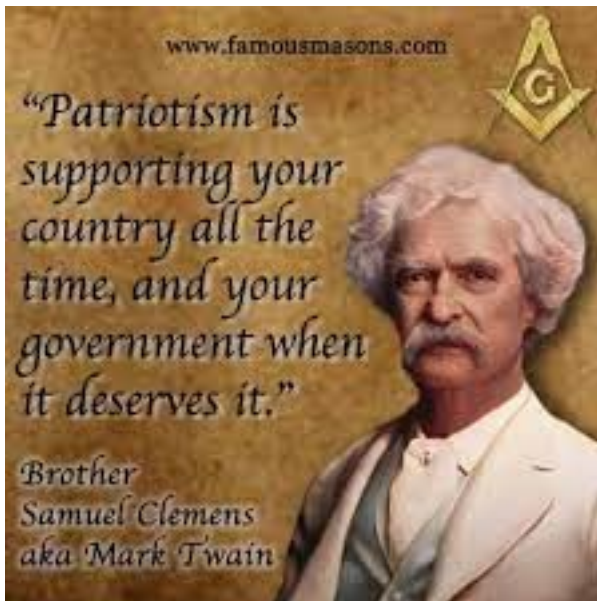
which rained down on Pompeii's citizens. Unfortunately for Pompeii, that wasn't the end of it either – next came molten lava, which buried the remaining residents 7 feet (2.1 m) deep!

On August 16, 1977, Elvis left the building.

**The first week of August is clown week. No joke.**

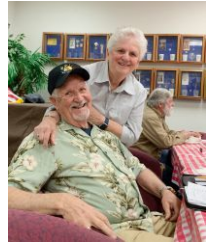
**“Life is short, Break the rules. Forgive quickly, Kiss slowly. Love truly. Laugh uncontrollably. And never regret anything that makes you smile.” Mark Twain - Author (1835 - 1910)**

**Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do, so throw off the bowlines, sail away from safe harbor, catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore, Dream, Discover.” Mark Twain - Writer**





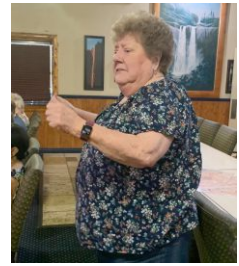
# FRESNO SHRINE CLUB MAY 2023



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.



# NOVKEPS MAY 2023



## JULY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Imperial Session Charlotte NC July 2-6	3 Imperial Session Charlotte NC July 2-6 Pageantry Practice (DARK)	4 Independence Day Imperial Session Charlotte NC July 2-6	5 Imperial Session Charlotte NC July 2-6	6 Imperial Session Charlotte NC July 2-6	7	8
9	10	11 Temple Guard	12 Fresno Shrine Club (DARK) Daughters of the Nile (DARK)	13 Legion of Honor/ Flying Shriners (DARK)	11 Novkeps (DARK)	15 Clown's Summer Party
16	17 Scottish Rite	18 Clowns	19 Nile Sewing (DARK)	20 Roustabouts (DARK)	21	22
23	24	25 <u>BOD Mtg "Board of Directors"</u>	26	27	28	29
30	31	Notes: BOD - Board of Directors; open to all Nobles * Denotes Temple/Shrine Event				

JUL 2-6	Imperial Session			
JUL 4	Independence Day		AUG 8	Temple Guard
JUL 11	Temple Guard		AUG 14	Scottish Rite
JUL 15	Clown's Summer Party		AUG 15	Clowns
JUL 17	Scottish Rite		AUG 15	Bulletin Deadline
JUL 18	Clowns		<b>AUG 29</b>	<b>BOD Mtg - 6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>JUL 25</b>	<b>BOD Mtg - 6:30 p.m.</b>			

## AUGUST 2023

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# Clown Summer Party

Saturday - July 15th, 2023

Theme: Hawaiian Dress

Location: Tehran Shrine

5:30pm Social

7:00pm Dinner

New York Steak  
w/ all the trimmings!

\$30 Per Person

RSVP to RINGMASTER

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