

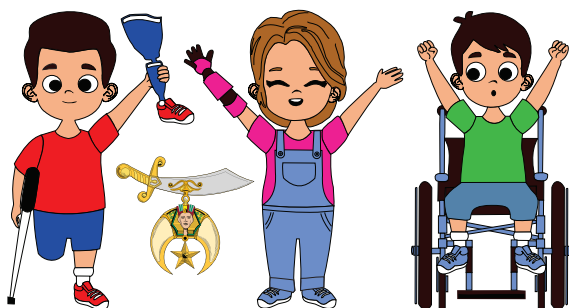
TEHRAN SHRINERS BULLETIN



May 2025



HELP KIDS THRIVE



IN 2025



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From the Desk of: Potentate David Pitts



Greeting Nobles, Ladies and Friends,

Wow, what can I say? We had wonderful events with outstanding attendance. I hope you all are having as much fun as First Lady Carol and I. Starting out with our gigantic yard sale, conceived and chaired by PP John Denton. Followed by Past Potentates and Nobility Ball, Chairpersons were John and Gayle Gilbert. How praiseworthy those two are. Then on to our Stated Meeting night with guest speaker Alan Anderson from Shriners Northern California Hospital. All accolades belong to Mark Allen and Ron Manfredi for the delicious spaghetti dinner. I can never thank these Nobles and their Ladies enough, along with my wife and the many volunteers that it takes to make these events successful.

Carol and I had the honor to attend three outstanding Masonic events. Starting with the Daughters of Nile Installation. Congratulations to Queen Janet Plettner and all the lady officers. Next on to State Chapter DeMolays Installation. Congratulations to Alex Coleman, Master Councilor for 2025 and all the new officers of State Center. What a beautiful evening it was to attend the Heart of the Valley Rainbow girls farewell meeting to honor the outgoing Grand Worthy Associate Advisor, Historian, and Rep to CO/NV, Madison Miller and State Rainbow Dad, Mr. Harry Zahlis. Good times with great people.

Make sure you get signed up for the gathering of the Hillbilly Clan on Sunday, May 4th. Also, we are now accepting reservations for the Mother's Day Brunch, and you are all invited. Saturday, May 10th, here at the Shrine Center. Details for these and more events are in this bulletin.

Lastly, please attend the Walk of Love on June 14, 2025, at Shriners Northern California Hospital. Tehran will provide transportation if we get enough people to RSVP. Alan Anderson as volunteered to give us a private tour of the hospital. So, sign up now.

David Pitts, Potentate

A BIG THANK YOU FROM FIRST LADY CAROL & PP JOHN DENTON

John and I would like to thank all the volunteers and for those who made donations for the Shrines monster yard sell. It was a day filled with fun and memories.

We are grateful for your willingness to give your time and energy to make the yard sell so successful.

All your support allows me to continue fulfilling the goal for my First Lady's project, "Camp Winning Hands".

A very special thank you to the following volunteers for sorting, pricing, and organizing all the donations we received and the clean-up.

Eric Abaun, Lois Cappilato, Tom and Chantelle Crossland, Mark and Sandra Dawson, John and Jean Denton, Orron and Pat Dougherty, Randy Forrester, Gordon and Dolores Keeton, Terre Stricker, Jason, Zuly Weiner plus Nick and CJ Prieto, Chris and Judy Weymouth.

HELP KIDS THRIVE IN "2025"



From the Desk of: Chief Rabban Randy Forrester, PP



As April comes to an end and May starts, I remain amazed at what our Potentate and First Lady have been doing this year and wondering how Pam and I can keep up the good times next year. The Nobility/Past Potentates ball was great fun and having the Potentate, Chief Rabban and their wives from Al Malaikah in Los Angeles, take the time to come up was a testament to the universality of Shrinedom. John and Gayle Gilbert gave us a wonderful night and the music was outstanding and everyone was having such a great time that the musician played for 2 hours longer than planned. At our stated meeting, Alan Anderson, from the Sacramento Hospital, discussed our patients and reinforced why I am a Shriner. This year we will have a larger presence in the Clovis Rodeo Parade than we have had in years and I was also amazed at the number of donations for Tehran's yard sale to raise money for Carol's 1st Lady's project.

Pam and I remain busy, as always, and will be going on the Potentates Cruise. Coming up we are looking forward to visiting the Mexico City Shriner's Hospital in May with Potentate David and Lady Carol (I am sure we will have lots of pictures). Mexico is our busiest hospital, but don't miss the chance to tour our Sacramento Hospital (in my opinion it is the best in the system) at the Walk of Love in June.

Which brings me back around to next year. Pam and I are in the planning stage and will need everyone's help and suggestions. Please let us know what you would like to see for next year. There will also be positions open on the Divan and Boards so let me know of your interest, and we will discuss what these positions entail and what commitment is required. I have found that people fall into three categories. First are the ones with a vision and make things happen: next are the ones who help out, but only watch things happen: and the last are those who say WHAT HAPPENED. Which kind are you?

Please come join us in our vision for the Helping Children and in growing Masonry and the Shrine.

Remember, you only get out of life what you put in to it.

Fraternally,
Randy Forrester, PP
Chief Rabban

From the Desk of: Assistant Rabban Jason Weiner



So far, 2025 is off to a great start! I've picked up a new habit this year as an officer with the Tehran Shriners—taking the time to show appreciation. First up is my amazing wife, Zuly. She's been an incredible partner and supporter of everything the Shriners are about. My dad always said the real strength of a temple comes from the strength of the wives, and I couldn't agree more.

The Nobility Ball was a blast! It was awesome to see so many nobles and their wives out there having a great time. When was the last time we had a sold-out ball at the Shrine Center? It's been a while, but it looks like we're starting a trend. The Clown Summer Party is just around the corner, and we're hoping to keep that sold-out streak going!

Zuly and I are really enjoying the brotherhood and friendships we've made this year. We're looking forward to seeing everyone and plan to show up and support as many events as we can. Hopefully we survive the "Bad Santa" takes Mexico cruise.

Fraternally,

Jason Weiner
Assistant Rabban



May Parades

Come out and support your club or unit.
Spouses, Significant Others, Friends, & Children

May 17th, 10:00 a.m. - Chowchilla Spring Festival Parade
& Shrine BBQ (Contact Bob Murdoch)

May 26th, 10.00 a.m. - Farmersville Memorial Parade

From the Desk of: Oriental Guide Michael Graham



I hope everyone is doing well and prospering. I wanted to share part of an article from Shrine International that's meant to inspire personal reflection.

Sometimes, it's difficult to explain the company we keep. Do we spend time with others out of convenience? Is it a transactional relationship? Or the pursuit of social standing?

The same can't be said about the early Masons who decided to form Shriners International more than 150 years ago. These 13 men, who regularly gathered at the Knickerbocker Cottage in New York City, sought to establish a new kind of fraternity strongly based in Freemasonry but a little less formal – and a lot more fun.

That's why, led by Mason and actor Billy Florence, who had attended a party given by an Arabian diplomat in Europe, they leaned into exotic themes that still pervade today. These elements lent an air of mystery and novelty to the new group that delighted members (and piqued public interest) of what was originally dubbed the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, with its first official meeting in 1871.

These early Shriners were seeking something in their life that they couldn't find elsewhere – fun and fellowship – and they took it upon themselves to fill that void. Clearly, other men have felt the same, as the organization is nearly 154 years old and going strong, with roughly 170,000 members worldwide.

But times have changed. Since then, technology has altered the world as we know it, with cars, televisions, computers and cell phones transforming the way we live and communicate. You can spend time with friends without even leaving home. Some might question whether, a century and a half later, a fraternal organization like Shriners International has a place in the life of the modern man.

In my heart, I feel we are more valuable than ever. Every dinner, every donation, every parade makes an impact. With the world going digital, our physical presence is powerful.

Fraternally,
Michael Graham
Oriental Guide

Membership Commitee

The Webfez numbers show that we have 220 members. We have created 1 new Noble and have lost 1 to the Black Camel. On the plus side we have 2 petitions that were voted on at the last Stated Meeting but have not been entered into Webfez (so that means we should be a plus 2 or 222 members). We also have 3 Brothers who have expressed interest (2 have taken a petition). Things are looking up! We just got back from the Imperial Membership and Marketing seminar. We received lots of membership information that we will be initiating here at Tehran. There is lots of stuff on Webfez that will enlighten and educate you as to Shrinedom. If you haven't already registered on the site, please do so. Part of the program is your dues card on your cell phone. If you have any problems registering, give me a call and I will attempt to assist you.

What do you call a pig with laryngitis? Disgruntled.

We have 30 of us who have not paid their dues. Of those 30, 7 are 2 years in arrears and will be suspended at the end of the year. Check your dues card and see if you are one of these numbers. We don't want to lose anyone.

I once worked at a cheap pizza shop to get by. I kneaded the dough.

Wayne Schwartz
559-229-2458

Drop by for a Beer after work.



Date: Friday, May 23rd, 2025
Time: 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Location: Tehran Shrine Center
5407 East Olive Avenue
Fresno CA 93727

There will be popcorn and pretzels to go along with your brew. Bring along a Brother Mason so they know our Shrine is still doing business.
Good cold beer, great fellowship and it's **FREE!**

MAY 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Pote's Cruise – Catalina & Ensenada 	2 Pote's Cruise – Catalina & Ensenada 	3
4 Hillbillies	5 <i>Cinco de Mayo</i> Pageantry Practice	6	7	8	9	10 <u>Mother's Day Brunch*</u>
11 <i>Mother's Day</i>	12	13 Temple Guard/Patrol	14 Fresno Shrine Club Daughters of the Nile	15 Roustabouts Bulletin Deadline	16 Novkeys	17 Chowchilla Spring Festival Parade & Shrine BBQ
18 Nile Pageantry Fiesta	19 Scottish Rite	20 Clowns FMAB Mtg	21 Nile Sewing	22	23	24
25	26 <i>Memorial Day</i> Merced Mariposa Shrine Club Farmersville Parade 	27 <u>BOD Mtg "Board of Directors"</u>	28	29	30	31
Notes: BOD - Board of Directors; open to all Nobles OV - Potentate's Official Visit * Denotes Temple/Shrine Event.						

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 MAY 6 Pageantry Practice
MAY 10 **Mother's Day Brunch ***
 MAY 13 Temple Guard/Patrol
 MAY 14 Fresno Shrine Club
 MAY 14 Daughters of the Nile
 MAY 15 Roustabout
 MAY 15 Bulletin Submission Deadline
 MAY 16 Novkeys
 MAY 17 Chowchilla Spring Festival Parade & Shrine BBQ
 MAY 18 Nile Pageantry Fiesta
 MAY 19 Scottish Rite
 MAY 20 Clowns
MAY 20 **FMAB Meeting**
 MAY 21 Nile Sewing
 MAY 26 Merced-Mariposa Shrine Club
 MAY 26 Farmersville Parade
MAY 27 **BOD Mtg "Board of Directors" 6:30 p.m.**



JUNE 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Hillbillies	2 Pageantry Practice	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Temple Guard/Patrol	11 Fresno Shrine Club Daughters of the Nile	12	13	14 Walk for Love*
15 <i>Father's Day</i> Bulletin Deadline	16 Scottish Rite	17 Clowns <u>FMAB Mtg</u>	18 Nile Sewing	19 Roustabouts	20 Novkeys	21 1 st Lady's Tea
22	23 Merced Mariposa Shrine Club	24 <u>"BOD Mtg "Board of Directors"</u>	25	26	27	28
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 JUN 15 Bulletin Submission Deadline
 JUN 16 Scottish Rite
 JUN 17 Clowns
JUN 17 FMAB Meeting
 JUN 18 Nile Sewing
 JUN 19 Roustabout
 JUN 20 Novkeys
 JUN 21 1st Lady's Tea
 JUN 23 Merced-Mariposa Shrine Club
JUN 24 BOD Mtg "Board of Directors" 6:30 p.m.
 JUN 29 Imperial Session - Atlanta
 JUN 30 Imperial Session - Atlanta



*Callin' all cuzins. Clan meetin and Initiations.
Please join us and bring a friend!*

Grand and Glorious Order of The Hillbillys

Fresno - Sierra Clan #60



Initiation of
new Hillbillys



& Hillbilly
Gals

Sunday, May 4th, 2025

3:30 p.m. - Social 4:00 p.m. - Meeting

5:00 p.m. - Dinner

Tehran Shrine Center

5407 East Olive Avenue, Fresno, CA

Dinner: Enchilada Casserole, Rice, Salad,
Chips & Salsa, Dessert, Beverage

Cost: \$15.00 per person



Please RSVP by Friday, May 2nd
to: Mark Dawson

559-643-1956

dmdawson@webdawsons.com





You're Invited to

Mother's Day Brunch

at The Tehran Shrine Center
5407 E. Olive Ave, Fresno, CA

Saturday, May 10th, 2025

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Cost: Free to all Mothers and children 12
and under. All others \$15.00 each.

Join us for amazing food prepared by one
of Tehran's talented chefs, Bryan Kincaid.

A thank you to all the Mothers from the
Nobles of Tehran Shrine.

RSVP to Shrine Office
(559) 251-1991
no later than Tuesday, May 6, 2025.

FRESNO SHRINE CLUB

MAY MEETING IS CANCELLED
OUR NEXT MEETING LUNCHEON IS
JUNE 11, 2025



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 June 11th 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 June 9th, 2025

Please call or text
Terre Rhymes-Stricker at
559-458-9114 or
email me4pekes@yahoo.com
to make your reservations.





SHRINERS

INTERNATIONAL

Merced-Mariposa Counties Shrine Club

Will Be Meeting on the **4th Monday of Each Month.**

May 26th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Yosemite Station

125 E. Yosemite Ave

Merced, CA

All Tehran Noble Shriners, Masons,

Spouses & Friends are Invited

Fez's are Optional

RSVP to Noble Bob Monroe

(209-628-4413)

Noble Bob Murdoch

(559-223-4676)

It's been a busy April. Here are a few of the many photos taken at some of the events and meetings.

To see all the pictures in full color go to the
Tehran Shriners & Friends Group on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1849091628679476>

Laton Parade



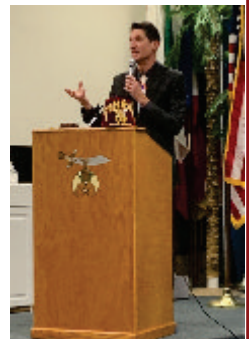
Yard Sale



Past Potentate & Nobility Ball



Shrine April Stated Meeting





The Pleasure Of Your Company
Is Requested For The

1st Lady's Afternoon Tea

Saturday, June 21st, 2025
12:00 p.m.

Tehran Shrine Center
5407 E. Olive Ave, Fresno, CA

Cost: \$35.00

Menu

Finger Sandwiches & Mini Quiche
Scones, Dessert
Champagne, Tea and Coffee

Kindly RSVP to Terre Stricker by
Friday, June 13th
(559)458-9114



Register Now!

Space Limited to the First 40 Nobles, Ladies
& Friends who Register for the Bus & Walk for Love
Call Shrine Office 559-251-1991 to reserve your seat.

Free Bus Ride

To Shriners Hospitals for Children
Northern California
for the

Walk for Love & Hospital Tour



Registration: Link Below

Walk for Love

\$35.00 per individual

Team Tehran Shrine

Free T-shirt

Lunch Provided

<https://donate.lovetotherescue.org/event/walk-for-love-northern-california/e663509>

Saturday, June 14, 2025

Tentative Bus Schedule

5:00 am	Depart Tehran Shrine Center
6:30 am	Comfort stop Enoch Christoffersen Rest Area
8:40 am	Arrive Shriners Hospital Northern CA
10:00 am	Walk For Love Lunch & Hospital Tour
2:00 pm	Depart Shriners Hospital Northern CA
3:40 pm	Comfort stop Enoch Christoffersen Rest Area
5:40 pm	Arrive Tehran Shrine Center