

# TEHRAN SHRINERS BULLETIN

# February 2026

*Tehran Shrine*  
HELPING KIDS SINCE 1948



"HAVING FUN  
HELPING KIDS  
IN 2026."

**BACK  
TO THE FUTURE**

FUN WITH A  
PURPOSE

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# From the Desk of: Potentate Randy Forrester



I hope everyone is well and has had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Tehran's 2026 year is off and running and we are working hard to work out the bugs. This year we have a new Potentate, Recorder, Treasurer and Bulletin Editor so there will be a learning curve, so all help and suggestions will be greatly appreciated. Our first stated meeting was on Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, to install the new officers and approve the budget so we could pay our bills. On Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> we had our Past Potentate's night, introduction of our new officers, presentation of our 1<sup>st</sup> Lady's project and the calender for the new year. A copy of the calendar is included in this months bulletin. Next month, 1st Lady Pam will have an article on this years project. We will be trying several changes this year. Our bylaws require that our stated meetings take place during the first week of the month and we have traditionally had them on Monday evenings. This year we will have our Stated meetings mid day on Saturday so we do not have to drive at night and to make it easier for those who work. There will be a light meal and a ladies program at each meeting.

Potentate David and 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Carol did an outstanding job last year and he was able to spend all day, 4 days a week, at the Shrine Center. Unfortunately I am still working but plan to be there on Tuesday afternoons from 2-4 and most Thursdays from 9-3. We will monitor the phone answering machine daily and the Recorder and Treasurer will be in at various times. You will find a list of this years planed Shrine activities in this months bulletin and please plan on attending as many as you can. We do not have a Potentate's year, we have a Tehran year, and it's success rests on the enthusiasm and participation of its members. Our theme this year is "**Back to the Future**" and I look forward to a great year having fun and helping the kids.

**Remember our motto is "fun with a purpose" and you only get out of life what you put in to it, so dedicate yourself to "HAVING FUN HELPING KIDS IN 2026."**

Fraternally,

Randy Forrester, PP

2026 Potentate

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# From the Desk of:

## Chief Rabban:

### Jason Weiner



January in the Rearview, February Full Speed Ahead

January flew by like a car in the Indy 500, and that can only mean one thing—we are off to a great start in 2026. It was fantastic to see so many Shriners out in January for the Installation of Officers and Past Potentates Night. Events like these truly remind us of the strong bonds and traditions that make our Temple so special.

Zuly and I genuinely enjoyed seeing so many good friends we've made over the years. The fellowship, laughter, and shared memories are what make these gatherings so meaningful and remind us why being part of this organization is such a privilege.

We also can't forget about the Clowns and another wonderful installation of their new Director. The gloves came off, nobody went to jail, and by all accounts it was a successful and entertaining event—exactly what you'd expect when the Clowns are involved! As February rolls around, two things immediately come to mind: romance and the Super Bowl. Zuly and I will be hosting the Super Bowl Party at the Temple on February 8th, and we invite everyone to come join us for football, food, drinks, and a great time enjoying the big game together.

Romance also brings to mind the Clown Cake Bake Valentine's Day Party at the Temple—an absolute must-attend event. It's filled with thievery, laughter, and the chance to sample some of the finest bakery cakes on the West Coast, all while the Clowns raise money for the First Ladies Project. If you haven't attended before, you don't know what you're missing.

As always, let us never forget why we do what we do. Our mission is to support the children who need our help most. There truly is no other organization in the world that helps children the way we do, and that makes what we are part of incredibly special.

I look forward to seeing everyone around the Temple this month and at the many events ahead.

In Faith,  
Jason Weiner  
Chief Rabban



# From the Desk of: High Priest and Prophet Michael Graham:



Greetings Nobles & Ladies,

We're off to a fantastic start this year. Once again congrats to Randy Forrester on being this years potente. Be on the lookout for updates posted in the bulletin. Attendance and participation are key to our good times and success. I wanted to share a brief excerpt from Shrinersinternational.com, I encourage those who it resonates with to read into it. 02-19-25

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.

Fraternally,  
Michael Graham  
High Priest & Prophet



## FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
HILLBILLIES 1	Pageantry Practice 2					
SUPERBOWL PARTY 8		TEMPLE GUARD/ PATROL 9	FRESNO SHRINE CLUB DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE 10			VALENTINE'S DAY 14
CLOWNS VALENTINE CAKE BAKE BULLITEN DEADLINE 15	SCOTTISH RITE 16	CLOWNS FMAB MEETING 17	THE NILE SEWING 18	ROUSTABOUTS 19	NOVCAPS 20	
	MERCED-MARIPOSA SHRINE CLUB 22	BOD MTG BOARD OF DIRECTORS 23				
		24	25	26	27	28
		1	2	3	4	5
						6

**NOTES**

BOD – Board of Directors  
OV- Potentate's Official Visit



- FEB 1** Hillbillies
- FEB 2** Pageantry Practice
- FEB 8** Super Bowl Party
- FEB 10** Temple Guard/Patrol
- FEB 11** Fresno Shrine Club
- FEB 11** Daughters of the Nile
- FEB 15** Bulletin Submission Deadline
- FEB 15** Clowns Cake Bake and Brunch
- FEB 17** Clowns
- FEB 17** FMAB Meeting
- FEB 18** Nile Sewing
- FEB 23** Mariposa-Merced Shrine Club
- FEB 24** Board of Directors Meeting



# March

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	Pageantry Practice					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
SUPERBOWL PARTY		TEMPLE GUARD/ PATROL	FRESNO SHRINE CLUB			
8	9	10	DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE	11	12	13
BULLITEN DEADLINE	SCOTTISH RITE	CLOWNS ST. PATY'S PARTY FMAB MEETING	THE NILE SEWING	ROUSTABOUTS	NOVCAPS	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	MERCED-MARIPOSA SHRINE CLUB	BOD MTG BOARD OF DIRECTORS				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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- MAR11** Daughters of the Nile
- MAR 15** **Bulletin Submission Deadline**
- MAR 16** Scottish Rite
- MAR 17** **FMAB Meeting**
- MAR 17** Clowns St. Paddy's Day Dinner
- MAR 18** Nile Sewing
- MAR 19** Roustabouts
- MAR 20** Novkeps
- MAR 19-22** **Thursday-Sunday WSA Las Vegas**
- MAR 21** Zelzah's Potentates Ball
- MAR 24** **BOD MEETING**



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR OUR

# BIG GAME PARTY



**Super Bowl LX  
2026**

**Sunday February 8th  
Tehran Shrine Center  
5407 East Olive Avenue, Fresno ,CA**

**Time: Any time after 1:00 pm**

**Cost: Bring an appetizer or donate \$10 to the First Lady's Project.**

**Food: All Beef Hot Dogs, Chili and Chips will be served at Half Time.**

**Beverage of your choice included throughout the day.**

**\*\*\* Everyone is welcome, please bring family and friends.**

# 2026 TEMPLE EVENTS

## January

- 8 Thursday: Stated Meeting, Budget Approval
- 17 Saturday: Officer Presentation/PP night
- 24 Saturday: Clown Installation

## February

- 1 Sunday: Hillbillies
- 8 Sunday: Superbowl Party

## March

- 17 Tuesday: Clown' St Paddy's Party
- 19-22 Thursday-Saturday: Western Shrine
- 22 Saturday: Zelza Potentates Ball

## April

- 4 Saturday: Stated Meeting
- 5 Sunday: Hillbillies
- 25 Saturday: Clovis Parade

## May

- 9 Saturday: Chowchilla Parade
- 16 Saturday: Mother's Day Brunch
- 23 Saturday: 70's Party

## June

- 7 Sunday: Hillbillies
- 12-14 Thursday-Sunday: Sacramento Trip, Walk of Love
- 27 Saturday: Nobility Ball

## July

- 4 Saturday: 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- 12-16 Sunday-Wednesday: Imperial Session Tampa
- 25 Saturday: Clown Summer Party

## August

- 2 Sunday: Hillbillies
- 15 Saturday: All Masonic Picnic/ Ceremonial

## September

- 5 Saturday: Stated Meeting
- 25-27 Friday-Sunday: Coast Trip

## October

- 3 Saturday: Oktoberfest
- 4 Sunday: Hillbillies
- 24 Saturday: Murder Mystery Dinner

## November

- 14 Saturday: Chief Rabban's Night

## December

- 5 Saturday: Stated Meeting-Elections/Budget Presentation
- 15 Tuesday: Christmas Tree Lane
- 19 Saturday: Holiday Party
- 25 Friday: MERRY CHRISTMAS

Hey, if she didn't like the new vacuum cleaner, why not take her to a Valentine Brunch and buy her a very unique Valentine, Clown made, delicious cake and she will love you forever!!

Tehrān  
Clown's



Sweetheart Brunch  
& Cake Bake

Sunday - Feb. 15th, 2026

10:00 am - Good Morning Social

11:00 am - Brunch

Cake Auction starts after Brunch

\$20.00 per person

RSVP TO RINGMASTER  
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 February 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 February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Please call or text Terre Rhymes-Stricker at 559- 458-9114 or email  
[me4pekes@yahoo.com](mailto:me4pekes@yahoo.com) to make your reservations.



## Editor's Note

Please Remember, if you wish to have an article or Flyer advertising your event, PLEASE, email it to me by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE!!!!

**All Masonic groups** are welcome to sent us information, and we will include it in the bulletin



# SHRINERS

## INTERNATIONAL

**Merced-Mariposa Counties Shrine Club**

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

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 at 6:00**

**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 Murdoch**

**559-223-4676 for reservations**



Top o' the morning to you  
Come on out and be Irish for the day!! Guiness beer, Irish Whiskey  
and great, more than you can eat, Corned Beef and Cabbage. Then  
join us for a sing along of "Danny Boy". Hey, it is the clowns, you  
KNOW it is going to be a great time!!



# ST. PADDY'S DINNER

\$30.00

Tuesday - March 17th 2026

6:00 pm - Social

7:00 pm - Dinner

Corned Beef & Cabbage

 RSVP TO RINGMASTER  
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