

TEHRAN SHRINERS BULLETIN

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From the Desk of: Elect **Potentate Randy Forrester**



I want to thank everyone for showing confidence in me by electing me the 2026 Potentate of Tehran Shrine. First Lady Pam and I are honored and will do our very best to deserve the honor which you have conferred. I am also extremely excited about our line of officers who are younger and offer continuity to our line. On January 8th there will be a members only Stated Meeting to install our 2026 officer and pass our 2026 budget. On January 17th we will present our 2026 officers and honor our Past Potentates and 1st Ladies who have been the back bone of Tehran through the years. Pam and I will unveil our plans for next year as well as the 1st Lady's hospital project. We are looking forward to a fun night, so please reserve with the Recorder or myself early (see enclosed flyer) so we can let the caterer know how much food to prepare.

Again this year our Past Potentate Jim Stahl and his 1st Lady Jennifer hosted a trip down Christmas Tree Lane on Tuesday, December 16th. There was no charge and as always it was a wonderful time. A sincere thank you to Jim (our new Treasurer) and Jennifer (Mr. and Mrs. Clause) for making this a very special evening.

Lastly, I again want to thank Potentate David and Lady Carol, and all the people that helped, for making 2025 a banner year for Tehran. I want to especially thank PP Mark and Sandy Dawson, Pat and Oren Doughty, Bob and Sandra Murdoch and a host of others that helped keep the wheels on our trolley. It is never a "Potentate's" year it is a Tehran year and Pam and I look forward to working with all of our dedicated members to help make 2026 another Tehran year to remember.

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
Potentate Elect
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From the Desk of: Chief Rabban: Jason Weiner



A New Year, A Shared Purpose

As we begin a new year at Tehran Temple, there is a great deal of excitement in the air. Illustrious Sir Randy Forrester has an outstanding year planned for our Temple, and Zuly and I are truly looking forward to all the fun events, fellowship, and opportunities to support our Potentate and First Lady throughout the year. It is always an honor to stand alongside leadership that is dedicated to moving Tehran Shriners forward.

I would also like to extend my sincere gratitude to the Nobility for the confidence you have shown in electing me as your new Chief Rabban of Tehran Shriners. It is a tremendous honor to serve our Temple, and I do not take this responsibility lightly. I am committed to working hard for our members and continuing the proud traditions that make Tehran Temple such a special place.

To our most recent Past Potentate and his bride, thank you for an incredible year. Your dedication, leadership, and countless hours of service have played a vital role in the continued success of Tehran Shriners. Your efforts are truly appreciated, and your impact will be felt for years to come.

As we move forward, let us never forget why we do what we do. Our mission is, and always will be, to support the children who need our help. There is no other organization in the world that helps children the way Shriners Children does. What we are a part of is truly special, and it is a privilege to serve alongside each of you in making a difference.

Here's to a great year ahead—filled with fellowship, service, and continued support of the children who count on us.

In Faith,
Jason Weiner
Chief Rabban



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



Greetings Nobles & Ladies,

I hope everyone was an able to enjoy the holidays. We have a new year ahead, and lots of plans for growth, fellowship, and fun. I want to thank you all for allowing me to have the privilege of being High Priest and Prophet on the Divan. I also wanted to congratulate Randy Forrester on being this year's Potentate. I'm sure everyone agrees David Pitts did a wonderful job for 2025. We have a fresh start this year with goals and giving in mind.

A friendly reminder during these winter months, be sure to keep space heaters a safe distance away from anything flammable. If you know of someone relying on boiling water, even cooking for a family gathering please emphasize caution. Create "child free-zones" if needed to protect the little ones. Shriners hospital is always taking on unfortunate burn victims from families who rely on basic forms of heat that can be hazardous. The front of fireplaces can also be extremely hot, and enticing to a curious kid. Help us, each other, and everyone have a safe and prosperous New Year!

Fraternally,
Michael Graham

Editor's Note.



Please, Please, if you want an article or flyer in the Newsletter, I must have by the 15th of the month. Your forgetfulness could result in your event not being in the Newsletter. We are all volunteers but please don't make me track you down PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE

From the Desk of: The Membership Committee, Wayne Schwartz (Chairman)



Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a joyous Christmas and you stayed up to celebrate the New Year. There was a group of 21 Shriners, their ladies and friends who went to Branson Missouri to celebrate Christmas. All was great! The Shepard of the hills light show is unbelievable, the Sights and Sounds show “David” absolutely phenomenal (on a million dollar stage including live camels, donkeys, sheep, goats and doves), a tour of the collage of the Ozarks where the students when they graduate owe a zero amount for their education, dinner on a showboat cruising around a lake, several Christmas shows (my favorite was the Hughes Brothers (100 family members of which 55 are in the show), way to much food (Paula Deans was my favorite restaurant) and 3 super van drivers (Dave, Mark and Tony) that got us to and from all events safe and sound. All of this was arranged and managed by our PP Dave Pitts. Thank you, Dave, and Carol for a super great time!

No matter how much how much you push the envelope, it's still stationery

Now for the bad news. We started the year with 220 members, created 9 new members, restored 2, 5 demits (4 in December), lost 1 for non-payment of dues and the black camel visited us 9 times, 2 Shriners came in from Al Malakah. If my arithmetic is correct, we ended the year minus 2. While we don’t like ending up in the hole, you guys did a pretty good job by bringing in 9 new members, not quite as good as last year’s 11, but better than the previous dozens of years. Let’s make 2026 a momentous year and get a couple new members a month. Remember, **EVERYONE OF YOU ARE ON THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE! REPLACE YOURSELF!**

PASTEURIZE: Too far to see.

“A gentleman is one who puts more into the world than he takes out.” George Bernard Shaw - Dramatist (1856 - 1950)

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2026 DUES?

Stated Meeting



Thursday January 8, 2026

Tehran Temple Shrine Center

5407 E Olive Ave. Fresno CA.

Time 6:00 pm. Dress is casual with Fez,
Nobles only for this meeting.
Must be current on 2026 dues to attend

Come enjoy free pizza and social at 6:00 pm
Then stay for the meeting, starting at 6:45 pm,
to install our 2026 officers and
approval of Tehran's 2026 budget

Please RSVP to

Recorder at Tehran Shrine, (559) 251-1991 or

Email: recorder@tehranshriners.org



**Hey, FREE
Pizza**



Tehran Shrine



Past Potentates' Night And Presentation of 2026 Officers

Saturday January 17, 2026



Shrine Center, 5407 E Olive, Fresno

Bring your Lady and enjoy a delicious
Dinner and refreshments

Then spend the evening with us celebrating
the time and effort our Past Potes have put in
for our Temple, then meet the future Past Potes as we
introduce our Officers for 2026, and learn about
Tehran's plans for the 2026 year

Cost;
\$45.00
per person

Net proceeds from this event will be donated to our Hospital
thru the First Lady's fund.

Reservations a MUST by Thurs January 15th
RSVP: Recorder at Tehran Shrine, (559) 251-1991 or
Email: Recorder@TehranShriners.org

Cost is \$45 per person.

5:00pm Social
6:00 pm Dinner



Nobles- Business attire
and fez
Ladies- Beautiful as always

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.**

JANUARY 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					2	3
4	5 Pageantry Practice	6	7	8 Tehran Shrine Stated Annual Meeting*	9	10
11	12	13 Temple Guard/Patrol	14 Fresno Shrine Club Daughters of the Nile	15 Bulletin Deadline Roustabouts	16 Novices (Dark)	17 Past Potentate Night*
18	19 Scottish Rite	22 Clowns FMAB Mtg	23 Nile Sewing	24	25	26
27	28 Merced-Mariposa Shrine Club	29 BOD Mtg "Board of Directors"	30	31		
		Notes: BOD - Board of Directors; open to all Nobles OV - Potentate's Official Visit * Denotes Temple/Shrine Event				

JAN 5 Pageantry Practice

JAN 8 Tehran Shrine Annual Stated Meeting*

JAN 13 Temple Guard/Patrol

JAN 14 Fresno Shrine Club

JAN 14 Daughters of the Nile

JAN 15 Roustabouts

JAN 15 Bulletin Submission Deadline

JAN 17 Past Potentate Recognition Dinner*

JAN 19 Scottish Rite

JAN 22 Clowns

JAN 22 FMAB Meeting

JAN 23 Nile Sewing

JAN 28 Merced-Mariposa Shrine Club

JAN 29 BOD Mtg "Board of Directors"



FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
HILLBILLIES 1	Pageantry Practice 2		3	4	5	6
SUPERBOWL PARTY 8		TEMPLE GUARD/ PATROL 9	FRESNO SHRINE CLUB DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE 10			VALENTINE'S DAY 13 14
CLOWNS VALENTINE CAKE BAKE BULLITEN DEADLINE 15	SCOTTISH RITE 16	CLOWNS FMAB MEETING 17	THE NILE SEWING 18	ROUSTABOUTS 19	NOVCAPS 20	21
	MERCED-MARIPOSA SHRINE CLUB 22	BOD MTG BOARD OF DIRECTORS 23		25	26	27 28
		24		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





2026 Installation of Officers

Tehran Shrine

Clowns

Saturday, January 26 2026

Jason "Cheeks" Weiner

Incoming 2026 Clown Director



CASINO

Theme: 1920's Mobster Gambling Casino

5407 E. Olive Ave., Fresno
Shrine Center

\$30.00 per person

Social at 5:00 p.m.
Dinner at 6:00 p.m.
Program at 7:00 p.m.

Reservations
Due by Jan. 19th
Wayne Schwartz
559-229-2458

Don't sit on the porch with the
puppies. Come run with the big dogs!



SHRINERS

INTERNATIONAL

Merced-Mariposa Counties Shrine Club

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

February 23rd, 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 Monroe

(209-628-4413)

Noble Bob Murdoch

(559-223-4676)

Save the Date

Tehran 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



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 January 14th 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 January 5th, 2026

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



Callin' all cuzins. The Clan will begin meetin again. Please join us and bring a friend!

**Grand and Glorious Order of
The Hillbillys**

Fresno - Sierra Clan #60



*Please bring an
appetizer to share.*

Sunday, February 1, 2026

**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 is gonna "somtum" really good.
Ain't gonna be no road kill either. So, come
on down for some good vittles \$20.00

Please RSVP by Friday, January 29

Mike Nella 559-871-0382

Email: oilcan1238@gmail.com



Many Thanks to Past Pote's, First Lady Jean Denton for the great pictures

