TEHRAN SHRINERS BULLETIN

MAY 2018

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A Note from your Potentate

April was "taxing", but Tehran Shriners still had fun!
Sometimes I suspect our Shrine Ladies have figured out ways of having more fun than we Nobles. In April they enjoyed both a Wine/Paint Day and a Mary Kay Party with First Lady Sandy, while we held a business meeting and got rained out at the Laton Parade. Perhaps they can offer us some activity pointers...

They say "What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas." This is normally true, however by petitioning for a special dispensation I am allowed to report that those making the bus trip had a great time. We enjoyed beverages and bus bingo on the way, three hospitalities in the Golden Nugget's top-floor suite, WSA activities and a little gambling here and there. We even stopped at "Area 51" on the way back *(Alien Jerky?)*. Many thanks to those attending for making the trip so enjoyable! Oh, and please ask Past Potentate Travis Cantrell about Fremont Street night life. Apparently he can't wait to go back...

May brings many new opportunities for fun. The Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club's annual fundraising "fizz" breakfast is on the morning of the 5th. Later that evening we're dressing to the nines for our Nobility Ball at Copper River Country Club. On Saturday, May 12th, join us for a long awaited Ceremonial *(open to everyone)*. Then on the 20th come out and support the Daughters of the Nile "Fiesta". And, looking forward to June, reserve the 9th for a bus trip to the Sacramento Hospital's Walk for LOVE.

Shriners are known for having "Fun with a Purpose." I hope you are enjoying both our fraternity and our philanthropy.

Why do we do it? ***Because we care!***

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FROM THE ASSISTANT RABBAN

We just returned from WSA in Las Vegas and as usual I came back enthused about what we do through our Shrine Health Care System. Imperial officer Ed Stoltz discussed how we need to upgrade our Hospital system to a Shrine Health Care System where we can see "more kids in more places" while preserving our endowment funds. We currently are dipping into the Endowment Funds to the tune of about $250,000,000 per year, while some of our hospitals have an over night census of less that 1 patient per day! The Imperial Hospital Board is looking into ways to improve and expand our system. The evening was highlighted by a young lady named Katie Litwiller who had a severe and rapidly advancing scoliosis. Singing is an important part of her life and due to the scoliosis her lung volume was being compromised and she was afraid she would no longer be able to sing. Needless to say she was helped in one of our Shrine hospitals and she entertained us with a beautiful, original song. At each of the events I have attended I have had the pleasure of hearing our shrine ambassadors share their inspiring stories. I am impressed buy the poise and confidence of each as they tell their story of the caring treatment they received at the Shriners hospital. We help these children not only with their physical problem but strive to give them confidence in themselves. All because of the support and caring of YOU.

As times are changing the biggest problem we face is our decreasing membership, which is now in the range of 230,000 members. This year our major focus is on increasing Masonic and Shrine membership through the I AM R U program. Our Potentate and his Lady have taken this program to heart and we had a great Shrine information night last month. From that night we were able interest several good men to become Shriners and we will be having a Ceremonial on Saturday, May 12. If you know any good men who would make good Masons and Shriners please let our Potentate or Divan know so we can get them in the system to send them information and invite them and their wives to some of our functions.

Our Masonic degrees are designed to teach the moral values on which society and our lives depend. In one of our degrees there is much confusion in the temple because there are no designs drawn upon the tressel board whereby the craft might pursue there labors. Without plans for our future, there is much confusion in our temple. If elected, and if Tehran still exists, Pam and I will be Potentate and First Lady in 2020, but we need your direction and your help. The Divan is trying to put together some multi year plans so each of us does not start over each year and we will have a clear vision of where we want Tehran to go and how to get there. Please share YOUR vision with YOUR Divan members.

The future of our civilization rests with the children of today. Every child we help makes the future a little better. Like Lady Sandy's story this year about the starfish, we can't make a difference for all children but we can make a great difference for many!

It is Masonry's job to take good men and make them better. It is the Shrine's job to take good Masons and make the World better!

Sincerely and Fraternally.

Randy Forrester, Assistant Rabban

MAY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5** Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club Breakfast **(OV)** **Nobility Ball***
6	**7**	**8** Temple Guard Patrol **(OV)**	**9** Fresno Shrine Club Nile Stated	**10** Flying Shriners & Legion of Honor	**11**	**12** **Ceremonial* 4:00 p.m.**
13 *Mother's Day*	**14**	**15** Clowns 6:30 pm Financial Mgt Board Property Mgt Board Insurance Advisory	**16** Nile Sewing	**17** Roustabouts	**18** Novkeps	**19** *El Zaribah Ball - Phoenix*
20 Nile Fiesta 3-5 pm	**21** Scottish Rite	**22** BOD	**23**	**24** Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club (Dark)	**25**	**26**
27	**28** *Memorial Day* Temple Belles Knights of Mecca	**29**	**30**	**31**		
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May 5 Merced-Mariposa Shrine Club - Breakfast, Official Visit

May 5 Nobility Ball - Copper River Country Club

May 8 Temple Guard - Shrine Center

May 8 Patrol - Official Visit

May 9 Fresno Shrine Club

May 9 Nile Stated - Las Palmas Masonic Center, 7:30 p.m.

May 10 Flying Shriners & Legion of Honor

May 12 **Ceremonial - Shrine Center 4:00 p.m.**

May 15 Bulletin Deadline

May 15 Clowns - Shrine Center, 6:30 p.m.

May 16 Nile Sewing - Shrine Center, 9:30 a.m.

May 17 Roustabouts

May 18 Novkeps

May 20 Nile Fiesta - Shrine Center, 3:00 p.m.

May 22 Board of Directors Meeting - Shrine Center, 6:30 p.m.

May 28 Temple Belles

JUNE 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Hillbillies **(OV)**	**4**	**5**	**6** *Shriner International Awareness Day (June 6, 1876)*	**7**	**8**	**9** **Walk for Love *-** Sacramento Hospital
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Jun 9	**Walk for Love - Sacrament Hospital**
Jun 12	Temple Guard - Golden Restaurant
Jun 13	Fresno Shrine Club
Jun 14	Flying Shriners & Legion of Honor
Jun 15	Bulletin Deadline
Jun 15	Novkeps
Jun 19	Clowns - Shrine Center, 6:30 p.m.
Jun 21	Roustabouts
Jun 23	**Murder Mystery Night**
Jun 26	Board of Directors Meeting - Shrine Center, 6:30 p.m.
Jun 28	Merced-Mariposa Shrine Club

FRESNO SHRINE CLUB
"Have Lunch With Your Friends"

DATE: Wednesday, May 9th

TIME: 12 Noon Social (No Host)
12:30 Lunch

DRESS: Men Casual
Ladies Casual

PLACE: Yosemite Falls Cafe in Granite Park
4020 N. Cedar Ave halfway between Dakota and Ashlan
Behind Me and Ed's Pizza Restaurant

PRICE: $17.00 per person

Please call Judy Hershey at 559-255-2672 or email jhershey01@comcast.net to make your reservation

We will have 4 or 5 lunch choices set up by Yosemite Falls. The choices will be such that they are require about the same amount of preparation so all can be served at close to the same time.

PLUS:

Choice of soup or Salad
Choice of potato or rice
Beverage and dessert included.

We hope to see you there!
Shrine Club Officrs

President: Orron Dougherty
Vice President: John Techman
Treasurer: Ralph Takakjian
Secretary: Richard Hershey

MERCED-MARIPOSA SHRINE CLUB

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018

6 P.M. SOCIAL (ORDER DINNER FROM MENU) 7 P.M. MEETING

WHERE: LA NITA'S RESTAURANT, 2684 SHAFFER RD., ATWATER, CA

WHO: SHRINERS & LADIES-NOBLES, BRING A BROTHER MASON & LADY

MOTHER'S DAY - MAY 13, 2018!

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018, FIZZ BREAKFAST & OFFICIAL VISIT OF POTENTATE MARK DAWSON & FIRST LADY SANDRA

WHERE: VETERAN'S PARK PAVILION
CORNER OF BUHACH & BELLEVUE ROADS, ATWATER, CA
BREAKFAST SERVED 8 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.

DONATION: $12 PER PERSON 12 YEARS & OLDER;
$5 FOR 7-12 YEARS OF AGE; 6 & UNDER FREE

MENU: STEAK, SCRAMBLED EGGS, HASH BROWNS, BISCUITS, JUICE, COFFEE, FIZZES

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WALK FOR LOVE

TO SUPPORT SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Saturday, June 9, 2018
8 a.m. - Walk registration and check-in begins
10 a.m. - 1.5-mile Walk begins
12 p.m. - Post-Walk BBQ and entertainment

Cost: $25.00 includes Walk registration and Walk t-shirt

https://lovetotherescue.org/events/walk-for-love-northern-california/

Bus Transportation Will Be Provided on Saturday June 9th.
Bus is being provided at no cost by Past Potentate David Johnson.
First come, first served basis. To reserve your seat:
Contact the Recorder at 559-251-1991 or Recorder@tehranshriners.org

Shriners Hospitals
for Children®
Northern California

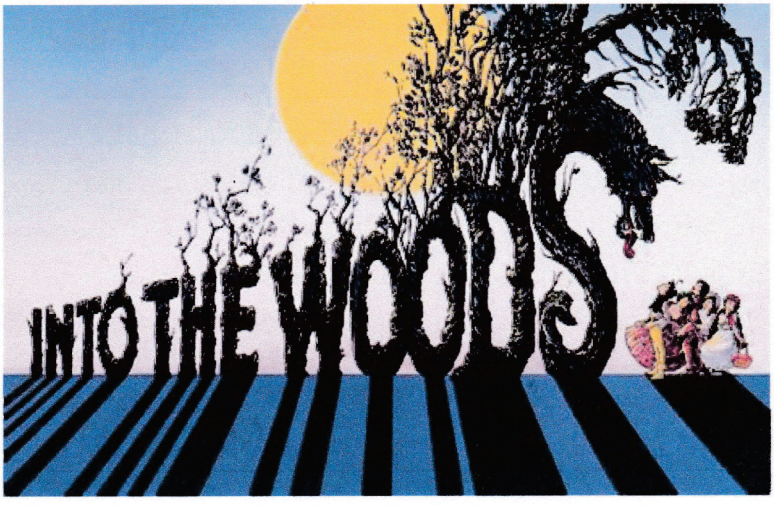
Murder Mystery Night

June 23, 2018

Presented by

Assistant Rabban Randy Forrester

Watch for more clues/information!



Sheiks of the Desert Sands

For those Nobles who are caravanning with the Shrine to Roger Rockas Dinner Theatre on August 18, 2018. I have spoken with my contact there, for those of you who have season tickets, Dave said it would be cheaper for you to purchase the ticket because it is cheaper than the season ticket price.

In case you don't know about the play, it is a musical. Songs are from your favorite Nursery Rhymes. It is light hearted and full of suspense.

Cost of the ticket is $55.00 per person.

Please write your checks to: Roger Rockas Dinner Theatre.

Tom Bailey needs all reservations and money by July 31, 2018.

Tables reserved are 11, 12, and 13. You can go to the web site and look at floor plan to see how great the tables are placed.

Shriners Hospitals for Children®
Northern California

2018 First Lady Project

Tehran Temple

http://shrinerschildrens.org/firstlady/

Burn Prevention Program

Donate On-line

http://www.cvent.com/d/tgqj8l

Every gift matters.

Please contact:

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First Lady of Tehran
ladysandra@webdawsons.com
http://shrinerschildrens.org/firstlady/

Your gift is an investment

in the opportunity to prevent children from suffering from devastating burn injuries by teaching ways to promote safety in the home.

By supporting First Lady Sandra Dawson's project, you are providing funding that will allow Shriners Hospitals for Children to deliver prevention education programs and raise awareness in communities throughout Northern California. Those supporting the project with a gift of $25 or more will receive a star engraved with the words ***Because You Care.*** The size of the star varies according to the size of the donation:

$25	**Small Acrylic Star**
$100	**Silver Star Paperweight**
$250	**Gold Star Paperweight**
$500	**Large Acrylic Star**

* Star will be available for pick up at the Shrine Center or can be mailed for a small fee.

Tehran Shriners Ceremonial

Saturday, May 12th, 2018
4:00 p.m. Doors Open
5:00 p.m. Ceremonial
Dinner to Follow
Dress - Business Casual with Fez

Event Open to All Nobles, Ladies,
Family and Friends

RSVP by Monday, May 7th to
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