

TEHRAN TEMPLE



BULLETIN

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OCTOBER Potentate's Message

The Potentate's trip to New Zealand starts on September 19, 2017, for two of us, September 26 for ten of us and September 30 for the remaining eight of us. We depart Sydney, Australia, on October 2 for New Zealand aboard the Golden Princess. We return to Sydney on October 15 and fly home to Los Angeles on October 15 (we gain a day). I am really looking forward to a vacation that will not be threatened by hurricanes or other tropical storms!

I want to encourage Shriners and their wives to attend the Corcoran Parade on Saturday, October 7. This has always been a great parade with good food and great company! The following Saturday, October 14, presents us with a choice: the Reedley Parade or the Paso Robles Parade. Both are excellent!

Our Sacramento Shriners Hospital is celebrating its 20th anniversary on Saturday, October 21. Several of the Board members from Tehran Temple will be in attendance for a short board meeting at 9 AM followed by activities to celebrate the occasion. All Shriners and their spouses are invited to attend! I hear there will be face painting and activities for the children as well.

Our Temple Belles are meeting on Monday, October 23, at the Yosemite Falls Restaurant on Blackstone Avenue beginning at 11:30 AM. It is always fun to join in on the frivolity!

Oktoberfest has been changed from Saturday, October 28, to Sunday, October 29 at 3 PM. Brew Master Chad Snyder, PP, is cooking up some great beverages for the event. Check out the flyer in this bulletin!

I understand our own High Priest and Prophet Randy Forrester is celebrating his 100th birthday on Sunday, November 5, at the Temple from 3 PM until it's over. There is a gag in this because he doesn't look a day older than 70! Come on down to the Temple and enjoy the celebration!

Your Board of Directors, your Potentate and your Director General are excited about the coming events for the rest of the Shrine year. Watch your monthly bulletin for news about the coming events and book early to save your place! Enjoy your fraternity!

Tehran Shriners: "Having fun and helping kids"!

Ron Obernolte, PP

Potentate

A Note from your Chief Rabban



Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

Being a Shriner truly is Fun, with a Purpose!

The annual Pinedorado Parade in Cambria was a (*hot*) hoot, especially without motel air conditioning. We marched in a fun parade, had great food, enjoyed the friendship of fellow Shriners and their ladies, and spread the word about the Shriner's Hospital for Children. The Clowns did a great job and even got Illustrious Ron into full makeup (*thanks to Tehran Clown Wayno*). Our Potentate was so proud to be unrecognizable. A big thank you to Ray Baker, for flying high, and to everyone who made the drive just to cheer us on!

My own Lady, Sandy, pulled off a spectacular First Lady's Luncheon for our own Dale Obernolte. I wouldn't ordinarily consider publicly tooting her horn, but since she made it happen the day after getting out of the hospital (*a 3-day stint due to an infected bug bite*) I can't resist. So many ladies reported having a really great time. And I know Sandy would want to send extra kudos to our Oriental Guide's Lady, Brooke Dawson, and to Melanie Dawson for all the last-minute help with the event.

Fresno Shrine Club hosted an excellent monthly meeting and luncheon. Thanks to President Richard Hershey for letting me sit at the head table, and for sitting me between Ralph Takakjian and John Techman. Their conversation was both animated and informative. Seldom to I get to play "referee". So much fun!

Sandy and I also had the pleasure of attending the Novkep's big fundraiser of the year. The pasta and cobbler were scrumptious, and we had lots of opportunity to win fabulous prizes. Thank you, John Denton and crew, for the invitation and for all the hard work. I'm bummed that I didn't win the fishing pole. I'm even sadder that I had the winning bid on an "Omer Pie", only to be told by Sandy (*after I bought it*) that dieting and deserts don't mix. The drooling still hasn't stopped...

Tomorrow's looking brighter!

The Shrine provides so many opportunities for fun, fellowship, and helping children. Just around the corner is the Potentate's New Zealand Cruise, Shrine Day at the Races and Oktoberfest. Plus, on Friday, November 3rd, Sandy and I are hosting Chief Rabban's Night. We can't wait to share the fun we have planned for next year, nor to unveil our "Special Shrine Items". This is one happening you really don't want to miss!

A great big "Thank You" to you, for getting involved and making each Shrine event so memorable!

Sandy and I are headed off to Tampa, the first week in October, to drink the Membership Training Kool-Aid and set our goals for next year's growth. And make no mistake about it, we are going to grow (*and have fun along the way*).

Enough for now, see you at the Shrine Center!

Sincerely,

Mark Dawson
Chief Rabban

Noble Sheiks of the Desert Sand

Salutations from my tent in the Oasis of Fresno. It has been a long dry summer here on the desert sand and several confrontations have occurred with the tribes. Humble Sheiks, think back to your journey through the hot sands.

When I first started my journey, I was counseled by Two very old and wise sheiks. They told me about the legends and facts of the great Temple and how business was conducted in the past and the masses that attended the great conclave that happened quarterly. Our story in this valley is one of success and great participation in the great philanthropy with the blessings of helping children. OUR CREED is centered on this very fact. However, it does say we should enjoy the journey.

I consider myself still walking the path through the HOT DESERT SAND. As you know there are a lot of varying opinions as to how the tribe should conduct business. Which I relate to a herd of camels, each one is his own stubborn way leaves a pile of camel dung in the path to success. Step in it and you may get hurt, avoid the pile and you may not gain the wisdom that this particular camel put in your way to teach you to think about the consequences of not making the right decision. Think back to your journey, weren't there piles of dung, in your path.

This past year of my journey, I have encountered several nips at my calves, almost like the ASPS of the desert that didn't want me to continue on the path of success. Just like in the foundations of our Order of the mystical Oriental Shrine as you walked the Hot Sands during your initiation didn't you have fly swatters hit your calves while walking in the valley of asps. It states in the ritual that the stinging or bite of the asp will make you stronger and continue your journey.

Absorbing the knowledge of the past is essential to our success, just as, the changes that have taken place in the last ten years. The order has been arranged for the tribe to survive on their path to greatness. Participation in the conclave is paramount. Have your voice heard but do it with respect and gratitude. Have a wonderful end of summer. May your camel have great piles of confrontation!!!

Thomas Bailey, Assistant Rabban

FROM THE HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET

I returned for the hospital board meeting in Sacramento last month and as always I was inspired by the great work we do. I was able to view the solar eclipse from the 7th floor of the hospital, signed petitions for children seeking admission to our Shriner's hospital, and heard about the progress of the child from the Philippines, who was terribly burned and arrived last month. A group from Asiya was there to present a check to the hospital for \$35,000. This was a bitter sweet donation because it represented the funds from one of their units which was closing. The members of that unit wanted to make sure their funds would go to what they had worked for, the Northern California Shriner's hospital.

As I have mentioned in my previous articles, there are many people I have always admired for their dedication to the Shrine and our hospitals. Dick and Judy Hershey are two of those people. I first met the Hersheys in the 90's when the East West Shrine game was at Stanford and Dick Hershey and Terry Gordon would host a multi day party for the Shriner's (mostly at their expense). Dick and Judy moved to Fresno and have been an important part of Tehran. If something needed to be done or moved, Dick was always there to make it happen and they are always there to make our social functions memorable (especially when Judy danced out of her skirt). Dick and Judy are true Shriners and I am honored to be part of their Shrine family,

An open letter to all of our Past Potentates, Clubs, Units and all members of Tehran

Last month in my article I discussed my views based on the Charles Dickens play a Christmas Carol. As the Ghost of Christmas future said "my time is short" and so is my time as High Priest and Prophet. Our elections are soon and I am faced with the decision as to whether I should run or not, or if I would even be elected if I ran. I see some dynamic people in Tehran's line, all with their own personal challenges, which are best faced by concentrating on a purpose, outside of themselves, in a positive environment. For Tehran to survive and grow it also needs that purpose and that positive environment. Last month I mentioned the deadliest of all diseases, which is apathy. The members who are keeping Tehran down are not apathetic, but have strong feelings and are vocal in expressing those feelings. I appreciate their input and passion, but I disagree with their focus. They are concerned about what they think is wrong, but are not concentrating on the real problem which is lack of membership. Lack of membership is more the result of the toxic atmosphere they create, than lack of Masons to join Tehran. I hope in the future those truly committed men will focus on the real problems and make Tehran a fun place. I also hope those members sitting on the sidelines will reignite their Shrine passion and become involved. If we all come together we can return Tehran to what it was, what it should be and what it can be again. Remember that eclipses (like the ups and downs of organizations) are a regular phenomenon arising from the fact that the moon revolves around the earth and they both revolve around the sun. As time continues the sun is only darkened for a short time and will return to its full brilliance as the darkness passes.

I am the eternal optimist but also a realist. I know that it is only God that can raise the dead and it was only Jesus who could make a blind man see, and I am neither. I also know that "there is none that is so blind as he who **will** not see." My Shrine future and the future of Tehran is in your hands. Come forward to make Tehran a fun place so we can continue to help the Tiny Tims of the future.

Sincerely, Respectfully and Fraternaly,
Randy Forrester, HP&P

OCTOBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Potentate's Trip *	2 Potentate's Trip *	3 Potentate's Trip *	4 Potentate's Trip *	5 Potentate's Trip * Q	6 Potentate's Trip *	7 Potentate's Trip * Corcoran Parade
8 Potentate's Trip *	9 Potentate's Trip *	10 Potentate's Trip * Temple Guard Patrol	11 Potentate's Trip * Fresno Shrine Club Nile Stated	12 Potentate's Trip * Flying Shriners	13 Potentate's Trip * Day at the Races	14 Potentate's Trip * Reedley & Paso Robles Parades
15	16 Scottish Rite Stated	17 Clowns	18	19 Roustabouts Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club	20 Novkeps	21
22	23 Temple Belles	24 BOD	25	26	27	28
29 Tehran Oktoberfest *	30 Knights of Mecca	31 <i>Halloween</i>				
NOTES: * denotes a Temple Event Financial Mgmt & Property Mgmt Advisory Boards meet every 3rd Tuesday BOD open to all Nobles						

NOVEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Q	3 Chief Rabban's Night *	4
5 HPP 100th Birthday Party	6	7	8 Fresno Shrine Club Nile Stated	9 Flying Shriners	10	11 Fresno Parade * Lemoore & Porterville Parades
12	13	14 Temple Guard Patrol	15	16 Roustabouts Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club	17	18 Nile Fashion Show
19	20 Scottish Rite Stated	21 Clowns Tin Lizzies	22	23 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	24 Hanford Christmas Parade	25
26	27 Knights of Mecca Temple Belles <i>dark</i>	28 BOD	29	30		
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FRESNO SHRINE CLUB
"Have Lunch With Your Friends"

DATE: Wednesday, October 11, 2017

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

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!!! Please call Judy Hershey at 559-255-2672
or email jhershey01@comcast.net

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 Officers

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

THE ANNUAL DAY AT THE RACES



BIG FRESNO FAIR HORSE RACES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2017

Arrive any time after 12pm

\$34.00 per person

Includes Turf Club, VIP Parking, Adult Admission to Fair, Horseman's Section and \$2.00 towards the Shriners Hospital for Children Northern California Race (winnings go to SHCNC)

Separate Checks for Food/Drink – Order off Menu

Dress is casual

All monies are due by September 2. Please mail your check payable to Denise Crossland, 3669 W Persimmon Lane, Fresno 93711.



MERCED-MARIPOSA SHRINE CLUB

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 19, 2017, 6 pm Social

(Order dinner from menu) 7 pm Meeting

WHERE: LaNita's Restaurant, 2682 Shaffer Rd., Atwater

WHO: Shriners & Ladies-Nobles, bring a Brother

Mason & His Lady

Have questions or need more information? Call:

Ray Baker 209-769-7917 or 209-358-2769



Merced-Mariposa Shrine Club members, need your attendance to support the club! Need to finalize participation in local Veterans' Parades plus Christmas social, etc.

May be a Halloween treat for you!



Tehran Shriners

**The Greatest Beer Festival
of the World**

29th October, 2017

2PM to 5PM



▪ German Beer ▪ Traditional Food
German Music

\$ 15.00 PER PERSON

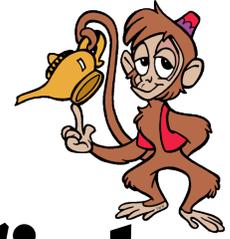
Address: Tehran Shrine

5407 E. Olive, Fresno

Call: 559-251-1991

You Are Invited

to



Chief Rabban's Night

Friday, November 3rd, 2017

Shine Center

Social 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 7:00 p.m.



Dinner is **\$15.00** to those who **R.S.V.P.**

\$\$\$ for those who do not...

Smile... it's all fun!

Dress: Casual (No Shorts Please)



It will be a fun and informative evening.

We will share our hopes and dreams for 2018

Calendar - Special Events - Bulletin

Potentates Pin - 1st Lady's Pin - Logo Wear

soooo...

Bring your *enthusiasm* and your checkbook!

R.S.V.P. by Monday, October 30th to

Mark Dawson, 599.643.1956

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FROM YOUR HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET

EVERYONE IS INVITED

Come help me celebrate my 100th birthday party which is also the 40th anniversary of my 30th birthday. (Not sure I will make it to 100 so I don't want to miss the party!)

Where: Tehran Shrine Center, 5407 E. Olive Ave, Fresno, Ca

When: Sunday, November 5, 2017 from 3:00 until it is over

What: It will also be a brown bag wine tasting, so bring your favorite (or least favorite) bottle of wine and I will supply the bag. (There will be people's choice Awards on both ends.)

Bring: Hors D'oeuvre's if we are going to eat. (It makes even the bad wine taste better and I will provide cake.)

Gifts: None wanted or accepted but funny cards are always great. If you wish, a donation to the Northern California Shriner's Hospital through Tehran's 1st Ladies project is appreciated.

Hope you can all come for some fun, nonsense and maybe some dancing. After all, how often do you get to go to a 100th birthday party and drink wine. (Other libation will be available until I run out.)

Randy Forrester, HP&P



FIRST LADY'S PROJECT-2017

**UPDATE: We've raised over \$7,100 so far!
Please keep your donations coming.**

My project for 2017 is the purchase of a SARA COMBILIZER for the Northern California Shriners Hospital.

The Sara Combilizer is a patient mobilizer that will improve nursing and physical therapy's ability to mobilize critical care patients earlier, while ensuring optimal safety for both patient and staff. Safe Patient Handling and Early Mobilization are regulatory requirements. The usage of this equipment would assist in early ambulation for spinal fusions and critical burns over the age of six. Early mobilization decreases falls, delirium, pneumonia, ventilator days and hospital length of stay. Without the proper equipment to support the patient, staff is unable to safely support the patient during mobilization without risk for injuring both patient and staff member. The cost for this equipment is \$17,800. It is my hope, that together, we can make this a reality for the Northern California Shriners Hospital.

Please send your donation to Tehran Shriners, 5407 E. Olive Ave., Fresno, CA 93727 and indicate "First Lady's Project" in the "Memo Area" of your check. You can also call the Shrine Office at 559-251-1991 to charge your donation if this is more convenient.

Thank you for your support!

Dale Obernolte
2017 Tehran Shrine First Lady

