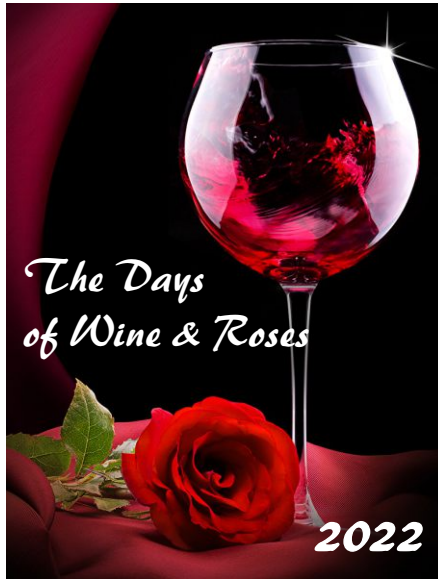


# TEHRAN SHRINERS BULLETIN

February 2022



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Potentate

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# From: The Desk of Your Potentate

Happy Valentine's Day to all.

Nobles, buy some roses and a nice bottle of nice wine and take your lady out to her favorite eating establishment. She deserves it!



If you missed the Black and White ball, you missed a great party. A super way to start the year. It was a ball; the DJ did a fantastic job. She even had some of the elderly Shriners and their young ladies out on the dance floor. Jeanne and I had a wonderful evening. Thanks to John Denton and his crew for putting on a great dinner and to all who helped set up and clean up. A great big thank you to PP Mark for MCing the evening and PP Dick Herrinton for installing this year's officers. The evening was a super example of Tehran's teamwork.

The black camel took one of our hard-working Nobles and a very good friend, Richard (Hersh) Hershey in late December. He was very active in many Shrine organizations and was always the first to volunteer for any function. He will be missed. Keep Judy and family (and Daisy) in your thoughts and prayers.

Don't forget to sign up (if you haven't already done so) for our Mississippi River cruise from April 8<sup>th</sup> thru the 16<sup>th</sup>. We will be starting in New Orleans and paddling our way up to Memphis. Just imagine setting on the poop deck sipping a mint julip, watching the river flow along while watching the sunset with your most favorite person in the world.

The Clowns are having their annual Sweetheart brunch/cake bake sale on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February. They give most of their money to the Shriners Hospital so come on down and support the cause. Pay attention to the Fresno Shrine club flyer as they have changed the location of their monthly meeting. Check the calendar for all of the unit/club events and support them. Once again, Happy Valentine's Day!

*Larry Goeringer*

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We are working on a set schedule for the Shrine Center office hours.

For now, the Recorder will be in the office every Tuesday, from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Appointments are always available by calling (559) 251-1991 and leaving a message 24 hours, 7 days a week.

Recorder Mark is also available via his cell phone at (559) 643-1956.

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Potentate Larry R. Goeringer

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# From the Desk of: Wayne Schwartz



Happy Valentine's Day

Wow, seems like it was just Christmas and here it is February and only 325 days until it rolls around again. Get your shopping done early. What's happening at the Shrine Center this month? There are the usual club and unit meetings and the great Clown Sweetheart and Cake Bake event. I do believe it's on the 20<sup>th</sup> (look for the flyer). This is always a fun event, and the Clowns always give the money away. What else goes on in February? Well, there is Groundhog Day, 4 Chaplin's day (I'm going to expound on that later), Abe Lincoln's birthday, Valentine's Day, (here's a good one) Do a grouch a favor day (really), Brother George Washington's Birthday, Presidents Day and a whole bunch of others. How about no brainer day on the 27<sup>th</sup> and the day the music died day on the 3<sup>rd</sup>?

***Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. Their wedding ceremony wasn't fancy. The reception, however, was excellent.***

**Valentine's Day**, also called **Saint Valentine's Day** or the **Feast of Saint Valentine**, is celebrated annually on February 14. It originated as a Christian feast day honoring one or two early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine and, through later folk traditions, has become a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world. There are a number of martyrdom stories associated with various Valentines connected to February 14. The Feast of Saint Valentine was established by Pope Gelasius I in AD 496 to be celebrated on February 14 in honor of Saint Valentine of Rome, who died on that date in AD 269. The flower-crowned skull of Saint Valentine is exhibited in the Basilica of Santa Maria in Cosmedin, Rome. The day became associated with romantic love in the 14th and 15th centuries when notions of courtly love flourished, apparently by association with the "lovebirds" of early

spring. In 18th-century England, it grew into an occasion in which couples expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). In 1868, the British chocolate company Cadbury created Fancy Boxes – a decorated box of chocolates – in the shape of a heart for Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day symbols that are used today include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards. In Italy, Saint Valentine's Keys are given to lovers "as a romantic symbol and an invitation to unlock the giver's heart", as well as to children to ward off epilepsy (called Saint Valentine's Malady)

***For the last twenty years, I've received a Valentine's Day card from the same secret admirer.***

***So, I was upset when I didn't get one this year. First my granny dies, now this?***

"The rose is red, the violet's blue.  
The honey's sweet, and so are you.  
Thou art my love and I am thine;  
I drew thee to my Valentine:  
The lot was cast and then I drew,  
And Fortune said it shou'd be you."

## **The Four Chaplains**

The **Four Chaplains**, also referred to as the "**Immortal Chaplains**" or the "**Dorchester Chaplains**", were four World War II chaplains who died rescuing civilian and military personnel as the American troop ship SS *Dorchester* sank on February 3, 1943. The *Dorchester* was a civilian liner converted for military service in World War II as a War Shipping Administration troop transport. She was able to carry slightly more than 900 military passengers and crew.

The relatively new chaplains all held the rank of first lieutenant. They included Methodist minister the Reverend George L. Fox (born March 15, 1900 in Lewistown, Pennsylvania), Reform Rabbi

Alexander D. Goode (PhD) (born in Brooklyn, New York on May 10, 1911) , Catholic priest Father John P. Washington (born in Newark, New Jersey on July 18, 1908) and Reformed Church in America minister the Reverend Clark V. Poling (born August 7, 1910, in Columbus, Ohio). Their backgrounds, personalities, and denominations were different, although Goode, Poling and Washington had all served as leaders in the America. They met at the Army Chaplains School at Harvard University, where they prepared for assignments in the European theater, sailing on board *Dorchester* to report to their new assignments.

*Dorchester* left New York on January 23, 1943, in route to Greenland, carrying the four chaplains and approximately 900 others, as part of a convoy of three ships (SG-19 convoy). Most of the military personnel were not told the ship's ultimate destination. The ship's captain, Hans J. Danielsen, had been alerted that Coast Guard sonar had detected a submarine. Because German U-boats were monitoring sea lanes and had attacked and sunk ships earlier during the war, Captain Danielsen had the ship's crew on a state of high alert even before he received that information, ordering the men to sleep in their clothing and keep their life jackets on. "Many soldiers sleeping deep in the ship's hold disregarded the order because of the engine's heat. Others ignored it because the life jackets were uncomfortable."

During the early morning hours of February 3, 1943, at 12:55 am, the vessel was torpedoed by the German submarine *U-223* off Newfoundland in the North Atlantic. The torpedo knocked out the *Dorchester's* electrical system, leaving the ship dark. Panic set in among the men on board, many of them trapped below decks. The chaplains sought to calm the men and organize an orderly evacuation of the ship and helped guide wounded men to safety. As life jackets were passed out to the men, the supply ran out before each man had one. The chaplains removed their own life jackets and gave them to others. They helped as many men as they could into lifeboats, and then linked arms and, saying prayers and singing hymns, went down with the ship.

*As I swam away from the ship, I looked back. The flares*

*had lighted everything. The bow came up high and she slid under. The last thing I saw, the Four Chaplains were up there praying for the safety of the men. They had done everything they could. I did not see them again. They themselves did not have a chance without their life jackets.*

— Grady Clark, survivor

According to some reports, survivors could hear different languages mixed in the prayers of the chaplains, including Jewish prayers in Hebrew and Catholic prayers in Latin. Only 230 of the 904 men aboard the ship was rescued. The water temperature was 34 °F and the air temperature was 36 °F. By the time additional rescue ships arrived, "hundreds of dead bodies were seen floating on the water, kept up by their life jackets."

The impact of the chaplain's story was deep, with many memorials and coverage in the media. Each of the four chaplains was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the Purple Heart. The chaplains were nominated for the Medal of Honor, but were found ineligible as they had not engaged in combat with the enemy. Instead, Congress created a medal for them, with the same weight and importance as the Medal of Honor.

There is a very fine article at <https://homeofheroes.com/heroestories/world-war-ii/the-four-chaplains/>

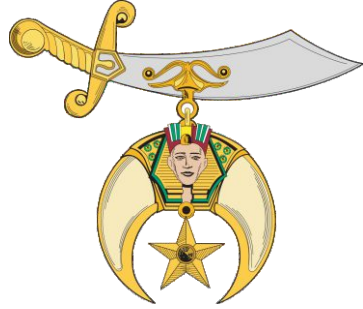


## THE FOUR CHAPLAINS

SACRIFICE AT SEA



# TEHRAN SHRINERS



## Have you paid your dues?

We have 238 members of which 43 have not paid their 2022 dues. Additionally, there are 14 of these members in jeopardy of losing their membership by being 2 years in arrears. Don't lose your membership, give me a call and we can make arrangements to get you up to date. If I'm not in the office, leave a message and I will get back to you.

Wayne Schwartz  
559-251-1991

*What did the French groundhog see on February 2nd? His  
chateau...*

## **Word of Wisdom from very Wise Folks**

*"The man who reads nothing at all is better educated than the  
man who reads nothing but newspapers."*

Thomas Jefferson

Principal author of the Declaration of Independence,  
3rd President of the United States from 1801 to 1809.

*"Dwell on the beauty of life. Watch the stars and see yourself  
running with them."*

Marcus Aurelius

Roman Emperor (121 -180 AD).

# FRESNO SHRINE CLUB

“Welcome Back”



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.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, February 9th  
12 Noon Social (No Host); 12:30 Lunch

**WHERE:** Seven Café and Grill  
25 Shaw Avenue, Clovis, CA



*(North East corner of Shaw and Minnewawa)*

\$20.00 per person

**Please call Judy Hershey at 916 707-0458 to  
make your reservation or respond via email to  
[jhershey01@comcast.net](mailto:jhershey01@comcast.net)**

# Save the Date!!

Date changed from last month's bulletin.)

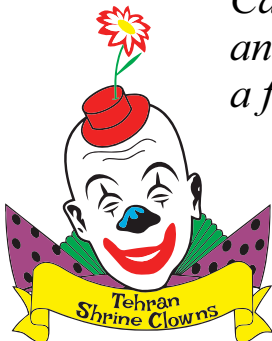


*Clown's  
Sweetheart Brunch  
& Cake Bake*

Sunday  
February 20th, 2022  
Tehran Shrine Center

Contact your local friendly clown.

*Cake Auction, Support the Clowns  
and plan to take home  
a fantastic cake or goodie!*



Clown Stated Meetings  
3rd Tuesday of the Month  
Tehran Shrine Center

# MERCED-MARIPOSA SHRINE CLUB



## NEXT MEETING:

**Thursday, February 17th, 2022, 6 pm Social**  
**(Order dinner from menu) 6:30 PM Meeting**

**WHERE: Bella Nita's Restaurant,**  
**2684 Shaffer Rd., Atwater**

**WHO: Nobles, Ladies & Friends**

Shrine Club Officers for 2022

President - Max Maydayag

Vice President - Bob Monroe

Secretary/Treasurer - Larry Smith



Stated Meetings  
3rd Thursday of the Month  
Bella Nita's Restaurant  
2684 Shaffer Rd.  
Atwater, CA

# Tehran Shrine Installation of Officers 2022



2022 Potentate  
Larry Goeringer  
& First Lady  
Jeanne Goeringer



*and Roses*





# The Black & White Ball



*Music, Dinner & Dancing*



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## Clown Installation



*Clown's just want to have fun!*

## FEBRUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 WSA Las Vegas	3 WSA Las Vegas East -West Shrine Bowl Las Vegas	4 WSA Las Vegas	5 WSA Las Vegas
6	7 Pageantry Practice	8 Temple Guard/Patrol	9 Fresno Shrine Club Daughters of the Nile	10	11	12
13 Super Bowl XVI	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15 Clowns Bulletin Deadline	16 Nile Sewing	17 Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club Roustabouts	18 Novkeps	19
20 Clowns SweetHeart Brunch & Cake Bake	21 Scottish Rite	22 <u>BOD Mtg "Board of Directors"</u>	23	24	25	26
27	28 Temple Belles					
Notes: BOD - Board of Directors; open to all Nobles						

- Feb 7 Pageantry Practice
- Feb 8 Temple Guard
- Feb 9 Fresno Shrine Club
- Feb 9 Daughters of the Nile
- Feb 15 Clowns
- Feb 15 Bulletin Submission Deadline
- Feb 16 Nile Sewing
- Feb 17 Roustabouts
- Feb 17 Merced-Mariposa Shrine Club
- Feb 18 Novkep
- Feb 20 Clowns Sweetheart Brunch & Cake Bake
- Feb 21 Scottish Rite
- Feb 22 BOD Mtg "Board of Directors" - 6:30 p.m.
- Feb 28 Temple Belles



## MARCH 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Pageantry Practice	8 Temple Guard/Patrol	9 Fresno Shrine Club Daughters of the Nile	10	11	12
13	14	15 Clowns St. Paddy's Day Dinner Bulletin Deadline	16 Nile Sewing	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club Roustabouts	18 Novkeps	19
20	21 Scottish Rite	22 <u>BOD Mtg "Board of Directors"</u>	23	24	25	26
27	28 Temple Belles	29	30	31		
Notes: BOD - Board of Directors; open to all Nobles						

- Mar 7            Pageantry Practice
- Mar 8            Temple Guard
- Mar 9            Fresno Shrine Club
- Mar 9            Daughters of the Nile
- Mar 15          Clowns
- Mar 15          Bulletin Submission Deadline
- Mar 16          Nile Sewing
- Mar 17          Roustabouts
- Mar 17          Merced-Mariposa Shrine Club
- Mar 18          Novkeps
- Mar 21          Scottish Rite
- Mar 22          BOD Mtg "Board of Directors" - 6:30 p.m.
- Mar 28          Temple Belles



2022 Potentate's Trip  
with  
Larry & Jeanne Goeringer



American Heritage Paddle Wheeler  
New Orleans to Memphis - 8 Days  
April 8th to April 16th

Pricing (Different Decks)  
\$4255.00 - \$6095.00

Reservations/Questions - Call Georgia  
559-226-1166

Pre-Cruise  
3-Days in New Orleans

**Covid-19 Vaccination Required**