

# TEHRAN SHRINERS BULLETIN

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*Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day*

# MARCH MESSAGE FROM THE POTENTATE



Hello Fellow Nobles & Ladies!

Lady Amy and I have had the honor of serving Tehran Shrine and so much fun so far this year with all the fun activities so far! Upcoming events are WSA in Sunny Las Vegas Feb 29th-March 3rd! I will be there with a large contingency from Tehran, hope to see everyone who can make it there!

March 23rd is our Spring All Masonic Picnic! The Membership Committee and Divan are hard at work so we can invite as many Masons and their families so they can come and experience the Tehran Fun with A Purpose! We will be having bounce houses, dunk tank, corn hole tournaments and all the FREE FOOD & LIBATIONS YOU CAN DRINK! Come out and be part of the Tehran Hospitality!

I had an opportunity to visit with the Tehran Shrine Club and attendance was AMAZING! We had 40 Nobles & Ladies in attendance and the food was also DELICIOUS!

Lady Amy and I would like to thank two Special Ladies who go above and beyond, that is Dolores Keeton and Pat Daughy! Thank you so very much for all that you do for our beloved Shrine!

In Faith,

Chris Guillen



# SHRINE CALENDAR

## March

February 29<sup>th</sup> to March 3<sup>rd</sup> WSA in Sunny Las Vegas

Come join in the fun! Call 2511991 for more info. Still time to Attend



March 19<sup>th</sup>. Clown St. Patty's dinner and party

Everyone is invited, See flyer for details and come enjoy  
A bit of the Irish. We know it will be passed St Patrick's day  
But really the Irish don't care, and you know the



March 23<sup>rd</sup> is our ALL-MASONIC PICNIC

Shrine Center, All day. Bring a mason and a non-mason

Going to be a real hoot! Food, games, and Bounce houses for the kids so bring them with you.



## FROM THE DESK OF CHIEF RABBAN

Greeting Nobles, Ladies and Friends,

I would like to begin by thanking everyone that attended the Fabulous Super Bowl Party, here at Tehran Shrine. I am sure all the attendees had a wonderful afternoon. You would have to be there to believe the delicious appetizers. Hamburgers, hotdogs, and chili at half time completed our overindulgence.

Once again, we could not have been successful without the help of incredibly talented people. Pat Dougherty, the ringleader, was assisted by her team, Carol Pitts, and Delores Keeton. Did everything from decorating the room to serving the food. Our purveyor / bartender Gordon Keeton had the bar well stocked with everyone's favorite beverage. Ralph and Wayne ramrodded the football squares. And how can I forget the Nobles that saved the event? Saturday evening, I received a call from John Techman P.P that the projection screen was inoperable. Potentate Chris contacted Jim Stahl P.P. who arrived on Sunday morning, found the problem, and got everything up and running. Thank you all for everything you do to make sure Tehran Shrine has fun with a purpose.

Many more fun events are on the calendar. Please look out for upcoming notification. That is all from me. See you at the next party.

For Shrine Brotherhood,  
Dave Pitts, Chief Rabban



## FROM THE ASSISTANT RABBAN

WOW! As I write this article I cannot believe that February is almost gone and March is right around the corner. By the time you receive this, several of us and our wives will have attended the Western Shrine Association meeting in Las Vegas from February 29<sup>th</sup> through March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Western Shrine offers additional training but more importantly, a chance to interact with the members of the other Shrine Centers in the Western Region. This year we also have the opportunity to attend the Imperial Shrine Session in Reno over July 4<sup>th</sup>. Usually these Sessions have been held in the east, middle or southern parts of the country so it is hard for most members from the west to attend. Yearly this is where the business of the Shrine and changes to our bylaws take place and it is interesting to see the discussions that go on before the votes. It also offers a glimpse into what our hospitals do and hear from patients which become our ambassadors. There is shopping, lady's programs as well as a Shrine parade and parties. In short it is informative, inspiring with lots of FUN! I hope we can get a large group from Tehran to go, so start planning now.

In closing I want to again remind everyone that like everything in life, you only get out of your Shrine experience what you put into it. Tehran belongs to all of its members and I encourage every member to attend our monthly BOD meetings and our Stated meetings to make your ideas heard and help grow your fraternity. Membership is our most pressing need, so talk to your friends and good men you know about Masonry, and talk to the Masons you know about the Shrine, what we do and the kids we help. Helping kids is our goal and "FUN WITH A PURPOSE" is our motto.

Fraternally,  
Randy Forrester, PP  
Assistant Rabban



**HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET:** Lots of good stuff happening. We had a nice crowd at the super bowl party (sorry you 49er fans, your team did a great job, good game) way to much food, wonderful comradery. It really was a wonderful day. We had one table full of visitors from Fresno Elks. In fact, one of them is interested in becoming a Mason. This is a good thing when because of our Shrine events, folks want to know how they can become one of us and we help them become a Mason. Tell he guys at your lodge the Shriners are working on their membership problem.

**MEMBERSHIP:** We (a couple of members of the membership committee) visited Visalia lodge and talked about our Shrine center. We need you Shriners who are members of Visalia lodge (well actually a member in any lodge) to talk up our upcoming events and invite our brothers to our social events and don't forget to inform them that their ladies (and family and friends at some of the events, ie. Masonic picnic) are also invited. Keep in mind ALL OF US ARE ON THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE. We have a bunch of flyers regarding Shrinedom and our hospital specialties in the conference room at the shrine center. Next time you are at the center, pick up a handful of our handouts and take them to lodge with you!



**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?** 57 of us (25.79%) have not! That is really a large number considering dues were due on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2023. If you still have the dues notice that you got last year, notice that they have gone up by twenty bucks (per capita increase) for a total of \$135.00. There are a couple of members who are 2 years in arrears, and this means at the end of this year we have to drop you as a member. WE DON'T LIKE OR WANT TO DO THAT! **"We are more often frightened than hurt; and we suffer more from imagination than from reality." Lucius Annaeus Seneca - Philosopher, Statesman, Dramatist (5 BC - 65 AD)**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE SHRINE CENTER:** The clowns will be having their St. Paddy's Day corned beef and cabbage dinner on March 19<sup>th</sup> (See enclosed flyer). There will also be a silent auction. This is one of those events where you should invite a brother Mason (or a friend who you think would be a good Mason) and show them what we are about. Bring your lady out for great food and a fun-filled evening!

Do you know what the **Temple Guard does?** As the name reflects their responsibilities to the Tehran Shrine... to guard the entrances at Stated Meetings and Ceremonials. They meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at various eating establishments around town. They will be meeting at the Golden in the Tower district. Contact person-Gary Campbell 559-227-9923. Give Gary a call, take your lady out to dinner. PS. We are looking for new members, come on down and look us over.

**What did the surgeon say to the patient who insisted on closing up their own incision? Suture self.**

**What about the Cigars & Spirits Club?** Yup, we meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at various locations, sample different spirits and smoke good cigars. Call Wayne Schwartz for more information. 559-229-2458, leave a message if I'm not home.

**AND THERE IS THE NOVKEPS!** What are our duties? The basic purpose of the Novkeps is to take charge of the Novices about to be initiated into Shrine International. We meet monthly at different restaurants around town. We are in dire need of new members, won't demand lots of your time, guarantee great comradery and you get to look after the candidates. Sound like something you could get your teeth into? Call John Denton-559-246-6653 or Dan Richardson-559-903-0196!



**Every new day is another chance to change your life." Rumi - Poet (1207 - 1273)**

**OF COURSE, THE CLOWNS ARE LOOKING FOR YOU TO VISIT US!** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month, mostly at the Shrine center. We would like to say we are the PR unit of Tehran. We try to do as many parades as the guys can take, but most of us are getting ancient so not up to the parade shenanigans as we once were. Come join us on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March for our annual corned beef and cabbage dinner. We won't have a business meeting, so you will have to come in April to find out more about us. We also need a bunch more clowns so we can go to more parades. We'll show you how to put-on makeup and come up with an outfit. Help us show the public that the Shriners are still in town.

**FRESNO SHRINE CLUB:** Did you know this club is older than Tehran Shrine? At its annual meeting in Atlantic City on June 10, 1948, the Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine granted dispensation to the Fresno Shrine Club to activate and organize a Shrine Temple. A year later, a Shrine Temple was situated in Fresno. It was given the name Tehran which was an appropriate choice as it generally interpreted as "a warm place at the foot of a mountain." Tehran Temple was granted jurisdiction over six counties, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Mariposa, Kings and Tulare counties. Later joint jurisdiction over Kern County was added. On September 23, 1949, Dr. Arthur J. Hook of Fresno, the first Potentate of Tehran Temple accepted its official charter from the Imperial Council on behalf of the new temple's 2200 members. Still going strong, we meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Shrine center for a catered lunch (ladies always invited). Social at 12:00 give or take (adult beverages available) and lunch at 12:30.

**Billy stops Paddy in Dublin and asks for the quickest way to Cork.**

**Paddy says: "Are you on foot or in the car?"**

**Billy replies: "In the car." "Well that's the quickest way," says Paddy.**



**HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR WEBFEZ!** There is lots of neat stuff on this site. It's easy to do. Go to [webfez.shrinenet.org](http://webfez.shrinenet.org). follow the "need help with register/login" and you are there?

**MARCH:** The name of March comes from Martius, the first month of the earliest Roman calendar. It was named after Mars, the Roman god of war, and an ancestor of the Roman people through his sons Romulus and Remus. His month Martius was the beginning of the season for warfare, and the festivals held in his honor during the month were mirrored by others in October, when the season for these activities ended. Martius remained the first month of the Roman calendar year perhaps as late as 153 BC. March 1 began the numbered year in Russia

until the end of the 15th century. Great Britain and its colonies continued to use March 25 until 1752, when they finally adopted the Gregorian calendar. Many other cultures, for example in Iran, or Ethiopia, still celebrate the beginning of the New Year in March.

**Bono and The Edge walk into a Dublin bar and the bartender says, "Oh no, not U2 again."**

**ST. PATRICKS DAY:** Saint Patrick's Day was made an official Christian feast day in the early 17th century and is observed by the Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion (especially the Church of Ireland), the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Lutheran Church. The day commemorates Saint Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland, and, by extension, celebrates the heritage and culture of the Irish in general. Historically the Lenten restrictions on eating and drinking alcohol were lifted for the day, which has encouraged and propagated the holiday's tradition of alcohol consumption. Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated in more countries than any other national festival. Modern celebrations have been influenced by those of the Irish diaspora, particularly those that developed in North America.

**A sobbing Ms Murphy approaches Fr O'Grady after mass.**

**He says: "So what's bothering you?"**

**She replies: "Oh, Father, I've terrible news. My husband passed away last night."**

**The priest says: "Oh, Mary, that's terrible. Did he have any last requests?"**

**"Certainly father," she replied. "He said: "Please Mary, put down that damn gun."**



## 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 March 13th 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 March 11th**

Please call or text Judy Hershey at 916-717-0458 or respond to this email to make your reservations ([jhershey01@comcast.net](mailto:jhershey01@comcast.net))

# TEHRAN TEMPLE GUARD 2024 AND BEYOND

Show up at 6:00PM unless otherwise notified.

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| Tuesday, March 12 | Randy and Pam say Golden in the Tower. An old favorite.     |
| Tuesday, April 9  | Haven and Cathy will bring us to Outback for steak or ribs. |
| Tuesday, May 14   | Wayne and Coleen will bring us back to George's.            |
| Tuesday, June 11  | Milt liked Ovidio's. We all did. We'll go there in June.    |
| Tuesday, July 9   | Pad Thai calls to me. Corner of Shaw & Minnewawa.           |

More suggestions are requested. As always, call Gary at 355-9571 so we can get a count.

Gary Campbell

## Top of the morning

## To you!!!!





# ST. PADDY'S DINNER

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

5:30 pm - Social

6:30 pm - Dinner

Corned Beef & Cabbage

\$25.00 Per Person

**RSVP TO RINGMASTER**

Matt Dawson

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