

# TEHRAN SHRINERS BULLETIN



September - October 2023



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# From the Desk of: Assistant Rabban David Pitts



Greetings Nobles, Ladies and Friends,

Thank goodness summer is coming to a close. And we can all look forward to milder temperatures. I hope everyone was able to escape the heat of the valley in some way.

Carol and I found relief in the beautiful state of Nevada. We are fortunate that our son relocated there four years ago. With RV pad and full hookup on this ranch. We have our beat the heat get away.

Not much to report at this time. Your Board of Directors have been working behind the scenes taking care of the business of the Shrine Center. We are so fortunate to have John Denton PP as our Recorder and Property Manager. John makes sure our building and grounds are always maintained. Another Noble to be very grateful for is our Treasurer, John Techman PP. John is an excellent steward of Tehran's financial affairs. Thank you both for your dedication to our fraternity.

That's it for now. Carol and I hope to see you all at upcoming events.



# From the Desk of: High Priest & Prophet Wayne Schwartz



**Membership:** How are we doing? According to Webfez (once again, have you signed on?) we started the year with 217 members, have 15 creations (How about that!), 1 demit, 7 expired (the black camel just won't stay away) for a gain of 7. This leaves us with a count of 224 for a plus 3.23%. We have 2 petitions to read at our September meeting (see notice elsewhere). I hope we can get another 8 or 5 petitions in hand by the meeting. There are a couple of old timers that I would like to submit their dues and we have to vote on that also. Bottom line!! Get a few petitions, come on down to the Stated Meeting. We will have a Ceremonial prior to our Christmas party on December 2 at the Shrine Center.

*I got over my addiction to chocolate, marshmallows, and nuts. I won't lie, it was a rocky road.*

We will have our annual All Masonic Picnic on September 30. (Flyer elsewhere). A good time was had by all last year. Bring your family, neighbors and friends. We have a couple of gentlemen who saw the Shrine in Action at the Clown Summer Party and asked how they could join our great group. They were told they had to be a Mason. Guess what. We are taking them to our lodge meetings to get acquainted and they are looking forward to filling out the petition to become a mason and when that happens, they will become Shriners. So, bring a group to the picnic. Oh Yah, we got one shrine petition at that party. Way to go Bryan!

*Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work." Aristotle -  
Philosopher (384 - 322 BC)*

**Shrine Center Happenings:** We finally got a bid for a wrought iron fence we want to put around our Statue in front of our building. Stay tuned for progress reports. Several of our new Shriners have rekindled the Tin Lizzies and are in the process of getting the club going. I understand they elected officers and are pressing along with the other required stuff. Our Cigars and Spirit's Club meets the last Monday of the month. Contact person-Wayne Schwartz 229-2458. The Clowns still meet on the third Tuesday of the month at the Shrine Center and are always looking for new members. Come on down, we will show you how to put on make-up and all that other stuff. Contact person, Clown Director. Chris Guillen, 643-5077.

***“Men do not quit playing because they grow old; they grow old because they quit playing.”***

***Oliver Wendell Holmes - Physician, Poet, and Polymath (1809 – 1894)***

Our Recorder, John Denton, has the coffee pot going and pastries on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. I Believe John has the coffee ready by 9:30. Stop by and chit chat with us. Bring the cards and cribbage board and I'll take you on (let me know the day before that you are coming so I am there) Same # as above.

**September:** September's name is really quite inaccurate these days. It was originally the seventh month of the ancient Roman calendar, and as such is was named Septem, which translates into “the seventh month”. It wasn't until 451 BC that the months of January and February were added to the calendar, making September the ninth month. September also used to only have 29

days. Thanks to Julius Caesar's reform of the Roman calendar in 46 BC the month now has an additional day! The Romans would quite often associate different months with different gods. The month of September is associated with Vulcan, the Roman god of fire, quite possibly because it was a fiery hot month back when it was the seventh month of the year.

***Did anyone else know September is deaf awareness month? I'd never heard of it.***

In the year 1752, the British Empire skipped 11 days of September, between the 2nd and 14th. This was actually due to another calendar change, although this time it was when the British Empire changed from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar.

The Anglo-Saxons had another name for September too, which was Haefest Monath. This is a particularly interesting one as this translates into harvest month, and our modern-day usage of the word harvest originates from this name!

September 1, 1939, was a dark day for the world. It was on this day that Hitler invaded Poland, consequentially beginning World War II. September 11, 2001, changed the shape of the world forever. It was on this fateful day that the worst terrorist attack on US soil happened when four commercial airliners were hijacked. Two of the planes were flown straight into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center, and another was crashed into the Pentagon. The fourth plane crash-landed into a field in Pennsylvania after the passengers of the flight attempted to regain control of the plane.

September 17th is an incredibly important day for the US, as it was on this day in 1787 that the US Constitution was adopted.

***"The U. S. Constitution doesn't guarantee happiness, only the pursuit of it. You have to catch up with it yourself." Benjamin Franklin (1706 - 1790)***

September 2, 1666, was a terrible time for the city of London. A raging fire broke out within the older section of the city, completely destroying all it touched within the ancient Roman walls. What's most surprising about this tragedy is that there were only 6 recorded deaths!

September begins on the same day of the week of just one other month, December. While it shares the first day, the month does not end on the same day of the week as any other month. September is graced with having two different birth flowers. The two flowers are the vibrant aster and the beautiful yet resilient morning glory. The significance of both flowers is actually very similar, with the aster being said to represent love, while the morning glory represents affection. September only has one birthstone though, but with a stone like this, who needs another? The stone is majestically vivid sapphire. With its deep blue tones, this precious stone is said to represent the wisdom of the gods, purity, and trust. Sapphires were once worn to protect the wearer from both poisoning and other evils.

***Never buy flowers from a monk. Only you can prevent florist friars.***

Those born in September are brought into this world under one of two-star signs. If you were born before September 23rd, you're considered to be a Virgo. If you're born on the 23rd or later, you're a Libra. Virgos are said to be analytical and hardworking people, while still being kind and loyal. Libras, on the other hand, value harmony and diplomacy, and are said to be both intelligent and kind.

The first newspaper to ever be put into print in the US was published on September 25, 1690. The paper was called Publick Occurrences Both Foreign and Domestick and was published in Boston. The newspaper was to be rather short-lived, as the British were displeased with its contents and put a stop to it straight away.

***Why do birds fly south in September? Because it's quicker than walking.***

On September 30, 1955, the famed movie star James Dean had his life cut short by a car crash in California at the early age of 24. While his acting career was all too short, he is still heralded as an incredibly influential actor, especially for his role in Rebel Without a Cause.

**Labor Day**, an annual celebration of workers and their achievements, originated during one of American labor history's most dismal chapters. In the late 1800s, at the height of the Industrial Revolution in the United States, the average American worked 12-hour days and seven-day weeks in order to eke out a basic living. Despite restrictions in some states, children as young as 5 or 6 toiled in mills, factories and mines across the country,

earning a fraction of their adult counterparts' wages. People of all ages, particularly the very poor and recent immigrants, often faced extremely unsafe working conditions, with insufficient access to fresh air, sanitary facilities and breaks. As manufacturing increasingly supplanted agriculture as the wellspring of American employment, labor unions, which had first appeared in the late 18th century, grew more prominent and vocal. They began organizing strikes and rallies to protest poor conditions and compel employers to renegotiate hours and pay.

***"A wise and frugal Government, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, which shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned. This is the sum of good government." Thomas Jefferson - US President (1743 - 1826)***

Many of these events turned violent during this period, including the infamous Haymarket Riot of 1886, in which several Chicago policemen and workers were killed. Others gave rise to longstanding traditions: On September 5, 1882, 10,000 workers took unpaid time off to march from City Hall to Union Square in New York City, holding the first Labor Day parade in U.S. history.

The idea of a "workingmen's holiday," celebrated on the first Monday in September, caught on in other industrial centers across the country, and many states passed legislation recognizing it. Congress would not legalize the holiday until 12 years later, when a watershed moment in American labor history brought workers' rights squarely into the public's view. On May 11, 1894, employees of the Pullman Palace Car Company in Chicago went on strike to



protest wage cuts and the firing of union representatives. On June 26, the American Railroad Union, led by Eugene V. Debs, called for a boycott of all Pullman railway cars, crippling railroad traffic nationwide. To break the Pullman strike, the federal government dispatched troops to Chicago, unleashing a wave of riots that resulted in the deaths of more than a dozen workers.

In the wake of this massive unrest and in an attempt to repair ties with American workers, Congress passed an act making Labor Day a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories. On June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed it into law. More than a century later, the true founder of Labor Day has yet to be identified.

***I went to the toy store and asked the assistant where the Schwarznegger dolls are and he replied, "Aisle B, back."***





# 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 September 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 noon  
Monday September 11th**

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



# All Masonic Picnic & Chili Cook-Off

All Masonic Bodies Are Invited.



Saturday, September 30th, 2023

2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Tehran Shrine Center

5407 East Olive Avenue, Fresno

## Chili Cook-Off

Assemble your teams A.S.A.P.

Bring a camp stove and fix'ns

Have your chili ready by 3:00 p.m.

*"Your chili can't come from a can..."*

Please  
Join Us!  
R.S.V.P.  
Soon!

**Free**

Food & Drinks

Bounce Houses,

Dunk Tank, & Games

Fun For Everyone!

**Please R.S.V.P.**

559-240-1232

or to e-mail shown

[highpriest@tehranshriners.org](mailto:highpriest@tehranshriners.org)



# CLOWN SUMMER PARTY

## July 15, 2023

Presentation of 2022 First Lady's Project Check  
to Alan Anderson, Director of Development  
Shriners Hospital Northern California



Past Potentate Larry Goeringer  
& First Lady Jeanne Goeringer  
w/ Alan Anderson



Alan Anderson

*Check Donation for 2022  
\$20,667.00*

*Thank you Shriners, Ladies & Friends*

## Welcome New Shriners!



Potentate Mike Nella & 5 new Shriners.



The Cooks



The Bar Tenders




The Servers



*Thank you Jean Denton for the photos.*

## SEPTEMBER 2023

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue                                       | Wed   | Thu               | Fri           | Sat                              |
|---|--|---|---|-------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
|   |  |   |   |                   | 1             | 2                                |
| 3   | 4<br><b>Labor Day</b><br> | 5   | 6   | 7                 | 8             | 9                                |
| 10  | 11<br><b>Tehran Shrine Stated Meeting*</b><br>Pageantry Practice   | 12<br>Temple Guard/Patrol                 | 13<br>Fresno Shrine Club<br>Daughters of the Nile | 14                | 15<br>Novkeps | 16                               |
| 17  | 18<br>Scottish Rite  | 19<br>Clowns                              | 20<br>Nile Sewing                                 | 21<br>Roustabouts | 22            | 23                               |
| 24  | 25   | 26<br><b>BOD Mtg "Board of Directors"</b> | 27  | 28                | 29            | 30<br><b>All Masonic Picnic*</b> |
| Notes:<br>BOD - Board of Directors; open to all Nobles<br>* Denotes Temple/Shrine Event |  |   |   |                   |               |                                  |

- SEP 4      Labor Day
- SEP 11    **Tehran Shrine Stated Meeting - 6:30 p.m.**
- SEP 11    Pageantry Practice
- SEP 12    Temple Guard/Patrol
- SEP 13    Fresno Shrine Club
- SEP 13    Daughters of the Nile
- SEP 15    Novkeps
- SEP 18    Scottish Rite
- SEP 19    Clowns
- SEP 20    Nile Sewing
- SEP 21    Roustabouts
- SEP 26    **Board on Directors Meeting - 6:30 p.m.**
- SEP 30    **All Masonic Picnic\* - 2:00-6:00 p.m.**



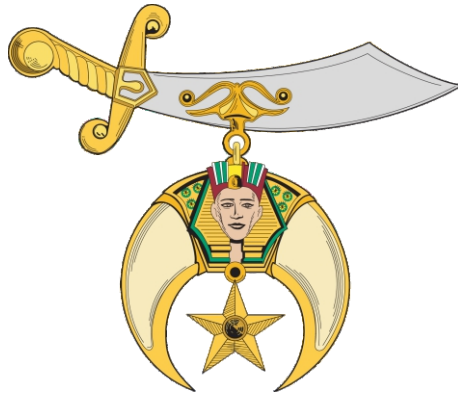
## OCTOBER 2023

| Sun                     | Mon                     | Tue  | Wed   | Thu               | Fri                               | Sat                                     |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|---|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1                       | 2<br>Pageantry Practice | 3  | 4   | 5                 | 6                                 | 7<br>Corcoran Parade                    |
| 8                       | 9                       | 10<br>Temple Guard/<br>Patrol  | 11<br>Fresno Shrine Club<br>Daughters of the Nile | 12                | 13<br>Shrine Day at the<br>Races* | 14<br>Paso Robles Pioneer<br>Day Parade |
| 15<br>Bulletin Deadline | 16<br>Scottish Rite     | 17<br>Clowns   | 18<br>Nile Sewing                                 | 19<br>Roustabouts | 20<br>Novkeps                     | 21                                      |
| 22                      | 23                      | 24<br><u>BOD Mtg "Board of<br/>Directors"</u>  | 25  | 26                | 27                                | 28                                      |
| 29                      | 30                      | 31<br>Halloween<br> |   |                   |                                   |   |
|                         |                         | Notes:<br>BOD - Board of Directors; open to all Nobles<br>* Denotes Temple/Shrine Event              |   |                   |                                   |   |

- OCT 2      Pageantry Practice
- OCT 7      Corcoran Parade
- OCT 10     Temple Guard/Patrol
- OCT 11     Fresno Shrine Club
- OCT 11     Daughters of the Nile
- OCT 13     Shrine Day at the Races
- OCT 14     Paso Robles Parade
- OCT 15     Bulletin Deadline
- OCT 16     Scottish Rite
- OCT 17     Clowns
- OCT 18     Nile Sewing
- OCT 19     Roustabouts
- OCT 20     Novkeps
- OCT 24     Board of Directors Meeting - 6:30 p.m.**
- OCT 31     Halloween



# TEHRAN SHRINE STATED MEETING



**MONDAY, September 11, 2023  
6:30 p.m.**

**Tehran Shrine Center  
5407 East Olive Avenue, Fresno, CA**

**Attire: Business Casual  
Fez  
Must Be a Noble in “Good Standing”**

Tehran Shrine Bylaws

*§3.6 Notice of Meetings. At least one week's notice must be given of the time and place of all meetings and ceremonial sessions. The notice may be given in the official temple publication or by letter.*