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JULY 2017

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JULY Potentate's Message

The Northern California Shriners Hospital for Children First Annual "Walk for Love" on Saturday, June 3rd, was well attended by our Tehran Shriners. Many thanks to our Past Potentate and Chairman of the Hospital Board of Governors, **David Johnson**, who sponsored our bus. David and Lady Sloan provided great snacks for the ride and your Potentate provided liquid refreshments. I am told the event was attended by 1,800 people! A great time was had by all and a neat picnic was provided by the Sacramento Fire Fighters Burn Unit.

Unfortunately, the hospital visit conflicted with the First Lady's Luncheon. This will be re-scheduled in the Fall.

I had the privilege of attending my oldest grandson's graduation from Big Bear High School on Friday, June 16. **Hale Obernolte** was Valedictorian and plans to attend California Institute of Technology in Pasadena in the Fall.

Our mostly annual Crab Feed occurred on Saturday, June 24, with 181 participants attending the event. Past Potentate **Travis Cantrell** was in charge and presented a wonderful event that included fresh crab from Washington State, Mac and Cheese, green beans and garlic bread. The summer fund-raiser was a successful endeavor and raised about \$5,000 for the Temple. Thank you Travis for all your effort and many thanks to the Boy Scouts and Rainbow Girls for their help in serving and cleaning up. I was joined in the bar by Past Potentate **Mike Nella** and Past Potentate **James Stahl**. Thank you, Nobles!

Your Tehran Temple Board of Directors met on Tuesday, June 27th, to approve a Policy for the use of our newly revamped kitchen. I believe the board was successful in this endeavor. Each Club or Unit wishing to use the kitchen should appoint a Noble who belongs to that Club or Unit to serve as their representative and be responsible to the Board of Directors regarding the proper use of the various components of the kitchen, their proper cleaning after use and the general cleaning of the hall after its use. Check lists have been created for this purpose and a form to request the use of the kitchen and hall has been formalized and approved by the Board. Any Club or Unit needs to submit the Request for Date Form to reserve the facility on a first-come first-served basis. I believe this scheduling will lead to a very practical way of insuring a calendared use of our facility.

Nobles, make it your resolution to be active in the Shrine for the rest this year! Your Board of Directors, your Potentate and your Director General are excited about the coming events for this Shrine year. Watch for your newly formatted 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

JULY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5	6 Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club <i>dark</i> Q	7 PNA	8 PNA
9 Imperial	10 Imperial	11 Imperial Temple Guard Patrol	12 Imperial Fresno Shrine Club	13 Flying Shriners	14 PNA	15 PNA
16 PNA	17 PNA Scottish Rite Stated	18 PNA Clowns	19 PNA	20 PNA Roustabouts DARK	21 PNA Novkeps	22 Clowns Summer Party
23	24	25 BOD	26	27	28	29
30	31 Knights of Mecca Temple Belles <i>dark</i>	NOTES: * denotes a Temple Event Financial Mgmt & Property Mgmt Advisory Boards meet every 3rd Tuesday BOD open to all Nobles PNA = Potentate not available				

AUGUST 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club Q	4	5
6 Hillbillies	7 Shrine Stated w/Dinner *	8 Temple Guard Patrol	9 Fresno Shrine Club	10 Flying Shriners	11	12 Masonic Picnic * CANCELED
13 Pageant of the Masters Trip *	14 Pageant of the Masters Trip *	15 Pageant of the Masters Trip* Clowns	16	17 Roustabouts <i>dark</i>	18 Novkeps OV	19
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FROM THE HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET

I hope everyone is enjoying the start of the Summer. Our Shrine's hospitals remain very busy places and I want to thank our PP David Johnson for obtaining a bus to take our members to the WALK of Love at our Sacramento Shriner's hospital on June 6. Although I was unable to attend I hear that there was record attendance this year from Shriners, past and current patients, their families and people who appreciate what we do for the kids.

Recently I was reading a message from Jerry G. Gantt, Chairman for the Board of Trustees of the Shriners Hospitals for Children discussing the Telehealth services. We started offering telehealth in May of 2016 in conjunction with our Salt Lake City, Galveston and Philadelphia hospitals. In 2016 we provided care to 1447 children through telehealth, reducing travel by approximately 1.2 million miles for these patients. This program will continued to be phased in to all of our hospitals over the next three years with a total of 8 to be added in 2017.

Last month my article received several positive responses, but I am still looking for help and ideas. I was reviewing our delinquent dues list today and out of our 300 plus members there are 65 who have not paid dues in 1 or 2 years with 24 scheduled to be dropped at the end of the year. In analyzing the list I find that there are 12 members on the list that have been Shriners for less than 4 years, a time when they should be most enthused about who we are and what we do. There were 18 over the age of 80 of which I am sure some may be infirmed and may qualify to have their dues remitted. The total of years of shrine membership the men on this list represents, adds up to more than 1000 years and that is a 1000 man years of giving sick children a chance to lead fuller and more productive lives. WHERE HAVE WE GONE WRONG? As Past Potentate Techman pointed out at our budget meetings, a chronic budget deficit is the characteristic of a failing business. Even if all of the men on the delinquent dues list paid, we would still be running a huge budget deficit. The only options a business has are to increase income and/or cut expenses. If you are watching the news recently you see that due to changing times, major retailers with long histories are having to close thousands of their stores in order to survive. We are at that same point and if we are going to maintain our motto of "FUN WITH A PURPOSE" and provide health care for the children who need us, we too are going to have to change the way we do things.

The way we are going, the chances of me being Potentate in 2020 are very slim. I keep trying because I already bought the counter parts shirt. Tehran is made up of intelligent men, many with extensive business and community backgrounds and tremendous ability. If we all come together there is a chance we will not only survive, but can prosper, and if not I hope I can get a refund on the shirt. I work every weekday but I will find time for anyone who has an idea and is willing to help. I will even buy lunch. My office number is 292-6191 and my cell number is 970-0812. If I am not available please leave a message and your number and I will get back to you.

Fraternally,

Randy Forrester

Noble Sheiks of the Desert Sands

As a member of the Mystical Oriental Shrine, here in Fresno, I thought this experience would be exciting and fun, with one great benefit, that being serving the Shriners Hospital for Children. Well my Brothers, I have sat in front of you, now, for three years as part of the Divan. Some of you in the gaggle that sits in front of the Altar, the Divan and the American Flag have been down right camel dung. You have no respect for the office of the Potentate, the Shriners Creed and the traditions of Tehran Temple. I don't think you show respect when you can't even give the proper salutation to the Potentate when you want to be heard. You should stand, wait to be called upon, give the proper salutation and state your case, then sit down.

We have had several money makers for the temple over these last three years. I keep seeing the same people working and participating in these events. Yet when I visit certain clubs I see Nobles I have never seen before. This is your Temple, support it, enjoy it and above all, stand with your fellow nobles.

Earlier this year, our present Potentate put together a budget that reflected exactly what it costs to run the temple. It met with disgust. The truth hurts! As a member of the temple, you should be satisfied that finally you were able to see the cost of doing the business of the shrine. We recently had an opportunity to upgrade the kitchen for your benefit in the value of our property. You didn't appreciate the Divan looking out for your value of the property. We also had an opportunity to rent that part of the building, it met, again, with disgust. Many of you heard bad information about the lease, who made money off of some of the purchases we made for you and how we were going to spend the money obtained the profits of the rental. I think you were complete ASPS!!!

I am of the opinion that in the future, with the participation of the Nobles we can get past this. Elections are coming upon us, if you don't like the direction of your present Divan, step up and get involved. Participate in the fund raisers, give your experience to the present divan. Remember, you a member of the Mystical Oriental Shrine, be the proper Sheik that you can be!!

Fraternally,

Thomas F. Bailey, Assistant Rabban



PAGEANT OF THE MASTERS

BUS TRIP TO LAGUNA BEACH

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MERCED-MARIPOSA SHRINE CLUB
NO MEETING IN JULY & AUGUST ON VACATION



NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 21, 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



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





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There's more...

Optional bus add-on, takes you from the Tehran Shrine Center straight to the San Francisco dock and back again (with a little lunch fun on the way home).

We really want you to come along. It isn't a party without you!

Let's have some FANTASTIC FUN, Sign up today!

Your fun cruise companions,

Chief Rabban Mark and Lady Sandra

P.S. Many thanks to Illustrrious Ron for allowing us to share our trip announcement now!

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