### TEHRAN TEMPLE



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#### MAY Potentate's Message

<u>Western Shrine Association</u> (WSA) was held on April 6<sup>th</sup> through April 9<sup>th</sup> in Las Vegas, NV. Ten of our nobles and their ladies were present for the ceremonies and the WSA President's Dinner as a finale. The event was attended by two Imperial Officers, Imperial Sirs Ed Stolze and Jeffrey Sowder, who led several great discussions.

Our Temple stated meeting was held on April 10<sup>th</sup> with a very nice dinner provided by Manny Flores, the gentleman wishing to rent our kitchen on a full time basis. No clear indication was given at that meeting by our Nobles if we should proceed with the rental or not. A

special meeting is being called for Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Shrine Center to resolve this issue and finish business on the kitchen repairs. Please plan on attending this important meeting! Don't let a few decide for all of you.

On April 13<sup>th</sup>, Dale and I attended the <u>Dedication Ceremony</u> of the new Shriners for Children Medical Center in Pasadena, CA. This facility replaces the Shriners Hospital for Children in Los Angeles. All of the Imperial Line was present and Imperial Sir Jerry G. Gantt, Chairman of the Shriners Hospitals for Children Board of Trustees, as well as Imperial Sir Chris L. Smith, Imperial Potentate, Shriners International, gave their opening remarks. This facility cost \$77 million dollars to construct and provides two ambulatory surgery rooms, four PACU suites, 20 outpatient clinic examination rooms, three fitting rooms for prosthetics and orthotics, an on-site radiology department with an "EOS" x-ray machine capable of 3-D x-rays of the entire standing patient with less than 20% of the usual radiation, a 17,000 square foot exterior therapy garden and rose courtyard and finally an underground garage for 295 cars! Past Grand Master David R. Doan, Chairman, Shriners for Children Medical Center Board of Governors, gave the introductory remarks during the dedication ceremony and Grand Master John R. Heisner led the Cornerstone Ceremony. This is a 'medical center" because it has no beds! Overnight patients are sent to the adjacent Huntington Memorial Hospital whose staff has a cooperative agreement with our Medical Center.

The Merced-Mariposa Shrine Club had their Breakfast and Official Visit by the Officers of Tehran Shrine Center on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Veterans Park in Atwater. President Rudy Perez presented a check for \$1,780 to First Lady Dale Obernolte for her Sara Combolizer Bed project! Each of these units costs \$17,800 so you Nobles of the Merced-Mariposa Shrine Club have purchased 10% by yourselves! Thank you northern Nobles and your ladies!

Nobles, be active in the Shrine this year! The <u>69<sup>th</sup> Tehran Temple Potentate's Ball</u> will be held at San Joaquin Country Club on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Make your reservation early to save your place! Enjoy your fraternity!

Tehran Shriners: "Having fun and helping kids"!

Ron Obernolte, PP

Potentate

#### From the High Priest and Prophet

For me the most enjoyable part of my experience in the Shrine is the many years I spent as a member of the board of our Northern California Shriners hospital. This year as your HP&P it is my pleasure to serve as an associate member. I find that our hospital is a very busy place and for the first three months of the year we are about one million dollars over budget. We are the busiest, most efficient and most costly hospital of the whole system. We are not over budget because we are wasteful, but because we do not turn children away who need our help. Many hospitals refer their pediatric patients to Shriner's because under the low compensation rates from insurance and MediCal, they lose money taking care of children with the complicated conditions we specialize in. We also bill insurance, but the average reimbursement amounts to about 16 cents for each dollar billed. The cost of funding our 22 hospitals comes from the earnings from our endowments as well as donations. Last weekend I heard that the yearly cost of our 22 hospitals is about \$850,000,000 a year and we are still having to spend in excess of \$200,000,000 of the endowment to fund them (all figures are approximate). Due to the changing environment in health care, as we replace our aging hospitals they are replaced with clinics and outpatient facilities and we are partnering with local hospitals when inpatient care is required. This concept allows us to continue our mission while lowering our cost. Additionally we are doing more advertising to raise funds with ads which show the happy children we help. We are targeting much of our fund raising effort on geographic areas in which donor giving is more prevalent. In short we need the hospitals, the hospitals need us and the children need us both.

Membership in Masonry and the Shrine is continuing to decrease and in Tehran it is to a point where we will not be able to exist much longer. In order for us to continue to exist we need to concentrate on the theme "fun with a purpose". Our purpose being helping children and the fun derived from the association with men of good nature and common purpose. We need to all come together, to be involved, forget past and present personal irritations, and work to solve the problems which face us. I believe if we do this we will not only survive but prosper and I will be able to be Potentate in 2020. (Hey guys I already ordered the counterparts shirt, so don't make me waste the money.)

Fraternally.

Randy Forrester, High Priest and Prophet

### **MAY 2017**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	1	2	3	4 Q	5	6 Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club OV	
7 Hillbillies	8	9 Temple Guard Patrol	10 Fresno Shrine Club Nile Stated	11 Flying Shriners	12	13 Nobility Ball *	
14	Scottish Rite Stated	16 Clowns Tin Lizzies	17 Nile Sewing	18 Roustabouts	19 Novkeps OV	20	
21 Nile Fiesta	22 Temple Belles	23 BOD	24	25	26	27	
28	29  Memorial Day  Knights of Mecca	30	31				
		NOTES: * denotes a Temple Event Financial Mgmt & Property Mgmt Advisory Boards meet every 3rd Tuesday BOD open to all Nobles					

### **JUNE 2017**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
				1 Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club <i>dark</i> Q	2	First Lady's Luncheon *	
4	5	6	7	8 Flying Shriners & Legion of Honor	9	10	
11	12	13 Temple Guard Patrol	14 Fresno Shrine Club	15 Roustabouts	16 Novkeps	17	
18	Scottish Rite Stated	20 Clowns	21	22	23	24 Crab Feed *	
25	26 Knights of Mecca Temple Belles dark	27 BOD	28	29	30 Shrine Dinner * CANCELED		
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### Potentate Ron Obernolte

TEHRAN
Special
STATED MEETING
MAY 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

TOESDAY

7PM

Shrine Center 5407 E. Olive, Fresno, CA 93727 TOPICS

- 1. Kitchen Lease
- 2. Kitchen repair Capital Equipment
- 3. Capital Equipment Budget
- 4. Replacement of missing chairs

Attested by . James Stahl RECORER TEHRAN SHRINE April 20, 2017

### FRESNO SHRINE CLUB "Have Lunch With Your Friends"

DATE: Wednesday, May 10, 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.

If no answer please leave a message. Please call in your reservation by Monday, May 8th. You can also RSVP via email to 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

#### **MERCED-MARIPOSA SHRINE CLUB**

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, MAY 25, 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 & Lady

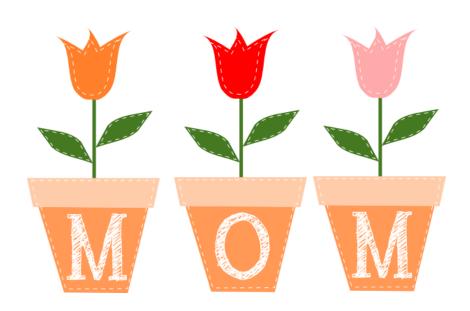
For more information call Ray 209-769-7917 or 209-358-2769



Shrine Club will be honoring Mothers!

**Upcoming Merced-Mariposa Shrine Club Events:** 

Saturday, May 6, 2017—Shriners Childrens Hospital Information Table at the Mercy's Annual Family Festival & Health Fair







## Our Annual Crab Feed at the Shrine

Date: Saturday, June 24, 2017

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$50.00 per person

Menu: Crab - Pasta - Veggies - Bread

Bar will be open for drinks

Our event will be held indoors, with parking next to the Shrine Center. Seating will be limited, so be sure to buy your tickets early!

This has been a blowout event so far through advance reservations and sponsorships. Don't miss this terrific event which benefits our Shrine Center.

Mail checks to: Tehran Shrine 5407 E. Olive Ave Fresno, Ca. 93727 559 251-1991

Your tickets will be promptly mailed to you, upon receipt of your check.

#### Shrine Day – Walk of Love

The 20th anniversary of the Shriners Hospital for Children Northern California is June 3rd. Patients Families, Friends of the Hospital, and Shriners are invited to attend. This could the biggest Shrine Function in California and the West Coast in Years. Please join us and your fellow Brothers for this special event. The course is a total of 1.5 miles and for those who don't want to walk we have a special area set up as a gathering place after the Walk.

All participants are asked to go to <u>walkforlove.org</u> to register (the cost is \$25.00) and includes a donation to the Hospital and a Tee Shirt. Tehran Temple is providing a bus at a \$15.00 fee per person on a first come first serve basis so sign up early.

Yours In The Faith,

Dave Johnson P.P.

For bus reservations, call Dave at (559) 360-0230



Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

I know where you will be on **Saturday, July 22nd**. At least I know where you will want to be...

#### The 147th annual Clown Summer Party!

As always, there will be great food, amazing entertainment, specialty drinks and a bit of silliness. So, right now *(while I have your attention)*, grab your calendar and block out the date.

This year's celebration is one you won't want to miss!

Remember, keep smiling,

Bryan "Shades" Kincade Clown Director Tehran Shrine Clowns 559.301.9899 Gencon1@aol.com





#### FIRST LADY'S PROJECT-2017

### 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



