

TEHRAN TEMPLE



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November Potentate's Message

I can only say that the **October Potentate's Trip** was a complete success! Twenty of us enjoyed a tremendous trip "down under" to visit lands that speak English (with a slight accent!) but are so different from our homeland. Differing forms of government, different motivations, differing views on just about everything but still impressive economies and citizens motivated to keep it that way! Both Australia and New Zealand were exciting to visit and probably too expensive for us to live there! Thank you to all of you who came along for the trip. Dale and I appreciated your time and efforts!

As October closes out, I would like to remind our Nobles and ladies about the **Oktoberfest Celebration** this coming Sunday, October 29, from 2 PM to 5PM. Our Past Potentate Chad Snyder has made a couple of home-brews for the occasion and they will be accompanied by a German menu and music! Please call the Shrine with your reservation for this festive event at 251-1991 for a mere \$15 per person!

November begins with the **Chief Rabban's Night** on Friday, November 3, from 6:00 PM to ? Please make your reservation by Monday, October 30, to Mark Dawson @ 559-643-1956 to enjoy a dinner at \$15 per person.

Please join our High Priest and Prophet Randy Forrester for his **100th Birthday Party** on Sunday, November 5, at the Temple from 3PM to ? It will be a brown bag wine tasting, so bring your favorite (or least favorite) bottle of wine and he will supply the bag and prizes! Please bring Hors D' oeuvres to share if you wish to eat. He will provide the cake! I asked him if he was really turning 100 and his answer was he was "not sure I will make it to 100 so I don't want to miss the party"!

Our **Fresno Shrine Club** meets the second Wednesday of every month and November is no different: Wednesday, November 8, at Yosemite Falls Café in Granite Park, 4020 N. Cedar Ave. Social begins at 12:00 PM (no host) and lunch begins at 12:30 PM for \$17 per person.

Nobles, I want to encourage our Clubs and Units to attend the **Fresno Veterans Day Parade** on November 11. This event has always been fun and a great opportunity for camaraderie. Please inform the Shrine Office at 251-1991 of your club's or unit's intentions!

Nobles and ladies, First Lady Dale and I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a **"Happy Thanksgiving!"** We both hope each of you will have an opportunity to share your blessings with your family and close friends during this special time of the year. Enjoy!

Tehran Shriners: "Having fun and helping kids"!

Ron Obernolte, PP

Potentate

A Note from your Chief Rabban



Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

Busy, busy, busy, but so much fun along the way!

The last four weeks have been a bit crazy for Lady Sandra and I, but in a really great way. We're putting the finishing touches on plans for 2018 (*hard work, figuring out how to keep you entertained for an entire year...*) We've also been finalizing everything for Chief Rabban's Night. I hope you plan on attending, as next year's fun begins at 6:00 p.m. on Friday Night, November 3rd.

As I mentioned in my note last month, Lady Sandra and I traveled to Tampa, Florida, and attended Shrine Membership Training. Admittedly, we drank the Imperial Kool-aide. But before you scoff, understand two things: the training was first class (*lot's we can use back here at home*) and we are committed to growing Tehran Shrine's Membership next year. Imperial Potentate Gary J. Bergenske has dedicated his entire Shrine year to Membership Growth. His new program, "**I AM Committed Now, R U**" provides an easy way to refer good men.

Here's how it works:

1. Visit **www.webfez.shrinenet.org/referral** and click "refer a good man".
2. Enter your prospects name, email address and city.
3. Click "Submit".



Almost immediately your prospect will begin receiving information about the Shriners Fraternity and the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Our Shrine Office and Divan Members will also be alerted, so we can follow-up with our own welcoming messages. Even better, if they are not yet a Mason, Shrine International will forward their information to the Grand Lodge of the State in which they live. ***This program grows both Masons and Shriners!***

The future's so bright, we've gotta wear shades!

For many years Lady Sandra and I have been supporters of the Hanford Christmas Parade. The evening event (*always the day after Thanksgiving*) is known for its lights, holiday music and decorated floats of every description. This year we're hosting a party for Shriners and their families at Sandra's Business, and we want you to come.

What: **Hanford Christmas Parade**

When: **Friday, November 24th, at 5:00 p.m.**

Where: **Buddy's Trophies, 216 West 8th Street, Hanford**

We'll have food, liquid libations, and a little silly fun. Oh, and be sure to wear your ugly Christmas sweater....

Enough for this month, see you at the Shrine Center on November 3rd!

Sincerely,

Mark Dawson

Chief Rabban

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FROM THE HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET

WOW, what a busy month. We returned from a great trip to Australia and New Zeland on Sunday, I returned to work on Monday and attended a hospital board meeting on Saturday. This weekend was the continuation of the 20th year celebration of our Sacramento Hospital (I was honored to be at both the 10th and 20th). As usual I came away with a tremendous appreciation for what we do as Shriner's. While watching the speeches by the Imperial Officers who came for the celebration, a lady came up to me holding her grandfather's fez and thanking us for the help we have given to her son. The young man was a patient from 2003-2005 after a spinal cord injury which left him paralyzed and unable to speak. Due to the help we gave him and advances in technology he now is mobile through his motorized wheel chair, communicates through his computer and owns his own video production company employing 6 people. Because of the caring of the Shriners he has been able to return to a useful and fulfilling life. We often don't realize how deeply we touch others lives.

I want to thank our Potentate Ron Obernolte and his lady Dale for a great trip and being outstanding and considerate hosts. Australia and New Zeland were beautiful (but a really long way away). We left Fresno on a Tuesday and arrived on Thursday, and when we returned we left on Sunday and returned on Sunday (but it was a 48 hour Sunday). I thought our traffic was bad, but getting into the Sydney airport to leave was an adventure (besides they drive on the wrong side of the road, or maybe we do?)

As I continue to remember people who were important in my Shrine career I am reminded of Ben Schaeffer, who has long since passed away. I was in the line at Las Palmas Lodge and one day Ben showed up in my office with a Shrine application and said "sign it." I went to Reno for the ceremonial during Bob Goeringer's year and the rest is history. Jonathan Higgins was Master of Fresno Lodge the same year I was Master of Las Palmas Pondersoa and he introduced to me to the Clowns. I was always shy, and not very funny, but when I put on the makeup I found a new me and a new purpose in helping the kids. I will always be thankful for the people who have touched my life. I also want to thank Illustrious Obernolte, Travis Cantrell and the members of the Divan this year for their dedication to Tehran, in always trying to do the right thing in difficult times. It has been an honor to serve with you.

In many ways each new year offers an opportunity for a new beginning and a chance to move forward. As we move forward I hope that all of our Shriner's will commit to become involved with purpose and fun to help revive Tehran. Mark and Sandy Dawson have many outstanding, but ambitious ideas which can help us return to what we should be. What they want to do will not only help us to survive, but to have fun and grow so we can continue to help children. What he is proposing is very doable, but will require the help and dedication of all of us. It is time to step up to help and have fun (so I will get a chance to wear my 2020 counterparts shirt, because I can't get my money back).

Think of a good Mason you know and take him a petition to sign!

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Randy Forrester, HP&P

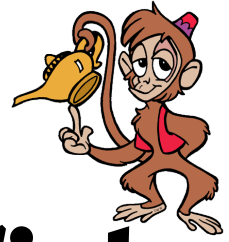
NOVEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Q	3 Chief Rabban's Night *	4
5 HPP 100th Birthday Party	6	7	8 Fresno Shrine Club Nile Stated	9 Flying Shriners	10	11 Fresno Parade * Lemoore & Porterville Parades
12	13	14 Temple Guard Patrol	15	16 Roustabouts Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club	17	18 Nile Fashion Show
19	20 Scottish Rite Stated	21 Clowns Tin Lizzies	22	23 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	24 Hanford Christmas Parade	25
26	27 Knights of Mecca Temple Belles <i>dark</i>	28 BOD	29	30		
		NOTES: * denotes a Temple Event Financial Mgmt & Property Mgmt Advisory Boards meet every 3rd Tuesday BOD open to all Nobles				

DECEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Lemoore Parade
3	4 Shrine Stated & Elections Dinner * Temple Belles Christmas Party	5	6	7 Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club Q	8	9 Nile Queen's Open House
10 Hillbillies Christmas	11	12 Temple Guard Patrol	13 Fresno Shrine Club Nile Stated	14 Flying Shriners & Legion of Honor	15 Shrine Dinner & Christmas Party *	16
17	18 Scottish Rite Stated	19 Clowns	20	21 Roustabouts Christmas Tree Lane @ Stahl's *	22 Novkeps	23
24	25 <i>Christmas</i>	26 BOD	27	28	29	30
31 Rose Parade *		NOTES: * denotes a Temple Event Financial Mgmt & Property Mgmt Advisory Boards meet every 3rd Tuesday BOD open to all Nobles				

You Are Invited
to
Chief Rabban's Night



Friday, November 3rd, 2017

Shine Center

Social 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 7:00 p.m.



Dinner is **\$15.00** to those who **R.S.V.P.**

\$\$\$ for those who do not...

Smile... it's all fun!

Dress: Casual (No Shorts Please)



It will be a fun and informative evening.

We will share our hopes and dreams for 2018

Calendar - Special Events - Bulletin

Potentates Pin - 1st Lady's Pin - Logo Wear

sooooo...

Bring your **enthusiasm** and your checkbook!

R.S.V.P. by Monday, October 30th to
Mark Dawson, 599.643.1956
potentate2018@webdawsons.com

FROM YOUR HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET

EVERYONE IS INVITED

Come help me celebrate my 100th birthday party which is also the 40th anniversary of my 30th birthday. (Not sure I will make it to 100 so I don't want to miss the party!)

Where: Tehran Shrine Center, 5407 E. Olive Ave, Fresno, Ca

When: Sunday, November 5, 2017 from 3:00 until it is over

What: It will also be a brown bag wine tasting, so bring your favorite (or least favorite) bottle of wine and I will supply the bag. (There will be people's choice Awards on both ends.)

Bring: Hors D'oeuvre's if we are going to eat. (It makes even the bad wine taste better and I will provide cake.)

Gifts: None wanted or accepted but funny cards are always great. If you wish, a donation to the Northern California Shriner's Hospital through Tehran's 1st Ladies project is appreciated.

Hope you can all come for some fun, nonsense and maybe some dancing. After all, how often do you get to go to a 100th birthday party and drink wine. (Other libation will be available until I run out.)

Randy Forrester, HP&P

FRESNO SHRINE CLUB
"Have Lunch With Your Friends"

DATE: Wednesday, November 8, 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
or email 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



Parade

**Downtown Fresno
Saturday, November 11
Step-Off 11:00 a.m.**

More information will be e-mailed
when our line-up location has been set.

**THANK YOU
VETERANS**

MERCED-MARIPOSA SHRINE CLUB

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 16, 2017, 6 pm Social

(Order dinner from menu) 7 pm Meeting

WHERE: LaNita's Restaurant, 2684 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



**Merced-Mariposa Shrine Club members, the Club
needs your support by attending and being active in meetings & events!**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE SHRINE CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

MONDAY DECEMBER 11, 2017





CHRISTmas Parade

Hanford Christmas Parade

Friday, November 24, 2017

Hosted by

Chief Rabban Mark Dawson & Lady Sandra

Refreshments: 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Sandwiches, Chips, Cookies & Drinks

Location: Buddy's Trophies, 216 W. 8th Street

(Just 2 Blocks from the Hanford Masonic Lodge)

Parade Step Off: 6:00 p.m.

Lemoore Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 2, 2017

Meeting Location

Lemoore Masonic Lodge

647 West Bush Street

Refreshments: 5:00 p.m.

Parade Step Off: 6:00 p.m.

TEHRAN SHRINE CENTER

DATE: December 4th, 2017

TIME: 6:30 PM

Stated Meeting **ELECTIONS** and Dinner

PLEASE CALL WITH YOUR
RESERVATION FOR DINNER
Suggested donation for Dinner \$15.00

PLEASE CALL THE RECORDER,
JAMES STAHL, PP
@ 559-251-1991

STATED MEETING



FIRST LADY'S PROJECT-2017

UPDATE: We've raised over \$9,815 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

