

TEHRAN SHRINERS BULLETIN October, 2019



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OCTOBER MESSAGE FROM THE POTENTATE

Salam and Peace Be with You



Wow, it is almost time to take my camel ride over the dunes and into the next camp. The year has literally flown by. The year has been full of ups and downs, trials and tribulations and also fun times. There is a core group of Nobles that get it, have fun and support the activities of the shrine and then, there are those that sit on the sidelines and watch. It is time for those on the sidelines to stand up, come and have a beverage with the brothers you came here with. Enjoy the fraternal atmosphere of the Oasis. Your fellow nobles would really like to see you. Come out and have some Fun with a Purpose. Remember, it is all for the KIDS.

I need to bring you all up to date with some items that were brought up at the Stated Meeting. Rumors and inuendo, let me address the one that brought about a call from a long established Noble and a mentor. Apparently there was a rumor going around that we were not going to have the bulletin printed any more. Yes, we missed July. When I put my budget together last year, I thought I had that covered by a volunteer who would take care of all the communication, that I needed, to keep you informed. Well, in January they backed out of the offer to help. Leaving me to spend money from my budget that

could have gone to something else. Going forward, thank you to Jonathan Higgins for stepping up to help produce the bulletin in the printed form and also get it on the web site. So, we are back in print.

The next rumor is that we spend too much. Whoever is doing this abomination apparently doesn't have all the information that they need. Shame on him! That we are over budget, we are well in the confines of the budget. There was concern that the air conditioners were not needed and would cost too much. We did it within the constraints of the capitol budget and maintenance budget for the building. We had a fellow brother do the work, one day, they get delivered and the next day fine tuning and running.

We needed the body of Nobles assembled to approve the resolution for a Financial Advisor. We succeeded in the approval for this position and it was in good form as attested by our Attorney. The successful bidder was The Summit Group with fellow noble Dr. Ron Olberholte. Here again the discourse between the Nobles has been tension filled, this has got to stop. Since Noble Ron has taken the reigns on the funds, we have been able to make repairs to the building, pay all the building bills, his salary {he pays us rent for his office} and funding to help support the nobility, if we need it. Yes, we are tied to the Stock Market and their fluctuations, sometimes it has driven me batty, but Noble Ron has been on top of it. This last go around was devastating to some, with Ron's

knowledge in one of our funds we gained 14%, most others on the S&P 500 lost or only gained 3%, we made 11%. Noble Ron and I talk almost every day about the funds and I assure you with the calculations he makes, we will be successful.

Some of you have probably heard that our insurance is up for renewal and there are a few new things that need to be addressed. We need to address the liability for any person from a club or unit who stands behind the bar and pours a drink for one of us, the new requirement for this is he should take a class for this. Some are called TIPS or READ. They can be taken online and in class. I don't think it would be a good idea that we have the ABC people here in the building or at a club or unit event. Reason is we would be on their radar. We are different from the Elks, we don't sell liquor. If they came in and did the program, it could open a can of worms. This requirement is for our protection. Also, we looking to increase our liability level to protect us for a major claim. More on this, later. We had to change our CPA, only because of a new Imperial audit requirement for all Temples. Our PA couldn't afford to send his employees to school to learn about the new audit procedures, So, our Treasurer interviewed three new candidates. Out of the three, we selected the one we feel would be best for the shrine.

The upcoming months will find the Divan riding a camel on the beaches of Cabo San Lucas, dining on western lobster and burning and sweating in the Mexican sun. Thanks, to those travelling with us on our cruise.

Remember to get your money to Denise for the races at the Big Fresno Fair, \$35.00 for the VIP treatment. Looks like the clowns are having a Halloween Party in October. Don't think we will have an Octoberfest Party.

November finds us with two great opportunities for fun. One will be the First Lady creating gingerbread houses. Don't know what they will look like as the ladies like their wine. The date is to be decided.

The Chief Rabbans night is coming and let's show Randy that we are there to support him. November 9. 2019.

The last Stated Meeting of the Shrine for this year, will be on December 2 at 6 PM. Following the meeting we will have a traditional Spaghetti and meatball dinner. During this meeting we will have two important items on the agenda. The first will be election of new officers for 2020, step up and help. The second is that we will have a Black Camel ceremony for our members who have taken that last camel ride. We will read the roll call and have a ceremony. Again, come out and say goodbye to dear friends and toss one back for those who have passed. Peace be with you my Brothers!

As usual, may your camel spit with the wind and guide you on the right path, SALAM!

WSA 20120

**Registration and Information packets
are available in the Shrine Office.**





From The Chief Rabban



Time marches on and 2020 is getting closer all of the time. Pam and I continue to work to try to make 2020 a fun year. Chief Rabban's night has been moved Saturday November 9th and a flyer will follow. Unfortunately, I am very concerned about 2021 and after. As it stands, I have not heard from anyone willing to step forward and run for the Chief Rabban position or any other open position. Last month, and every month, I have asked for people to call me with ideas and even put a strange phrase in my article to see if anyone even reads it. No one called but Ron McClain raised his hand at the stated meeting and told us he found it. Our Potentate tried moving the stated meeting to the afternoon on Saturday so members that lived farther away could make it and those of us who have trouble driving at night would be able to get home before dark. Unfortunately, out of our approximately 250 members only about 20 were present including officers and presenters. When I stepped forward to run for High Priest and Prophet we had a little over 300 members and I stated that my purpose was to help the men in line in front of me to rebuild Tehran and if that was not possible, I may have to be the Potentate to take it apart. Money is not our problem because our Potentates have been prudent with their budgets and our Investment Adviser had done good job in managing our assets. Our problem is lack of participation and many of our previous active members are spending more time with the Elks and Scottish Rite than Tehran. This is not to say anything bad about these people or the other organizations it is only to say that we have lost our way and are becoming irrelevant.

Our motto is **"Fun with a Purpose"** and our purpose is helping the Kids. The Shrine provides quality, cutting edge, care to children who could not afford this care otherwise. If we are not here, there is no one to take our place. Tehran started 70 years ago with about 2200 members from the Fresno Shrine Club and we may return to that status with only 250 members under another Shrine Center. I am realist but also an eternal optimist, so all is not lost. With the Potentate's approval I will be hosting a Town Hall type meeting on Saturday, October 12 at 4:00 pm at the Shrine Center. This is not a party but a working session so only light refreshments will be provided. **Think Membership!**

Fraternally, Randy Forrester, Chief Rabban



THE ANNUAL DAY AT THE RACES



BIG FRESNO FAIR HORSE RACES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2019

Arrive any time after 12pm

\$35.00 per person

Includes Turf Club, VIP Parking, Adult Admission to Fair, Horseman's Section and \$2.00 towards the Shriners Hospital for Children Northern California Race (winnings go to SHCNC)

Separate Checks for Food/Drink – Order off Menu

Dress is casual

All monies are due by September 1. Please mail your check payable to Denise Crossland, 3669 W Persimmon Lane, Fresno 93711.



Western Shrine Association Competitions May 1st & 2nd, 2020 in Las Vegas!

Competition Schedule

Friday May 1

+5:00 to 6:00pm Klown Competition

+6:00 to 7:00p.m. Home Brew Competition in the Hospitality Room

+7:00p.m. to 10:00p.m. Pub Crawl/Scavenger Hunt Competition. Check in at the Hospitality Room

Saturday May 2

+9:00a.m. to 10:30a.m. Motor Corps Competition

+11:30a.m. to 12:30a.m. Pedal Race Competition

+1:00p.m. to 3:00p.m. Hillbilly Horseshoe Tournament



For information about the Motor Corps, Brewing, Horseshoe, Pub Crawl or Pedal Competition contact Michael J. Fox at michaeljfoxnv@yahoo.com or 775-742-1867.

See www.westernshrine.org for registration and room info.

If you have suggestions or want to organize an additional competition, please contact WSA president Ken Haukaas

Hillbillies & Friends Y'all Come Now!



Hillbilly Gatherin'
Sunday, Oct. 6th

Shrine Center

3:00 pm Social

4:30 pm Dinner

Cost: \$15.00 per Cuzin

Roadkill Chef: Ralph Takakjian



Please bring a
light appetizer to share.



WE NEED TO KNOW YOU'RE COMIN'

So ... Give a Holler to Cuzin Ralph

255-5806

and let him know you are coming so there
will be enough vittles for everyone.

**MERCED-MARIPOSA SHRINE CLUB
MEETING THURSDAY OCTOBER 24, 2019**



TIME: 6 P.M. SOCIAL (ORDER DINNER FROM MENU)

6:45 P.M. MEETING

**WHERE: BELLA NITA RESTAURANT, 2684 SHAFFER RD.
JUST BEFORE INTERSECTION OF SHAFFER & BELLEVUE RD
ATWATER, CA**

**WHO: SHRINERS & LADIES-NOBLES, BRING A BROTHER
MASON & LADY**

DRESS: CASUAL -NOBLES BRING FEZ

**FOR MORE INFO CALL RAY 209-769-7917 OR 209-358-
2769**





JOIN THE FIRST LADY FOR HOLIDAY FUN

NOVEMBER 10, 2019

SHRINE CENTER

2 PM

\$35.00 FOR BUILDING SUPPLIES AND
DONATION TO FIRST LADY PROJECT

CREATE YOUR OWN GINGERBREAD HOUSE

Please RSVP Evette Bailey 559-283-6509

OCTOBER 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Shrine Cruise Potentate's Birthday	2 Shrine Cruise	3 Shrine Cruise	4 Shrine Cruise	5 Shrine Cruise
6	7 Nile Pageantry	8 Temple Guard Patrol Financial Mgt. Board	9 Fresno Shrine Club	10 Flying Shriners Legion of Honor	11 Day at the Races	12 Nile Bunco Party
13	14	15 Clowns 6:30 pm Property Mgt. Board	16 Nile Sewing	17 Roustabouts	18 Novkeys Dinner Meeting	19 Oktoberfest Membership Drive
20	21	22 BOD	23	24 Merced-Mariposa Shrine Club	25	26 Clowns Halloween Party
27	28 Temple Belles Knights of Mecca	29	30	31		
		Notes: BOD - Board of Directors; open to all Nobles				

Oct 1 Shrine Cruise, Sep 28 - Oct 5
 Oct 1 Potentate' Birthday
 Oct 8 Temple Guard
 Oct 8 Financial Management Advisory Board
 Oct 9 Fresno Shrine Club, Yosemite Falls Cafe, 12:00 p.m.
 Oct 10 Flying Shriners, Legion of Honor
Oct 11 Day at the Races
 Oct 15 Bulletin Deadline
 Oct 15 Clowns, Shrine Center, 6:30 p.m.
 Oct 15 Property Management Advisory Board
 Oct 17 Roustabouts
 Oct 18 Novkeys Dinner Meeting
Oct 19 Oktoberfest
Oct 22 Board of Director Meeting, Shrine Center
 Oct 24 Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club
 Oct 26 Clowns Halloween Party
 Oct 28 Temple Belles

PETITION OF INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP

TEHRAN SHRINERS

To the POTENTATE, Officers and Nobles of Tehran Shriners, situated in the City of Fresno, State of California. I, the undersign, hereby declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing in _____ Lodge, # _____ located at _____, _____, which is a Lodge recognized by or in amity with the Conference of Grand Master of North America. Furthermore, I have resided at my current address for not less than 6 months, as required by the bylaws of Shriners International. I hereby make application to become a Noble of the Order, and a member of Tehran Temple. If granted membership, I promise to conform to the articles of incorporation and bylaws of Shrine International and the bylaws and ceremonies of Tehran temple.

(PLEASE PRINT SO IT CAN BE READ)

YOUR FULL NAME: _____

Your Address: _____

Your date of Birth: _____ Birthplace: _____

Your Phone Number: (____) _____ Email: _____

Your Lady's Name: _____

Your Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

Your Business Address: _____

Have you previously applied for admission to any temple of the Order? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, What Temple? _____ When? _____

Were you ever in a DeMolay? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, What Chapter? (Name and Location) _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Recommended By:

Noble _____ Member No. _____

Noble _____ Member No. _____

Fez Size: _____ Method of Payment _____

For Recorder Use

New Noble Membership No. _____ Date: _____





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SHRINE
1949-2019**



**HELPING
KIDS FOR
70 YEARS**



