

TEHRAN SHRINERS BULLETIN

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From:

The Desk of Your Potentate



I hope everyone has had a great Holiday and have stayed healthy during these tough times.

I have been busy during lockdown doing some cleaning in my “Man Cave”. Lady Jean said it looked really bad and extremely clogged with junk. SO, I started the project and now she can't find her VW in the garage. Ah Well!

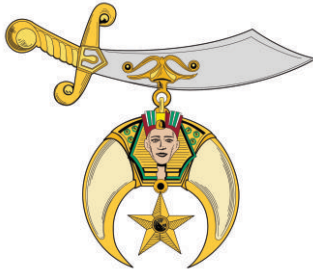
Next came my 6 drawer chest and I found things I lost 5 years ago. I found tee shirts size large, don't recall when I wore a size L, then went into an XXL. Guess I have to keep them, they still have the tags attached. I found 12 pairs of new socks, still in the package (a great find), now I can cancel my Amazon order for socks. Now, this was the best find - I got new hearing aids some time back with a 6-year supply of batteries. Since I was not about to tell her they were lost I had put flesh colored earplugs in at home and she kept saying I needed to put in new batteries. I know that is what she said, because I have learned to read lips. Not sure what she said when she walked away. Ah Well.

I have my own dresser, which I put my good stuff in. I found a box of old money stuffed inside of 4 old socks, don't know who I was hiding it from. As the lockdown continues, I'm finding lots of lost items.

How is your lockdown been going? I think I'm going crazy. The last straw, that sent me back to the recliner, was when I received my new beard trimmer in the mail. Me, read directions? Well, I should have - now I have no facial hair. I hope your time staying healthy has been more successful than mine and hopefully we will be able to meet at the Temple and share more “Lockdown” stories.

The 2021 year is just around the corner and with all these new vaccines coming we can hopefully go into the green zone. We will probably stay good friends with Zoom for a while, but no matter we can still have “Fun in 2021.”

Please stay in touch with each other and continue those phone calls. I get calls to just chat and it does a world of good for me. Well, I could make this Bulletin article longer but my dear wife Jean, bless her heart, wants to find her VW.



So everyone stay healthy and maybe follow Lady Jean's advice and have a glass or two of wine. Jean said if alcohol was good for your hands then wine has alcohol and can keep your insides safe. So there you go, can't argue, would not win anyway. To all those who helped during my process and trip to the chair of Potentate, my sincere thanks. I am not a person who likes to do things alone and appreciates the team work necessary to achieve our goals together. No man stands alone.

To all of the elected and installed officers of Tehran Temple for 2021, my hardy congratulations for agreeing to assume the stations necessary to make sure Tehran Temple is secure, the children are cared for, and all of us will enjoy the "Fun in 2021." CONGRATULATIONS! Looking forward to working with you as a team.

Take care everyone and stay safe, hope to see you on Zoom.

As Always Your Humble Servant
John L. Denton



SHRINERS LIGHT THE WAY
While Having Fun in 2021!

From Your Chief Rabban

To all good Shriners and Masons,

Wishing you a very safe and healthy Christmas and New Year. Excited for 2021 Potentate John Denton and his plans for the New Year. Everyone let's give him and the First Lady Jean all the help we can.

I know this is very trying times for all of us can't wait for COVID 19 to end.

I want to thank all of you for selecting me as Chief Rabban 2021 year. We should all remember the true purpose is for helping the kids that are in our Shriners Hospitals. Our Hospitals work very hard to make all our kids healthy so they can live a good life.

I would like to encourage everyone to join the Zoom events and stay connected to their Shrine Friends.

Larry Goeringer, Chief Rabban



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From The Newest Past Potentate

I want to congratulate our new Potentate, John Denton and his beautiful first lady Jeanie and all of Tehrans 2021 officers on their election. I also want to thank all of the members of Tehran for their help, support and friendship during this and many previous years. Pam and I are saddened that due to the Covid shutdown we were not able to accomplish most of the things we had planned, but know that John and Jeanie will continue working to make Tehran fun, grow and support the kids. I want to thank all of the clubs, units and ladies groups who supported us and donated generously to Pam's 1st Lady's project. We will take a check to the Hospital and present it at a Board meeting when they open to in person meetings again. There are many people who have gone above and beyond to help make Tehran a success and some of them I wish to recognize personally:

PP Ron and Dale Obernolte: They have given so much to the Shrine and Nile for as long as I have known them. Ron was my Director General this year, and it was through his encouragement that I joined the line of officers. Dale, whom we miss dearly, dedicated her last year of life as Supreme Queen to spread the work we do.

Roger and Dorothy Wethey: Roger and Dorothy were always there to offer advise, support and most importantly friendship.

Bill and Carol Atwood: Bill and Carol are “chef and hostess extraordinaire.” They freely offered there home and talents to make our social events a success.

Jonathan Higgins: Jonathan stepped forward to take over as editor of our newsletter after the prior editor had to resign last year. Jonathan has played a large part in my masonic and Shrine career and I will always feel blessed to have him as a friend.

Denise Crossland and Judie Houston: Prior 1st Lady Denise spent many hours trying to put together the Potentate/Past Potentates Ball and the annual Day at the Races, neither of which we were able to do. Judie Huston, our travel agent and prior 1st Lady, graciously worked tirelessly to book, re-book and cancel the various cruises we tried to take (maybe next year.)

Linda and Jim Buschman: Although not Masons or Shriners they have been important in helping me make things happen as I have gone through the line. I do not know how I could function without them and I will always feel blessed that they are in my life.

PP Travis and 1st Lady Adrienne Cantrel who came all the way from Washington to be with us so Travis could be my installing officer. We miss you guys!

To all of this years officers and their ladies for giving of their time to try and make Tehran succeed even in these strange times. I especially want to thank our **Treasurer David Coleman and his wife Louise** (she loaned him to me) for his many years of service to Tehran as Treasurer. Especially for his adherence to his hard nose accounting principles which makes us stick to our budget and avoid unnecessary spending.

Last, but definitely not least, to **PP Jim Stahl and prior 1st Lady Jennifer.** Jim has been our Recorder several times and he and our Treasurer have spent countless hours working for Tehran while doing their best to keep me out of trouble (which is not always an easy task). Recorder is not an easy job and his job description is lengthily, but Jim has stepped up to the job many times. When the current recorder has resigned or does not want to continue, Jim has come forward to fill the void. I greatly appreciate his dedication and all that he has given to Tehran and the fraternity.

So as I assume my role as Past Potentate with my arms crossed and the standard phrase “in my year”, I will continue to work for Tehran, the children and to support the men who volunteer to serve. Oh by the way, I guess you have not learned your lesson because you elected me High Priest and Prophet again (that is where I started) and if you and God are willing I will be Potentate again in 2024. Hopefully I can get it right then.

Randy Forrester, Tehran’s 2020 Potentate



First Ladies 2021 Project

Assistive Devices

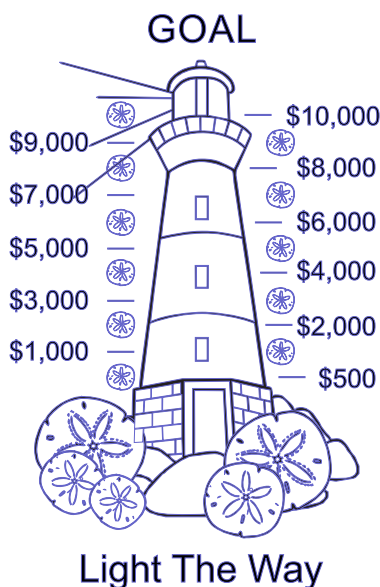
Help Children Reach Their Goals



It is my privilege to serve as your 2021 First Lady of Tehran Shrine, and I look forward to working with each of you to promote the fundraising program for **Assistive Devices**. I'm so pleased and proud to have the opportunity to work together with both the Tehran Temple Nobles and Ladies to make a difference in the lives of these children. Supporting our amazing health care system at the Northern California Shriners Hospital for Children is what it is all about because our Potentate says:

"Shriners Light the Way While Having Fun in 2021"

Shriners, all of our children in the hospitals are important, but my passion is watching these children who need **Assistive Devices** make a difference between needing help or being as independent as possible. The team at the Northern California Shriners Hospital for Children can create or provide customized devices that help kids move, communicate and play, as well as special tools that help make it possible for kids to dress or feed themselves. Let's help these children attain their goals for a healthy and happy life. Angels exist, but sometimes they don't have wings and are called **"Shriners"**. **YOU** are the **"Light of a Child's Life."**



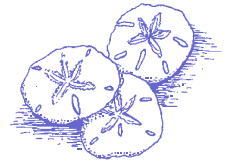
LADIES – Zoom has kept me busy but in the sewing room. Making my quilts has given me a purpose but wow do I miss all of you! We may not be able to meet in person until the restrictions are lifted **BUT** we can meet on **Zoom!** **On January 11, 2021 at 1:00 pm** lets have lunch together. **First** turn on your computer, bring your lunch, drink of choice, pencil/pen, any color of 8 ½" x 11" piece of paper and let's have our first **"Ladies Program."** **Second**, show and tell and let's share what you've been working on, book you've read, special recipe you discovered and etc. during the lockdown.

This year the Potentate has given us Ladies a page of our own in the Bulletin where we can share our events and ways to earn "Sand Dollars" for the hospital while having **"Fun in 2021."** Thank you in advance for supporting the First Ladies program, **Assistive Devices**, and for all you do both Shriners and Ladies on behalf of the children at the Northern California Shriners Hospital for Children a place where healing starts and grows, so that providing help today, they will have a brighter tomorrow. Thank You.

Join me and let's **"Stroll Along the Sand Dollar Shore."**

2021 First Lady

Jean Denton



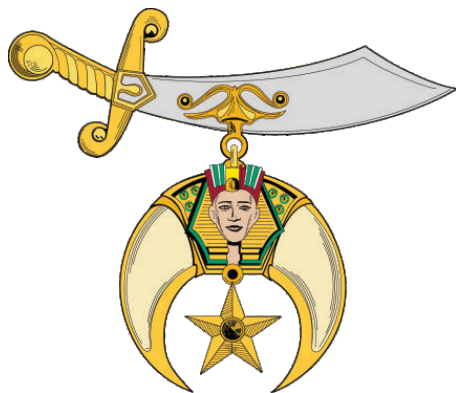
Stroll Along The Sand Dollar Shore



Stroll along the Sand Dollar Shore with your feet in the sand, waves lapping over your toes, soon you will find a sand dollar meant just for you.

**Held within are 5 magical dove shapes,
each releasing an energy gifted from the ocean;
Radiance, Freedom, Nature, Beauty & Peace.**

You are cordially invited to the
2021
Tehran Shrine
Ceremonial Installation of Officers



Saturday, January 9th, 2021
Via Zoom: 7:00 p.m.
Meeting I.D. 208 485 9416 Passcode: tehran
Formal Attire Suggested

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Tehran Temple

Drive Thru Take Out Dinner
Herb Roasted Chicken,
Potato Salad, Calico Beans,
Roll and Cookie

Receive your Potentate & First Lady Gift Pack

Dinner is Free

RSVP Required by Tuesday, January 5th

Denton's 559-246-6653 or 559-246-9588

by email: vwragtopgal@icloud.com



NOTICE



Tehran Shriners Annual Stated Meeting

**Via Zoom
Monday, January 11th, 2021
Meeting 6:30 p.m.**

**Zoom Meeting ID: 208 485 9416
Passcode: tehran**

Agenda

**Minutes of December Stated Meeting
Treasurer's Report
Recorder's Report
Financial Advisor's Report
Additional Business as Required
Potentate's Remarks**

**Attire: Business
Jacket, Tie (Bolo), Fez
Must Be a Noble in "Good Standing"**

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Ladies You Are Invited



Ladies Program Presented by First Lady Jean

Via Zoom

Monday, January 11th, 2021

Program 1:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting ID: 208 485 9416

Passcode: tehran

***Bring your lunch,
Drink of choice,
Pencil/pen,
Piece of Paper (8 1/2" x 11")***



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TIN LIZZIES
HILLBILLIES
TEMPLE BELLES

FRESNO SHRINE CLUB

2021

Fresno Shrine Club Officers

President: John Techmanm P.P.

Vice President: Orron Dougherty

Treasurer: Ralph Takakjian, P.P.

Secretary: Richard Hershey



***"Looking Forward To Having
Fun & Lunch With Your Friends"***

TEHRAN CLOWNS



2021

Tehran Clowns Officers

Director: Mike "Oil Can" Nella, P.P.

Quartermaster: Gordon "Buster" Keeton

Secretary: Skyler "Odd Ball" Summers

Treasurer: Wayne "Wayno" Schwartz

Tehran Temple Guard Spring and Summer 2021

We have all missed Temple Guard dinners.

Here is a tentative schedule for 2021.

All plans are subject to change,
but I feel pretty strongly that we need these.

Tuesday, January 12 will be cold. Let's have a nice hot bowl of Jambalaya at The Pearl oyster bar in New Orleans. A special prize for the member who eats and keeps down the most oysters. A dozen raw and a tub of slaw is our January motto.

Tuesday, February 9 will be almost Valentine's Day. We'll have a romantic dinner at Bertolucci's in South San Francisco. Tradition and elegant gluttony combined. This is the restaurant that inspired the spaghetti scene in Lady and the Tramp.

Tuesday, March 9 we can get our gold rush traditions validated at the Buttercup Pantry in Placerville. Hang Town Fry is the specialty and we deserve this treat now and again. You can smell it as you walk in the door. Clampers encouraged to wear red shirt and black jean uniform.

Tuesday, April 13 we can go for BBQ at the Turnagain Armpit. Great ambiance, great ribs, killer beans. On the old Seward Highway outside Anchorage. Can't miss it.

Tuesday, May 11 is the month we usually have Mexican food. This year we'll go to the original El Cholo in downtown Los Angeles. Famous for old movie stars and great Sonora Enchiladas and green corn tamales.

Tuesday, June 11 would be time for the festival of Klidonas in Greece with fortune telling and fire jumping. We can celebrate with a walking street food extravaganza in the Greek Town section of Detroit. Crazy guys running with flaming platters of cheese yelling Hopa Hopa add to the Ambience.

Tuesday, July 9 will be summer in Fresno. How about an old-fashioned BBQ in the Hmong tradition. Hot Lao sausage, pork chops, black chicken, purple rice, sweet sticky rice, papaya salad, plenty of hot paste. Steamed cassava cake for desert.


As always, confirm with Bill or Gary before showing up.

More to come....

Gary Campbell
Temple Guard Social Director
Cell 559-355-9571



JANUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day 	2
3	4 Pageantry Practice	5	6	7	8	9 <u>Tehran Installation of Officers*</u>
10	11 <u>Tehran Shrine Stated Meeting*</u> , Ladies Program**	12 Temple Guard Unit/ Patrol Unit Mtg	13 Fresno Shrine Club Mtg; OV Daughters of the Nile Mtg	14 Legion of Honor Unit/ Flying Shriner Club Mtg	15 Novkeys Unit Mtg Bulletin Deadline	16
17	18 Scottish Rite	19 Clowns Unit Mtg	20 Nile Sewing	21 Roustabouts Club Mtg	22	23
24	25 Temple Belles Mtg; OV	26 <u>BOD Mtg "Board of Directors"</u>	27	28 Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club Mtg	29	30 Clown Installation & OV
31 Hillbillies Club Mtg		Notes: BOD - Board of Directors; open to all Nobles OV - Potentate's Official Visit * Denotes Temple/Shrine Event ** Lady's Event; all Nobles' Ladies are invited to attend.				

- Jan 4 Pageantry Practice
- Jan 9 **Tehran Installation of Officers 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom**
- Jan 11 First Lady's Program - 1:00 p.m. Via Zoom
- Jan 11 **Tehran Shrine Stated Meeting - 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom**
- Jan 12 Temple Guard/Patrol Mtg
- Jan 13 **Fresno Shrine Club Mtg - OV**
- Jan 13 Daughters of the Nile Mtg
- Jan 14 Legion of Honor/Flying Shriner Mtg
- Jan 15 Novkeys Mtg
- Jan 15 Bulletin Submission Deadline
- Jan 18 Scottish Rite
- Jan 19 Clowns Mtg
- Jan 20 Nile Sewing
- Jan 21 Roustabout Mtg
- Jan 25 **Temple Belles Mtg - OV**
- Jan 26 BOD Mtg "Board of Directors" - 6:30 p.m.
- Jan 28 Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club Mtg
- Jan 30 **Clown Installation & OV**
- Jan 31 Hillbillies Mtg



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FEBRUARY 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Pageantry Practice	2	3	4	5	6
7 Super Bowl Party*	8 Supreme Queen OV Sharon Temple, Dinner	9 Temple Guard Unit/ Patrol Unit Mtg OV	10 Fresno Shrine Club Mtg Daughters of the Nile Mtg	11 Legion of Honor Unit/ Flying Shriners Club Mtg	12	13
14 Valentines Day 	15 Scottish Rite Bulletin Deadline	16 Clowns Unit Mtg	17 Nile Sewing	18 Roustabouts Club Mtg	19 Novkeps Unit Sweetheart Mtg	20
21 Clowns Sweetheart Brunch & Cake Bake	22 Temple Belles Mtg	23 BOD Mtg "Board of Directors"	24	25 Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club Mtg	26	27 Nile Bunco
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Feb 1 Pageantry Practice
 Feb 7 Super Bowl Party
 Feb 8 Supreme Queen OV, Sharon Temple
 Feb 9 Temple Guard/Patrol Mtg - OV
 Feb 10 Fresno Shrine Club Mtg
 Feb 10 Daughters of the Nile Mtg
 Feb 11 Legion of Honor/Flying Shriners Mtg
 Feb 15 Sottish Rite
 Feb 15 Bulletin Submission Deadline
 Feb 16 Clowns Mtg
 Feb 17 Nile Sewing
 Feb 18 Roustabouts Mtg
 Feb 19 Novkeps Sweetheart Mtg
 Feb 21 Clowns Sweetheart Brunch & Cake Bake
 Feb 22 Temple Belles Mtg
 Feb 23 BOD Mtg "Board of Directors" - 6:30 p.m.
 Feb 25 Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club Mtg
 Feb 27 Nile Bunco



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SUPERBOWL ★ PARTY ★



FEBRUARY

7TH

2:30PM

TBD

SUPERBOWL

LV

TAMPA

FOOD ★ DRINKS ★ FRIENDS ★ CHEERING ★ FUN