

TEHRAN SHRINERS

BULLETIN

March 2020



20/20 A New Vision
For helping our Kids



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Potentate



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POTENTATE PONIFICATIONS MARCH MESSAGE



It has been a fun month. Since my last article we have had parties for the East West Shrine and Super- bowl games and a great Clown Installation complete with the traditional pie in the Directors face.

On February 10th I had the pleasure of presenting a check to the Shrine Hospital from the Clowns in PP Chuck Stirling's name. He had requested that the Clowns sell his clown collectibles and donate the funds to the hospital. Chuck was a great Clown and Potentate and he cared deeply about the children we help. He is greatly missed.

There are lots fun activities coming up in March and April so look at the calendar and plan on attending. Thanks to PP Mark Dawson and PFL Sandy the newsletter is again back on our web site in full color. We are trying to get it out early so please make sure you get all of your flyers and article to Jonathan Higgins (tunahead8@aol.com) no later than the 15th of each month. Again, my thanks to Jonathan for all his efforts on our newsletter.

Speaking of upcoming fun events, there will be a Murder Mystery dinner on Saturday, March 7. Hope you will all come out and help figure out "who done it". Also coming up latter in the month will be a brunch (Sunday, March 22) at the lovely home of Bill and Carol Atwood in Bass Lake to support the 1st Lady's hospital project. It is a wonderful time, set in a beautiful location and we can meet at the Shrine and carpool if you do not wish to drive.

Don't forget about Western Shrine in Las Vegas, April 29 through May 3rd. It is a great time to get together with other Shriners from the western states and they have some fun events planned. Remember "what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas"

Times are changing and as our numbers get smaller there are still many jobs that need to be done so that Tehran can continue to function. In the past each of our clubs and units had a specific function and I hope this year we can continue those function but add much needed task like communications, advertising, hospital screening etc. to strengthen Tehran and ensure we exist in the future. We are planning to have club and unit days to get everyone together, so think about what function your group could play to contribute to the success of Tehran. For Tehran to prosper and grow it takes everyones help and our budget has a lot of red ink. If you can think of a fun event to raise money for Tehran, let me or any of your Divan members know.

This year if you have trouble getting through to the Shrine office please call my office at (559) 292-6192 or email me at popperthec clown@yahoo.com. If I am not available, talk to Linda or Pam or leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible. If it is really important, my cell number is (559) 970-0812.

Our theme this year is 2020 A NEW DECADE OF HELPING KIDS but as always, our motto is FUN WITH A PURPOSE.

Think Membership and invite a Mason or non Mason to a function to share the fun!

Fraternally,
Randy Forrester, 2020 Potentate



From the desk of your Chief Rabban:

February has been a very busy month full of Valentine Love. A lot of fun and Chocolate and trying to lower my sugar count have been a big challenge, but you just have to suffer a bit afterwards. The rest of the year will also be full of fun events, so please check the bulletin flyers and book your reservations.

First Lady Pam has a project this year that is dear to our hearts; our granddaughter wore a full brace for many years before she had her spine straightened with a steel rod and screws. So many advances are now being made by Shriners to correct scoliosis, now many post op surgeries are not necessary, great news.

This year is truly a year of love and devotion, on March 5th Jeanie and I will be married for 55 years, not only was it a forever valentine it was a miracle that someone has put up with me that long! Bless her little heart...

Check the calendar of events, mark your calendars and we will see you around.

Have a great day,
John L Denton



2020 CALENDER



March

2 Monday

Nile Pageantry

7 **Saturday**

Marti Gras Murder Mystery

Dinner*

8 Sunday

Hillbillies

10 Tuesday

Patrol/Temple Guard

12 Thursday

Flying Shriners/Legion of

Honor

14 Saturday

St. Patrick's Parade

17 Tuesday

St Patrick's Party

Financial Advisory Board

Meeting-TBA

Building Management

Advisory Board Meeting-5:00

18 Wednesday

Nile Sewing Luncheon

19 Thursday

Roustabouts

20 Friday

Novkeys OV

22 **Sunday**

1st Lady's Brunch*

23 Monday

Temple Belles

24 **Tuesday**

Board of Directors Meeting-

6:00 pm

26 Thursday

Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club

3/25-4/5 Potentate Not Available



2020 CALENDER



April

9	Thursday	Flying Shriners/Legion of Honor
11	Saturday	Tehran Stated Meeting 5:00 p.m.
14	Tuesday	Patrol/Temple Guard Financial Management Advisory Board Building Management Advisory Board
15	Wednesday	Nile Sewing
16	Thursday	Roustabouts
17	Friday	Novkeys
21	Tuesday	Clowns
23	Thursday	Merced-Mariposa Shrine Club
25	Saturday	Clovis Parade
27	Monday	Temple Belles
28	Tuesday	Board of Directors Meeting
29	Wednesday	WSA 4/29-5/3 in Las Vegas





Mardi Gras



MURDER MYSTERY DINNER



When: **Saturday, March 7**

Where: Shrine Center

Time: Social 5:00
Dinner 6:00

Cost: \$35.00



**Proceeds go to the Shriner's Hospital through our
First Lady's project**

You are invited to attend a masquerade ball and dinner hosted by Marshall Inglewood, the Governor of Louisiana at the elegant Shrine Center. Expect an evening of a mysterious theft, dastardly deeds, unsavory scandal and of course a good old fashioned murder. Come join us to figure out Who Done It, have a good time and of course, support the kids.

Please reserve with Potentate Randy Forrester by calling (559) 292-6192 and mail your check made out to Tehran Shrine with a note to 1st Lady's Project to 875 W. Ashlan, Suite 101, Clovis Ca. 93612

Tehran Shrine Stated Meeting

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2020

Our next Stated Meeting will be on Saturday, April 11 at 5:00 pm at the Shrine Center.

There will be an election for open positions in the Shrine Divan Line and Financial Management Advisory Board. Sadly, our Oriental Guide, Bob Murdock and PP Mark Dawson have resigned, and we feel the loss of these two great Shriners. There will also be a discussion about Tehran's 2020 budget as well as the future of Tehran and our hospital system. The qualifications to run for the vacated offices include a desire to work in a positive manner to help Tehran grow.

Ladies are invited, and encouraged, to attend and there will be a Lady's program. Dinner will be served after the meeting and will cost \$10.00 ea. so please call my office to reserve.

Randy Forrester, Potentate
(559) 292-6191



**Remember.
2020 Dues Card Required to
attend Meeting**



First Lady's Hospital Project Brunch

When: Sunday, March 22

*Where: The Atwood Residence at beautiful Bass Lake
39965 Bass Drive, Bass Lake*

Time: 11:00 am

Cost: \$35.00 (Limited to 40 guests)

Through the generosity of the Atwood's the entire proceeds will be donated to the Shriner's Hospital through the First Lady's project.



Please join First Lady Pamela Forrester at the beautiful and unique residence of Bill and Carol Atwood for a delicious and elegant brunch. Unfortunately, due to space constraints we can only accommodate 40 guests. Bass lake is about a 1-hour drive from Fresno and if you wish we can carpool or caravan.

Please reserve your spot with 1st Lady Pamela Forrester (559) 292-6192 or (559) 970-1308 (cell) and send your check made out to Tehran Shrine (with a note to 1st Lady's Project) to Pam at 875 W. Ashlan, Suite 101, Clovis, Ca. 93612



News From The Hospital

This month I had the pleasure of attending the February Hospital Board of Directors meeting. I am an emeritus member and still impressed by the dedication of the Board Members as well as the professionalism and dedication of our Northern California Shriners Hospital management, doctors and staff. Our Shrine health care system is going through many changes which includes changing many of our hospitals into outpatient care facilities and opening clinics in less served areas. The purpose of this is to take care of more children, in more areas at lesser cost, without giving up the quality or compassion of care that Shriners are known for. With all of these changes the Northern California hospital has been designated a Center of Excellence (COE) and will be expanding its facilities and mission over the next years.

At the meeting I had the pleasure of presenting a check from our Clowns in PP Chuck Stirling's name. When Chuck passed away, he tasked the Clowns with selling much of his collection of paintings and memorabilia and to donate the money to the Shrine hospital to help the kids (that is what Shriners and Clowns are all about!.) While I was there other checks were presented. A local bank had looked at the quality of our hospitals, our mission and the effectiveness of the use of the money donated and donated \$15,000, a union from Modesto donated \$2,500 and the Daughters of the Nile donated \$25,000 for purchase of a van to transport patients.

Several letters were read from patients thanking the Shrine for the care they received but another letter was read that was not sent to the hospital but was posted on YELP for everyone to see. In this letter a mother described how her infant daughter needed hand surgery and her doctor had tried to refer her to several hospitals on her insurance plan without success, so he referred her to the Shriners hospital. She was accepted and scheduled to be seen so her mother informed her insurance company. On her way to the appointment she was informed by the insurance company that they would not cover the operation because the Shriner's Hospital was not part of their network. The mother was devastated and while in the car was calling the Shrine Hospital to cancel the appointment and was told to come and there would be no charge if the insurance would not pay. Her daughter had her surgery at the hospital and after the surgery when she went to see her daughter our nurse was sitting in a chair holding and rocking her baby. She was overwhelmed by the caring and compassion she found in our hospital system.

That is why I am a Shriner and why we work to support the hospitals.

Randy Forrester, 2020 Potentate



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


You are cordially invited to:
The Tehran Clown's
St. Paddy's Day Dinner

Tuesday, March 17th

Shrine Center

6:00 p.m. Social

7:00 p.m. Dinner



\$25.00 per Person
Corned Beef & Cabbage
of course!!

Raffle Prizes

Shamrocks
& Shenanigans



Reservations: Wayne "Wayno" Schwartz
559-229-2458 or oldsarge21@comcast.net
Send Checks to: Tehran Clowns c/o W. Schwartz
2851 E. San Gabriel, Fresno, CA 93726



FRESNO SHRINE CLUB

“Have Lunch With Your Friends”



DATE: Wednesday, March 18th
TIME: 12 Noon Social (No Host) 12:30 Lunch
DRESS: 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

**Please call Judy Hershey at 559-255-2672 to make your
reservation or respond via email to
jhershey01@comcast.net**

We will have 4 or 5 lunch choices set up by Yosemite Falls.
PLUS: Choice of soup or salad, choice of potato or rice, beverage
and dessert included.

We hope to see you there! We know you will have a great time!

Fresno Shrine Club Officers
President: John Techman
Vice President: Orron Dougherty
Treasurer: Ralph Takakjian
Secretary: Richard Hershey



2020 *Potentate's Cruise*

Join Potentate Randy and First Lady Pam
On a 4 Day Carnival Cruise
August 30, 2020 – September 3, 2020

Prices starting at \$284* inside Cabin
\$354* Ocean View Cabin
Prices per person double occupancy

Includes donation to Lady Pam's Project!
\$150 deposit per person double occupancy
\$300 deposit for single occupancy

Sunday August 30
Ship Departs Long Beach, CA

Monday August 31
Ship Arrives Catalina Island, CA

Tuesday September 1
Ship Arrives Ensenada, Mexico

Wednesday September 2
Fun Day at Sea

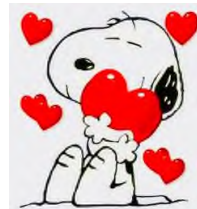
Thursday September 3
Ship Arrives Long Beach, CA

*Taxes, fees and port expenses are \$108.64 per person
additional to prices displayed above. Prices are AVG PP.

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MERCED-MARIPOSA SHRINE CLUB



NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY MARCH 26, 2020, 6 PM SOCIAL

(ORDER DINNER FROM MENU) 6:45 PM MEETING

WHERE: BELLA NITA RESTAURANT, 2684 SHAFFER RD. ATWATER, CA

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

DRESS: CASUAL, NOBLES BRING FEZ!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

MERCED-MARIPOSA DRIVE-THRU CARNITAS DINNER FOR 4

**DONATION \$40 FOR MEAL GET YOUR TICKETS, SELL YOUR TICKETS
SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2020**

**QUESTIONS? NEED MORE INFORMATION? CALL RAY BAKER 209-769-7917 OR
209-358-2769**

COME ON OUT AND SUPPORT THE SHRINE CLUB!





GRAND & GLORIOUS ORDER OF THE HILLBILLYS SIERRA CLAN #60 FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

IT'S TIME FOR
THE GATHERIN OF THE CLAN
SHRINE CENTER
5407 E. OLIVE AVENUE, FRESNO

Sunday, March 29th

Cork Squeezin - 3:00 pm

Vittles - 4:30 pm

Cost: \$15.00

Cooks: Jim & Dawn Keeton

(They promise NO fish.)

Please bring a
light *appetizer* to share.

WE NEED TO KNOW YOU'RE COMIN'

So . . . Give a Holler to Cuzin Orron

559-292-5316

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



Shrine Meeting Room
5407 E. Olive Ave



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: _____

Attention Worshipful Masters And Heads of all Masonic Bodies!!

There many branches to the Masonic Tree and all of us can use a little help in promoting each branch. If you have a special event planned, the Shrine will be happy to help you promoted it.

All you have to do is send a small paragraph about your event to our Editor at tunahead8@aol.com, by the 15th of the month prior to the event and we will advertise it and included it in our Temple Newsletter each month. It is simple to do, and hopefully help your attendance and promote the idea that our organizations are alive and thriving.

So, what are you waiting for? It will only take a few minutes and we would love to help advertise your event and to promote all of Masonry's branches!!

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