

# TEHRAN TEMPLE



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## SEPTEMBER Potentate's Message

August certainly had its exciting moments! I had the privilege of attending the Pageant of the Masters in Laguna Beach with 20 of our Nobles and ladies from Tehran Temple. The bus departed Sunday morning at 7:00 AM for the Getty Museum in Los Angeles. Spending three wonderful hours touring the Getty, we left for our lodgings at the Laguna Hills Lodge. Monday morning was greeted with visiting the Sawdust Festival in Laguna Beach or the Festival grounds or perhaps a free trolley ride around the city of Laguna Beach. The evening brought dinner at the Tivoli Terrace Restaurant and admission to the Pageant of the Masters program. The sculptures and paintings of famous artists from around the world were portrayed using live actors on the stage and on the grounds of the Irvine Bowl. The "Living Pictures" mesmerized the audience! Tuesday morning we headed for Olvera Street in Los Angeles for lunch and souvenirs. We arrived at Tehran Temple about 5:30 PM after an exciting three-day event. Thank you Nobles and ladies for a wonderful outing!

Friday, August 17, was the Pote's Official Visit with the Novkeys and the Tin Lizzies Units at Marie Calendar's on East Shaw. Twenty-eight Nobles and ladies were in attendance! Both Units presented checks to the Potentate and to the First Lady for her project – the purchase of the first SARA Combolizer for patients of Shriners Hospitals for Children Northern California.

Monday, August 21, was the Hospital Representatives Board of Governors meeting at Sacramento. Our own Ill. Sir David Johnson is Chairman of the Board this year and next. He did a wonderful job of keeping the meeting moving. Interestingly, the Sacramento Hospital has the most expensive salaries and equipment costs in our hospital system. It is 1.70 times more expensive to operate per patient treated than the average of all 22 hospitals! We also treat the most patients per year because of our multiple disciplines, including research!

Let me re-state Tehran's policy on the use of our newly re-furbished kitchen. Each Club or Unit wishing to use the kitchen should appoint a Noble who belongs to that Club or Unit to serve as their representative and be responsible to the Board of Directors regarding the proper use of the various components of the kitchen, their proper cleaning after use and the general cleaning of the hall after its use. Check lists have been created for this purpose and a form to request the use of the kitchen and hall has been formalized and approved by the Board. Any Club or Unit needs to submit the Request for Date Form to reserve the facility on a first-come first-served basis. I believe this scheduling will lead to a very practical way of insuring a calendared use of our facility.

Don't forget the Cambria Parade on Saturday, September 2. The Divan, Clowns and Flying Shriners will be there. Please join us!

Ladies, please make an effort to attend the First Lady Dale's luncheon on Saturday, September 9. Dale was very kind to give up the first scheduled date of Saturday, June 3, for the bus trip to the Hospital. Come hear her speak about her hospital project and the fun she has had this year as your First Lady!

Tehran Shriners: "Having fun and helping kids"!

*Ron Obernolte, PP*

Potentate

## FROM THE HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET

As we approach the end of Summer, I hope everyone has had a wonderful one (I did but it was hot). I continue to be excited about what we do at our Shriner's hospitals. Our Sacramento hospital continues to be over budget, not because we don't do things well, but because we do them too well. The Shrine Hospital Board does not want any child that we can help turned away. Due to the low reimbursement rates from MEDICAL, other hospitals cannot afford to care for the complicated cases which we specialize in, so they send these kids to Shriner's. When you hear how wonderful our government insurance is, understand that the only way these children get quality care is through a charitable organization like the Shrine. At our last stated meeting we showed a film about the starting of our hospital system in 1922. At that time there was a polio epidemic and the Shriners stepped forward to provide care for the children with polio, and it has grown from there. We now maintain 22 hospital and last year took care of children from 168 countries around the world.

Last month I mentioned Walt and Madiline Kasabian who were important mentors in my Shrine career. There are many other people who influenced me, but this month I want to thank Past Potentate Ed Kerber and especially his wife Mary Jane. The Kerber's have always been there to offer help and support (although Ed was crotchety at times). Mary Jane had a rare talent and donated many of the beautiful faberge styled eggs she made to raise money for the hospital. Through her efforts we raised thousands of dollars and Pam still cherishes her music box and necklace.

As I sat up front during our Stated meeting listening to the lively discussion (reminded me of a junior high debating society) my mind drifted to the Charles Dickens play, a Christmas Carol. I thought of Scrooge, Tiny Tim and the Christmas Ghosts. When I thought of Christmas past I remembered my early Shrine experiences with the Pote's balls, shish-ka-bob, Nile luau, hospital screening clinics and of course the Clown BBQs. The many rehearsals with Jane Higgins choreographing and Ralph and Millie Takakjian doing "My Little Bumble Bee" and Denise Crossland singing "White Rabbit" it was a special time. The good old days made me feel warm and happy. I then I thought of Christmas present when Scrooge was so cold and devoid of charity, only thinking of himself, that he thought there should be more debtors prison for the needy. I looked at Tehran, where new members are not feeling the joy and involvement that blessed me. Then as Scrooge looked at Christmas future he saw how he was thought of as they stole and sold his curtains and bed clothes because he would no longer need them. Scrooge then then saw his grave and learned that Tiny Tim would die and wondered if this was inevitable or if there was hope if he changed. So in the end Scrooge changed and Tiny Tim was saved through care at the Shriners Hospital. He lived a long and happy life, finding a cure for cancer and Alzheimer's disease but is still working on a cure for the most deadly disease of all, which is APATHY. Who is going to help our Tiny Tims when Tehran is not here to help and who will pick over our bones when Tehran is gone?

At our stated meeting a past potentate, (whom I like and greatly respect) cautioned me about the negativity in my articles. I tried to explain that the purpose of the articles was not to be negative but to offer a warning and hopefully enlist help. When a frog is put in a pan of warm water on the stove and the heat turned up, he will stay there until he dies unless there is something to alarm him. I have had many Shriners, and their wives, tell me how much they enjoy my articles, but I have had none come to me with ideas and the offer of help. Your Divan is dedicated to improving and saving Tehran, but it is the members who must make it happen. Communication is important to keep a organization vibrant, so the Potentate has suggested having Dinner with the Divan one Sunday afternoon each month, to share fellowship, hear your ideas and keep you informed of our progress. Watch the bulletin for dates and times. Randy Forrester, HP&P

# SEPTEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> Cambria Weekend	<b>2</b> Cambria Weekend
<b>3</b> Cambria Weekend Hillbillies	<b>4</b> <i>Labor Day</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Q	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> First Lady's Luncheon *
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Temple Guard Patrol	<b>13</b> Fresno Shrine Club Nile Stated	<b>14</b> PNA Flying Shriners & Legion of Honor	<b>15</b> PNA	<b>16</b> PNA
<b>17</b> PNA	<b>18</b> Scottish Rite Stated	<b>19</b> Clowns	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Roustabouts Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club	<b>22</b> Novkeps	<b>23</b> Dinuba Parade
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Knights of Mecca Temple Belles	<b>26</b> Potentate's Trip *	<b>27</b> Potentate's Trip *	<b>28</b> Potentate's Trip *	<b>29</b> Potentate's Trip *	<b>30</b> Potentate's Trip *
		NOTES: * denotes a Temple Event Financial Mgmt & Property Mgmt Advisory Boards meet every 3rd Tuesday BOD open to all Nobles PNA = Potentate not available				

# OCTOBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> Potentate's Trip *	<b>2</b> Potentate's Trip *	<b>3</b> Potentate's Trip *	<b>4</b> Potentate's Trip *	<b>5</b> Potentate's Trip * Q	<b>6</b> Potentate's Trip *	<b>7</b> Potentate's Trip * Corcoran Parade
<b>8</b> Potentate's Trip *	<b>9</b> Potentate's Trip *	<b>10</b> Potentate's Trip * Temple Guard Patrol	<b>11</b> Potentate's Trip * Fresno Shrine Club Nile Stated	<b>12</b> Potentate's Trip * Flying Shriners	<b>13</b> Potentate's Trip * Day at the Races	<b>14</b> Potentate's Trip * Reedley & Paso Robles Parades
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<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Temple Belles	<b>24</b> BOD	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Tehran Oktoberfest *
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Knights of Mecca	<b>31</b> <i>Halloween</i>				
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*All Ladies Are  
Cordially Invited*

*To The*

*First Lady's Luncheon*

*In Honor Of*

*First Lady Dale Obernolte*

Saturday, September 9, 2017  
11:30 a.m.

\$35.00

(Includes First Lady's Gift)

The Cosmopolitan Tavern  
625 "O" Street, Fresno  
(Corner of Ventura & "O" Streets)

Dressy Casual/Business Attire

Coordinator, Chief Rabban Lady Sandra Dawson

Please RSVP by September 1st, to Sandra Dawson 559.643.1957  
Mail your check payable to Sandra Dawson, 613 Centennial Dr. Apt C., Hanford, CA 93230

*Please complete, cut and return the section below with your reservation.*

First Lady's Luncheon - Lunch Options: RSVP by September 1st  
(Beverages & Cocktails available for purchase.)

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**Black & Bleu Salad** Char Grilled 8 oz. Flat Iron Steak Slice on a bed of Spring Greens with Tomatoes, Red Onion and Cucumber with Chopped Onions Rings. Served with Italian Dressing, Crumbled Bleu Cheese and Sweet Balsamic Reduction

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**Linguine & Prawns Scampi** with Lemon Garlic Butter Sauce over Linguine. Served with Mixed Green Salad or Soup

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**Chicken Marsala** Chicken Cutlet sauteed with sweet Marsala Wine, Mushrooms and Cream. Serve with Mixed Green Salad or Soup, Seasonal Vegetables and Choice of Pasta or Potato

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contact No. \_\_\_\_\_

(Checks made payable to Sandra Dawson)

Mail to: Sandra Dawson  
613 Centennial Dr. Apt C.  
Hanford, CA 93230

FRESNO SHRINE CLUB  
"Have Lunch With Your Friends"

DATE: Wednesday, September 13, 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](mailto: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, September 21, 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 & His Lady**

**Have questions or need more information? Call:**

**Ray Baker 209-769-7917 or 209-358-2769**



**Hey, Merced-Mariposa Shrine Club members , September is here and time to return to our regular meetings!**

**Merced-Mariposa Shrine Club is looking forward to participating in local Veterans Parades in November.**



# THE ANNUAL DAY AT THE RACES



## BIG FRESNO FAIR HORSE RACES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2017

Arrive any time after 12pm

**\$34.00 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 2. Please mail your check payable to Denise Crossland, 3669 W Persimmon Lane, Fresno 93711.



**Save the Date**  
**Friday, November 3rd, 2017**



## **Chief Rabban's Night**

More information will be provided in next month's bulletin.

**Join us for a magic carpet ride!**

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

*"I can show you the world, shining, shimmering, splendid..."*

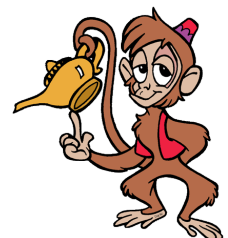
*"I can open your eyes, take you wonder by wonder..."*

*"A whole new world, a new fantastic point of view..."*

*"A whole new world, with new horizons to pursue..."*

*Let me share this whole new world with you..."*

*Lyrics from the song "A Whole New World"... Aladdin*





## **FIRST LADY'S PROJECT-2017**

**UPDATE: We've raised over \$7,100 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







**Fun Boat**, soon will be making another run  
The Fun Boat, promises something for everyone  
Set a course for adventure  
Your mind on a renewed romance...

Fun won't hurt anymore  
It's an open smile on a friendly shore  
It's fun...It's fun...It's Shrine fun...  
It's the **Fun Boat**

*(Sung to the Love Boat Theme)*

## 2018 Shrine Potentate's **FUN** Trip

**Nobles, Ladies and Shrine Friends,**

Sunday, September 23, 2018, board the Grand Princess in San Francisco for a 7-day cruise north along the Pacific Coast, returning Sunday, September 30, 2018.

Four fabulous destinations:

Astoria, Oregon (home of lighthouses, Fort Clatsop and the "Goonies"), Seattle, Washington (seafood, Pike Place Market & the Space Needle), Vancouver, BC (Gastown & Robson Street shopping) and Victoria, BC (English Tea, Butchart Gardens & craft beer).

Don't miss out on these amazing offers:

- ✓ **Reduced, and fully refundable, deposits!**
- ✓ A **"Sip and Sail" promotion** is available (free beverage package) if you book a balcony cabin or higher between June 20 and August 28, 2017!
- ✓ **"Specialty Dining"** is available (at no additional cost) if you book a mini-suite by July 5, 2017!
- ✓ **Active, Veteran and Retired military personnel enjoy free onboard spending money when registered with Princess!**

**Call ALTOUR today at 431-1800 to ask about these very special (time sensitive & subject to continued availability) offers and to reserve your spot!**

Cabins start as low as \$749 per person! Check out the enclosed flyer for details.

There's more...

Optional bus add-on, takes you from the Tehran Shrine Center straight to the San Francisco dock and back again (with a little lunch fun on the way home).

**We really want you to come along. It isn't a party without you!**

**Let's have some FANTASTIC FUN, Sign up today!**

Your fun cruise companions,

Chief Rabban Mark and Lady Sandra

P.S. Many thanks to Illustrious Ron for allowing us to share our trip announcement now!

# "WAVE GOODBYE AND SAIL AWAY" WITH THE TEHRAN SHRINERS

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST COASTAL CRUISE SEPTEMBER 23 – 30, 2018 GRAND PRINCESS®

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