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TEHRAN SHRINERS BULLETIN



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A Note from your Potentate



"Have a holly, jolly Christmas, It's the best time of the year.

I don't know if there'll be snow, but have a cup of cheer."

Thought I couldn't sing? Turns out I will, after 3 or 4 cups of cheer.

November, and the start of the holiday season, was so much fun! First, Chief Rabban Tom Bailey wowed everyone with his plan for 2019. So many exciting activities are in store for us next year, including a trip not to be missed. We can't wait, Tom!

Then we took time out of our busy schedules to recognize, honor and thank our Past Potentates and Past First Ladies. It was a real joy hearing them reminisce about who encouraged them to get into the Elective Divan Line, and to recall the theme of each of their years. They have given so much of their time (spelled L-O-V-E) to the Shrine and to our Hospital System, and we truly are grateful!



Speaking of giving thanks, next we were off to the Fresno Veteran's Parade for some well-deserved recognition of our military veterans. What a thrill to see waving American Flags as far as the eye could see. Truly a moving experience.

We finished off November with a parade down the main street of Hanford. Christmas lights, caroling and hot buttered beverages turned a cold night truly festive.



But wait, December also has so much to offer!

December 1st is the Lemoore Christmas Parade. Then, on December 3rd, we hold our Stated Meeting and the all-important Election of Officers. Once that's done its Christmas Party after Christmas Party.

Speaking of which, the "Shrine Christmas & Thank You Party" is Saturday, December 8th. It's the last chance First Lady Sandra and I will have to properly express our gratitude for the amazing support you have shown us this past year. Oh, and before I forget, make sure to bring with you the event pins you earned over the year. Remember, each pin entitles you to one drawing ticket for "Fabulous Prizes"!

And on December 19th our host Jim Stahl, P.P., will take us for a ride down Christmas Tree Lane. Cookies and hot chocolate for everyone!

Well, I think that's enough for this year. Lady Sandra and I wish you and your loved ones a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you at the Shrine Center.

"Oh, there's no place like Shrine for the holidays,
'Cause no matter how far away you roam.
When you pine for the sunshine of a friendly face
For the holidays, you can't beat Shrine, sweet Shrine."

Why do we do it? Because we care!

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D. Mark Dawson, Potentate Potentate@TehranShriners.org 559.643.1956 Thank You. . .



As this is the last Bulletin for 2018 and, at the risk of forgetting someone, I can't sign-off without a heartfelt "Thank You".

To the Nobles and Ladies of Tehran Shrine. If Lady Sandra and I have had any success this year it is because of you. Sharing your time, your talents, and your love, made everything possible. You are the Shrine's driving force. Thank you!

To the members of the Divan and Elected Boards. Few will ever fully understand or appreciate the time and dedication required to make what Tehran Shrine does possible, let alone look effortless. Thank you!

To our "Brain Trust" of Past Potentates. Your guidance and advice, whispering good counsel, continues serving the Shrine well. Your commitment never ends, and we are grateful. Thank you!

To members of the "Official Family". It is a blessing that you can't ever seem to say "no". Instead, when anything needs doing, you are always the first to volunteer. Thank you!

To Director General John Techman. Your sage advice was a beacon in an often dark and stormy night. Always willing to address ignorance through education, your "Shrine before self" perspective clarified every challenge and illuminated every opportunity. You have a heart of gold. Thank you!

To Recorder Orron Dougherty. When you first raised your hand, offering your time, talents and expertise to Tehran Shrine and to the Children, few Nobles had any idea how pivotal you would become to the success of 2018. Having a heart as big as all outdoors, you were always first with an offer of help. Striving constantly to reduce costs, improve services and address past issues, you were always there when any Noble or any child needed help. A Divan member recently asked "Why are Shrine costs so much lower this year?" The reply comes with one simple answer, "Orron!" It's not nearly adequate, but "Thank you!"

To the Shrine Ladies. Buildings endure the ravages of time because of their foundations. It is what allows structures to survive when really big storms approach. You are that foundation for us, always willing to encourage, comfort and support us in everything we do. Without you, we would be so much less. Thank you!

To Matthew, Brooke and Melanie. You repeatedly sacrificed to make our dream come true. Can't ever make it up to you, but will try. Thank you!

To First Lady Sandy, **my best friend and the love of my life.** You are the guiding star on my horizon. Always encouraging me to be more and do more. I love you! Since words fail me...

"Thank you for being there, for showing me the path. Thank you for always caring and giving it all you have."

To everyone, much gratitude and love, always!

Thank you! Mark

A Special Message from Lady Sandra. . .

To the Nobles and Ladies of Tehran Shrine. It has been both an honor and pleasure to be the 1st Lady this year. You have graciously accepted and supported me with open arms and hearts. Thank you.

To Jean Denton, Kerri Gans, Jane Gamoian, Dolores Keeton, and Ellen Pilegard. You have been there for me at so many events, helping with set-up, clean-up, food and much more. I really could not have done it without you. Thank you.

To Pat Dougherty, my source of courage and strength. You have always been there; at every event from beginning to end. You took charge and made sure things went as I had wanted. Thank you.

You have made a difference in my life. With all of my love.

Lady Sandra

The Road Not Taken by Robert Frost



Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the

difference.

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, And sorry I could not travel both And be one traveler, long I stood And looked down one as far as I could To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair, And having perhaps the better claim, Because it was grassy and wanted wear; Though as for that the passing there Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay In leaves no step had trodden black. Oh, I kept the first for another day! Yet knowing how way leads on to way, I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh Somewhere ages and ages hence: Two roads diverged in a wood, and I— I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat 1 Lemoore Christmas Parade
2 Scottish Rite Installation	3 Shrine Stated Mtg & Elections 6:30 pm* Temple Belles Christmas Party 11:30 a.m.	4	5	6	7	8 Shrine Christmas & Thank You Party* 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
9 Nile - Queen's Open House 1-3 p.m. Hillbillies /Novkeps Christmas Party 4 p.m.	10 Merced/Mariposa Shrine Club	11 Temple Guard Patrol	12 Fresno Shrine Club Nile Stated	13 Flying Shriners & Legion of Honor	14	15
16	17 Scottish Rite	18 Financial Mgt Board Property Mgt Board BOD	19 Nile Sewing (Dark)	20 Roustabouts	21 Novkeps (Dark)	22
23	24 Temple Belles (Dark)	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29
30	31 Knights of Mecca	OV - Potentate's O * Denotes Temple	/Shrine Event I Nobles' Ladies are			

Dec 1 Lemoore Christmas Parade

Dec 3 Temple Belles Christmas Party - Shrine Center, 11:30 a.m.

Dec 3 Stated Meeting & Elections - Shrine Center, 6:30 p.m.

Dec 8 Shrine Christmas & Thank You Party - Shrine Center, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Dec 9 Nile Queen's Open House - Shrine Center, 1:00 p.m.

Dec 9 Hillbilly/Novkep Christmas Party - Shrine Center, 4:00 p.m.

Dec 10 Merced-Mariposa Shrine Club Christmas Social

Dec 11 Temple Guard

Dec 12 Fresno Shrine Club, Yosemite Falls Café,12:00 p.m.

Dec 12 Nile Stated - Las Palmas Masonic Center, 7:30 p.m.

Dec 13 Flying Shriners & Legion of Honor

Dec 15 Bulletin Deadline

Dec 18 Board of Directors Meeting - Shrine Center, 6:30 p.m.

Dec 20 Roustabouts

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5 Tehran Mass Installation
6	7 Nile Pagentry Shrine Annual Stated Meeting 6:30	8 Temple Guard Patrol	9 Fresno Shrine Club	10 Flying Shriners & Legion of Honor	11	12
13	14	15 Clowns 6:30 pm BOD	16	17 Roustabouts	18 Novkeps	19 Clown Installation
20	21 Scottish Rite	22	23	24 Merced-Mariposa Shrine Club	25	26
27	28 Temple Belles Knights of Mecca	29	30	31		
	Notes: BD - Board of Director	s, open to all Nobles				

Jan	5	Tehran Mass Installation - Fort Washington Country Club, 5:00 p.m.
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Jan 7 Shrine Annual Stated Meeting - Shrine Center, 6:30 p.m.

Jan 8 Temple Guard

Jan 9 Fresno Shrine Club

Jan 10 Flying Shriners & Legion of Honor

Jan 15 Bulletin Deadline

Jan 15 Clowns - Shrine Center, 6:30 p.m.

Jan 15 Board of Directors Meeting - Shrine Center, 6:30 p.m.

Jan 17 Roustabouts

Jan 18 Novkeps

Jan 19 Clown Installation - Shrine Center

Jan 24 Merced-Mariposa Shrine Club

Jan 28 Temple Belles



From The Assistant Rabban

A lot has happened since my last article: I have had another knee replaced, went on the Potentate's cruise, attended the Masonic family picnic and the Chief Rabban's night. All were great functions and the new knee is working well (that is 2 in one year). As for the present time, I just got home from our Past Potentates night and was in awe at their accomplishments and enjoyed spending time with our Past Potentates and hearing their stories. Potentate Mark and First Lady Sandy have made this a fun year and are always considerate and gracious hosts. Sandy talked about the dedication of our Past Potentates and how they have given their time and money for the fraternity and the children we help. She noted that our time is the most precious thing we have to give because it is finite, and cannot be replaced. You can always make more money, but can never replace the time you give out of love for our purpose, which I feel is time well spent. Mark and Sandy have given so much of themselves and I will always feel blessed that I was able to be part of their year.

Time comes and goes and we cannot change the past but we can plan to build on the work of those men who have gone before us to make the future better. As Mark said, as Potentate you have two jobs: (1) to have a fun year and (2) to help the children through our hospitals. As we approach 2019 and especially 2020 I hope we can call on all of our Past Potentates to continue to offer their knowledge, advise, talents and especially their time to support Tehran and our hospitals.

Elections will be coming up soon and besides choosing the officers for the new year, you will be asked to vote on the rental use of the Shrine Center. Our building is both an asset and a liability and requires constant maintenance, repair and expense to keep it operating. There is one line of thought that feels we own the building and its use should be free to all our members. There is another line of thought that feels we hold our building in trust for our members and if a member wishes to use it for a personal event that there is a cost, but greatly reduced, to help pay for the cost of operating our building. I happen to be in the second line of thought, but it will be up to the Nobility to decide.

In 1988 while I was going through the line at Las Palmas, Ben Schaffer (a member of Tehran) showed up in my office one day and asked me to sign a petition for membership to join Tehran Shrine. That is how my journey started. In closing, remember that our greatest need is membership, so do not hesitate to take an application to a Mason you know will make a great Shriner. Never be shy about talking about Masonry to the men you know and who you feel, would be a credit to the Craft. Always remember that it is Masonry's job to take good men and make them better and the Shrine's job is to take good Masons and make the World better.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday season.

Fraternally,

Randy Forrester, Assistant Rabban



Lemoore Christmas Parade Saturday, December 1st, 2018 Downtown Lemoore 6:00 p.m. Step Off



The meeting place is
Welcome Lodge
647 W. Bush St., Lemoore
at 4:00 P.M.
Parade step-off is 6:00 p.m.

The Eastern Star Chapter is providing a selection of hot soups and sandwiches (plus other goodies) for us to enjoy.



HILLBILLY/NOVKEP CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



SUNDAY DECEMBER 9TH



Shrine Center - 5407 E. Olive Avenue

Cuzins Mike Nella and John Denton will be cooking a delicious ham dinner with all the trimmings.

Cost \$ 15.00 for each cuzin or guest

To make sure we will have enough food for everyone PLEASE call Pa (David Coleman) at 559-313-0781 or 559-485-4947 with your reservation.



4:00 - 4:30 - Social

4:30 - 5:00 - Induction of new members

5:00 - Dinner and celebration of the Season

Reminder: The Nile Ladies are having an Open House at the Shrine Center on December 9th, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., so please don't come too early.



DATE: Wednesday, December 12th

TIME: 12 Noon Social (No Host) 12:30 Lunch

DRESS: Men Casual Ladies Casual

PLACE: Yosemite Falls Café 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.

We will have 4 or 5 lunch choices set up by Yosemite Falls. The choices will be such that they all 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: Orron Dougherty
Vice President: John Techman
Treasurer: Ralph Takakjian
Secretary: Richard Hershey







TEHRAN SHRINERS INVITE YOU

TO THE

MASS INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

SATURDAY

JANUARY 5, 2019

AT 5 P.M.

FORT WASHINGTON COUNTRY CLUB
FOR AN EVENING OF CEREMONY,
FRATERNAL BROTHERHOOD AND DANCING
AN INVITATION AND AN RSVP CARD
WILL BE IN THE MAIL SOON.







MERCED-MARIPOSA SHRINE CLUB

WISHES EVERYONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS OR HAPPY HANUKKAH!

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

THE CHRISTMAS SOCIAL SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 10TH

RESERVATIONS WERE REQUIRED BY NOVEMBER 26TH







NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 24, 2019, 6 pm Social (Order dinner from menu) Meeting begins after dinner orders taken

WHERE: LaNita's Restaurant, 2684 Shaffer Rd., Atwater

WHO: Shriners & Ladies
Nobles, invite a Brother Mason & His Lady

Have questions or need more information? Call:

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





Tehran Shriners Stated Meeting & Election of Officers

Shrine Center Monday, December 3rd, 2018 Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Nobles Only
Attire: Business
Jacket, Tie (Bolo), Fez
Current Dues Card Required

Dinner \$15.00 per person

Please Call To RSVP For Dinner Orron Dougherty, Recorder 559.251.1991

Shriners International Bylaws Election Regulations, §325.11

§325.11(a) Electioneering. A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine temple may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a resume consisting of his educational background, his vocational history and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email or other devices, by a unit, club, noble, or group of nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing, or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited.

§325.11(b) Expenditures Prohibited. The expenditure of money for gifts, favors or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited. §325.11(c) Violation. For any violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending noble, and he may declare the election of the officers void and

order a new election.

§325.11(d) Notice. At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election, the temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.