

# TEHRAN SHRINERS



## BULLETIN



**April 2020**

20/20 A New Vision  
For helping our Kids



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# POTENTATE PONIFICATIONS

## APRIL MESSAGE



### **Attention**

**Per the Imperial Shrine and the Grand Master of California Directives,  
All Events of all Masonic Bodies in California, including the Shrine are cancelled until further notice! Updates will be made available on [tehranshriners.org](http://tehranshriners.org) and by email when available**

Pam and I have barely had time to catch our breath in the last month. Since my last article we have had the pleasure of attending a graduation party for Kerri Gans's granddaughter, Miss Erika Hallmark who was a Shriner's patient for scoliosis and has gone on to graduate from college and is fantastic golfer. We were honored to attend the Nile Supreme Queen's homecoming (welcome back Dale Olbermolte) where Erika spoke. Erika is a delightful, poised and confident speaker and seeing the effect of what our care allowed her to achieve, makes me proud to be a Shriner. We also attended the Novkeys dinner as the Official Visit and was honored to receive donations to the Potentates fund and 1<sup>st</sup> Lady's project. We had the pleasure of installing the officers of the Merced/Mariposa Shrine club and were treated to a donation and great Mexican dinner. We attended the Mardi Gras Murder Mystery dinner which was a fund raiser for the 1<sup>st</sup> Lady's project and had a great time. Preacher Joseph Grant (Gary Campbell) used his best preacher charm and collected \$255.00 in donations for the kids. Many other things are coming and by the time you receive this we will have attended the Clowns St Paddies party, the 1<sup>st</sup> lady's brunch and be

basking on the beach in Hawaii.

None of our events happen without the help of many people. With all the commotion at the event I often fail to recognize the people who are so important to Tehran and to me. I want to start by thanking Linda and Jim Buschman. Jim is not a Shriner but typifies what makes Masons and Shriners special and it is because of Linda that these events happen. She is an important part of what I do as a Doctor and Potentate, and they are both an important part of my life.

Gordon and Deloris Keeton are always there to make sure the refreshments happen. They purchase and make sure we have refreshments, work to serve them and then to clean up. I will always be grateful for their help and honored by their friendship. Bill and Carol Atwood are tirelessly working to help raise funds for the kids through the 1<sup>st</sup> Lady's project, Bill spent all day cooking for the Murder Mystery dinner and because of their efforts we were able to keep food costs down to increase the donation. They also are graciously opening their home for the 1<sup>st</sup> Lady's brunch and Tea and donating all the proceeds to Pam's project. I also want to thank John and Jean Denton. They are always there to help and Jean "shutter bug" Denton takes, and posts great pictures of every event and they will make a great Potentate and First Lady next year.

Many other important events are coming up in April and I hope you can all attend. April 11 will be our stated meeting and promises to be an important one for determining the future Tehran. The Clovis Parade will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> and we are working to get our float in the parade, representing the "Masonic Family", and to advertise the Shrine Health Care system. Western Shrine will be in Las Vegas at the end of the month and allows Shriners from the Western region to get together to do what Shriner's do, **HAVE FUN.**

As I say each month times are changing and as our numbers get smaller there are still many jobs that need to be

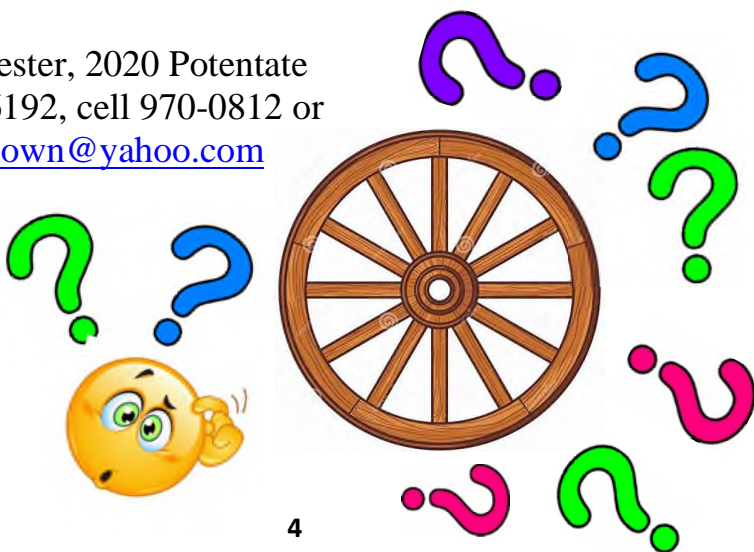
done so that Tehran can continue to function. In the past each of our clubs and units had a specific function and I hope this year we can continue those function but add much needed task like communications, advertising, hospital screening etc. to strengthen Tehran and ensure we exist in the future. 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 everyone's 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.

Currently we are dealing with the COVID-19 virus and many of our members are in the age group most affected by this disease. Please follow the guidelines that have been put out (hand washing, avoid crowds etc.) and if you are feeling ill or have a fever please stay home. Otherwise, please come and have fun!

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  
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## *From the desk of your Chief Rabban:*

Here I am working on the 2021 budget and getting an awful headache, seems like my revenue does not cover my expenses. Sure sounds real for a poor old country boy. No matter how hard I try my bucket will not reach the bottom of the well for more water. Looks like I need a loan for a longer rope, or I need to use less water.

In reality, this is a cold hard fact, we have used our invested revenue to satisfy our expenses, in the short run with a good return we can continue operation and pay our expenses. In the long run we will exhaust our principle and no water will be left in the well. What to do?

Enough about that, I have really enjoyed all the events so far this year and I am looking forward too many more fun times. The all masonic picnic on august 15<sup>th</sup> and all the masonic family is invited for good old fashion day of fun, with more news update in the following months

Jeanie and I will be gone for the month of June if the planes are not all grounded. We will be farming in New Zealand, helping to get the vineyards ready for the new year's crop, plus all the other chores my sweet daughter has for both of us

Before I go, I still need to finish this budget and wait a while until the market settles down since a big portion of our revenue to meet expenses will come from our investments. It could be a belt tightening budget with the units and clubs supplying the fun and the temple supplying the location. What to do?

What to do? The answer is we all pitch in to continue the fun events and supporting the children, never forgetting that is what we do!!!!!!

Temple calendar is also in the works for 2021 so I need all the help I can get, remember I'm just a country redneck trying my best to become sophisticated. Jeanie has worked hard to infuse culture over the last 55 years and has hopes that I will emerge a rose by year 2030. Bless her little heart!!!!!!!!

Best regards, Chief Rabban John Denton





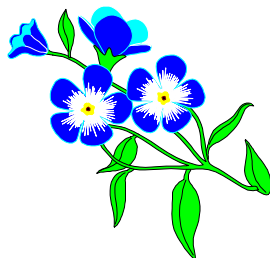
## *From the First Lady*

**Thank yous are very much in order:**

- 1) A big thank you to Bill and Carol Atwood for making our Mardi Gras “Murder Mystery” dinner such a success. Proceeds will go to the First Lady’s Scoliosis Project.**
- 2) Also, a special thank you to our Mardi Gras Minister Gary Campbell for his success (who could say no) passing the collection plate and collecting an additional \$255.00 for my Scoliosis Project.**
- 3) To the Novkeys, thank you for your early fund-raising and most generous contribution to my Scoliosis Project.**
- 4) Thank you in advance for Bill and Carol Atwood’s preparation for a scrumptious Brunch (including dessert) for the benefit of the First Lady’s Scoliosis Project.**

**They say, “it takes a village” ... I could accomplish very little without the efforts of so many dedicated and generous Shriners. THANK YOU ALL! (How many times did I mention my project was Scoliosis?)**

**Pam Forrester, First Lady**







# TEHRAN STATED MEETING

Monday, May 4, 2020



Due to the recent developments and restrictions with the current virus, our Stated Meeting, scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup>, has been rescheduled to

Monday, May 4, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the Shrine Center.

There will be an election for open positions in the Shrine Divan Line and Financial Management Advisory Board. There will also be a discussion about Tehran's 2020 budget, the future of Tehran and our hospital system as well as updating Tehran's By Laws. 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 so please call my office to reserve.

Randy Forrester, Potentate  
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HAVE YOU PAID  
YOUR DUES?

If you weren't there,  
you just won't  
understand. Better  
show up next time!!!



*You Are Cordially Invited To Join  
Potentate Randy Forrester and his Lady Pam For  
An Evening To Celebrate  
Tehran Shrine Nobles*



*And  
Our Past Potentates  
Saturday, May 9, 2020*

*Manhattan Restaurant  
1731 W Bullard Avenue, Fresno 93711*

**\$55.00 per person**

**Social: 5:00 pm**

**Introductions: 6:00 pm**

**Dinner: 6:30 pm**

*Dress: Men - Tux or Dark Suit*

*Women - Formal or Cocktail Attire*

*Rob and Denise Crossland, Chairs*



*Reservation Form*

<i>Dinner Choice</i>	<i>How Many</i>
<i>Pistachio Covered Sea Bass</i>	
<i>Chicken Piccata</i>	
<i>New York Deluca</i>	

*Please Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$55.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_*

***All Monies Due By May 1***

***NO REFUNDS AFTER MAY 3***

*Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_*

*Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Email: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Please make your check out to: Tehran Shriners and mail to:  
Rob and Denise Crossland, 3669 W Persimmon Lane, Fresno, CA*



## 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.

Call to Reserve Your Spot Today!

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### **FRESNO SHRINE CLUB**

#### **“Have Lunch With Your Friends”**

DATE: Wednesday, April 8th

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](mailto:jhershey01@comcast.net)

**MERCED MARIPOSA SHRINE CLUB**  
**STATED MEETINGS CANCELLED**  
**MARCH, APRIL, MAY**  
**CARNITAS DRIVE THRU CANCELLED**  
**IF OUR GOOD LORD IS WILLING AND THE**  
**CREEKS/CRETES DON'T RISE WE HOPE TO**  
**RESUME OUR REGULAR MEETINGS IN**  
**SEPTEMBER**

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### 2020 CALENDER



#### April

9	Thursday	Flying Shriners/Legion of Honor
11	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Tehran Stated Meeting-5:00*</b>
14	Tuesday	Patrol/Temple Guard
15	Wednesday	Nile Sewing
16	Thursday	Roustabouts
17	Friday	Novkeys
21	Tuesday	Clowns
		<b>Building Management Board Meeting</b>
23	<b>CANCELLED</b>	<b>Merced-Maraposa Shrine Club-OV</b>
25	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Clovis Parade*</b>
27	Monday	Temple Belles
28	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Board of Directors Meeting-6:00</b>
29	<b>CANCELLED</b>	<b>WSA 4/29-5/3 in Las Vegas*</b>

#### May

4	Monday	Nile Pageantry	
5	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Clowns Cinco de Mayo Party</b>	
9	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Pote's Ball/Past Pote Recognition*</b>	
12	Tuesday	Patrol/Temple Guard	
14	Thursday	Flying Shriners/Legion	
17	<b>CANCELLED</b>	Nile Pageantry "Fiesta"	
18	Monday	Temple Belles	
19	Tuesday	Clowns	
		<b>Building Management Board Meeting</b>	
20	Wednesday	Nile Sewing	
21	Thursday	Roustabouts	
26	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Board of Directors Meeting-6:00</b>	
31	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Club and Unit Day*</b>	

\* Denotes Temple Function

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