

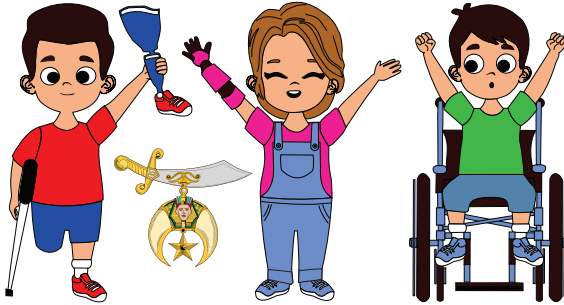
TEHRAN SHRINERS BULLETIN



February 2025



HELP KIDS THRIVE



IN 2025



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From the Desk of: Potentate David Pitts



Greetings Nobles,Ladies and Friends,

2025 at Tehran Shrine started out with a bang. Thank you for your support and attendance at all our January events. I, along with the entire Divan and our Ladies, truly do appreciate you.

Now let's talk about upcoming events that you won't want to miss. We start with the return of the Grand and Glorious Order of The Hillbillies, February 2, 2025. The cousins are ready to party. If you are new to Tehran Shrine, you won't want to miss this one. And don't forget to bring your gal. She's gonna love it too. Check out the flyer in this bulletin for all the details.

Next on the agenda is the Big Game Party, February 9, 2025. Come to the Shrine Center and enjoy the Super Bowl with friends and family. That's right, bring your family and friends, everyone is welcome. Once again, the flyer is in this bulletin.

Western Shrine Association (WSA) is February 27 – March 2, 2025, in Las Vegas, Nevada. If you have an interest in attending, please contact me and I will send you the information.

And lastly, I would like to share. Many Nobles have asked if they could purchase a Shrine Divan patriotic tie. Yes, you can. I have 15 ties available. The cost is \$20. Please contact me or the Shrine Office if you want a tie.

In closing, once again, Carol and I appreciate your friendship and support.

Please continue to: Help Kids Thrive in 2025.

Dave Pitts

From the Desk of: Chief Rabban Randy Forrester, PP



WOW! 2025 is off with a bang, with a great Installation and party just like in the old days. The food was great, the band did a super job, comradery was outstanding and the ladies made the room beautiful with their decorations. The Tehran 2025 Directory and First Lady's Directory are wonderful with lots of information about future events, protocol and what to wear (which answers questions I hear frequently) as well as a description of our First Lady Carol's Camp Winning Hands project this year. Sandra Dawson did a masterful job putting the directories together and we are blessed to have such a talented lady in Tehran.

Next we had our first Stated Meeting of 2025 with a good dinner and Lady's Program. Our Potentate David, along with our Chaplain Mark Allen, cooked an outstanding meal for only \$10.00 and the ladies appeared to have a good time making their own "book worms". I know they had fun because after we finished they did not want to leave because we had to wait over a half hour for them.

Our Potentate and First Lady have a wonderful and exciting year planned and this was only the beginning. Plan on coming out to help and enjoy. Invite your Shrine and Masonic friends and anyone who is not a Mason but feels that helping children while having fun and developing friends, memories and relationships is important.

This year Tehran's motto is **HELP KIDS THRIVE IN 2025** and as a Shriner my motto has always been **FUN WITH A PURPOSE** and our purpose is helping **KIDS**.

Faternally,

Randy Forrester, PP
Chief Rabban

From the Desk of: Oriental Guide Michael Graham



I would like to first say thank you for allowing me to serve as the Oriental Guide for this year. I'm honored and looking forward to a productive year as a member of the Divan.

As Shriners our reach is larger than we often realize. The dues we contribute help many in need that we may never meet. We truly have a global impact. I wanted to share some stories from this year's Shrine International Report of Shriners doing their part, just to exemplify what we are part of.

For the Nobles of the El Salvador Shrine Club, being a Shriner means much more than wearing the red fez and having fun.

Membership in Shriners International brings a solemn responsibility to improve the lives of children, which is why they will soon launch a burn prevention campaign in their country."Every minute, every dollar invested means innocent children do not have to suffer," said Noble Juan Carlos Otaegui Cañas, Club President.

The Laredo Shrine Club, a club of Alzafar Shriners based in San Antonio, stands at the ready to coordinate with their brothers across the border in Mexico to transport patients. "We work as a team across international borders to ensure safe travel for these kids," said Rick Reyes, Potentate of Alzafar Shriners. He praised the quick communication between Alzafar Shriners, the Laredo Shrine Club and their brothers in Mexico. For Reyes, the accomplishment spoke not only of their effective collaboration, but also to their shared compassion, friendship and collective willingness of spirit to help those in need. "All these attributes are common in Shriners everywhere. Having the opportunity to assist in any way possible, it goes a long way. That's what we do as Shriners," Reyes said. "We're wearing the Fez. That's the common denominator. Whether you're in America, in Mexico, or another country, you see that man wearing the Fez and you know they'll do everything they can to help you."

Fraternally,
Michael Graham

MEMBERSHIP & MARKETING

The Webfez MDS report for the start of the year is: Begining Regular 220 (this is the number of nobles we have as of January 1, 2025). 2024: Creations 11, Affiliations 2, Demits 1, Expired 13 for loss of 1.

"It ain't where you came from; it's where you're going that counts." Ella Fitzgerald.





We did fair with our recruitments, not so good on getting past members (demit or dropped non-payment of dues). We have no control over the Black Camel so we have to plan on more recruiting and retention. We have been having an average of 11 members expiring the past several years, so we need to bring in at least 16 members a year to qualify for the gold or platinum award (we got a gold in 2023) but the important thing is to increase the numbers. Has one of your buddies dropped their membership? Tell them our Pote and his lady have a super year planned and the Membership Committee is once again going to do several fun things (Look for Our Ladies Salad & Wine Lunch-bingo thrown in) starting sometime in February and of course we will host a few – “Stop on the way home for a beer” Friday afternoons starting when it warms up a bit. And of course, our kid's family movie day(s) and maybe another root beer float Saturday! So, if the reason they tell you there was nothing there for them, give them a calendar and ask them what more they want, and we most certainly will look at it.

"Everything's already been said, but since nobody was listening, we have to start again." Andre Gide – Author

As I stated at the last Stated Meeting, every Shriner is on the membership committee and each one of us should replace ourselves and get at least one new member.


We have lots of recruiting materials at the Shrine Center. The Center is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00AM to 2:00PM. The coffee pot is always on, and we would love to have you stop by and say hello when you are picking up a packet of Shrine information.

Wayn0 Schwartz
Membership, Chairman
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FEBRUARY 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Hillbillies	3 Pageantry Practice	4	5	6	7	8
9 <u>Super Bowl Party*</u> 	10	11 Temple Guard/Patrol	12 Fresno Shrine Club Daughters of the Nile	13	14 Valentine's Day 	15 Bulletin Deadline
16 Clowns SweetHeart Brunch & Cake Bake	17 Scottish Rite	18 Clowns <u>FMAB Mtg</u>	19 Nile Sewing	20 Roustabouts	21 Novkeys	22
23	24	25 <u>BOD Mtg "Board of Directors"</u>	26	27 WSA – Las Vegas Potentate Not Available Merced-Mariposa Shrine Club	28 WSA – Las Vegas Potentate Not Available	
		Notes: BOD- Board of Directors; open to all Nobles				

- FEB 2 Hillbillies
- FEB 3 Pageantry Practice
- FEB 9 Super Bowl Party**
- FEB 11 Temple Guard/Patrol
- FEB 12 Fresno Shrine Club
- FEB 12 Daughters of the Nile
- FEB 15 Bulletin Submission Deadline
- FEB 16 Clowns Sweetheart Brunch & Cake Bake
- FEB 17 Scottish Rite
- FEB 18 Clowns
- FEB 18 FMAB Meeting**
- FEB 19 Nile Sewing
- FEB 20 Roustabouts
- FEB 21 Novkeys
- FEB 25 BOD Mtg "Board of Directors" - 6:30 p.m.**
- FEB 27 Merced-Mariposa Shrine Club
- FEB 27 **WSA Las Vegas**
- FEB 28 **WSA Las Vegas**



MARCH 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 WSA Potentate Not Available
2 WSA Potentate Not Available	3 Pageantry Practice	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Temple Guard/Patrol	12 Fresno Shrine Club Daughters of the Nile	13	14	15 Bulletin Deadline
16	17 Scottish Rite	18 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> Clowns St. Paddy's Day Dinner FMAB Mtg 	19 Nile Sewing	20 Roustabouts	21 Novkeys	22
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- MAR 1 **WSA Las Vegas**
- MAR 2 **WSA Las Vegas**
- MAR 3 Pageantry Practice
- MAR 11 Temple Guard/Patrol
- MAR 12 Fresno Shrine Club
- MAR 12 Daughters of the Nile
- MAR 15 Bulletin Submission Deadline
- MAR 17 Scottish Rite
- MAR 18 FMAB Meeting**
- MAR 18 Clowns - St Paddy's Day Dinner
- MAR 19 Nile Sewing
- MAR 20 Roustabouts
- MAR 21 Novkeys
- MAR 23 Nile Installation
- MAR 25 BOD Mtg "Board of Directors" 6:30 p.m.**
- MAR 27 Merced-Mariposa Shrine Club





SHRINERS

INTERNATIONAL

Merced-Mariposa Counties Shrine Club

Will Be Meeting on the 4th Thursday of Each Month.

January 30th, 2025

Yosemite Station

125 E. Yosemite Ave

Merced, CA

All Tehran Noble Shriners, Masons,

Spouses & Friends are Invited

Fez's are Optional

RSVP Noble Bob Monroe

(209-628-4413)

Noble Bob Murdoch

(559-223-4676)

*Callin' all cuzins. The Clan will begin meetin
again. Please join us and bring a friend!*

**Grand and Glorious Order of
The Hillbillys**

Fresno - Sierra Clan #60

Please bring an
appetizer to share.



Sunday, February 2, 2025

3:30 p.m. - Social 4:00 p.m. - Meeting

5:00 p.m. - Dinner

Tehran Shrine Center

5407 East Olive Avenue, Fresno, CA

Dinner: Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes,
Gravy, Vegetable, Dessert, Beverage

Cost: \$15.00 per person

Please RSVP by Friday, January 31

to: Mark Dawson

559-643-1956

dmdawson@webdawsons.com



FRESNO SHRINE CLUB

Come have lunch with your friends!



Sometimes you wanna go
Where everybody knows your name
And they're always glad you came
You wanna be where you can see
Our troubles are all the same
You wanna be where everybody knows your name.



Our February 12th meeting is at
Tehran Shrine Center

5407 E Olive Ave, Fresno

Lunch will be by Hewitt's Catering
Menu still to be determined
12 Noon Social - Lunch at 12:30

 **\$20.00 per Person**

Reservations needed by
Monday February 10th, 2025

Please call or text
Terre Rhymes-Stricker at
559-458-9114 or
email me4pekes@yahoo.com
to make your reservations.

Tehran Clown's



Sweetheart Brunch & Cake Bake

Sunday - Feb. 16th, 2025

10:00 am - Good Morning Social

11:00 am - Brunch

Cake Auction starts after Brunch

\$15.00 per person

RSVP TO RINGMASTER

Wayne Schwartz

oldsarge21@comcast.net or 559-229-2458



2025 Installation of Officers



To see more photos from the evening go to
Tehran Shriners & Friends Group on Facebook.



January Annual Stated Meeting Dinner & Ladies Event



2025 Clown Installation



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***Quilt Opportunity Drawing
Proceeds to Benefit the
2025 1st Lady's Project***



Size: 56" x 66"



*New Zealand Fabric
Beautiful Plants
Made by: Jean Denton*

**Tickets on Sale Now!
Drawing to be held on
August 23rd, 2025
at the
1st Lady's Sock Hop!**

5 Tickets for \$20.00

Contact : 1st Lady Carol Pitts

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR OUR

BIG GAME PARTY



Super Bowl LIX 2025

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Tehran Shrine Center

5407 East Olive Avenue, Fresno ,CA

Time: Any time after 1:00 pm

Cost: Bring an appetizer or donate \$10 to the First Lady's Project.

Food: All Beef Hot Dogs, Chili and Chips will be served at Half Time.

Beverage of your choice included throughout the day.

***** Everyone is welcome, please bring family and friends.**