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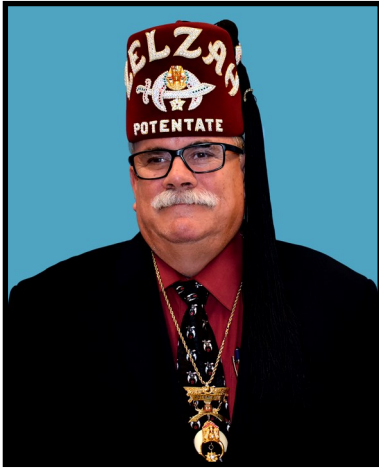
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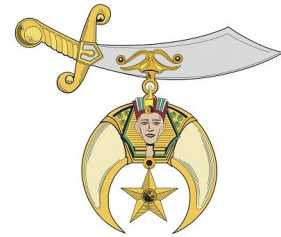
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From the Potentate



Nobles,

It has been one H--- of a year. As you all know we have had to cancel virtually everything for this year. Our Potentate for next year will have a full plate and he will need the help of every Noble to bring us back from this pandemic. I am sorry we could not do much this year, but it was beyond my control.

We are going to need to do many things next year to bring back our Temple. Please help where you can. Please attend the fund raising events we will have planned and please continue helping out with our fund raisers even if you can't attend. Mostly please attend the meetings: it's always a better meeting if you are there.

We are going to be doing an event on December 19 from 10 am to 2 pm at the MMT. The plan is to pass out free toys to deserving children as they are driven thru the parking lot at MMT. Please help out if you can. We believe we can do this and comply with COVID restrictions.

Regarding our December meeting, we are keeping that set as an in-person meeting at this time. If we do not go over 50 people, we can still meet. If the governor imposes further restrictions, we will deal with them when they happen but as of right now the December meeting is still on.

It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as Potentate this year. I wish we could have done more together but it was not meant to be.

Please have a safe and healthy Holiday Season and see you next year.

Bruce

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Thoughts from the Assistant Rabban**Alan Wise**

Although this year hasn't been what we planned it to be, we have accomplished some things for which we can be proud. First, although we got a late start on this year's onion sales, we were able to sell enough onions and other products related to the onion sale program to ensure that this fundraiser finished up in the black. We helped the community with our donation of onions and worked hard to meet our customer's demands by actually in some instances delivering onions and products to folks who couldn't make it to the Shrine due to the restrictions in place at the time or personal health issues. Next, probably our most significant success this year was our continued support of our Shrine Children and their needs. When other Shrines stopped transporting children to the Pasadena Medical Center due to Covid-19 issues, our Shrine instituted protocols and safety measures, which have been lauded by the medical center administration, so that we could continue to transport children to the medical center. This allowed our children to continue to receive the medical care they need without placing undue stress upon their parents. During the period we were unable to meet due to restrictions placed upon meetings and other functions, nobles worked to: 1) clean up the outside area behind the kitchen; 2) clean and polish the floors inside the meeting room and do some patch-up painting of the walls; and 3) clean-up the storage containers and the fenced-in storage area. Finally, in November we hosted our annual Honored Ladies Luncheon. Unfortunately, many of the honored ladies who would have otherwise attended were unable to join us due to restrictions in place. These ladies were truly missed and we keep them in our thoughts and prayers at this time. However, 18 of our honored ladies were able to join us for the luncheon and they were treated to a meal consisting of turkey, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad and a roll. For dessert they had apple or pumpkin pie. These ladies are still supporting Zelzah Shrine and took up a collection totaling \$250.00 for the benefit of the transportation fund. As a token of our esteem, these ladies were given a pair of crystal gem pillar votive candle holders which we hope they will use and enjoy.

Finally, I ask that you take a moment to remember those nobles and ladies we have lost during this year. These nobles and ladies will be missed not only for what they did for the Shrine, but for the friendship and love they provided to each of us.

Fraternally yours,

Alan L. Wise
Assistant Rabban

These We Do Not Forget
Black Camel
In Memoriam

Duane G. Laubach

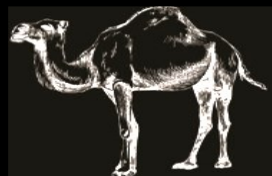
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Legion of Honor

Mike Kearns

Well, this has certainly been an interesting year. COVID-19 has made it a challenging year, but the Legion of Honor has been as active as possible. The LOH resumed and were able to hold our meetings in August, September, October, and November. Before our October meeting, we had a meal of Kentucky Fried Chicken supplemented with chicken from our neighbors at Peru Chicken, side dishes of mashed potatoes, rice, and coleslaw. Special thanks to Lola for her tasty apple turnovers and to the El Giza Nile for the donation of the cakes. Thanks to my Lady Peggy, Virginia Gray, and Tammy Wise, for helping serve the meal. We had a great turnout and it was great to see everyone. We welcomed our first ever life-member Noble Michael Clark. I hope Mike is one of many life-members we get in the future.

We discussed upcoming events and the challenges to holding events with the current limitations of the virus and State mandates. To keep things simple, we decided that our Christmas/Hanukkah party will be held at the Zelzah Shrine facility. We will have the meal catered by A Taste of Texas and, of course, we will have our annual Yankee gift exchange which is always a fun event. We also finalized plans to purchase our Memorial Plaque for our LOH brothers who were called home by the Black Camel by the Great Architect of the Universe.

Our November meeting had a Thanksgiving themed meal, with a twist. The turkey item was The Bobbie sandwich from Cappriotti's. Thanks to all who brought food and, as always, thanks to my lady Peggy for setting up the meals and for all the ladies who assisted serving the meals. It was our honor to host our Potentate Illustrious Sir Bruce Nelson for the lunch and our meeting.

We began our meeting with a moving ceremony to dedicate our Memorial Plaque. We started by presenting the colors by our color guard of Russ Gray, MSgt/AF/Ret, Bob Norton, MSgt/USMC/Ret, and Ron Krever, LC/USMC and led by Alan Wise, CMSgt/AF/RET. After the Pledge of Allegiance, we had a special flag folding ceremony. Many thanks to Virginia Gray, MSgt/AF/Ret, for narrating the ceremony and to Russ Gray and Alan Wise for folding the flag. The flag was placed by the Memorial plaques by Commander Kearns, Petty Officer 3rd USN, who dedicated the plaques followed by a short invocation by Chaplain Jack Richardson Sergeant, USMC. The ceremony was concluded with TAPS. It was quite appropriate to dedicate the plaque at this meeting as it is the week of Veterans Day. It could not have been a better way to honor our departed LOH brothers.

After the dedication ceremony we finalized plans on our Christmas/Hannukah party to be held Dec 13th at 2PM. Thanks to all who brought pictures of themselves during their time in the service. It was a lot of fun to see all those photos of us as much younger service members.

As always, it is a pleasure to see everyone at our meetings. I look forward to the day we can get back to more normal activities. However, I could not be prouder of how all the members of the Legion of Honor have stepped up during these trying times. I wish to thank all the members of the LOH who took time to volunteer at the Shriners Children's open or who have volunteered as van drivers or in any other capacity during a very trying 2020. I pray we have a better 2021.

Mike Kearns

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Joseph R Parruli	1979*
LeRoy A. Wolever, MD	1980*
Jackson Houston, PGM	1981*
George Boman	1982*
Phillip M. Van DeVenter	1983*
Ross Cooke	1984*
Walter A. Reichenbach	1985*
Norman S. Priddy	1986*
Merritt S. "Budd" Jones	1987*
Billie G. McMahan	1988
Harry A. Downer	1989*
William Wattenbarger	1990
Sven E. Levin	1991*
Tom Gailey	1992*
Robert E. Cook	1993*
Lew Kirgis	1994*
J. Linden Smith	1995
John C. Holler	1996*
James "Jim" Denney	1997
William G. "Bill" Becker	1998
Earl "Joe" Darnold	1999*
Harvey A. Williams	2000,2002
William "Bill" Holland	2001
John Pennington	2003
Michael L. Rodgers	2004,2011
Stephen B. Stone	2005*
William A. Burger	2006
Swannie Swenson	2007
M.G. "Mike" Barry	2008
Thomas D "Tom" Welsh	2009
Robert L. "Bob" Norton	2010
Roy A. Sargent	2011*
Al Oppegard	2012
Paul Granstrom	2013*
Jerry Eitel	2014
Daniel C. Kelly	2015
Daniel Erickson	2016
Michael Holmstrom	2017
Joseph "Joe" Freeman	2018
John Wehrly	2019

* In Memory

**PAST POTENTATES
ASSOCIATED WITH ZELZAH**

Frank Fiedler	1990	Aloha Shriners
Rodney S. Petkovich	1998	Moslem Shriners
Edward Jakubowsky	2009	Al Azhar Shriners
Wayne A. McCrossen	2015	Damascus Shriners
Joel D. Meza	2016	El Kalah Shriners

FLIVVERS

Dave Harvey



From the Flivvers Unit, we hope that everybody's doing great after everything that has happened in 2020.

The Flivvers had to cancel our Golf Scramble in October because of COVID-19. Because of that we will not have any money raising activities at all in 2020. We have rescheduled the Golf Scramble for April 24, 2021 at the Lakeside Executive Golf course in Pahrump.

In 2020 we had no parades or shows, we have missed doing what we like to do. The Flivvers do have expenses on upkeep of vehicles and equipment even when we do not have any activities. We started the Flivvers Polaris and there was a small problem in the wiring and there was a small fire. The Polaris needed some new wiring and a few other things, it was repaired now and running great. The older cars also need work done on them also.

The Flivvers need help just like the Shrine, Clubs, and Units this year. Starting this year the we will start a Flivvers Alumni. Any Shriner can belong to the Flivvers Alumni. The dues will be \$25 a year that will really help. You will be a voting member at the meetings. If we need drivers or help at an event you can join in. If we get enough members we will have special Alumni meetings at the Shrine.

If you would like to Join the Flivvers Alumni you can send a check to the ZELZAH Shrine Flivvers, to Shrine Flivvers Attn: Edward Underhill, P.O. Box 2322, Pahrump, NV 89041. Enclose your Name, Shrine member Number, Address, Phone numbers, and E-mail.

For more information contact the Director, David Harvey at 702-275-9538 and please leave a message.



December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 LOH	14 Aviation	15 Stated Meeting Elections	16	17	18	19 Kids Xmas at MMT
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				Zelzah Office Closed		
27	28	29	30	31		
				Zelzah Office Closed		

January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 <i>Tentative Installation</i>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 U/C/D	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Stated Meeting	27	28	29	30
31						

ZELZAH'S CHAIRMEN Eric Halberg

Fahgettaboudit,

The Chairmen were up to some usual funny business see, if you missed you should've been there..

We had an outstanding event in October hosted by our very own Dave Bechtel. We sampled some fine scotches and learned more about that spirit and how our personal tastes are so varied. There was a massive spread of Oktoberfest food and even a few lederhosen clad fellas were in attendance. As always, we had fun time, enjoyed some very good food and of course great company.

Our next scheduled event is our Annual Gentlemen's Stag Christmas Eve Lunch at Capo's Speakeasy, 5675 W. Sahara. It will be at High Noon on Dec. 24. RSVP to Eric by Dec 15. We invite all Nobles, Master Mason's and any potential Brother's to join, attire is Christmas Semi-Formal, the lights are low, the food is great, the drinks are large and our hearts are full. Please join us as we bid adieu to a unique year and toast and give thanks for a great year to come with many fun events, shared laughter and memories to be created.

Eric "Ice Pick" Halberg

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December

Bieler, Fred E
 Bombard, Ronald F
 Bucklin, Richard
 Burkintas, Michael P
 Campbell, Frederick H
 Decelles, Joseph C
 Farley, Carl D
 Ferguson, Timothy R
 Feustel, John M
 Gallagher, John M
 Garrison JR, James A
 Goble, Robert S
 King, John C
 Lewis, Clair A
 Lublin, David K
 Lum, Robert
 Malcolm, John R
 Marsh, James R
 Oppegard, Alfred T
 Pandolph, Dominic A
 Roubentz, Eric
 Rubin, Marvin
 Schouten, Albert
 Shawhan, Robert K
 Shen, Henry
 Smith, Timothy C
 Smith, Westly D
 Strong, Howard B
 Taylor, W A
 Thomas, Brian A
 Tirado, German S
 Torres, Nelson J
 Velasco, Abraham B
 Weber, Paul
 Whisenhunt, Timmy J
 Williams P.P., Harvey A
 Zimbelmann, Clifford G

King of Diamonds Fundraiser

Zelzah Shriner Nobles:

Zelzah Shriners will begin a new fundraiser (King of Diamonds) at our next in-person Stated Meeting. This fundraiser was discussed during the November Zelzah Board of Directors meeting as we sought to find new ways to raise funds to support our general fund.

This fundraiser involves the use of a playing card deck consisting of 52 cards. The cards are placed face down in a random order on a tri-fold display board. One dollar (\$1.00) tickets are then sold for an opportunity to select one (1) playing card per event (events include: Stated Meetings, Zelzah Shriners parties and other fundraisers where all Zelzah Shriners are invited). After everyone (Noble, Lady and non-noble alike when the event includes non-Shriners) has opportunity to purchase as many tickets as they would like, all tickets are placed into a container, and then one (1) ticket is drawn for the opportunity of selecting the King of Diamonds. The owner of the ticket selects one (1) playing card, if the King of Diamonds is not selected the fundraiser continues at the next appropriate event and so on until the King of Diamonds is selected.

Payouts based upon the playing card selected are as follows:

Playing cards 2 – 10: **\$10.00 or half the pot, whichever is less**

Face cards other than the King of Diamonds: **\$15.00 or half the pot, whichever is less**

Aces: **\$20.00 or half the pot, whichever is less**

King of Diamonds: **50% of the pot**

The remaining **50%** of the pot will go to the shrine's general fund. We will then start all over again and continue the fundraising.

Fraternally yours,

Alan L. Wise
Assistant Rabban
Zelzah Shriners



Membership

Robert Adams

Happy holidays from the Membership Board here at Zelzah Shriners.

As we come to the last couple of months of the year, I want to take the time to thank everyone who continues to stay involved during this hectic time and limitations that we have had placed upon our temple, not only from Tampa, but also from our local leaders. Safety first.

Thanks to Illustrious Sir Bruce for a great year along with his divan. Also thank you to everyone who continues to help the children that need our help on a day-to-day basis. We need to continue to make miracles happen.

You know as masons, we hold ourselves to a higher level of accountability than the average person. We must not only prove this to ourselves but also seek to do better as stated in the obligation we take. Daily, we should hold ourselves accountable no matter if that means doing things that we may not absolutely love to do but we know it's the right thing to do.

As we know a lot has happened this year. We have had members pass due to the Black Camel, and for those friends, family, and coworkers who have been affected by the pandemic we share your grief and keep you in our thoughts.

As our Potentate stated at the beginning of the year just like any organization we must adapt, change and become better. So what we are going to continue to do is look forward to the next year and the plans we have on the books. These plans include:

1) As we are not making enough new members, we need to work harder on our restoration program of returning members to our ranks who have for one reason or another failed to maintain their membership and involvement in the Shrine. The membership group with instruction and permission from Imperial in Tampa we will be calling on a regular basis all non paid dues members.

2) As your membership chairman, I'm in negotiation with divan members about initiating an arch program our ceremonies and hosting it within blue lodges throughout the city so that masons can get an idea of what our ceremonies and a true ritual divan is about.

Hopefully with the new year, activities and opportunities to excel will return and we can continue to nominate and recognize nobles for contributions and work they do supporting the Shrine. Thanks again to everyone for putting in a great year and doing the best we can considering everything that's going on. We need to keep our eyes open and listen to what our nobles are saying about nobles who are contributing and working to support the Shrine's and our endeavors. We are going to keep looking for those nominations for noble of the quarter and then also noble of the year.

WE ARE HIRING...WELL, building a bigger team and growing the membership committee to 10 nobles with the permission of the Potentate. We are looking to develop and provide a seminar for new committee members which highlights and provides guidance about recruiting new shriners, and also on how to approach and help previous members in the restoration process. Just as important we are looking for nobles that are willing to work as ambassadors and make sure our Zelzah News and upcoming events are getting to local blue lodges and our brother masons are informed there are appended bodies (Shrine, Scottish Rite, York Rite) which they can become involved with beyond their blue lodge.

As for 2021, the best part is that our future isn't yet written. I can tell you some larger shrine centers throughout North America have also been struggling. Even though we are a smaller center we have brought in more members for the year than even some of those centers who are 2 or 3 times larger than us. The good news is, we as Shrine Masons know we can find great men in our community, at our jobs, and in our groups of friends who would make good masons. Once they become master masons, we need to invite them to stay active in their community by becoming shriners. We need to come to stated meetings, pay our dues, and pay attention to what's important and keeps this fraternity moving forward.

I want to remind everyone that I have an open door policy. I want you to know that I too care as much as you do and I know that as long as we continue to come together, we can make a difference and continue to move forward in our fraternity.

More importantly power comes with numbers, so for anybody interested in the membership committee please step forward. Even if you don't want an active role on the committee, we want your insight about what you feel the shrine would need to improve next year. Please feel free to reach out to me or any membership committee member with your thoughts.

Once again, thank you for everything that you have done through the year. Have wonderful holiday season. Let's make 2021 the best we can.

For the kids and for Zelzah Shriners,

Robert Adams
Membership Chairman

What's been happening at Zelzah Shrine....

Honor Ladies Luncheon



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Up and Coming Events

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December

- 15th - Elections Stated Meeting*
- 19th - Kids Christmas Toy pick up - MMT



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