

# Zelzah News

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*Illustrious Sir Michael Clark and Lady Precila  
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**March 15th \_\_\_ for April issue**

April 15th \_\_\_ for May issue

May 15th \_\_\_ for June issue

*No Issue in July*

**July 15th \_\_\_ for August issue**

Aug 15th \_\_\_ for September issue

September 15th \_\_\_ for October issue

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## Elected Divan

Potentate \_\_\_\_\_ Michael Clark

Chief Rabban \_\_\_\_\_ Eric Halberg

Assistant Rabban \_\_\_\_\_ Jacob Lewis

High Priest & Prophet \_\_\_\_\_ Brendan Vargas

Oriental Guide \_\_\_\_\_ Robin "Montana" Williams

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Christopher West

Recorder \_\_\_\_\_ Alan Wise, PP

## Appointed Divan

1<sup>st</sup> Ceremonial Master \_\_\_\_\_ Mike Cappa

2<sup>nd</sup> Ceremonial Master \_\_\_\_\_ Tarek Schoner

Director General \_\_\_\_\_ Lynem Fowler

Marshal \_\_\_\_\_ Mitchell Hostmeyer

Captain of the Guard \_\_\_\_\_ Denis Rusk

Chaplain \_\_\_\_\_ Phil Pupanek

1<sup>st</sup> Outer Guard \_\_\_\_\_ John Gallagher

2<sup>nd</sup> Outer Guard \_\_\_\_\_ Troy Schneiderman

3<sup>rd</sup> Outer Guard \_\_\_\_\_ Raymond Roberts

## Shrine Clubs

Boulder City \_\_\_\_\_ Jim Giannosa

B.C. Mini Cars \_\_\_\_\_ Dan Erickson, P. P.

Henderson \_\_\_\_\_ Brian Green

Road Runners \_\_\_\_\_ Casey Case

Weepah \_\_\_\_\_ Greg Curtin

## Shrine Unit

Clowns \_\_\_\_\_ Michael Burkintas

Flivvers \_\_\_\_\_ Chuck Coleman

Legion of Honor \_\_\_\_\_ Reggie Winbush

## Social Clubs

Aviation \_\_\_\_\_ Malcolm Singer

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Robert Adams

Hillbilly Clan #47 \_\_\_\_\_ Fred Boyd

## Emeritus

Craig Ruby \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer Emer

Billie McMahan, P.P. \_\_\_\_\_ Trustee Emer

Don Daum \_\_\_\_\_ Recorder Emer

Jack Richardson \_\_\_\_\_ Marshal Emer

Daniel "Pix" Pixley \_\_\_\_\_ Drivers Emer



# From the Potentate



I would like to thank my Lady, Precila, for her support. Many Nobles have helped me get here and if I do not mention your name, forgive me. Thank you to the Legion of Honor for presenting the colors and Worshipful Greg Curtain, a Noble of Zelzah Shrine, for singing the National Anthem, Ill Sir Robert “Bob” Norton for escort, and Ill Sir Bruce Nelson for installing the Divan.

We have several events planned for this year; the most notable one is the Potentate’s Masquerade Ball on March 2<sup>nd</sup> where we will celebrate the evening with a masked affair. We will also host the Annual Zelzah Shriners golf tournament on April 4<sup>th</sup> at Legacy Golf with a second golf tournament currently planned for the fall. I hope to see many of you there. The Ball and golf tournaments are not just for Nobles and their Ladies but are open to all who want to have a good time. My fun trip will be in the first week of June. We will be going to Niagara Falls, and venturing to the Canadian side, so get your passports ready. There will be optional excursions and if running we will be touring under the falls. We have dinner scheduled after our arrival in Niagara Falls.

Lady Precila will be hosting a karaoke night, and a September birthday fundraiser. We will either have a holiday party or piggyback with another masonic organization when appropriate. Above all, let us help our children and have fun while doing it. The calendar will be on the website, so look at it periodically for any updates (Thank you, Jake).

There are several other events scheduled, including the Western Shrine Association, International Association of Legions of Honor, the Shriners International 2024 Imperial Session in Reno, and the annual Shriners Children’s PGA golf tournament this year in Nevada. All plans and dates are currently tentative and subject to change, The Potentate’s Ball, the April golf tournament, and the Potentate’s trip are the only events set in stone. This will be an eventful and exciting year. I look forward to seeing everyone at some if not all of these events.

Yours in Faith,

Michael J. Clark  
Potentate 2024  
Zelzah Shriners

## PAST POTENTATES

Richard Land	1975-76*
Milton Keefer	1977*
Joseph T. Klenke	1978*
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	2000,02*
William "Bill" Holland	2001
John Pennington	2003
Michael L. Rodgers	2004,11
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 Opegard	2012
Paul Granstrom	2013*
Jerry Eitel	2014
Daniel C. Kelly	2015
Daniel Erickson	2016
Michael Holmstrom	2017
Joseph "Joe" Freeman	2018
John Wehrly	2019
Bruce Nelson	2020
Dwain Rittenhouse	2021
Alan L. Wise	2022
David E. Bechtel	2023

\* In Memory

### Past Potentates Associated with Zelzah

Edward Jakubowsky	Al Azhar Shrine
Frank Fiedler	Aloha Shrine
Joel Meza	El Kalah Shrine
Robert Shupe	El Kalah Shrine
Wayne McCrossen	Damascus Shrine
William Broyles	El Kalah Shrine

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## January

Anthony Catapano

Clyde O Spitze

Dale F Spreen

David A Anaya

David M Kane

Douglas G Crosby

Frank B Fiedler P.P.

George W Odell

James E Cowger

James R Zellers

Jay M Alfafara

John A Istle

John T Benson

Jon H Madden

Marcelo Pineda

Mark T Tavarez

Milton M Menchey

Noe Garcia-Lopez

Paul H Sindorf Sr.

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Richard J Phegley

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Robert B Pool

Roger Neumayer

Stephen Marks

Wayne A Weber

William A Hogan

William E Tilghman III

Wilton G Swenson P.P.

**OFFICIAL NOTICE  
STATED MEETING**

**January 19, 2024**

**&**

**February 20, 2024**

**Dinner 6:00 pm**

**\*Must RSVP for Dinner\***

**Stated Meeting at 7:00 pm**

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**Oasis: 5:00 pm**  
**Dinner: 6:00 pm**  
**Show: 7:00 pm**

Masonic Memorial Temple  
2200 W. Mesquite Ave  
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*A comedic journey back in time to  
the 50's & 60's.*



**RSVP to Zelzah Office by Jan. 18  
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- Dwain Rittenhouse & Lisa Smith 3/24
- Mary Morris 10/24
- Lola Sargent & Al Opegard 12/24
- Bill & Miriam Becker 1/25



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**Save the Date...**

**January**

- 16-Jan Stated
- 20-Jan Comedy Show by Randy Riggle (MMT)

**February**

- 11-Feb Super Bowl Party (Vegas 32)
- 17-Feb Chinese New Year's Parade
- 20-Feb Stated
- 29-Feb- 3-Mar Western Shrine Association (MMT)

**March**

- 2-Mar Zelzah / Kerak Masquerade Ball
- 12-Mar Unit Head/Clubs/Divan
- 16-Mar Henderson St. Patrick's Day Parade
- 19-Mar Stated
- 16-Mar Boulder City Shrine Club POV
- 23-Mar Wine Tasting Fundraiser

**April**

- 4-Apr Legacy Golf Fundraiser
- 13-Apr Aviator's Baseball
- 16-Apr Stated

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# January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Office Closed	2	3	4	5	6
7 Installation	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Office Closed	16 Stated Meeting	17	18	19	20 Comedy Show
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

# February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Super Bowl Party	12	13	14	15	16	17 Chinese New Year Parade
18	19 Office Closed	20 Stated Meeting	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

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**High Priest & Prophet**

**Brendan Vargas**

Welcome to 2024, shortly we will be installing the new line of officers for the year and with that we will embark on a new course under our Potentate Mike Clark. First and foremost, thanks for your confidence in returning me for another year on the elected line, I am honored to serve Zelzah as your High Priest and Prophet, and look forward to what this year brings. For Shriners across Nevada this will be a busy 2024 with Western Shrine Association Annual Meeting at MMT at the end of February to kick the year off. The 2024 Imperial Session is headed to Reno in just six months! Our friends and Nobles at Kerak will be busy during this time in early July and there may be a need to help them out, we shall wait and see what is needed. However, no matter what is asked of us I expect there will be plenty of our Nobility traveling North for the Imperial Session especially as close as it is to our Temple. Also, this year our very own Russ Grey will be hosting his International Association of Legions of Honor convention out at Aliante 24-28 April. With parades and other Zelzah events in between you will not be bored this year at all! I'm looking forward to seeing you all out at the different events we have this year, let's make 2024 a great time!

**Hillbillies**

**Fred Boyd**

Howdy again Cuzzins and Non-Cuzzins. We hope to have another great year for the Hillbillies. If you haven't already, marked your calendars, please do so for Sunday, February 4th, 1pm, for the next pot luck Hillbilly gathering. We have some special entertainment besides our degrees, raffles and vittles. From the great state of Illinois where the state vegetable is, "sweet corn" like our "corn cob", we will welcome Ron Ekeberg. Ron's been singing over a decade on various cruise ships, one being Royal Caribbean's "Serenade of the Sea". Since we will be dedicating this event to the mommas what a better time for our Hillbilly Gals to be serenaded.

We hope to see all hillbillies puttin water in the radiator, packin the buggy and comin on down. Let's make this gathering a special Valentine for the mommas. A small token for what we do.

We will have a Guy and Gal Degree if we have candidates. Lifetime membership no more dues. \$50 for Guys and \$25 for Gals. All degree fees support Zelzah's Transportation Fund. Thus far \$28,000 has been donated by Zelzah's Clan # 47.

Check out the International Hillbilly Clan website for more Hillbilly information: [InternationalShrineHillbillies.com](http://InternationalShrineHillbillies.com)

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- "Honor The Cob"**

**Cuz Fred: (702)338-6883 – [fred1019@aol.com](mailto:fred1019@aol.com)**



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## *Up and Coming Events*

Events with \* are at the Shrine Center

### **January**

January 7, 2024	Installation of Officers
January 16, 2024	Zelzah Stated Meeting
January 20, 2024	Dinner & A Show

### **February**

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***“Legacy is Our Children”***