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*Potentate Dwain Rittenhouse  
and First Lady Lisa*

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**Aug 15th \_\_\_ for September issue**  
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# From the Potentate



I want to thank all the Nobles who were able to attend the election. I genuinely appreciated the confidence you showed by selecting me to lead Zelzah Shriners as your 2021 Potentate. I am honored and will do my best to make our Shrine a more fun and enjoyable place to be while taking care of all our Shriner children. I honestly believe we can do more for the children within the fiscal budget which will be submitted for approval soon.

I would also like to congratulate the elected and appointed Nobles who form the leadership team of this organization for the ensuing year. With your support we hope to grow the Shrine, take care of more children, and have many fun events starting with a Superbowl Party in February 2021. I know that with the Divan's dedication and desire to help the children as well as the Zelzah Shrine that our Temple is in good hands for the foreseeable future.

Currently, the Governor, due to COVID-19, will only allow 50 people to attend an event. Unfortunately, we were not able to install the Divan and unit/club leaders at one time or to allow the general membership to attend our annual installation ceremony. We conducted an installation of the elected and appointed Divan on Saturday, January 9, 2021 which was not open to all Nobles and their families. I am terribly sorry as I would have loved for everyone to attend this installation. Hopefully, these COVID-19 restrictions will be gone, and everyone will be able to attend the Potentate's Ball which is tentatively scheduled for June 19, 2021.

Our Unit and Club Officers, who are an integral part of our Shrine, were installed during our first Unit and Club meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. The January Stated Meeting remains scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2021 and RSVPs will be required for attendance (First 50 members to RSVP will be allowed to attend).

We are now looking at ways to create cost savings and the finance committee is creating cost centers to manage the Zelzah Shrine budget. There will be some changes which will be announced at Stated Meetings.

The first cost savings initiative will begin in January with the Zelzah News. The Zelzah News will be emailed to Nobles (If the Zelzah Shrine has a good email address for the Noble) and there will not be a paper copy of the Zelzah News mailed to those members. The mailed Zelzah News will be mailed out on a quarterly basis instead of every two months for those who do not have an email address. It is imperative the office has a current email address for each Noble with email access to reduce our business costs.

In closing, I hope you and your family had a Merry Christmas, Hanukkah, or Kwanzaa and a Happy New Year. Please stay safe and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Dwain A. Rittenhouse  
Potentate

**Thoughts from the Chief Rabban****Alan Wise**

Our Shrine took its first steps into 2021 with the installation of its newly elected and appointed Divan. Although, the evening was festive for those attending, there was something missing from the occasion. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect the way we live our lives and conduct our business we were unable to share this evening with our entire Shrine family. Even among those invited to attend there were some who chose not to attend because of the continued pandemic issues confronting our nation, our state and our organization. Our installing team had to make a last-minute substitution as Illustrious Sir Swannie Swenson and his lady, Mary Jo, tested positive and were unable to attend (Please keep them and others of our organization and the masonic fraternity in your thoughts and prayers). The installing team of Illustrious Sir William "Bill" Holland, Illustrious Sir John Pennington and Illustrious Sir Bruce Nelson provided an installation which was formal, elegant and yet in keeping with our incoming Potentate's desire to "Have Fun".

Next on our agenda was the installation of our unit and club leadership which occurred on January 19<sup>th</sup>. The Officers Manual has been reviewed, updated and will be issued to all units, clubs and the Divan this month. We will review the guide with all officers to ensure they understand their roles and requirements.

There will be changes made this year with the help of the Divan and nobility which will help our Shrine move forward. The Divan with the assistance of the Potentate's newly established committees will be working towards ensuring the fiscal solvency of the Shrine while making the Shrine a more "fun" place for its members to come together and enjoy our fraternity.

We will continue to observe the State and Federal restrictions placed upon gatherings and functions until those restrictions have been lifted. Once restrictions have been lifted, we look forward to once again becoming a leader in our community and will make a more concerted effort to work with the other Masonic organizations in our community to help with its recovery after this pandemic has subsided.

We continue to support our Shrine children and the efforts of our Shrine Hospital system to help better the lives of the children we have been entrusted with by ensuring they continue to receive the treatment needed by transporting or making transportation arrangements for them when they need this support, while ensuring the safety and health of all involved in this endeavor. We are hoping this pandemic will soon become a thing of the past and our fraternal organization can get back to "having fun" while helping children realize a life they only once dreamed of living.

Fraternally yours,

Alan Wise

**CONVERSION OF TEMPLE BAR  
FROM TOKENS TO CASH ONLY**

**Zelzah Shrine Temple will be converting from a token-based bar to a cash only bar beginning on March 24, 2021. Therefore, if you have tokens, you need to use them during any functions the Shrine has i.e., club/unit meetings, Unit/Club and Divan meetings, Stated Meetings, etc. prior to March 24, 2021. Tokens will no longer be accepted at the bar after March 23, 2021 and there will be no refunds for any unused tokens.**

**NEW BAR PRICES EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**



<b>Premium Call Brands</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>
<b>Well Drinks</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>
<b>Wine &amp; Beer</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Sodas</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>Water</b>	<b>\$ Free</b>

**1st Outer Guard**

**Brendan Vargas**

Zelzah Participates in 2020 Secret Santa Project

After Covid put an end to plans for the annual Zelzah Christmas Party for our Shrine Kids at the Temple, Nobles decided to work with the Secret Santa Project, which is run by several Zelzah members, in order to hand out presents and holiday cheer. On Saturday, December 19th, Illustrious Sir Bruce "The Grinch" Nelson along with the Divan, several Past Potentates, Nobles, and a visiting Noble from Anezeh Temple Mexico volunteered to work the drive through lanes setup in the back of the Masonic Memorial Temple by the Secret Santa Project team in order to give away toys to our Shrine Kids and local families in need, so that they could have a happier holiday season. Over a period of almost four hours, volunteers and Zelzah Nobles were able to attend car after car coming through the MMT, presenting kids with new toys by placing them in the trunks of the cars which ensured a low to no contact event that met Nevada Covid Prevention and Health Guidelines for gatherings of people. With help from Las Vegas City Hall, Metro Police, and the City Marshalls, the toy give away ran quickly and efficiently with around 3,000 kids getting a toy for the holiday season exceeding the numbers of kids expected. Zelzah's contribution to the event did not go unnoticed with Las Vegas City Councilman Cedric Crear (Ward 5) thanking the Temple for it's support. With a successful 2020 event finished, Secret Santa Project will now look to preparations for 2021 so they can continue helping kids in need during the holiday season.

For information on how to help or be a part of the Secret Santa Project in 2021 talk with Noble Branden Vargas at [brendanvargas1@gmail.com](mailto:brendanvargas1@gmail.com)

Brendan



Councilman Cedric Cr... · 12/19/20 ...

Amazing morning handing out gifts to kids with the Zelzah Shrine Temple for the Secret Santa Project right in Ward 5. It was all drive up and we had cars lined up. Such a great time! Thanks to the Shriners and all the volunteers. #Shriners #LasVegas #Ward5 #CedricCrear



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

## 2021 Installation of Divan



**HILLBILLY CLAN #47**

Mike Cappa

## Hillbilly Clan #47

Welcome to 2021 cuzzins it's been so long since we have seen each other. We will have to spend hours together so we can catch up on what seems like years of not seeing one another. First, I hope everyone is healthy and doing well. I would like to thank all of you for your support through 2020 the year dragged on for ever. We must also take a moment to bow our heads to the cuzzins that we lost in the last year due to the pandemic problems of the year. The first bit of business the board of directors of Clan # 47 decided to do for the year was to vote to keep all the same officers on for another year in hopes that we may be able to get some things going that we couldn't get going in 2020.

Hopefully this year we will be having a new group of cuzzins coming on-board at a future ceremony. We also would like to get together with the Legion of Honor and have our bingo night in order to raise some money, have a good time and spend time talkin to old friends that we haven't seen.

Friends, food and libations that will be our first festive event when we get the all clear from the Grand Master of Masons of Nevada.

Until that day comes I hope all of the members of Hillbilly Clan 47 have a safe and prosperous year. Stay healthy and warm.

Wishing you the Best

Rabban of the Clan #47


**January**

Anthony Catapano  
 Bryan K Gentry  
 Charles F Ulrich  
 Christian Beaumann  
 Clyde O Spitze  
 Dale F Spreen  
 David L Green  
 David R Neville  
 Douglas G Crosby  
 Frank B Fiedler P.P.  
 George W Odell  
 James E Cowger  
 James R Zellers  
 James W Reed  
 Jay E Coates Jr.  
 John A Istle  
 John T Benson  
 Jon H Madden  
 Larry L Bertsch  
 Lavern G Ratzlaff  
 Mark T Tavarez  
 Miles A Young  
 Milton M Menchey  
 Paul H Sindorf Sr.  
 Richard D Keirn  
 Richard J Phegley  
 Richard P Hunker  
 Robert B Pool  
 Robert D Pedersen  
 Robert McCreary Jr.  
 Robert S Campbell  
 Roger Neumayer  
 Ronald P Lurie  
 Wayne A Weber  
 William A Hogan  
 William D Mueller  
 William E Tilghman III  
 Wilton G Swenson P.P.

**February**

A L Robinson  
 Alan J Morgan  
 Arcangelo Cocco  
 Carl S Sechrist  
 Daniel A Erickson P.P.  
 Daniel S Crowe  
 David L Fairey  
 Dennis L Dietrich  
 Donald M Mosley  
 Donald P Smits  
 Edward B Underhill  
 Edwin L Warner Sr  
 Edwin M Berlanas  
 Eric M Halberg  
 Frank M Zeigler Jr.  
 Gary D Boozer  
 James R Buell Jr.  
 James V Giannosa  
 John A Schoumaker  
 John R Innes  
 Lanning Grubb  
 Larry W Hall  
 Lewis Lomerson  
 Marc D Wolpert  
 Mark E Litherland  
 Michael L Bower  
 Owen L Comer  
 Phillip B Michaelson  
 Richard L Sidford  
 Richard S Crockett  
 Rick L Waites  
 Robert M Brown  
 Ronald S Ellis  
 Thomas M Stark  
 William H Harris Jr.  
 William J Brown  
 William P Coulter

***OFFICIAL NOTICE  
 STATED MEETING***

**January 26, 2021**

**February 23, 2021**

**Dinner at 5:30pm**

**Stated Meeting at 7:00pm**

**Wear your Fez**

**Doors will be tiled.**

**CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS TO  
ZELZAH SHRINE**

Gene Kinnee  
 Ed Olliges  
 Richard Kaphengst  
 Thomas Jordahl  
 Robert Norton, P.P.  
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 Clifford Bell  
 Dan Cole  
 Eric Waugh  
 Duane Laubach  
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 Al Klein  
 Edward Ruettiger  
 Woodrow Porter  
 Casey Case  
 Anthony Mano  
 Phillip Stenberg  
 James (Lin) Smith, P.P.  
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 Dale Spreen  
 Anthony York  
 John Turco  
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 Cliff Reay  
 Alan Grierfer  
 Trevor Meade  
 Fred Brewer  
 Perry Cance  
 Paul McGowan

**CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS TO  
THE TRANSPORTATION FUND**

**Transportation Fund**

Mike Clark  
 Douglas E. Morse  
 Mike Cappa

**In Memory of Hap Hendrick**

Doris Mathieson & Bill Coulter  
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 William Wattenbarger  
 Pix & Judy Pixley  
 Reginald & Joan Underwood  
 Al & Marilyn Schouten  
 Bob & Joan Norton  
 Bud & Shirley Banks  
 Shirley Wilcox  
 Joel McKinney

**In Memory of Gerri Lyerla**

Doris Mathieson & Bill Coulter

**In Memory of Mary Holt**

Doris Mathieson & Bill Coulter

**In Memory of Hugh Coffman**

Precila Coffman

**In Memory of John Messana**

John & Dana Pennington  
 Al & Marilyn Schouten  
 Beverly Wyas

**In Memory of Betty Schuler**

Gerald Monohan



# **SUPER BOWL PARTY**



**FEBRUARY 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Masonic Memorial Temple**

**2200 W. Mesquite Ave**

**Las Vegas NV 89106**

**Doors Open at 1:00 pm**

**Game at 3:00 pm**

**\$10 per person**

**Limited to the first 50 people that RSVP  
with payment. Call or come by the**

**Zelzah Office 702-382-5554 for**

**RSVP and payment.**

**Party, Food, and Fun.**



Proceeds to this event is for the benefit of Zelzah Shriners. Payments are not deductible as charitable contribution.

**High Priest & Prophet**

**Michael Clark**

Nobles, just a quick reminder that the onion sales will again be done this year. Onions should be available the first week of May. We need Nobles to sign up and help sell. Let's make 2021 the best year yet. This is the one fundraiser we did last year as the Shrine. I know Noble Alan Wise has another fundraiser we are trying this year. The Temple needs your help. Let's go out with the old and in with the new year that is. Congratulations to the line of officers for 2021, know they will be the best yet.

Yours in Faith,

Michael Clark, High Priest & Prophet 2021



**Zelzah Shriners  
VIDALIA  
SWEET ONION SALE  
GENUINE GEORGIA GROWN  
10 LB. BAG OF MIXED PREMIUM**

**KEEP THIS RECEIPT** to pick your order of Vidalia Onions at the Zelzah Shrine Center. You will be notified of the pick-up date.

\_\_\_\_\_ 10 lb. Bags Mixed Vidalia Onions @ \$12.00 per bag Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 5 lb. Bags Mixed Vidalia Onions @ \$ 7.00 per bag Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sold by: Club/ Unit

**THIS RECEIPT MUST BE PRESENTED UPON PICK-UP**

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*Please Print All Information*

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Buyers Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sold By: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Payment:

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ or Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ SCV# \_\_\_\_\_

*Zelzah Shrine Internal use ONLY*

Paid: CC CA CK# \_\_\_\_\_

Date Called \_\_\_\_\_ M P N P

## ELECTED DIVAN

Potentate \_\_\_\_\_ Dwain Rittenhouse  
 Chief Rabban \_\_\_\_\_ Alan Wise  
 Assistant Rabban \_\_\_\_\_ David Bechtel  
 High Priest & Prophet \_\_\_\_\_ Mike Clark  
 Oriental Guide \_\_\_\_\_ Eric Halberg  
 Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Christopher West  
 Recorder \_\_\_\_\_ Mike Reinhardt

## APPOINTED DIVAN

1st Ceremonial Master \_\_\_\_\_ Jake Lewis  
 2nd Ceremonial Master \_\_\_\_\_ Phil Michaelson  
 Director General \_\_\_\_\_ Bob Norton, PP  
 Marshal \_\_\_\_\_ Chuck Barone  
 Captain of the Guard \_\_\_\_\_ Montana Williams  
 Chaplain \_\_\_\_\_ Phil Pupanek  
 1st Outer Guard \_\_\_\_\_ Brendan Vargas  
 2nd Outer Guard \_\_\_\_\_ Mike Cappa  
 3rd Outer Guard \_\_\_\_\_ Thomas Boley  
 4th Outer Guard \_\_\_\_\_ Ron Krever

## TRUSTEES

Joe Freeman, PP \_\_\_\_\_ December 2021  
 John Werhly, PP \_\_\_\_\_ December 2022  
 Bruce Nelson, PP \_\_\_\_\_ December 2023

## EMERITUS

Craig Ruby \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer Emeritus  
 Billie McMahan, PP \_\_\_\_\_ Trustee Emeritus  
 Don Daum \_\_\_\_\_ Recorder Emeritus  
 Joe Giarraputo \_\_\_\_\_ Mini Clinic Emeritus  
 James Denney, PP \_\_\_\_\_ Recorder Emeritus  
 Jack Richardson \_\_\_\_\_ Marshal Emeritus



## SHRINE UNITS

Clowns \_\_\_\_\_ Michael Burkintas \_\_\_ 724-816-1093  
 Flivvers \_\_\_\_\_ David Harvey \_\_\_\_\_ 702-275-5938  
 Legion of Honor \_\_\_ Michael Kearns \_\_\_ 702-653-3857  
 Motor Patrol \_\_\_ Alan Morgan \_\_\_\_\_ 702-321-2304

## SHRINE CLUB

Aviation \_\_\_\_\_ Malcom Singer \_\_\_\_\_ 702-726-1001  
 Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Brendan Vargas \_\_\_\_\_ 702-378-7252  
 Hillbilly Clan #47 \_\_\_ Mike Cappa \_\_\_\_\_ 775-764-9121  
 Shooting Club \_\_\_\_\_ Troy Schneiderman \_\_\_ 702-282-2383

## SOCIAL CLUB

Boulder City \_\_\_\_\_ Jim Giannosa \_\_\_ 702-499-7525  
 B.C. Mini Cars \_\_\_\_\_ Dan Erickson \_\_\_ 702-666-2122  
 Henderson \_\_\_\_\_ Leon Baghdadilian \_\_\_ 630-973-8215  
 Road Runner \_\_\_\_\_ Casey Case \_\_\_\_\_ 928-542-7800  
 Weepah \_\_\_\_\_ Mike Cappa \_\_\_\_\_ 775-764-9121

## HOSPITAL BOARD REP'S

Dan Kelly, PP \_\_\_\_\_ 775-209-4590  
 Alan Wise \_\_\_\_\_ 702-810-1394

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### ZELZAH NEWS

Every unit, club and elected Divan member should strive to have articles in every publication of the Zelzah News. What better way to stimulate interest in the shrine or in a club or unit than telling the nobles of Zelzah Shriners what we are doing and what we have planned to do in the coming months. Unit and club articles should either be written by the unit head or a member of the club or unit appointed as the unit or club writer or storyteller.

The Zelzah News is published 11 times each year and distributed via e-mail. It will be printed and mailed to those without an e-mail 4 times a year (March, June, September, and December). It is your magazine presenting your news to the Zelzah nobility.

**Submission deadline for articles, flyers, etc.. for the Zelzah News is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding each issue.**

Photos are encouraged. Please attach clear identification of the individuals and description of the event. Contact the Zelzah Photographers when you require photo coverage.

Articles should be short, informative and positive in nature. All articles should be type and emailed to [zelzahshrine@outlook.com](mailto:zelzahshrine@outlook.com) Photos should be in a jpg format. Avoid use of caps except where good grammar dictates or for special effects. Why your group had a meeting is far more interesting than what you had for a meal. Your article should stir and motivate nobles to seek membership in your unit and club. Be positive in all of your articles.

Inserts: Use of inserts will be avoided. They are costly and delay the mailing. Persons who are interested in using inserts, must make arraignments with the Zelzah Shriners and have the approval of the Potentate.

## Up and Coming Events

Events with \* are at the Shrine Center

### January

Tues. 26th - Stated Meeting \*

### February

Sun. 7th - Super Bowl Party (MMT)

Tues. 9th - U/C/D \*

Tues. 23rd - Stated Meeting \*

\*Please Note: Events dates are subject to change or cancellation \*

