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From the Totentate



I attended Joe Alvarado's Remembrance at the Masonic Memorial Temple last week. I was so proud of all the Zelzah Shriners who attended. This was a man who spent hours every day on helping the children in our community. I realize there are many Nobles in our organization that spend time helping the children. I want to tell you how proud you should be for all your accomplishments. Joe was a giver in his life. I just want to say thank you to all the givers we currently have in our Shrine. Joe will be missed.

Summer is here and it's time for us to plan the property improvements to our Shrine Facilities. A Facility Improvement Committee has been formed and we will be paving the back area, adding security fencing, improving the parking lot lighting, etc. If you have any recommendations, feel free to contact your elected Nobles as we are dedicated to serving our members and improving your Shrine.

The Taco Tuesday was a big hit. I want to thank the Mohave Shrine Club members who supported this event. The event was scheduled for 5 - 8 pm, but we sold out of tacos by 7:30 pm. Our plan is to do Taco Tuesday on the third Tuesday of every month so our Nobles, Masons, friends & family members can have an evening of fun while enjoying some of the best tacos at a reasonable price. Where else can you get Beef Tacos for \$1.00? Jake Lewis will be managing the event and he needs help. I ask all Appointed Divan, who have the time, get involved in helping with the event. The Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America Zel Nev Court # 96 Parade Unit will serve and clear tables as they do for our Stated Meetings for donations.

The Inaugural Zelzah Shrine Golf Tournament at Los Prados Golf Resort is scheduled for this month. We have sold out this event and have 36 players ready to play golf on Friday, June 4, 2021. Golf Tournament Chair, Bill Becker, Past Potentate, has spent many hours getting sponsors and setting up the Golf Tournament. Thank you for your support.

Again, I would like to invite you to the Potentate's Ball at the Orleans Hotel on Saturday, June 19, 2021. Lisa and I will be at the Orleans Hotel on Friday and Saturday night. Those attending are welcome to stop by Friday night for drinks. On Saturday, we will have a cabana at the pool for those of you who want to go swimming or hang out by the pool. As part of our ball, Imperial Sir Ed Stolze, High Priest and Prophet, will be sharing Shriners International's message concerning "Shriners and the 2035 Vision". It is a presentation you do not want to miss. There will also be a live band playing at the event.

Our Chief Rabban, Alan Wise, is working with the Board of Governors to set up an "Out-Patient Clinic" in Las Vegas. This will enable our children to be seen in town and reduce the number of trips to Pasadena, CA. We are all hoping to have all the negotiations for this clinic completed by the end of this year and the clinic opened soon after the negotiations are completed. Thank you, Alan Wise, for taking on this especially important project for our Shriner kids.

Our Shrine will be trying to plan some events with the Lodges. Please talk with your Lodge Officers and let them know we are interested in doing joint events. Our Assistant Rabban, David Bechtel, is currently trying to plan events with the Lodges. He would be more than happy to work with your Lodge. Its particularly important that we get involved with our Lodges and show them that we want to help them.

Finally, I would like all Nobles to know that the COVID restrictions on the number of people who may attend our Stated Meetings have been lifted, therefore, YOU NEED ONLY TO R.S.V.P. IF YOU ARE HAVING DINNER. If you don't R.S.V.P. for dinner unfortunately we will not be able to provide dinners on a walk-in basis.

Please stay safe & healthy, and I hope and wish you & your family good health and prosperity.

Sincerely, Dwain A Rittenhouse, Potentate



Thoughts from the Chief Rabban

Alan Wise

Nobles of Zelzah Shrine:

May was a busy month for Zelzah Shriners and I wish to extend a hearty THANK YOU to all the nobles who pitched in to help make all our fundraiser and family and friends' events successful.

We began the month with our Annual Vidalia Onion fundraiser. I would like to thank the Boulder City Shrine Club and Weepah Shrine Club for stepping up and taking onions to sell in their jurisdictions. Also wish to send out a special thank you to all the lodges, chapters, and the court for their support of our annual onion fundraiser. This year's Chair, High Priest and Prophet Mike Clark, did an outstanding job in coordinating volunteer support and encouraging sales by nobles and other masonic organizations. He moved 13,000 pounds of 15,000 pounds onions ordered in the first week of sales. We only have 74 10-pound bags of onions left as of this date, May 28, 2021. The onions are still in good shape as he insured, they were and continued to be stored in a very cool room. So, if you have not purchased onions yet or would like to purchase some more, please get into the office before June 4, 2021.

On Tuesday, May 18th, the Shrine put on its first Taco Tuesday event with the assistance of members of the Mohave Shrine Club who drove up from Bullhead City, AZ. These Nobles brought all the ingredients needed to prepare beef tacos, chicken tacos, beef taco salads, chicken taco salads, cheese nachos, beef and cheese nachos, and chicken and cheese nachos. They taught our volunteers how to prepare these dishes and helped ensure our first Taco Tuesday was successful. I wish to extend a special THANK YOU to the Nobles of Mohave Shrine Club for their assistance as well as Nobles Tim Puckett and Jim Beggs for their donations in the name of Noble Joe Alvarado to support this function. Our resident 50/50 Lady, Tammy, raised \$236.00 and the winner of the 50/50 donated back \$100.00 of his winnings that evening. Everyone who attended the event had a good time and we look forward to our next Taco Tuesday on June 15th.

Our second family and friends' event, Music Bingo, took place on Saturday, May 22nd. This event was coordinated by our Oriental Guide, Eric Halberg. If you missed this event, you missed a great time. The steak dinner which included a baked potato, corn on the cob and a dessert was prepared by our Purveyor, Mike Cappa. The Music Bingo was hosted by Rick and Hope. Although the crowd was small everyone had a great time, and all were singing the tunes as we played our games. In addition to the funds raised through the purchase of tickets for the event, we also received a donation from Rich and Hope as well as another \$93.00 from the 50/50.

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Finally, I wish to thank those Nobles and Ladies who assisted with the clean-up after both family and friends' events. Let's continue to come together to ensure our Shrine Meeting room is clean and ready for the next event or function to be held there.

Fraternally yours,

Alan Wise Chief Rabban



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*We will have some chicken.

RSVP at Zelzah Shrine by August 26, 2021. 702-382-5554

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June 2021

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		1 Henderson S.C	2 Weepah S.C.	3	4 Zelzah Golf Scramble	5
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13 Hillbilly	14 Aviation	15 Taco Tuesday 4:30-7:30 pm	16	17	18	19 Zelzah Ball Orleans Hotel
20 LOH	21	22 Stated Meeting	23	24 Motor Patrol Boulder City	25	26
27 R.R.S.C.	28	29	30			

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High Priest & Prophet

Mike Clark

Nobles, I thank all who helped with the Onions this year. We sold quite a few before they arrived, however we had several thousand pounds left to sell. Thanks to Illustrious Sirs Bill Becker P.P., Bob Norton P.P., and Joe Freeman P.P., and Chief Rabban Alan Wise as they were the main Nobles who were here selling onions. There were several others who helped and their participation is greatly appreciated. We could not do this without your help. There was great comradery during this fundraising event. Weepah and Boulder City Shrine Clubs were a tremendous help as they picked up and sold onions in their respective locations. The Chairman's Club donated 380 pounds to the Veterans Center. Daylite 44 Lodge bought 1000 pounds. Other lodges, OES Chapters and the Order of the Amaranth Court also sold onions. It would be good to have all the clubs take some to sell, so we could presale most and not have to sit at the Shrine Building for two weeks. Looking forward to the next exciting event the Potentate has in store for us.

Be Safe and Keep the Faith

Noble Michael J. Clark, High Priest and Prophet

1st Outer Guard

Brendan Vargas

Zelzah's Chairman's Club recently made use of the annual onion sales fundraising event to give back to the local community. They were able to provide much needed support by purchasing 380 pounds of Vidalia Onions and donating them to the SHARE (Veteran's) Village Food Pantry in Downtown Las Vegas. After rallving members in March and April to make donations for the purchase, Chairman's Club was able to buy 38, 10-pound bags of Vidalia Onions which go towards helping the community while supporting Zelzah Shriners at the same time. On Saturday May 8th, Chairman's Club Members along with Illustrious Potentate Dwain Rittenhouse made their way over to SHARE (Veteran's) Village to personally present the bags of onions to the Village food pantry staff. These onions will be given to members of the community in need as part of the food giveaways that happen regularly at the SHARE Village food pantry, ensuring a steady supply of fresh food to those individuals requiring assistance. This is the second year in a row that Chairman's Club has donated onions from the Zelzah fundraiser to this foodbank.

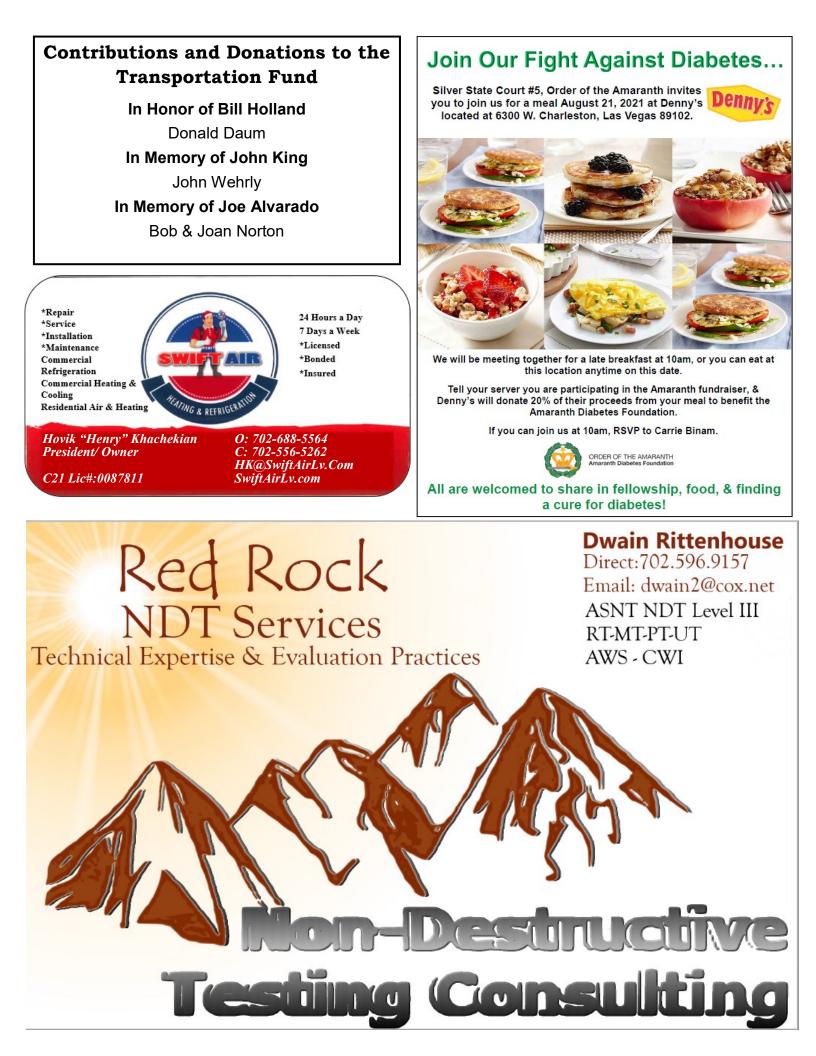
To get involved with Zelzah's Chairman's Club contact Brendan Vargas at <u>brendanvargas1@gmail.com</u>













What's been happening at Zelzah Shrine...





Hope to see you at our next event!

Legion of Honor

Mike Kearns

The Legion of Honor met as per usual on our normal 3rd Sunday of the month in April. We enjoyed a Champagne brunch. Thanks to Virginia, Lee, and Cindy for stepping up to help serve the meal as my lady was out of town. As usual thanks to all who brought the food. We all had plenty to eat and it was all delicious especially the BACON. Our attendance for this meeting was at an all-time high for my time in the Legion of Honor and it warmed my heart to see the big turnout after months of being in lockdown because of Covid-19. Was especially nice to see Lola and Cindy both recovering well from their recent shoulder surgeries. As usual I especially loved seeing all the Legion of Honors Honored ladies. Special thanks to Tammy for selling raffle and 50/50 tickets we crushed last month's record of ticket sales.

During our meeting I took the time to once again thank those who attended the WSA LOH meeting especially my flag folding team. The most exciting part of the meeting was discussing the completion of refurbishing the Legion of Honor Parade trailer. It looks really nice and now we are ready to get back to doing parades with an awesome looking trailer. Please see enclosed pics. I especially wish to extend my most sincere thanks to Ron Krever for spearheading this project. I also wish to thank all the others who worked on this project. The team consisted of myself, Debie Krever, Alan Wise, Dennis Williams, Jack Richardson, Fred Boyd, Russ Gray and the "Dude" Vince Gray. It took us a couple of days, but it was well worth the effort.

We also discussed the upcoming arrival of Onions and I expect the LOH will step up and help unload the onions and provide Noble Michael Clark with help in the selling of the onions. This is the Shrine's most lucrative and important fundraiser and the Legion of Honor will do what we can to make it a success. We also discussed the upcoming Potentate's Ball where the Legion of Honor will post colors, and act as escorts for the VIP's during introductions.

The highlight of my month for the Legion of honor was attending the Texas Association Legion of Honors mid-winter meeting and change of command ceremony. I attended with Noble Russ Gray 3rd Lt Commander of the IALOH as both his chief of staff as well as the Commander of the Zelzah Shrine LOH. At this meeting a team of IALOH officers including both myself and Russ Gray performed the flag folding ceremony and IALOH commander Tracy Coughlin presented that flag to Imperial Sir Jim Smith. Please see enclosed picture of that presentation.

As always, I am humbled and honored to be the Commander of the Legion of Honor. I look forward to a busy rest of the year. Finally, I wish to extend an invitation to any noble in Zelzah Shrine who served in the military to come and join the fun we have in the LOH. I appreciate all who served in our military services. Without that service we truly would not enjoy the freedoms we enjoy daily in this great nation.

Thanks Respectfully Mike Kearns LOH Commande





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Up and Coming Events

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Fri. 4th—Zelzah Golf Scramble *Tues. 8th– U/C/D 6:30 pm *Tues. 15th—Taco Tuesday 4:30-7:30pm Sat. 19th—Zelzah Potentate Ball—Orleans Hotel *Tues. 22nd – Dinner 5:30pm -Stated Meeting 7pm

July

Dark No Stated Meeting 4th-8th—Imperial Session Houston TX

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