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Ill. Sir Dan Kelly receiving his emeritus status at **Imperial Session**

Ill. Sir Eric Halberg receiving Ill. Sir Dan Erickson emeritus status on his behalf at Imperial Session



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In Memoriam:

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When I look around, At my life in the Shrine, Many things I cherish, Stand out in my mind.

Hospitals for the children, That can't run and play, Bring hope to the families, In so many ways.

A crippled or burned child, Gets first-rate care, And there's never a charge, For any child there.

And I'm proud of our circus, That's part of the Shrine, It brings out the child, In all of our minds.

I'll stand with my brothers, And salute our flag, Be it brand new, Or tattered and sagged.

'Cause it's heavily entwined, In our lodge of blue, It stands for our freedom, And the religion we choose.

We're from many backgrounds, And different lifestyles, But we never stand taller, When we stoop to help a child.

Yes, I'm proud to be a Shriner, And I love the parades, 'Cause children's laughter, Is what I get paid.

PAST POTENTATES

IASTIOIENTALE	3
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 CookeWalter A. Reichenbach	1984*
Walter A. Reichenbach	1985*
Norman S. Priddy	1986*
Merritt S. "Budd" Jones	1987*
Billie G. McMahan	
Harry A. Downer	1989*
William Wattenbarger	1990*
Sven E. Levin_	1991*
Tom Gailey	
Robert E. Cook_	
Lew Kirgis	
J. Linden Smith	1995*
John C. Holler	1996*
James "Jim" Denney	1997*
William G. "Bill" Becker	
Earl "Joe" Darnold	
Harvey A. Williams	
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	
Thomas D. "Tom" Welsh	2009
Robert L. "Bob" Norton	
Roy A. Sargent	
Al Oppegard	
Paul Granstrom	2013*
Jerry Eitel	2014
Daniel C. Kelly	2015
Daniel Erickson_	
Michael Holmstrom	
Joseph "Joe" Freeman	
John Wehrly	2019
Bruce Nelson_	2020
Dwain Rittenhouse_	
Alan L. Wise	
David E. Bechtel	2023
Michael J. Clark	2024
	* In Memory
Past Potentates Associated	
Edward Jakubowsky	

Past Potentates Assoc	ciated 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
Tom Nickens	Ben Ali Shrine
Gerry Massey	El Zaribah Shrine



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Carl L Banks

Craig L Robinson

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Daniel C Kelly P.P.

David E Bechtel P.P.

David I Gray

David P Sims

Delbert E Hyland

Don L Hanline

Donald V Digilio

Douglas O Pitts

Edward C Ruettiger III

Ivan L Brooks

Jacob Haught

James E Lytner

James G Kelley

Jeffrey A Gordon

Jeremy H Turek

Jody Jordan

John M Turco

Kenneth R Keil

Kevin P McCans

Lambert Yim

Lawrence E Crummey

Logan E Gifford

Lynem E Fowler

Manny D Ford

Peter A Starzyk

Ralph D Kouns

Randy S Taylor

Richard F Hall Jr

Robert L Harrison

Roger L Page

Ronald R Rueckheim

Samuel F Cuvin

Sanjay P Narasimhalu

Scot C Ponder

Szu-Lung Chang

Wayne A Petersen

William A Cookston

William E Cook Jr.

OFFICIAL NOTICE STATED MEETING

Dark in August

September 16 Dinner 6:00 pm

Dinner \$15 per person

Must RSVP for Dinner

Stated Meeting at 7:00 pm

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The Imperial Session was enjoyable this year. Our representatives were kept busy during the business meetings. They did have some time to meet and make new friendships as well as renewing old friendships during the session. Evenings were spent with other Nobles and Ladies from around the world. We attended the Imperial parade and saw many units and clubs involved. This parade route was over three miles long, and our very own, Noble Mike Kearns, was a member of the ILOH's color guard which led the parade from beginning to end. One of the highlights of the session was the fez exchange between the Potentates of Agila Shriners and Zelzah Shriners during the temple's imperial session dinner. We were joined this year by Nobles from Agila Shriners and a Noble and Lady from Kerak Shriners.

The parking lot and fencing projects have been completed and I have received positive comments from both tenants and others who have come to the Eastern Village Business Center. If you haven't had the opportunity to come by and see the completed work I encourage you to come by. These projects will only increase the value of the business center in addition to giving us additional parking spaces.

In addition to the projects being completed we have gained two additional handicap parking spaces in front of the bar and now there are three spaces in front of the current Zelzah Shrine meeting room. As soon as all hardware is received, I will be putting up additional signs around the center as well as marking the new handicap parking spaces with signage in addition to the painted signage on the asphalt. All spaces are now clearly marked and all are proportional. Additionally, we have two marked motorcycle parking spaces out front. There is only loading and unloading spaces near our trailer storage area now which will make it easier to pull the trailers out and return them to the storage area. Finally, as part of the clean up after the asphalt was laid in the front, Las Vegas Paving repaired some spots in the business center sidewalk.

The Board of Directors will be working on a schedule to remove everything from the current meeting room. Some items will go to our storage room at Vegas 32, while other items will be stored in the storage buildings and some items will move to the office for display there. Once the BOD gets a schedule completed I will be asking for volunteers to assist with moving items to where they need to be.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and remember the business office is open during its summer hours: Monday – Thursday, 9 am - 4 pm, to provide you with your Shrine needs. The business office will return to business hours on September 2^{nd} when hours will be: Monday – Thursday, 9 am - 4 pm and Friday, 9 am - 3 pm and closed on holidays.

Alan L. Wise, P. P. Recorder















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August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
					Super Summer	
					Theater	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sun	MON	lue	wea	inu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
						Fish Fry
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
						Studio 54
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Stated Meeting				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Pahrump Parade Weepah POV Wine Tasting
28	29	30				

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Save the Date...

August

Aug. 22 Super Summer Theater - Legally Blonde

September

Sep. 06 Fish Fry

Sep. 09 Unit Head/Clubs/Divan

Sep. 13 Studio 54 70's Dance Party Murder

Mystery Fundraiser

Sep. 16 Stated

Sep. 27 Harvest Parade

Sep. 27 Deset Cane Distillery

Sep. 27 Weepah POV

October

Oct. 04 Oktoberfest

Oct. 12 All Masonic Bodies Picnic

Oct. 14 Stated Meeting

November

Nov. 18 Stated Meeting

December

Dec. 13 Secret Santa
Dec. 16 Stated Meeting

Please Note: Events dates are subject to change or

cancellation.



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MURDER MYSTERY



September 13, 2025 5:00 pm

Vegas 32 632 E. Charleton Blvd Las Vegas, NV 89104

\$50 per person

Includes Chicken Alfredo Dinner

Interactive Murder Mystery. You can sign up to be a Main, Supporting, or Background Character. People who sign up as a main character will receive information about their character before the event.

R.S.V.P. at Zelzah office at 702-382-5554 by September 8, 2025. Must RSVP for gate code.

Proceeds of this event are for the benefit of The First Ladies Fund. Not deductible as a charitable contribution.



FERTISIRUS FISH FRY

September 6, 2025

2327 S. Eastern Ave Las Vegas, NV 89104

Doors Open at 5 pm Dinner at 6 pm

SAVE THE DATE!

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Join Us in Your Vehicle for Parade Fun!!!

Zelzah Shrine Motor Patrol is NOW open to any Shriner with a 2, 3 or 4 wheeled road-registered motorized vehicle!!

We only meet 3 times a year & "Escort the Potentate" in Zelzah parades!!

WHEN: Only on the 5th Thursday of the month*

TIME: Dinner – 6pm Meeting – 7-8pm

WHERE: Skyline Hotel & Casino

1741 N. Boulder Hwy, Henderson, NV 89011

CONTACTS: Brian Green: 209-814-4706

John Pennington: 702-355-0154

*2025 - 5th Thursdays: Jan. 30; May 29; Oct. 30

FEZ CASE RAFFLE

The winner gets to choose 2 panel designs and the top wording.

Only 50 tickets will be sold for \$20 each.





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Join Us for Lunch & Fellowship!!!

WHEN: 4th Tuesday of the month*

TIME: Lunch - 11 am Meeting – 12-1 pm

WHERE: Skyline Hotel & Casino CONTACTS: Brian Green: 209-814-4706

Gary Grissett: 702-635-5808 Carl Agbayani: 619-301-0910 *2025 - 4th Tuesday of the month:

Jan 28; Feb 25; Mar 25; Apr 22; May 27

Jun 24; Sep 23; Oct 28; Nov 25



Raffle

\$20 per ticket

Winner will be chosen on

October 21, 2025

And notified.



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ALL MASONIC BODIES 1ST ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC

OCTOBER 12TH | 12PM - ??PM

MMT- Parkinglot 2220 W. Mesquite Ave Las Vegas, NV 89106

Enjoy entertainment for all ages

Face Painting | Carnival Games | Corn Hole

Does your group have a fundraising opportunity? Bring it! Bring a dish to share, Zelzah Shrine will provide Hot dogs, burgers, and veggie burgers. Free for the whole family.

RSVP to the Zelzah Shrine office at 702-382-5554. So we know how many burgers and dogs to bring.

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Zelzah News - August 2025

Nobles.

I survived my first Imperial Session in Atlanta, GA. It was quite the experience and I can tell you it was a blast. Highlights were the Imperial Parade, the Anezeh (Mexico City) Hospitality Suite (especially the Jalapeno Degree they did for around 150 Nobles), and most of all it was hanging with my fellow Zelzah members. If you have the time, look into Tampa next year. I promise you'll have fun; especially if you don't have to attend all the business sessions.

In other news, this upcoming March 18th - 22nd will be the Western and Pacific Shrine Association Convention & Meeting (WSA is now WPSA). I highly encourage you to attend. The WPSA is working to put together an event for all Nobles to have fun! The business portion is now limited to about 3 hours on one day instead of two full days. The rest will be fun and fellowship ending with our Pote's Ball (that will be minimal pomp and no tuxedos). In years past, I understood why Zelzah had poor attendance (it was long and boring TBH) but this year there's nothing but great reasons for Zelzah Nobles to show up in force and be recognized as the amazing Shrine we are. Details will be forthcoming, but definitely save the dates.

I am currently investigating a new club for Zelzah that will be focused on cocktails, mixology, tiki, homebrewing, and the like. It was a great idea from Aloha Shriners that I heard about at WSA 2025. They are formalizing their chapter soon and will provide further details in the coming weeks on getting ours going. So, if you're interested in being a founding member of this group, please reach out to me.

Finally, if you want to be involved in the 51st year of Zelzah Shrine, please contact me and let me know what you'd be interested in doing to serve your Shrine.

S&F, Jake

SPECIAL THANKS FROM LADY CHERI BOYD

I give special thanks to Ill Sir Eric Halberg for allowing me on Sun, July 20th to celebrate my 80th Birthday at the Shrine Center. With nearly 50 attendees, a cook (Mike Cappa), bartender (Ron Krever), DJ (Stan Cornell from Parke Entertainment), family and friends, it truly made this a most memorable Special 80th Birthday that I won't forget. Again, I say thank you to Zelzah and thanks to all who helped, setup and clean-up. That being said, a Very Big thanks to Noney Brown (photographer), Margaret Peterson and Tammy Wise. And our Recorder and Past Potentate Alan Wise who assisted Mike in the kitchen.



Hillbillies Fred Boyd

Howdy Cuzzins and Non-Cuzzins:

Hope all had a nice July break. Now it's time to get back to work. International Clan Info as of this writing:

55years 190 Clans. 84,300 Hillbillies \$ 14,262,959 donated

In June, the 8th annual LOH and Hillbilliy Bingo Party was another successful event with cash prize winners hollering "BINGO" in-between snacking on finger lickin good vittles. We thank all who came and especially Ill Sir's Bob Norton PP. and Recorder Alan Wise PP. for callin; and III Sir Eric Halberg for verifying the winners. Also, Cuz Ron Krever the bartender and all who brought snackin vittles. Gross proceed over \$900 were received with Net proceeds split between the LOH and Hillbillies. Hope to see you next year at the 9th annual event. See photos

Due to the unrest activities in the Los Angeles, CA area, The International Hillbilly Convention in Buena Park, CA scheduled for Aug 7-10, has been cancelled. Check the Hillbilly website for more convention information. International Shrine Hillbillies.com

By now most have heard of the anticipated move to Vegas 32, and in preparation tentative meeting dates have been set. The following dates for Hillbilly gatherings at Vegas 32 are: 2025 - October 5th and November 23rd. 2026 - Feb 1st, Apr 12th, Jun 14th, Aug 09th, Oct 11th, and Dec 13th. So mark your calendar. These dates are subject to change with sufficient notice. Most dates are 2nd Sunday of even months. More information as we get closer.

The next hillbilly gathering and the last 2025 meeting date at the Eastern Ave shrine location is scheduled for 1pm, Sunday, August 31st. We will celebrate this last meeting location with a Guy and Gal Degree, potluck and all the Hillbilly gathering doin's. A great opportunity for you non-cuzzins and mommas to walk them hills of the Grand and Glorious Order of the Hillbilly Degree, become a cuzzins and life member of Hillbilly Clan 47 and pay no more dues. Degree fees are \$50 fur Guys and \$25 fur Gals which support the Zelzah's Hospital Transportation Fund. This being the last meeting date we will make it, "a special "Honor the Cob" day".

Hope to see you at Hillbilly events and remember by our small contribution that one child who may not walk today; he or she may walk tomorrow . "HONOR THE COB"

CUZ FRED ROC 702 338 6883 and officers.





4th of July Parade in Boulder City































4th of July Parade in Pahrump





Assistant Rabban

Brendan Vargas

We had an incredible turnout and great time at this year's Boulder City 4th of July Parade, thanks to everyone who helped out and took part! It was nice to see all of our Nobles and their families taking part, as well as the Units and Clubs that represented Zelzah in front of the thousands of spectators lining the route. A big thanks to Boulder City Shrine Club for putting something on for us before and after, it was good to hangout and visit in the air conditioning when the parade ended. Be on the lookout for news on our next parade, and if you have the time, show up and take part as it is a lot of fun and we definitely encourage you to bring your family along! Hopefully everyone has a restful second half of the Summer break as we will be right back at it in September kicking things off with the fish fry followed by our first Stated Meeting in our new meeting location over at Vegas 32. Stay well, stay cool, and I will see you around the Shrine!



Zelzah Shriners

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