

Zelzah News

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December 2023

Wishing you



*Safe and
Happy Holiday's*

From Illustrious Sir David Bechtel and Lady Darcy

PAST POTENTATES

Richard Land_____	1975-76*	Earl "Joe" Darnold_____	1999*
Milton Keefer_____	1977*	Harvey A. Williams_____	2000,02
Joseph T. Klenke_____	1978*	William "Bill" Holland_____	2001
Joseph R. Parruli_____	1979*	John Pennington_____	2003
LeRoy A. Wolever, MD_____	1980*	Michael L. Rodgers_____	2004,11
Jackson Houston, PGM_____	1981*	Stephen B. Stone_____	2005*
George Boman_____	1982*	William A. Burger_____	2006*
Phillip M. Van DeVenter_____	1983*	Swannie Swenson_____	2007
Ross Cooke_____	1984*	M.G. "Mike" Barry_____	2008
Walter A. Reichenbach_____	1985*	Thomas D. "Tom" Welsh_____	2009
Norman S. Priddy_____	1986*	Robert L. "Bob" Norton_____	2010
Merritt S. "Budd" Jones_____	1987*	Roy A. Sargent_____	2011*
Billie G. McMahan_____	1988	Al Opegard_____	2012
Harry A. Downer_____	1989*	Paul Granstrom_____	2013*
William Wattenbarger_____	1990	Jerry Eitel_____	2014
Sven E. Levin_____	1991*	Daniel C. Kelly_____	2015
Tom Gailey_____	1992*	Daniel Erickson_____	2016
Robert E. Cook_____	1993*	Michael Holmstrom_____	2017
Lew Kirgis_____	1994*	Joseph "Joe" Freeman_____	2018
J. Linden Smith_____	1995	John Wehrly_____	2019
John C. Holler_____	1996*	Bruce Nelson_____	2020
James "Jim" Denney_____	1997*	Dwain Rittenhouse_____	2021
William G. "Bill" Becker_____	1998	Alan L. Wise_____	2022

Elected Divan

Potentate_____	David Bechtel
Chief Rabban_____	Mike Clark
Assistant Rabban_____	Eric Halberg
High Priest & Prophet_____	Jacob Lewis
Oriental Guide_____	Brendan Vargas
Treasurer_____	Christopher West
Recorder_____	Alan Wise, PP

Appointed Divan

1 st Ceremonial Master_____	Robin "Montana" Williams
2 nd Ceremonial Master_____	Mike Cappa
Director General_____	Ron Krever
Marshal_____	Phil Pupanek
Captain of the Guard_____	Phil Michaelson
Chaplain_____	Mike Reinhardt
1 st Outer Guard_____	David Wilson
2 nd Outer Guard_____	John Gallagher

Shrine Clubs

Boulder City_____	Jim Giannosa
B.C. Mini Cars_____	Dan Erickson, P. P.
Henderson_____	Brian Green
Road Runners_____	Casey Case
Weepah_____	Frank Heyer

Shrine Unit

Clowns_____	Michael Burkintas
Flivvers_____	Chuck Coleman
Legion of Honor_____	Dennis Williams

Social Clubs

Aviation_____	Malcolm Singer
Chairman_____	Rick Pond
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



Nobles, I am very pleased to be able to report that the Grand Lodge voted on the resolution to recognize the Shrine as an official concordant body. I have been a member of Grand Lodge for several years, and I have never seen a resolution have no one speak for or against a resolution and I have never seen a resolution receive unanimous support...I saw both of those things happen in the vote to recognize the Shrine. In my opinion, this speaks volumes about what people think about the Shrine in the State of Nevada. It makes me very proud to be the Potentate the year that this happened and even more proud to know that I was able to cast a vote to help make it happen. Congrats to every member in Zelzah Shrine, both past and present!

This month we held the Unit, Club and Divan meeting to review the calendar of the Chief Rabban. It was a very informative meeting, and we should all look forward to the exciting activities he has planned for everyone. He seems to be very excited and ready to roll in the new year, but I think we are all looking more forward to Chief Rabban Night. Good luck Mike, you're going to need it!

In December, we have a couple events that I would like to make everyone aware of. On December 2nd, we are scheduled to participate in Boulder City's Santa's Electric Night Parade. Let's try to make this one really fun with as many clubs and units participating as possible. On December 16th, at MMT, Zelzah Shrine will be participating with other organizations in Southern Nevada in the Secret Santa Project. If you would like to contribute to the Potentate's Toy Challenge to fill up the Potentate's Office bring new unwrapped toys by December 12th. Please bring the toys by the Shrine office so that we can fill up the Potentate's office...it's totally fine with me because Bruce is the one that normally works in there.

Finally, the Shrine elections will be held on December 19th. It is important to keep in mind, if you are planning on running for an office, be sure to have someone nominate you for the position. Please plan ahead for the December meeting because we do not serve dinner at that meeting and the bar will remain closed until after the elections are finalized.

Fraternally,
David Bechtel, Potentate

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December

Abraham B Velasco
Alfred T Oppegard P.P.
Anthony M Tricoli
Anthony Podloski
Benedicto Amando
Carl D Farley
Clair A Lewis
Clifford G Zimbelmann
David K Lublin
Dominic A Pandolph
Eric Roubentz
Frederick H Campbell
German S Tirado
James R Marsh
John M Feustel
John M Gallagher
John R Malcolm
Johnathan Price
Joseph C Decelles
Mark Lonzame
Marvin Rubin
Matthew J Madrid
Michael P Burkintas
Paul Weber
Richard J Pond
Ricky D Smith
Robert K Shawhan
Robert S Goble
Timothy C Smith
Vicente Perez
Vladimir L Yrorita
Westly D Smith
William A Taylor

Chief Rabban

Mike Clark

Nobles, another year is being laid to rest. Illustrious Brother David has had a tremendous amount of events. I commend him for a job well done.

It seems Thanksgiving has passed us by at the stores to Christmas decor.

December is time to reflect on our ancient history and atonement to the Great Architect of the Universe with Christmas. While it has a lot of religious significance, we with our charitable giving seems to accelerate at this time of year.

Let us give thanks that we are able to live in this country and have what we have.

I am proud to be a Free-Mason and Shriner and of all we do for our children and in the community as well as for our Brothers.

I hope to be more active next year in the Shrine with our clubs and units.

Let us all have safe and Happy Holidays.

Always keep your God, family, and job before Masonic duties.

Yours in Faith

Michael J. Clark,
Chief Rabban

Assistant Rabban

Eric Halberg

Holiday Greetings Nobles, Ladies and Friends,

Lady Michelle and I wish you a healthy and happy Holiday season, may your hearts be warm, your bellies be full and a smile on your faces. We have a busy December, hopefully you can make it to one or several of the events we have planned, fliers are included in the newsletter for details. Please remember to fill the Potentate's office with toys, please consider donating a new unwrapped toy and drop it off at the Shrine office. December 2nd is the Boulder City Santa's Electric Night parade, always a fun parade to get us in the holiday spirit and show the community we are still here and committed to our mission of Fraternity, Philanthropy and Family. December 3rd is the Shrine Patient Holiday Luncheon, this is one of the few times we as a temple are able to interact with our patients, show them how much we care for them and receive the enduring gift back from them of a smile and warmth that comes with it. December 16 is the Secret Santa Toy drive thru that again gives us the ability to give a toy to children, this may be the only thing they receive this year. Nobles please wear your Fez. Ladies and Friends we can use all the help we can get on this one, in past years we given away literally thousands of toys. Thank you all again for another fun filled year, looking forward to next year.

Fraternally Yours,
Eric M. Halberg
Assistant Rabban

OFFICIAL NOTICE STATED MEETING

December 19, 2023
Notice of Election

Stated Meeting at 7:00 pm

Wear your Fez
Doors will be tiled.

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§ 325.5 Ballot.

- (a) **Separate Ballot.** Election of officers shall be by a majority vote of those present and voting. When there is more than one candidate for election to a particular office, a separate written ballot is required. A blanket ballot is prohibited.

Amend. 2012

§ 325.11 Election Regulations.

- (a) **Electioneering.** A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine temple may print, publish, and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a resume consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, emails or other devices, by a unit, club, Nobles, or group of Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing, or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited.
- (b) **Expenditures Prohibited.** The expenditure of money for gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited.
- (c) **Violation.** For any violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the officers void and order a new election.
- (d) **Notice.** At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election, the temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.

Amend. 2011

**Contributions and Donations
to the
Transportation Fund**

**Janet McCans
Sunflower Fashion
Jackie Adams
Raymond Roberts**

Zelzah News Supporters

Tom Campbell 2/24
Pix & Judy Pixley 9/29
Hazel Dewey 8/24
Mike Reinhardt 2/25
Joe Freeman 12/25
Judy Elkins 11/24
Rod & Vim Petkovich 8/25
Bruce Nelson 12/23
Jerry & Terry Eitel 3/24
Bob & Joan Norton 10/24
Max & Nancy Nakamura 12/25
The Michael C. Bradley Trust 10/25
Jack & Bonnie Richardson 5/26
Dwain Rittenhouse & Lisa Smith 3/24
Mary Morris 10/24
Lola Sargent & Al Opegard 12/24



Save the Date...

December

December 2, 2023 Boulder City Holiday Parade
December 3, 2023 Children's Holiday Luncheon
December 16, 2023 Secret Santa MMT
December 19, 2023 Zelzah Shrine Stated Meeting

January

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January 9, 2024 Unit/ Club/ Divan
January 16, 2024 Zelzah Stated Meeting
January 20, 2024 Dinner & A Show

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*Black Camel
In Memoriam
James Reed*



December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Boulder City Parade
3 Children Holiday Party	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Secret Santa
17 LOH	18	19 Stated Meeting	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Office Closed					
31						

January 2024

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

Nobles:

The Zelzah LOH has had a busy Veterans day weekend. On Friday, November 10th The LOH was honored to post the colors at the VA Veterans day Car show and BBQ. See pics of the presentation of colors. After posting the colors IALOH Commander Gray and myself helped out our Zelzah Chief Rabban Mike Clark and a host of others in cooking and feeding the many Veterans, VA staff, friends and family at the BBQ. It was a long few hours, but very satisfying.

On Veterans Day the LOH trailer led a contingent from Zelzah Shrine at the Las Vegas Veterans day parade. The Divan was represented by past Potentate John Wehrly. We were also joined by the Motorcycle unit and Noble Troy Schneiderman and Noble Gerard Sapp dressed as Dinosaurs. It was a well attended parade and the crowd was quite lively. See Pics of parade.

The LOH had their annual elections at the October meeting. The Commander is elect Noble Reggie Winbush, Vice Commander elect Tarek Schonher. Russ Gray will be taking over as Finance Officer, and Mike Kearns will be taking over as the unit Adjutant. I personally want to thank both Illustrious Sir Bob Norton, and Noble Ron Krever for their many years of service to the Zelzah LOH as the outgoing Adjutant and Finance Officer.



Respectfully and Fraternally submitted

Mike Kearns PC COS to IALOH Commander R. Gray

Malta Commandery No. 3
Annual Knight Templar Christmas Observance
December 20, 2023
 In the hall of Vegas Lodge No. 32
632 EAST CHARLESTON BLVD
USE GATE CODE 1908 TO ENTER

Observance Program at 6:00 pm
Followed by Traditonal Christmas Dinner
Baked Ham, Turkey, and all the Fixings

Christmas Concert by the Basic Academy Choir

There is no charge,
 but an RSVP is appreciated
Text: 702-217-6556
 or
Email: lvyorkrite@gmail.com

IALOH

Mike Kearns & Russ Gray

Nobles,

It has been my honor to be the Chief of Staff to Russell Gray in his year as Commander of the IALOH. Commander Gray has had a very busy and eventful year. This past July and August Commander Gray spent as much time on the road as he spent at home. He attended multiple association meetings to include Pacific Northwest LOH, Central States LOH, Great Lakes LOH, as well as South Atlantic LOH. In September he traveled to Myrtle Beach for SESA for their change of command ceremony. Additionally, he hosted a meeting of the leadership team of the IALOH here in Las Vegas.

The highlight of his year was the annual pilgrimage the IALOH makes to Arlington National Cemetery to lay a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This event took place from Nov 1-5. The Wreath laying was performed on November 4th. The wreath laying team consisted of Imperial Sir Ed Stoltze, Commander Gray, Mrs. Virginia Gray as well as myself. It was a very emotional event for all of us and we were proud and honored to be able to lay the wreath in memory of all our brother and sister Veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the United States. It is through their sacrifices that we have the freedoms we enjoy. I personally wish to thank the Nobles from Zelzah Shrine who made the trip this year to witness this ceremony. Please see the link of the ceremony to witness this moving event. https://youtu.be/s4DonmL5_C0

Commander Gray has a few more trips planned for early next year before his big convention next year here in Las Vegas from April 24th to April 28th. All are invited to attend this event. For information visit IALOH.ORG and select the tab titled annual convention, or feel free to ask either myself or Commander Gray for details.

Fraternally and Respectfully Submitted

Mike Kearns PC COS to IALOH Commander Russ Gray

Nobles,

I can't believe 2023 is nearly finished already... what a crazy ride on the T-Rex! First, a huge thank you to the team at the 2nd Annual Zelzah Feztival in Boulder City! It was another fun time and I look forward to making next year even better! On that note, I'm asking for ANY noble who would like to be involved in the Ritual Divan to let me know. I'd like to refresh the Zelzah "Cold Sands" ceremony this coming year to be a bit more "impressive" (but not necessarily longer for the sake of meeting length). Also, I'd really like to give the full Ceremonial a try next Feztival; which requires about 11 Nobles in full costume... so now's the time to get a team started, let me know if you're interested!

S&F, Jake!

Hillbillies

Fred Boyd

Howdy again Cuzzins and Non-Cuzzins:

Maw made up some sweet potato Possum pie for the Thanksgiving feast; and home made ice cream which was topped with left over Possum sauce. It don't get any better than that for us Hillbillies here at Clan #47, except for the happenings at our next plan get together.

Mark your calendar Sunday, February 4 for the first 2024 gathering (a change from Saturday the 3rd). We hope to have a good turn out and see some old faces. We plan on having our annual photo shoot and dedicating this first gathering to the mommas.

Remember this is Valentine month. We hope to have a degree, entertainment, good viddles & spirits. NON-CUZZINS get a petition, climb the hills and become part of Clan 47. We don't ask much... only be part of this unique group and add the title "Cuz" to your name.

With this last Zelzah News article of the year we thank those who became Hillbillies and those who supported the Clan. We wish you safe over the holidays and remember: "HONOR THE COB" and "RESPECT THE CRESCENT", that by your small contribution that one child who may not walk today, he or she may walk tomorrow.

2024 officers:

- Fred Boyd, Raban of the Clan
702 338 6883 fred1019@aol.com
- Mike Cappa, Keeper of the Cob
- Mal Singer, Guardian of the Still
- Russ Gray, Keeper of the Quill
- Ron Krever, Treasurer



PARADE NEWS

Santa's Electric Night Parade in Boulder City

Will advise unit heads about line up and position when available



December 2, 2023
Line up @ 3:30 pm
Step off at: 4:30 pm

Questions? Ron Krever, Director General
702-604-8789 or krever@cox.net



Zelzah

Hillbilly Clan 47 of the Grand and Glorious Order of the Hillbilly Degree

SPECIAL DEDICATION TO THE MOMMAS



AND SUNDAY @ 1PM
HILLBILLY DEGREE
FEBRUARY 4th, 2024



(Zelzah Shrine Center on Eastern)

All Flatland Nobles get those petitions in.
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- Special Raffle
- Lots of Chewin' the Fat
- Corn Squeezing to your likein'
- Music by the live Hillbilly CD Boom Box Band
- All Nobles are welcome for gathering. (However, only Hillbillies and candidates are permitted to witness the degree)
- Don't forget yur Hillbilly attire
- Tell Ma to cook up some Pot Luck Vittles and come on down "Honor The Cob"

Cuz Fred: (702)338-6883 – fred1019@aol.com



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Zelzah Shrine



**Fill the Potentate's
Office with Toys
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November 1 - December 12, 2023

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the Secret Santa Program and Shriners
Children's Southern California toy
program for Shriners Patients.**

**We will accept toys from all sources so
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Friday: 9 am - 3 pm

Zelzah Shrine Temple
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Up and Coming Events

Events with * are at the Shrine Center

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