

Zelzah News

Oasis of Las Vegas

Desert of Nevada

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Illustrious Sir David Bechtel and his three Amigos!



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



From the Potentate



Nobles, we are officially halfway through the year and we have many exciting things ahead of us. In July we have Imperial Shrine in Charlotte, NC, in August, we have the Super Summer Theatre and the Shrine Wine Tasting event and in September we have the Fish Fry and BBQ Cookoff. In May, we had our share of excitement with the Potentate's Official Visit to the Roadrunner Shrine Club and our golf tournament in Mesquite. I owe a couple of huge thank you's to some hard-working Nobles for their assistance with those events. First to Casey Case for booking our dinner plans for the POV. The weekend in Laughlin was crazy busy because of some big concert events going on, so getting reservations was no easy task. Secondly, I would like to thank Jordan Dove for running the golf tournament for me. He is a real pro and puts a ton of work into the event. We would not have made any money on this event without his hard work.

Finally, I want to share a message to all of the Divan and those Nobles who would like to join the line. We are now beginning our second half push toward the end of the year and I want to remind everyone that the Shrine is a real job. We have buildings, property, tenants, vehicles, our Shrine Children, and a ton of other things that require our attention. Noble Mike Clark (if elected) will be the next Potentate and he will be looking for the men who show dedication to our many needs. Please show up, please take part, and let's work together to make the second half of 2023 amazing! I promise you that he and I will both be looking for the Nobles that are going above and beyond.

I wish you and your families an amazing summer vacation. While we will be dark over the summer months, we have several lodges and concordant bodies that meet and have activities. I hope to see you all at one or more of these events as we support our Masonic friends. Love to you and your families.

Fraternally,

David Bechtel, Potentate



Chief Rabban

Mike Clark

Brother Nobles, assuming if I am elected next year as your Potentate, I am looking for 3 Nobles who may want to be in the Divan appointed line. If anyone is interested contact me via text or email mclarkmjc@gmail.com, 702-592-9249. Usually, this is where you start to become Potentate in a few years. I will be having a Divan meeting soon and will be tossing out some names to consider.

The Shrine is the fun side of Masonry. With Ill. Sir David Bechtel, we have had a very busy first part of the year. I hope all who have participated have had some fun along the way. The Blue Lodges seem to be getting more active so we may be looking at an increase in Shriners soon.

If you are an ambassador to your Lodge or attend your lodge, ask the Worshipful Master for permission to talk about Zelzah Shrine and what our philanthropy supports. While we could talk for hours about what we do and how much fun it is, keep it to 5 minutes or less, and do not forget to take some applications with you. The Blue Lodge is our foundation to build from.

Fraternally,

Michael J. Clark, Chief Rabban

Chairman's Club

Rick "The Don" Pond

Chairmen cigar club is having "Dinner with the Dames" on June 29 at 7:30 PM at Texas de Brazil (Town Square). Members and prospective members should bring their wives or significant other. Cost is \$77 per person that includes dinner, tax and tip. Each person can open their own bar tab with the server, if they would like. I must collect ALL payments in advance. Contact me to make arrangements.

Fraternally,

Rick "The Don" Pond

These We Do Not Forget

*Black Camel
In Memoriam*

Larry Bertsch



**Scottish Rite Scholarship Gala
Hawaiian Luau**

"A Night on the Island"
August 19, 2023
MMT
2200 W. Mesquite Ave
Las Vegas, NV 89106

\$20 single admission. \$40 per couple.

No Host Cocktails at 5:30pm
Roasted Pig Luau with a multitude of Hawaiian delights served at 6:30 P. M.

Silent auction throughout the event.
A Hawaiian Stage Show, live entertainment throughout the evening.
Casual Hawaiian attire appropriate, or comfortable casual attire.

Make reservations through the
Scottish Rite Office at
702-382-4631

Funds raised benefit the Scottish Rite Scholarship Fund and are not tax deductible.



**NEXT PARADE
JULY 4TH AT
BOULDER CITY!**



Rappy Birthday
AMERICA

Line up at 8 am and step off at 9 am

More information as we get closer to the event
Questions? Ron Krever, Director General
702-604-8789 or krever@cox.net

VAN DRIVERS WANTED

**One-Day Round Trips
Comfortable Van
Precious Cargo**

**Meet and visit with hospital staff and
drivers from other jurisdictions.**

Contact Shrine Office 702-382-5554



Zelzah Shriners

Honor/ Memorial Brick

For a donation of \$100.00, a brick will be placed on our
Honor Wall within our Shine building.

Please print all information

Name to be placed on brick: _____

One or two lines - 15 characters per line

Purchased by: _____ Phone: _____

Credit Card #: _____ Exp. Date _____

Please make checks payable to: **Zelzah Shriners**
2313 S. Eastern Ave
Las Vegas NV 89104

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Zelzah Shrine

📍 **Super Summer Theatre
at Spring Mountain
Ranch State Park**

SOMETHING ROTTEN!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2023

SHOW STARTS AT 8:05PM

**BUY YOUR TICKETS ONLINE AT
SUPERSUMMERTHEATRE.ORG**

**MEADOW OPENS AT 6:00PM
BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS
BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC**

Zelzah Shriners will meet onsite at 6pm on the chair side.

Spring Mountain Ranch State Park
6375 NV-159
Blue Diamond, NV 89004

Please visit the website at zelzahshrine.org. I spend a good deal of time providing a constant source of information for the Nobility, as well as presenting a good public representation of our Shrine in the digital world. So fix my errors and add events to the calendar! Also, for those that pay attention and read this... go on [Google Maps](https://www.google.com/maps) and give us a 5-star review (presuming you like your Shrine). At this time I see 11 total reviews... let's see how many we can get. Finally, I hope by next Stated we will have the new payment system up and running for dues, events, and maybe even dinners by CC. Keep up the fun & fellowship!

S&F, Jake

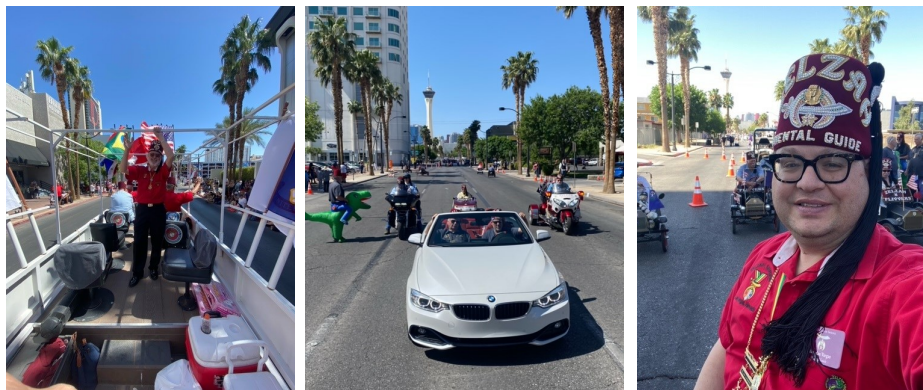


Summer has pretty much arrived and with it, we will be going dark in July and August however, we'll still have the Imperial Session happening at the beginning of July with Zelzah sending a strong contingent of Nobles to participate in this important Shrine event. For those of you not attending Imperial, your support at the Boulder City 4th of July parade is always appreciated as we will be participating in that once again. More details including show time both at the Temple and in Boulder City will come out via email from our Director General, and we will make sure to have the information ready at the June Stated Meeting as well. Membership wise it's been good to see the conferrals happening both during May and shortly June's Stated Meetings, please make sure you welcome these new Nobles and help them become an ACTIVE part of Zelzah! Introduce them to your clubs and units, make time to get to know them, and bring them into our family as mentorship is membership! I'm looking forward to our summer break, but while we may not be formally meeting we'll still find ways to keep the fun going for our Nobility and their families!

Real quick let me put a plug in for the Zelzah Legion of Honor and Hillbilly Bingo Party, I would not be doing my job as Junior Past Commander if I did not remind you or invite you out to this event Saturday, June 17 at 1:00 PM. This is a big day at Zelzah Temple and we look forward to seeing you all there!

I'll see you around the Temple!

Brendan Vargas



Zelzah Shrine Office Summer Hours :

July 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023

Monday - Thursday 9am - 4pm

Closed Friday

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Henderson S.C POV	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 LOH/ Hillbilly Bingo
18	19	20 Stated Meeting	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

July 2023 Dark

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

**OFFICIAL NOTICE
STATED MEETING**

June 20, 2023

Dark in July & August

Dinner 6:00 pm

Must RSVP for Dinner

Stated Meeting at 7:00 pm

Wear your Fez

Doors will be tiled.

702-382-5554

office@zelzahshrine.org

**COME CELEBRATE!
VINCE "DUDE" GRAY
IS TURNING
50!**

July 21st, 2023, 5:30PM
Zelzah Shrine, 2313 S Eastern Ave,
Las Vegas, NV 89104

Join us for Pizza (it is a Friday), salad and dessert.
Help us wish Vince "Dude" Gray a very happy birthday!

RSVP: VGRAYR@outlook.com or to Virginia (Dudette) at (303) 901-7043

Save the Date...

June

June 6, 2023 Henderson S.C. POV
June 20, 2023 Zelzah Shrine Stated Meeting

July

July 2-6, 2023 Imperial Session

August

August 3, 2023 Super Summer Theatre
August 20, 2023 Divan Ladies Paint Party
August 26, 2023 Wine Tasting Fundraiser

September

September 2, 2023 Fish Fry
September 9, 2023 Shrine BBQ Cookoff
September 19, 2023 Zelzah Shrine Stated Meeting
September 23, 2023 Harvest Festival Parade
September 23, 2023 Weepah POV
September 23, 2023 Wine Tasting (Pahrump)

October

October 9-15, 2023 Shriner's Open
October 15, 2023 Octoberfest
October 17, 2023 Zelzah Shrine Stated Meeting
October 20-21, 2023 Zelzah Shrine Feztival
(Boulder City)
October 28, 2023 LOH Halloween Costume Party

November

November 5, 2023 Honored Ladies Luncheon
November 11, 2023 VA BBQ
November 12-14, 2023 Nevada Grand Lodge
(Las Vegas)
November 17-18, 2023 Ladies Divan Bazaar
November 18, 2023 Spaghetti Dinner &
The Godfather
November 21, 2023 Zelzah Shrine Stated Meeting

***Please Note: Events dates are subject to**



Please join me in thanking our Patient Coordinator and the Shrine Wife, Tammy Wise, for going through the kitchen and pantry to organize and place items in storage containers per the suggestion of our pest control folks. She took everything out of the pantry, cleaned the floor and the cabinets, and then organized everything and placed them into sealed containers to ensure that they remain pest free. She is continuing to organize and once done all items which were previously not safe from pests will be in closed containers. If you use the kitchen or items from the pantry, please ensure that they are returned to the proper container and that all containers are closed. This will help to keep the pests out of our kitchen, pantry, and meeting room.

During this month we have the Henderson Shrine Club Potentate's Official Visit on June 6th and the LOH/Hillbilly BINGO party scheduled for June 17th and there will be an initiation ceremony at our June Stated Meeting. Our Iowa and Colorado delegates will be getting ready to attend the Imperial Session in Charlotte, North Carolina the first week of July.

I hope that you have a wonderful summer planned and that you will be getting out and enjoying yourselves during our July and August break. I ask that you check in on each other during the time that the Shrine is dark and if you or one of our Brother Nobles, Honored Ladies or a family member needs assistance during this time please reach out to me here at the office so we can assist. Whatever you are doing please be safe and come back in September to continue to support our Temple and philanthropy.

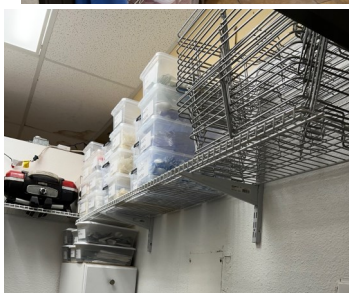
We will continue to be here to provide support and assistance to you and your families. Our July and August office hours are Monday – Thursday, 9 am – 4 pm except for holidays and other announced closures. If you need our assistance please contact or visit us.

Fraternally yours,

Alan L. Wise, P.P.
Recorder/Property Manager
Zelzah Shriners

The IALOH recently had their annual convention in Indian Rocks Beach, Florida. At this convention Zelzah Shriners own Noble Russell A. Gray was elected and installed as the commander of the IALOH. Russ is proud to lead this excellent organization of Military Shriners during his 2023-2024 term as Commander. As part of his duties as Commander he will be traveling frequently to various IALOH events. The highlights of his year will be many, but most especially his commitment to going to Arlington National Cemetery in November for the annual IALOH laying of a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. His term of office will conclude with his Convention next April right here at the Aliante Hotel and Casino. He cordially invites all Zelzah Shriners to attend this event. For more information on IALOH events visit the IALOH website at IALOH.org. Additionally, during the change of command Zelzah Noble Mike Kearns was honored to receive the IALOH Distinguished Service Award.

Fraternally submitted by
Noble Mike Kearns PC LOH & COS to IALOH Commander Russ Gray.





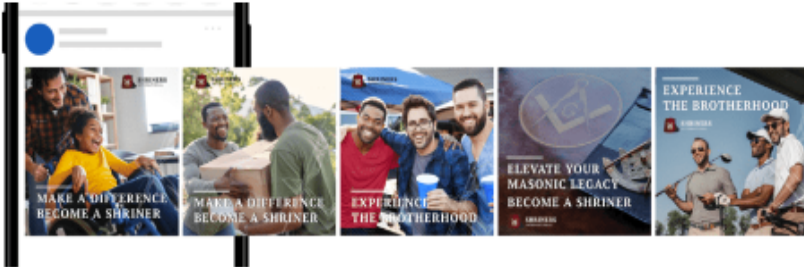
SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

June

- Alfred J Klein
- Antony R Augay
- Casey M Case
- Charles A Graham
- Charles H Coleman
- Christopher D West
- Dennis L Kern
- Donald D King
- Donald E Fisher
- Donald G Daum
- Donald Rice
- Dwayne D Kurr
- Edward J Olliges
- Gerald W Keeney
- Jack A Berman
- James R Cozby
- James S Porter
- Jerry M Eitel P.P.
- Joe M Bowman
- John L Stelsel
- Joseph D Weaver
- Joseph M Orr
- Keven A Snyder
- Leon A Baghdadian
- Malcolm R Singer
- Mathew M McCarthy
- Michael J Clark
- Neil Abis
- Otis G Brown
- Paul L Gamble
- Rafael Z Martinez
- Richard L Gross
- Richard S Legon
- Robert C Barber
- Robert F Denny
- Robert M Wilson
- Ronald J Slaughter M.D.
- Ryan A Sanshuck
- Samuel E Newton Jr.
- Thomas A Nickens
- Timothy J Schultz
- Troy A Schneiderman
- Warren D Olson
- William A Burger P.P.
- William O'Donnell
- Y Clifford T Browne

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We are reaching out to you, as a dedicated member of the Shrine, to help make a lasting impact on the fraternity.

For the first time in decades, we stand on the cusp of achieving a milestone that has, in recent history, eluded the Shrine-positive membership growth within a six-month period. To achieve this goal by June 30, we are asking you to utilize your networks and leverage the power of word-of-mouth promotion to grow the brotherhood. With your help, there is no doubt, that together, we can redefine the course of our fraternity.

To help you contribute to this Shrine milestone, we have created a comprehensive social media toolkit.

This toolkit equips you with the necessary resources, images and content, to spread the word about our fraternity amongst your friends and family and inspire new members to join our ranks as Nobles.

DOWNLOAD TOOLKIT

3-Step Instructions to make an impact:

1. Save the images to your computer or mobile device
2. Copy and paste the accompanying text or put a personal touch on the recommended copy.
3. Share the image and text on your personal social media accounts and via email. Remember to include our official hashtag, #BeAshrinerNow, to enhance the visibility and reach of your posts.

Sample of Social Media Post Text:

Hey there, brothers and friends! I've had the privilege of experiencing the unique brotherhood that comes with being a Shriner. If you're interested in joining our noble community, feel free to send me a message. It would be great to have you on board!



Sample of Social Media Image



Zelzah Shrine 2023 Golf Tournament at Mesquite, NV



Howdy Cuzzins and Non-Cuzzins,
 You missed another one if you didn't show up at the Road Runner's Shrine Club POV. The Hualapai Mountain Resort, up in the green hospitality hills of beautiful Kingman, AZ, not far from Route 66, produced three new hillbillies for Clan 47. Two guys and one gal did what they had to do... to deserve the title, "Cuz" in front of their names. Zelzah's Chief Rabban Michael Clark, his Lady, Precila; and Road Runners Shrine Club President Casey Case proudly "Honored the Cob" and showed respect to the crescent upon the door. The only problem on this May 20th evening was the Momma at the Resort's Restaurant ran out of peach cobbler and had to substitute it with some type of hillbilly road kill. Not sure what it was because it was covered up with white fluffy stuff (hillbilly style)...but it sure tasted good!!!



Hillbilly Degree at Road Runner's Shrine Club POV

Would like to extend a big thanks to Zelzah's Assistant Rabban and Recorder, "Cuz" Eric Halberg and "Cuz" Alan Wise who assisted and helped in making this "Grand and Glorious Order of the Hillbilly Degree" a success.

The next scheduled Hillbilly event at the Shrine Center is a joint operation of the 6th Annual Legion of Honor and Hillbilly Bingo Party, 1pm on Saturday, June 17th. All are welcome so bring your friends, family, and neighbors. 3 Bingo cards for \$10 bucks, best deal in town. Lots of raffle prizes, a 50-50 and Bingo cash prizes. Always a fun time.

See what other Clans are doing at:
InternationalShrineHillbillies.com

Watch your emails for additional Hillbilly information. Could have a spot Hillbilly Degree at the last minute. Non-Cuzzins let me know if you want to be a hillbilly. \$50 for Guys and \$25 for Gals. Lifetime membership, no more dues. All fees support the Transportation Fund 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 BOYD
 Raban of the Clan #47
 702-338-6883

Fred1019@aol.com

Mike Cappa, KOC Mal Singer, GOS
 Russ Gray, KOQ Ron Krever, Treasurer

How Do You Spell Fun?



6th Annual Legion of Honor and Hillbillies



Party

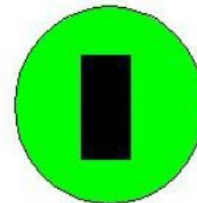
Saturday, June 17
 2023 1:00 pm
 Shrine Center



Tickets \$10.00 includes 3 cards
 2 Additional cards \$5.00

Great Prizes and Raffles
 Contact any LOH or Hillbilly Member

Proceeds for the benefit of LOH and Hillbillies. Not a charitable donation





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PAINT & SIP PARTY

August 20, 2023

**Time: Doors open at Noon
Painting begins at 1:00pm**

**2327 S. Eastern Ave
Las Vegas, NV 89104**

**\$30 per person
Price includes Paint Project, snacks,
and 2 drinks**

**RSVP by August 11, 2023 to
Zelzah Office: 702-382-5554**

Raffles

**Checks should be made payable to
Zelzah Shrine Lady's Divan*



Proceeds from this event and raffles are for the benefit of Zelzah Shrine Divan Ladies Project. Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions.



Save the Date

September 2, 2023

**2327 S. Eastern Ave
Las Vegas, NV 89104**

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Lady's Divan

Cigar Cases

\$35.00 Each

3 for \$100.00

702-382-5554



**Don't see the color you want?
Masonic Organization?
Club?
Sports Team?
Just let us know!!!**

**Contributions and Donations
to the
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Mike Clark
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In memory of Larry Bertsch
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every month in 2023**

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- Dec 15th ___ for January issue
- Jan 15th ___ for February issue
- Feb 15th ___ for March issue
- 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
- Oct 15th ___ for November issue
- November 15th ___ for December issue

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Up and Coming Events

Events with * are at the Shrine Center

June

June 6 - Henderson S.C. POV

***June 20 - Zelzah Shrine Stated Meeting**

July

July 2-6 - Imperial Session

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“Helping Shriners, Helping Children”