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Upcoming Zor Events

March 5 - Zor Wranglers Bowling Tournament
Cardinal Lanes, Brodhead, WI

March 14 - Divan Meeting
3:00 PM, Zor Shrine Temple

March 10 - St. Croix Valley SC St. Patrick's Day
Party, Baldwin American Legion

March 28 - SHC-Chicago Divan Seminar
SHC, Chicago

April 1 - After Easter Bowling
Pioneer Lanes, Platteville, WI

April 9 - Easter Egg Hunt, Zor Shrine Temple

April 11 - Divan Meeting/Divan Quarterly
Meeting - 3:00 PM, Zor Shrine Temple

April 29 - Wausau Potentate Party/
Quarterly meeting, Wausau, WI

May 5 - Lakeland SC Fish Boil, Oregon, WI

May 9 - Divan Meeting/Steak Fry
3:00 PM, Zor Shrine Temple

TBD - Mecca SC Clay Shoot/Gun Raffle
Warrens, WI



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Installation was January 14th and so very much has happened in less than a month.

I want to say that my Lady Sharon and I are so extremely honored and excited to be given this opportunity to serve the Nobility of Zor Shrine.

Several years ago, Zor sent out a questionnaire to our Nobility asking how we could better serve you. Your answer was loud and clear; almost everyone who replied said the same thing that communication between Zor Temple and the Nobility was poor at best.

Imperial recognized that this problem was widespread, so they started publishing a Shriner Magazine that is sent to all Nobles. Two websites have been introduced WebFez, webfez.shrinenet.org, and Shriners Village, shrinersvillage.com.

WebFez is a website that all Shriners are encouraged to visit. Every Shriner can log on to WebFez and view and correct their own personal information, if needed. Imperial and Zor rely on your information to be correct, this is needed for us to be able to send you the Zephyr, emails, dues notices and other correspondence.

Every Noble is also invited to log into Shriners Village. Shriners Village is an Imperial website that every Noble is invited to look at to get information from Shriners all around the world. There is also Shriner merchandise for sale, assistance in creating new nobles, and a variety of other information.

From Zor, I have asked that each Noble receive a printed copy of the Zephyr for the next two months, except those who have already indicated they would like the Zephyr online. If you are on the list to receive the printed Zephyr monthly, you need to do nothing and you will continue to receive your subscription.

If you are not on that list and you wish to be, there will be a coupon for you to send in, so you may start receiving the printed Zephyr monthly. Every Noble that wants a paper copy of the Zephyr will receive one at no additional charge. The Zephyr is now available to anyone online, you will not need to login with a password to view or print the Zephyr. The online paper will be more informative and user friendly than previously. We will have links to other websites from our advertisers, links to coupons, links to an updated calendar, links to imperial and Shriners Village plus more pictures and information from the clubs and units.

This is the year of communication; you may have noticed more information about Shriners Hospitals for Children®

We will be continuing with the steak fry's, we are also opening up our Divan meetings to anyone with a paid-up dues card.

Facebook is a good place for other types of information, we want to see your club or unit on Facebook, if you have not visited Zor Shrine Facebook page please do, like and share the stories you see this will help our message get out to the rest of the world. To assist with our communication with our Nobles, I have asked our Membership Chairman Robert Hering to divide up our Nobility between each Divan Member and the Membership Committee. Each of these members will have approximately 100 Nobles they will be responsible for.

We have heard you and we are listening.

Our first 25 days in office have been productive; a Potentate Cancun trip, the Chief Rabban party given by the Camel Patrol, Clown Party, pancake breakfast in Monroe, WI. several trips to Madison to help Dale Holmen and his Circus committee with circus tickets.

I want to thank everyone for all their help with all of this; it takes a big, big room of people to make the Potentate look good.

Yours in the faith

Annual Meeting Minutes

You can read the meeting minutes online!
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Attention Members!

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We would prefer to email the Zephyr to all our members. If you have been receiving the Zephyr by mail and you have an email address, please provide it to us by calling 608-833-6343 or email us at zorstaff1@tds.net

If you do not have an email address and wish to continue receiving the Zephyr by mail, just let the office know. If you already elected an electronic version, thank you! No need to do anything further.

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Travel the Right-Way to Wausau for the Wausauken Indian Potentate Party

Saturday, April 29th, the Wausauken Indians and their Ladies will sponsor the Wausau Potentate Party to honor Ill. Sir Chuck Miller, Potentate, and Lady Sharon. This year's party will be held at the: The Plaza Hotel & Suites at 201 N. 17th Avenue in Wausau (exit 185 off I-39). Lunch is on your own and there are various local establishments to enjoy. The Quarterly and Educational update on "what happening with Shriners" meeting will be at 2:30 at the Plaza Hotel and Suites. This is open to all Nobles. We need all Nobles to attend the Quarterly meeting at 1:30pm. A Cold Sands ceremony will take place at 3:30. Bring your candidates, too!

The Noble's Ladies are invited to tour the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art museum. The ladies will meet in the lobby of the Plaza Hotel & Suites at 1:30 PM to carpool. This is being sponsored by the Wausauken Ladies. The ladies will enjoy the exhibit of M.C. Escher: Reality & Illusion. The works by Dutch Artist which includes an exhibition of a 120 woodcuts, lithographs, mezzotints, and drawings delves deeper into both the literal and impossible worlds Escher, created over a career spanning five decades. Or - enjoy the shops on 3rd Street or the shops in Rib Mountain.

Social hour will begin at the Plaza Hotel & Suites around 4:45 PM with a cash bar in the banquet room. At 5:45 we will be gathering for dinner followed by entertainment and a raffle.

A block of rooms are being held at The Plaza Hotel & Suites at 201 N. 17th Avenue in Wausau. Use Zor's room block# 3357. Please call soon to make your hotel reservations @ 800-754-9728 or 715-845-4341. Rooms are \$79.00 plus tax. Please complete the coupon with your meal selection and send in your meal reservations by April 21st. If you have questions, call Steve Peterson at 715-848-1768.

Wausau Potentate Party 2017

Saturday, April 29 - Social 4:45 PM, Dinner 5:45 PM

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_____ Broiled Walleye (Whole fillet topped w/thyme lemon brown butter)

Served with parsley baby red potatoes, and honey glazed carrots.

Tossed garden salad, dinner rolls, coffee, or milk included with dinner plus dessert.

Make checks payable to: Wausauken Indians.

Please mail coupon to: Steve Peterson, 1817 Roosevelt Street, Wausau, WI 54403.

Deadline: April 21, 2017

Please let Steve know of any special dietary needs, so we may accommodate your request.



Sometime in the 1990's Janet Johnson began a "Save the Tab" project as one of the Eau Claire Shrine Auxiliary groups projects. She latter introduced it at a General Auxiliary Annual Meeting in the Twin Cities as a way to help fund wheel chairs and prosthetics needed by children at Shiners Hospital for Children Twin Cities. Over the years she has had school groups collect as a math project to figure weights per so many and profit raised by pounds, etc. Many groups and individuals have contributed tabs to the project which has caught on not only locally and in Shrine Centers but at Shriners Hospital for Children Twin Cities as well as at other hospitals in our system.

She is pictured with one of her long time very best collectors Duane Sturz of Eau Claire who not only collects but counts them into bags of 4000 each bag. Annually he calls to have us pick up and process them into cash for the needs of children at the hospital. This year was special for Duane as with the bags shown he now has collected and counted 1,084,000 tabs. A very special man who loves doing things for others.

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St. Croix Auxiliary Project Prom

Do you or the gals in your life have any unneeded prom dresses cluttering closets? Have you been wondering what you can do with them? Well keep reading because, here is your chance to do some early spring closet cleaning.

The Shrine Hospital for Children – Twin Cities is holding its 7th Annual Prom, which is held for all patients ages 16-18. Patients come from the entire seven state service area and Canada to participate in this wonderful event. The ballroom is adorned with decorations from the lighted ceiling drapery to the magnificent balloon bouquets.

The planning starts months before with the hospital holding a prom store in March where patients and their dates can come pick from hundreds of donated dresses, suits, and accessories. The store even has volunteer tailors offering minor alterations at no cost to the patients. We could not have the store without donations.

So..
Here is where you come in. The prom committee is in need of current style dresses for the girls.



The St. Croix Valley Women's Auxiliary is hosting a Prom Dress Drive, and we are ready to take those dresses off your hands so patients of the Shrine Hospitals can wear them to prom. If you have one or maybe more dress(es) that you'd like to donate, please contact the St. Croix Valley Women's Auxiliary Chair Tammy Winkelman. Phone 763-257-5896 or email tammy.m.winkelman@gmail.com. Dresses need to be at the hospital by March 8, 2017. Arrangements can be made to meet or the dresses can be dropped off with Tammy, she will take one large donation into the hospital. Thanks in advance for your generous donations and for supporting these young women as they battle with medical conditions more serious and difficult than many of us can understand.





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Remember, this is an agricultural product so the availability of the onions is all dependent on Mother Nature. Pre-selling onions are easy to do, you can put up a flier at a local business or local watering hole and they sell themselves. The flier is available on the web site under "members only" or I can email or send you a flier if you would like one. I am looking into how we can make it work better this year and make it more profitable.

If you have never sold any before and need help, let me know and I can help you out. Remember, when you buy a bag for yourself take 4 more to sell to your friends and neighbors. If you are going to want any recipes, let me know and I can get them to you.

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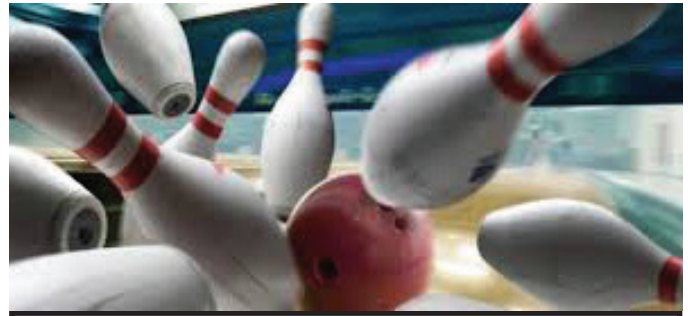
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After Easter Leaster Returns!

It's time for the 7th Annual Leaster Bowling Tournament in Platteville. The Southwestern Wisconsin Shrine Club hopes to challenge anyone who likes to have fun. This unusual bowling tournament where the low scores win will be held at Pioneer Lanes in Platteville on April 1st at 2:00. Cost to participate is \$20.00.

While the object of the game is to get the lowest score, the bowler must hit at least one pin each time they throw their ball. If the bowler puts the ball in the gutter on the first ball, they are credited with a strike. If they have one or more pins on the first ball but are unable to knock down at least pin on their second ball they receive a spare.

Everyone needs to understand that the most important part of this tournament is the fun. While all the bowlers try to get the "best possible" final score, all were more interested in the fun interaction. Groans about unplanned strikes, laughter from the bowlers, and the promise to return were all heard.

Each year we see new and exciting changes at Pioneer Lanes in Platteville and that makes it more fun. So, load up the car and come on down on April 1st at Pioneer Lanes in Platteville at 2:00pm. Pioneer Lanes is located in Platteville, WI at 1185 East Business Hwy 151.

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We, as Masons and Shriners, humbly realize that family is an integral part of our Mason Shrine experience. The Ladies generously help us fulfill our goals and dreams to make our Zor Shrine the “Place to be”. In addition, our children, young and old, observe the traditions we learn and cherish throughout our Masonic Shrine experience. Let’s continue to make more Shrine activities family friendly and extend the invitation to them as well as their friends so they can see first-hand what we are about, what we do, the positive impact we have on others, and opportunities for them to consider now or in the future.

Remember, Membership matters



Antioch Temple No. 113 Daughters of the Nile

As women related to Masons and Shriners, we extend to you a cordial invitation to learn more about Daughters of the Nile.

Founded in Seattle, Washington, in 1913, Daughters of the Nile is comprised of 137 Temples throughout the United States and Canada. Antioch Temple is the local Daughters of the Nile organization in Madison, Wisconsin, and meets monthly at the Zor Shrine Center. We received our Charter in January of 1955.

Members of Daughters of the Nile share a special bond of fellowship with each other and take pride in working together to support the great philanthropy of the 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico.

For further information please contact anyone of us:
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Rice Lake Snowmobile and Dirt Clubs 22nd annual fundraiser for the hospital. They raised \$12,807. In the last 22 years of doing this fundraiser they have raised approximately \$290,000. The top person this year got \$2,250 in donations. Dinner was catered by Lona's Cornerside. There were 4-5 girls from the high school honor society that helped bust the tables and clean up.

Below: Snow and Dirt Club officers with the Divan
(left to right): Jacqui Schneider, Barry Ausen,

Pete Schneider, Gary Cuskey, Roger Keller,
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Winter MSA



Gary Bergenske, Imperial Chief Rabban and Gary Cuskey, Zor's Chief Rabban as they discuss a possible Bylaw change during a social time prior to dinner.

Bloomington MN – February 09, Ill. Sir Chuck Miller lead a 16 member contingency of Zor Nobles to the Annual Midwest Shrine Association (MSA) winter business meeting and shrine seminars. The event was hosted by Zuhrah Shriners. MSA winter has been evolving into more than just a business session for temple elected officers by p ???

Steve Livernash, Zor Outer Guard, said MSA was a great place to learn and get inspired. From this session ZOR will be implementing the stop burn injuries program (SBI). This program partners Shriners with educators, fire stations and community leaders providing burn prevention materials. Gary Cuskey, Zor Chief Rabban, Attended the MSA Budget Committee meeting which he indicated was enlightening as to the inner workings of MSA and how it functions financially. Also the hospital sessions were quite informative as well as emotional. It always brings a joyful tear to see how these children's lives are affected and changed.

Al Bruerggen, Zor 2nd Ceremonial Master, Membership seminar talked about all the different resources available in Shiner's Village for Membership teams. But what struck me the most was when one of the presenters talked about Millennials and said baby-boomers need to take some training on how to deal with and understand them, he is right!. I guess I didn't know there was such training. This

training would not only benefit the Divan and Membership team but also the Nobility to understand our younger members and hopefully assist us in recruitment.

Zuhrah Shriners are planning a fun and enjoyable Summer MSA session Wednesday through Saturday August 16- 19. There will be a Ladies Luncheon, Shrine-A-Rama, Unit competition, Parade, Oasis, Marketplace, etc. Please talk it up in your unit and club meetings. Registration materials will be sent to your leadership by the end of March. We have blocked a number of rooms but must release those rooms sooner than in past years. We have negotiated some very competitive rooms rates for Bloomington, MN. Our hotel offers shuttles to the Mall of America.

Ill. Sir Chuck offered his thanks to all of Zor members attending Winter MSA. Ill. Sir indicated that after speaking with Zor's contingency I believe we all came away with much. I'm even more certain and excited about 2017. You are the Nobles that make Zor work, thank you all for making me look good.

Submitted by Joe Harker, Chief of Staff.

Winter MSA



10 of 14 MSA Temples Recognized by the Membership Hall of Fame

The Midwest Shrine Association had 10 of its 14 Temples achieve either Bronze, Silver or Gold status for membership gains in 2016, including Zor who received the Silver award, the highest in several years. Achieving Bronze: AAD, Abu Bekr, Beja, and Zurah. Silver: Ahmed, Khartum, Osman and Zor. Gold: El Zagal



Zor Potentate Trip



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