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Ceremonial Special



Shriners install new nobles at La Crosse Ceremonial

The Zor Shrine welcomed 37 new members at their winter ceremonial at the Radisson Hotel in LaCrosse, Wisconsin on Saturday, December 3rd.

The St. Croix Valley Shrine Club was well represented at the event and along with the Auxiliary helped in funding more than a quarter million dollars donated by Shrine clubs all over Wisconsin. The funds go directly to the Shriners Hospital for Children.

Pictured left to right is Charlie Webster and Mike Kastens of the St. Croix Valley Shrine Club, Greg Jeska, Zor Roadrunners and candidate in the winter class, Jim Smith of Shrine Imperial, Bob Giesler, President of the Zor Shrine, Don Hensiak, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, Jeremy Fussy, President of the St. Croix Valley Shrine Club, Milt Helmer of the Zor Zephyr, Roger Keller VP of the St. Croix Valley Shrine Club and Bob Hering, the Zor Shrine membership chairman.





La Crosse Ceremonial highly successful

Thanks to the work of the membership team and the Divan, the La Crosse ceremonial was very successful with 37 candidates becoming Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

The setting could not have been better for the new Nobles. Over 3 million lights adorned the streets on the river in downtown La Crosse, which made this Christmas time session very festive.

The day long ceremonial was held on December 3rd and featured introductions by Past Potentate Mark Severson. In his briefing to the new candidates Mark outlined the mission of the Shrine and said "You are now owners of the 22 Shrine Hospitals throughout North America."

Joe Harker, Past Potentate and Zor Chief of Staff urged the new inductees to get involved in a unit and stay active because "It is the best way to get the most out of the experience."

The event also featured the appearance of Jim Smith, an officer of Shrine Imperial. Smith, who now lives in Austin, Texas started out a member of Zor Shrine. Today, he is a member of Ben Hur Shrine in Texas. He gave the new nobles some insight into the international work of the Shrine. In his comments he shared the Shrine's commitment to children across the country. He related that Shrine works with a \$70 billion dollar endowment. This year's budget is \$840 Million.

The Shriners have recently made a commitment to an advertising campaign in which the public people is being asked to donate \$19 per month. To date, the donation average is \$25 per person. The campaign investment was \$20 million and to



date has resulted in \$35 million and growing.

The day also featured an appearance from Don Hensiak, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin, who also urged the new nobles to becoming involved.

After the ceremonial for the new Nobles, the entire audience was treated to the Arch Degree in which craftsman assembled an arch that illustrated the connection between the Masons and all the appendant bodies. This event showed how each body is linked together in a bond of brotherly love and commitment.

The Parade of Glory is the time set aside for the presentation of donations made during the year. This year, Zor Shriners from all over Wisconsin donated a total of \$318,305.21 to the Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

In the numerous awards and recognitions, current Recorder Jim Stelsel, is retiring after this year after serving the Divan for the past 15 years of service. He was given the title of Recorder Emeritus and was named the honorary Chairman of the Shrine Circus. The honor included a plaque, framed letter from Imperial and best wishes from Potentate Robert Geisler, Past Potentate Steve Willet and others.

Zor Shrine also introduced Noble Duane Harvey as the new chairman of the Shrine Circus for 2017.

The annual meeting for Zor Shrine will be held in January in Madison.

