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From The Potentate Monte Steiber



This is my final article as your Potentate. This year has been a very enjoyable year for Lady Ann and me. Where did the time go? We would like to thank all of the Nobles and their Ladies for all of your support this year.

'Tis the season to celebrate the holidays with family, friends and Santa! Ann and I attended the Breakfast with Santa in Wausau on November 28th. Thank you to the Wausauken Indians, the Women's Auxiliary of Wausau, the Timber Shrine Club, the Forest Lodge and the Mosinee Lodge for your support of the hospitals and Zor's transportation fund in making this event a success. On December 13th we attended the Lunch with Santa at the Temple in Madison. Thank you to PP III, Sir Larry Hanson and Lady Jill and your committee for a job well done! It was well attended and enjoyed by all. Yours truly and a few of the "big" kids received a bag of coal from Santa.



The December Ceremonial in La Crosse was a huge success. Wow, what a great day it was! It exceeded all my expectations. Thank you to the committee members of Joe & Julie Thompson, Matt & Anne Hughey, Todd Wohlert, and Joe Harker for a job well done. There were a few new wrinkles in this year's ceremonial as we deviated from the "way we have always done it". All of the feedback that I have received thus far has all been positive. We fezzed 14 new Nobles on December 5th which brings our total to 31 new Nobles for the year. Thank you to Bob Hering, our membership chairman, for all of his support and creative ideas on membership this year.

As I mentioned the last 2 months, the new web site is up and running. Please go check it out. There is a member's only section. Your Shriners membership number is your user name, and the generic password to be used for the first time sign in is: "zorshiner2015". There is now a button to reset your password to a personal one that you can remember. You can also pay your Shrine dues in the member's only section by either using PayPal or a credit card. We are planning to pull the Zephyr out of the member's only section and put it on the home page, so that everyone can access our monthly publication.

Please make plans to attend Zor's Annual Meeting that will be held on January 9, 2016 at the Temple in Madison. Prior to the lunch on January 9th, we will be doing a Cold Sands on 2 candidates that were not able to attend the Ceremonial in La Crosse. I look forward to seeing you there.

It has indeed been an honor and a joy to have served as your Potentate this year. Lady Ann and I have met so many new people and made many new friends during the past 7 years that I have served on your Divan. Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Yours in Faith,
 Monte Steiber
 Zor Potentate - 2015

Zor Shriner's 2016 Calendar

January

- 9 Annual Meeting/Installation/
Fez party, Zor Temple
- 10 Camel Patrol Chief Rabban party
Rex's Innkeeper, Waunakee
- 23 Indianhead SC
Snowmobile Fundraiser Ride
Rice Lake

February

- 6 Green County SC Pancake
Breakfast, Monroe Masonic Center,
Monroe
- 13 Zor Clown Potentate/
Sweetheart party
Madison
- 19-21 Madison Circus
Alliant Energy Center

March

- 1-2 La Crosse Circus
La Crosse Center

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Circus News Under The Big Top



The Carden family is coming to Madison, Larry will join up next year with elephant Bo.

As we start out the New Year, with the Annual meeting and Installation on January 9th, followed by the Camel Patrol party on January 10th. Then comes February with the Green County SC pancake breakfast, Midwest Shrine Association winter session, Madison Clown party, and finish off the month with the Madison circus on February 19 -21.

The Madison and La Crosse tickets were mailed on Dec. 10th, hopefully you used them as gifts for the holidays.

Madison school tickets will be counted out on February 2nd; following the counting, there is a Dutch treat dinner at Babe's Restaurant on Schroeder Road. PLEASE volunteer your support by helping to deliver the school tickets on February 8th & 9th.

A big thank you to the Clubs, Units, and Noble Brad Andrew and Lady Peggy for donating the 18 bicycles and to the Pipes and Drums for again purchasing the bicycle helmets.

The Brett Carden Circus along with other familiar family members will be in Madison for the 3 days,

6 shows - Friday Feb. 19 -7:00 p.m., Saturday 20th - 10:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and Sunday the 21st - 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. The complete line up of acts with pictures will be in the February Zephyr.

Housing Chairman Joe Harker has rooms blocked at the AmericInn on Monona Drive for the out-of-towners. Mention Zor Shrine when calling 608-222-8601 for reservations. This is the last call for any new Unit pictures that go into the program.

As always there is plenty of food, the circus committee provides hot ham sandwiches on Friday, hot dogs, soup and chili on Saturday and hot turkey sandwiches on Sunday, plus we have our early morning Sunday brunch at the Maple Tree in McFarland, and close out the weekend with a post-circus meal at Alt-N-Bach's which is next to Ashley Furniture on the Beltline Hwy.

For those who may wish to pay for their tickets in person, order upgraded tickets, or are in need of additional posters, they may do so with John Thorstad at the January 9th Annual meeting.



Annual ZOR Gun Raffle Underway

By Miles Bradley

The 7th Annual ZOR Shriners 40 Gun Raffle is in full swing. The drawing will be held April 24 at the Shrine Center. As with previous years, the winner can choose between the firearm or a Gander Mountain Gift Card for their prize. These can make great presents for the outdoors person in your life. This has become one of our biggest money makers, but every year we leave money on the table by not selling all of the 2500 tickets printed. We need every member to be involved in selling tickets. This is a ZOR Shriners Fundraiser and all Members are requested to help. Please see one of the Divan Members or stop out to the Shrine Center to pick up your tickets. If you sell some tickets, please remember to get them back to the Shrine office early. Do not wait until the day of the drawing, you may just be too late. Let's all work together and make this the most profitable raffle to date.

Where is the Scimitar???

The Rest of the Story...

By Noble Matt Hughey

For several years, the Zephyr has been running an article asking "Where is the Scimitar?" along with a picture of it. It had been missing for several years, since the Fall 2012 Ceremonial at Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells.

Many theories have been put forth regarding the lost sword. Some thought a Past Potentate absconded with it. Some thought it was hanging on the wall in some Noble's basement or recreation room. Some thought it was stored along with other Ceremonial equipment in the Director's Staff Storage Room.

Well, as Paul Harvey would have said: "... and now for the rest of the story..."

The tale starts in the Hospitality Room at the Ceremonial. The hour was late – in the early AM of Sunday – and the purveyors of the Hospitality Room desired to close up and retire. There were only two Nobles in the room being served – a long-time Zor member and a newly initiated Zor Noble. The Scimitar was in the Hospitality Room. The Bartenders requested that one of the remaining two patrons take the sword so they could clear the room. The long-time Zor member reluctantly agreed and took it back to his room.

Upon arising, the long-time Noble attempted to find someone in authority in the Zor organization; however, all had checked out of Chula Vista. Not wanting to leave the Scimitar at the Hotel, the long-time Noble placed it in his trunk and took it back to his residence.

At the next Shrine Club meeting, the brand new Noble took possession of the

Scimitar from the long-time Zor member and brought it to the meeting, where both were members thereof. Upon explanation of how the new Nobel came into possession of the sword and the presentation of the Scimitar to the Divan Representative at the Shrine Club meeting, the Divan Representative chastised the new Nobel, informing him that this is not proper protocol as to how the Scimitar is to be formally presented to a Shrine Club and to take it away.

The new Nobel returned the Scimitar to the long-time Zor Member, explaining what happened. The seasoned Nobel thought that if they didn't want it, he would eventually find someone who would. So the Scimitar, in its red velvet covering within its sturdy wooden case, was placed in a corner of the Nobel's garage. And promptly forgot about it.

Two years and six months go by. It's now the Summer of 2015.

Another relatively new Zor Noble came over to the long-time Zor member's house to speak with the seasoned Nobel on an unrelated matter. The visiting Nobel noticed the box in the corner of the long-time member and inquired as to its contents. When the long-time Noble informed the relatively new Noble of the box and what it was for, the relatively new Nobel, in amazement, asked the long-term Noble whether he was aware that folks had been looking for this for years and that it had been in the Zephyr several issues over the past few years? The long-time member admitted he had not paid too much attention to the info in the Zephyr.

Now, the long-time member had to act. He had to get this sword back into the

rightful hands. Accordingly, he grabbed the Scimitar and decided to drive to the one person whom he knew for years that was plugged in to the Zor upper echelon – PP Mark Severson.

When he arrived at Mark's house in Cottage Grove, Mark's truck was there and the garage door was open. So, the long-time Noble simply placed the Scimitar in Mark's garage and quietly left. Much to Mark's surprise, when he awoke from his nap and went into his garage, there was the long lost Scimitar, which he then promptly returned.

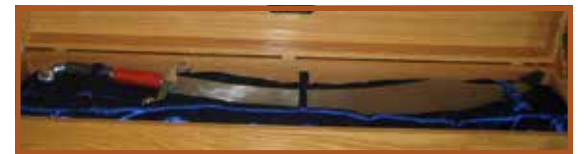
And so the Scimitar is back home.

The Director's Staff did not have the Scimitar packed away in their storage area at Zor headquarters in Madison. No Past Potentate had possession of the Scimitar. The Scimitar was simply sitting in the garage of a long-time Zor Noble simply because the Noble responded to the request of the Hospitality Room Staff at the Ceremonial and proceeded to forget that it was simply sitting in his garage, coupled with a lack of awareness that several folks were looking for the sword.

Names have been deliberately omitted as to protect the confidentiality of their respective identities.

So what can we, the general membership, take away from this story? Some of the important lessons here:

- Never assume
- Make the effort to discharge an unintended duty/responsibility
- Take responsibility & accountability for one's actions
- Do the right thing
- READ THE ZOR ZEPHYR



Zor Celebrates Ceremonial and Parade to Glory

The weather was beautiful and unusually warm at the Radisson Hotel in La Crosse. Nobles from all over Zorland came to meet the new members, make their presentations to the Parade to Glory, honor our award recipients, and share fellowship once again. Some of the highlights this year were the Rotary Lights, a holiday light display that filled park just outside the Hotel; a special ritual team put together from La Crosse and Tomah area Nobles, the returning Arch degree, a presentation put on by the Director's Staff, featuring the Masonic building blocks that build a great arch with the Shrine as the capstone, and the UW-La Crosse Alumni Marching band who performed at the banquet (and blew the roof off the room).

Ritual Divan: Captain of Guard (and percussion) - Jim Kielley; 1st Ceremonial Master - Wes Hurlburt; 2nd Ceremonial Master - Mark Charbonneau; Oriental Guide - Jerry McDonald; Marshal - Bob Calverley; High Priest & Prophet - Chaz Calhoun; Orator - Mark Jerdee; Chief Rabban - Todd Wohler; Assistant Rabban - Dale Holmen; Potentate - Franz Wiggert. Directed by Todd Zephyr.

New Members: Eugene Hoem, Scott Brehm, James Sedgwick, Jarrett McDonald, Michael Plooster, Jacob Schultz, Justin Herman, James Timm, Richard Plouffe, David Melby Jr, Steven C Peavey, Donald Kueny, Richard Withington, & Daniel Iverson.

60 Year Pin & Certificate Recipients: Frederick Mundt & Thomas Pearson

55 Year Pin & Certificate Recipients: James Senty, Arlan Erickson, Thomas Hadinger, Robert Kartman, Ronald Wirth, Arthur Hotvedt, Frank Brown, Joseph Campbell, Herman Friess, Eugene Olson, & Paul Sims.

50 Year Pin & Certificate Recipients: James Allaben, Frank Baldwin, William Broske, Harold Cram Jr, Philip Lindsay, Charles Nelson, Robert Dietz, David Gerhardt, Myron Wilcox, Donald Campbell, William Hawley, Bradley Seguin, James Craney, Lloyd Fredrickson, Richard Indermuehle, Donald Lautz, Neal Massey, & Wardell Pike.

25 Year Pin & Certificate Recipients: Owen Anderson, Thomas Bush, Robert Charleston, Robert Goodlad, Glenn Sales, Clarence Stocks, Edward Grabow, Leonard Massie, Kevin Severson, Larry Teasdale, & William Zager

Samsar Award Recipients Phase I: Anthony J Bell and Curtis E Bell

Award of Merit: Bob Keene



All the new Nobles Nobles about to get "fezzed".



The Ritual Divan team.



Award of Merit recipient Bob Keene from Tomah.



Chuck & Cheryl Porter enjoying the Rotary Lights.



Past Potentate Steve Willett and Lady Mary



Samsar award recipients Curtis & Anthony Bell.



Nobles from St. Croix under the arch.



Divan member Wally Trouten & new Noble Dave Melby.



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If you don't receive an invitation
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ghageness@gmail.com
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Wednesday, March 2nd
11:00 am Fellowship • Noon Luncheon
at Briarwood Country Club
20800 N. 135th Avenue
Sun City West, Arizona 85375

Friday, March 4th
11:00 am Fellowship • Noon Luncheon
at Arizona Golf Resort
425 S. Power Road, Mesa, Arizona 85206

Presentation to follow on the state of the craft
by Grand Master Franklin J. Struble
and a presentation on the Masonic Charities
by Past Grand Master Michael DeWolf.
Grand Master Struble and his Lady Wendy
will both be distributing their respective pins.

We look forward to seeing you there!



FLORIDA MASONIC GATHERING



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Tuesday, February 2nd
11:00 am Fellowship • Noon Luncheon
at The Landings
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Fort Myers, Florida 33919

Friday, February 5th
11:00 am Fellowship • Noon Luncheon
at Sahib Shrine
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by Grand Master Franklin J. Struble
and a presentation on the Masonic Charities
by Past Grand Master Michael DeWolf.
A presentation on the Wisconsin Masonic Home
will be made by Three Pillars Chief Development
Officer, Jane Olisar.

Grand Master Struble and his Lady Wendy
will both be distributing their respective pins.

We look forward to seeing you there!

MESSAGE FROM IMPERIAL: New Shrine Card Status

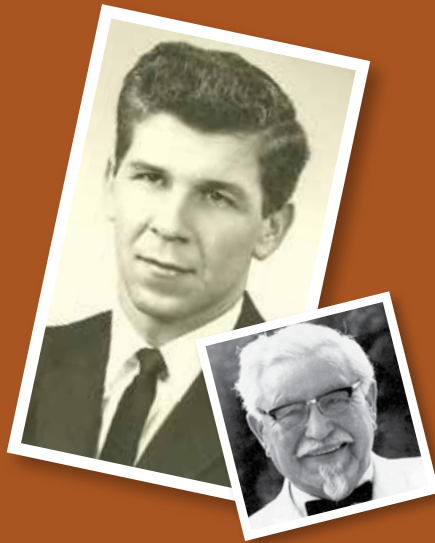
A hard plastic dues card is being created to replace the former paper dues cards. Since this is a new process the initial runs must be created in bulk to help offset cost. Dues cards should begin mailing directly to Nobles who have a \$0 balance in December. There will be mailings in December and in January for members who have a \$0 balance. February – November will be considered ‘maintenance’ runs for new and lost cards and will have one mailing per month.

Some temples are providing temporary solutions for members who will need their cards early in January and are concerned they will not have them in time: 1 - Temporary paper cards ordered from HQ and printed at the temple. 2 - Use the Dues Notice letter as a temporary card. 3 - Have a list of paid members to check off at the meeting. 4 - Have a computer at the door to check the status if they do not have their card

It is a major undertaking and headquarters staff is working very hard to get it done. *** PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT TAMPA TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE STATUS OF YOUR DUES CARDS. *** This will only slow things down. Thank you for your patience with this process

Final Call for the Potentate’s Fezzing

Unit President Eric Collins offers a last minute chance to get your reservation in for the annual Fez Party on Saturday January 9th. The agenda and the buffet meal was listed in the December issue. The Zor pipes and Drums will entertain after the meal and prior to the family and Divan Ladies’ roast. Contact Dale Holmen at 608-241-4751 last minute reservations.



Additional Season's Greetings

- Noble Charles Huffman & Lady Carol
- Noble Jim Anderson & Lady Kathy
- Noble Larry Nelson & Lady Annell
- Noble Douglas Turner & Lady Jennifer
- Noble Charles White & Lady Ruth Anne
- Noble William Newton & Lady Deborah
- Noble Marshall Coon & Lady Frances
Pipes & Drums

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Drivers and Riders to the Twin Cities Hospital in November

Drivers

- John Hanson
- Eric Ott
- Chuck Huffman
- Bob Calverley (x2)
- Mike Sund
- Dave Rezin
- Dick Jarvis
- Kevin Fischer (x2)
- Scott Brainard
- Barry Maxfield
- Mark Jerdee

Riders

- Bob Keene (x3)
- Jodi Ott
- Dave Rezin
- Tom Voight
- Jay Wood
- John Hanson
- Martin Burkhardt (x3)
- Jennifer Fischer (x2)

Drivers and Riders to the Chicago Hospital in November

Drivers

- Larry Severson
- Phil Anderson
- Bill Schmitz

Riders

- Jon Barthel
- GP Weimer
- Dick Jarvis

Calendar Raffle Winners

Congratulations to these lucky folks! Top winners were: Gloria Hale, Mauston, \$100; Cody Larson, Westfield, \$100; Mike Green, Janesville, \$100; Jeremy Brantner, Mondovi, \$150; & Darcy Fields, Eau Claire, \$150.



The \$20 dollar winners were:

- Randy Heisz, Janesville; Connie Anderson, Star Prairie; Jay Soderholm, Cottage Grove; Dick Jones, Madison; Dale Komplin, Madison; Pat Gardner, Black River Falls; Cate Mattakat, East Bethel, MN; Brian Duoss, Janesville; Ed & Julie Swenson, River Falls; Lloyd Solum, Tomah; Eric Jones, Indianapolis, IN; Mimi Sawyer, Hayward; John Krinke, DePere; Randy Scott, Tomah; Gene Baker, Monroe; Ed & Julie Swenson, River Falls; Kim Walther, Mondovi; Madison Larson, Oshkosh; Elsie Letson, New Richmond; Candy Hiatt, Berlin; Niki Baker, Monroe; John Thorstad, Madison; Sally Carpenter, Sun Prairie; Jim Wolfi, River Falls; Dave Kanable, Oregon; & Roger Barthel, Iola.

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The Madison Shrine Clowns will be holding their annual Potentate/Sweetheart party on Saturday February 13th at the Maple Tree Restaurant in McFarland, WI located on HWY 51 just past the lights. It is a time to see our new Potentate show his real Clown face. As in the past, the entertainment is making a clown out of a Potentate and bringing him into our Unit. While this is going on, there will be door prizes given out. ALL proceeds from the prize drawing will be sent to the International Clown Red Sneaker Fund to benefit the Shrine Burn Hospitals.

The evening will begin when you arrive and we will eat at 6:00 PM with a family style meal of chicken, Swiss steak, and shrimp with all the trimmings including a desert. All this fun and food for the low cost of \$20.00 per person for a night you will not want to miss. What a way to bring in the Circus season for Zor!

Reservations are needed and can be made with the coupon in this issue of the Zephyr and mailed to Dale Holmen @ 13 St. Albans Ave. Madison, WI 53714. Now, remember to sign up and bring a happy face. We do make one request of any Past Potentate's out there to please bring along your picture from your year so everyone can see if you changed any.

Everyone can be a Clown for one night so we hope to see you on February 13th at the Maple tree.

ZOR CLOWN POTENTATE SWEETHEART PARTY

February, 13, 2016, Maple Tree Restaurant, HWY 51, Mcfarland, WI

Name _____

Number attending _____ @ \$20.00 each Amount enclosed \$ _____

Eat at 6:00 PM social when you arrive

Return to: Dale Holmen, 13. Albans Ave. Madison Wi 53714

Reservations need to be received by February 2, 2016

2016 Zor Annual Meeting and Election

Zor Shriner's annual meeting and election of officers will be held on Saturday, Jan. 9, at the Zor Shrine Center starting about 11:45 a.m. The usual buffet lunch will begin at 11:45 in the Oasis Room, with the Ladies invited to join. Please RSVP by December 31st. Or if the Ladies are interested in a something a bit different, there is a planned lunch at Longhorn Steakhouse. Ladies will meet at 11:15 then carpool to the steakhouse. After lunch, the Ladies will have free time to shop or relax at the Shrine Center prior to Installation.

After the opening of the Temple at 1 p.m., the business session with all annual reports will be held until 3 p.m., when the election of officers will be held. Remember to bring your new dues card when you register to attend the business meeting. Following the election of officers, Ladies, family members, and guests are invited to participate in the open public installation of new officers, which will begin at approximately 3:30.

ZOR SHRINERS ANNUAL MEETING LUNCH

January 9, 11:45 AM, Nobles and Ladies welcome

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

_____ No. attending \$ _____ amount enclosed

Return coupon & check for \$12/person, made payable to Zor Shriners by January 6th to: Zor Shriners, 575 Zor Shrine Place, Madison, WI 53719

CAMEL PATROL'S CHIEF RABBAN PARTY

Zor's Camel Patrol will hold its annual Chief Rabban Party on Sunday Jan. 10, 2016 at Rex's Innkeeper in Waunakee. Party Chairman Jim Stelsel said that the traditional party to honor the Chief Rabban and his Lady will be held after Zor's Annual Meeting and Election to honor the Noble who moves up to the post of Potentate on January 9, 2016. It allows the future Potentate an opportunity to give a preview of some of the events he has planned during his year as Potentate.

Chairman Stelsel said the social hour will begin at 4:00 P. M. with dinner at 5:00 P. M. As in past years, there will be a choice of four entrees - Tenderloin Filet, Prime Rib, Chicken Cordon Bleu, and Deep Fried Shrimp. The cost for each entrée is \$25.00 per person and will include baked potato, garden salad, rolls, milk, tea, coffee, dessert, tax and tip.

Due to the choice of entrees, all Nobles and Ladies must fill out the accompanying coupon and send it with their preference marked and a check made payable to "Zor Shrine Camel Patrol" for the number of dinners being ordered by December 30th, Stelsel said. He also promised door prizes and great fun and sociability.

CAMEL PATROL'S CHIEF RABBAN PARTY

Sunday January 10, Rex's Innkeeper in Waunakee

Cocktails 4:00 P.M. | Dinner 5:00 P. M.

Tenderloin___ Chicken Cordon Bleu___ Deep Fried Shrimp___ Prime Rib___

Number of Reservations _____ @ \$25.00 each person (\$50.00 per couple).

All prices include tax & tip. Total amount of check enclosed \$ _____

Make Checks payable to the "Zor Shrine Camel Patrol".

Reservation Deadline Dec. 30th.

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Send reservations to:

Jim Stelsel, Party Chairman, 3701 Spenser Lane, Madison, WI 53704

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