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From The Potentate Bob Giesler

Potentates Message

Can you believe it. Zor Ceremonial is just around the corner and we need a lot more candidates to fill that hotel up. The challenge steak fries have ended but we will still do cold sands and of course we have openings for ceremonial Dec. 3, 2016 at the Radisson Hotel in LaCrosse. Watch the Zephyr for more information and registration information.

September 10 will be a fun day in the Northwoods as the Musky Shrine Club hosts their annual ATV ride at Wolf Point near Spooner. This is always a fun event so if you are interested call Gary Cuskey 715 520 3052 for information.

St Croix Shrine Club will host the little East- West Shrine Football game on September 24, with UW River Falls playing. They will have a parade in the morning and afternoon football game. Get there early and enjoy a brat for breakfast.

La Crosse UWL football game this year is October 15th with game time at 1:05 P.M. so add that to your calendar as well. UW Whitewater will have a Nov 5 game which Zor Shrine will be at as has been the custom.

At Imperial session in July some legislation was passed which may be confusing to many of our nobles. In short Imperial will now begin using membership lists in cooperation with advertisers and you may receive information about this program. Imperial hopes to generate income this way and you will have an opportunity to OPT IN to the program in which case you will surely receive solicitation. If however you do not wish to be contacted, do nothing and I am told that your contact information will not be shared. Also along with this you will now begin seeing advertising in the International Shriner Magazine.

Yours in the
Faith,

Bob Giesler, Zor
Potentate 2016



Calendar of Events

September 2016

10th- Musky ATV Ride

13th- Steak Fry Zor Shrine Center

13th- Divan Meeting

24th- Shrine UW-River Falls Football Game River Falls, WI

October 2016

11th- Honored Ladies Luncheon Zor Shrine Center

11th-Divan Meeting Zor Shrine Center

11th- Quarterly Meeting & Steak Fry Zor Shrine Center

15th- UW LaCrosse Game

Midwest Shrine Association Summer Session



“Clown categories - L-R White Face Darrell (Dale Holmen), tramp/hobo Billy (Larry Hanson, PP), Aguste Foxy (Lyle Fox)”

Marquette, MI; What a great time was had by nearly 50 Zor Shriners and their Ladies, who traveled to the Oasis of Ahmed Shriners for the 2016 Midwest Shrine Association Summer Session (MSA) Aug. 3-6.

Wednesday our Divan members meet with their counterparts from the other 13 Midwest Shrines that make up the MSA for a very nice dinner at the Masonic Temple in downtown Marquette.

Thursday, Ahmed hosted a Ladies V.I.P. Brunch. In the evening there was a large shrine unit parade through Downtown Marquette followed by an Oasis.

Friday saw several Zor members of the Madison Clowns and Wautoma Mavericks in competition and winning Trophies; Larry Hanson, PP aka Billy – 1st in tramp/hobo — Lyle Fox, aka Foxy – 1st in Aguste — Dale Holmen, aka Darrell - 2nd in White Face. -- Dale and Lyle 1st in 2 person skit -- Larry and Lyle tied for 2nd in paradability. Zor’s Mighty Mavericks won 1st in drill, 1st in obstacle course and 1st in slow Ride. Most importantly our Mavericks won the Motor Corp Sportsmanship Award.

Also Friday many Zor Ladies attend a Luncheon. In the evening Ahmed provided a big block party in front of their Temple which was open to the public. Saturday all units travelled about 15 miles west of Marquette to Ishpeming, MI for a morning parade, after which, we all grabbed a ‘to go lunch’ and headed home.

Congratulations to Ahmed Shrines for hosting such a wonderful MSA Summer Session.

By Joe Harker, Chief of Staff.

Pictures continued on next page...



Chris Peters Looking Good!



Pictured left to right is Darrell Smith, holding the first place award for 2 wheel slow ride; Rod LaBlanc with overall Sportsman award; Bill Schmitz with the first place award for 2 wheeler drill field competition and Mike Karas with the first place for the 2 wheel feature obstacle course.



Todd Wolhert



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Midwest Shrine Association Summer Session con't

Zor makes good impression at Midwest Shriners Association gathering



Members of the Zor Divan are shown saluting the reviewing stand at the end of the Shrine Parade at the MSA in Marquette, Michigan. Left to right is Joe Harker, Chief of Staff, Barry Ausen, Oriental Guide, Bob Hering, membership Chair, Karl Gant, Chaplain and Monte Steiber, Asst Chief of Staff and Past Potentate.

It was a week long gathering of Shriners from all over the Midwest and several Canadian provinces August 1st through 6th in the scenic Michigan UP community of Marquette.

The welcome mat was out for the Shriners on this their first major visit to the lake shore town. Everywhere you went there were signs thanking the Shriners for choosing Marquette to host their once a year ceremonial. You were made to feel important and we thoroughly enjoyed the fine hospitality.

The Zor Shrine of Madison made a real impact on the proceedings with high level performances in parade units as well as their traditional fraternal support and camaraderie.

Over 800 Shriners and their ladies were treated to lunches, tours, parades and all those fun things that make up the Shrine experience. The local newspaper, the Mining Journal, published a special edition which outlined the mission of Shriners of helping children through the many Shriners Hospitals for Children® throughout the country.

This writer was greeted by several former hospital patients who expressed their appreciation for making their lives better.

Marquette, Michigan is the home of Northern Michigan University. The campus features a huge dome which houses a full indoor dome for football, soccer and other events for the Northern Michigan Wildcats. Being in the northern climate such a facility is very useful during what only can be described a rough winters.

The whole week was like a huge family reunion, hosted by Ahmed Shrine, with warm hugs and wonderful conversations among the people who all share one common bond, that of helping kids.

Zor Parade units also were presented three 1st place awards in completion during the week, plus the coveted Sportsman Award for representing themselves with a high level of respect and support.

By Milt Helmer



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Front Cover Story: Midwest Shrine Motor Corps Association

August 3-6, 2016 found more than 700 Shriners and their Ladies from 6 Midwestern states and 2 Canadian providences gathered in Marquette, Michigan for the Summer Convention. Shriners participated in 2 parades – one in Marquette to open the Convention and one in Ishpeming to close the Convention. In between the parades, Shriners and their Ladies had the opportunity to participate in site-seeing tours, Ladies Brunch and Luncheon, enjoy a concert by the Yelduz Shrine Chanters from Aberdeen, SD, shopping in the Shrine Marketplace, dinners, cookouts and a block party with great music. Former and current Divan members enjoyed several dinners and opportunities to spend time with their Counterparts.

The highlight of the Convention happened on Friday morning when Shrine units had the opportunity to compete against units from

other Shrine Temples. Opportunities for competition include: motorized units; clowns; chanters; bands and color guard.

Competing in the motorized competition from the Zor Temple were the Zor Mavericks. Members participating were: Rodney LaBlanc; Bill Schmitz; Darrell Smith and Mike Karas. Competitions included: unit inspection of personnel and machine (scooters); a precision drill designed by the unit; a slow ride to test balance while riding in slow motion on a u-shaped course; and a speed obstacle course.

Awards were presented at a special banquet Friday evening for the Motor Corps units. The Mavericks placed 1st in Unit Inspection and Precision Drill. Rodney placed 1st in the Slow Ride and Rodney and Bill placed 1st in the Obstacle Course.

The highlight of the awards program was the presentation of the

Sportsmanship Award. 2016 was the first time this award was given. The Motor Corps Board of Directors chose the recipient based on: dedication; enthusiasm; support of other units; and willingness to help set up and take down. The 2016 Sportsmanship Award was awarded to the Zor Mavericks!

The Zor Mavericks are putting out a challenge to all other Zor and other temple motorized units to start planning now to attend next summer's Convention and join in the competition. Maverick member Mike Karas, who competed for the first time said, "Wow, that was so much fun! Can we do it again? I don't understand why all the units don't do this. I can't wait until next year."

Start planning now for August 17-19, 2017 Midwest Convention and competition in Bloomington, Minnesota.

By Rodney LaBlanc



FALL/WINTER CEREMONIAL

The 2016 Ceremonial will be held in La Crosse, Wisconsin, at the Radisson Hotel on December 3rd. The Ceremonial is open to all Zor Shriners, their ladies and guests.

This is your opportunity to bring Master Masons who are not members and who wish to join our fraternity of Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. This is also your opportunity to come meet the many new Nobles, visit with acquaintances, and make new Shrine friends.

This year the venue will be the same as last year and next months issue of the Zephyr will have more information and coupon for you to fill out.

Final arrangements are being made a little later this year however you will have ample time to make your reservations and plans to attend. We are looking for a large

class of new nobles so start talking to your friends about becoming a member. Have them make a note on their calendar to save the date and come join us.



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Honored Ladies Luncheon

Zor Shriners Potentate Bob Giesler and Lady Pat will host a luncheon for Zor's honored ladies on Tuesday October 11th. Social will begin at 11:30 and luncheon will be served at 12:00 noon. The theme for this year's luncheon is "Aprons".

If you have a favorite apron bring/wear it to the luncheon. All Zor widows will be guests of Zor and all ladies of Zor and friends are encouraged to attend. Please use the coupon found in this issue to make your reservation. Reservations must be received by Sept 29, 2016.



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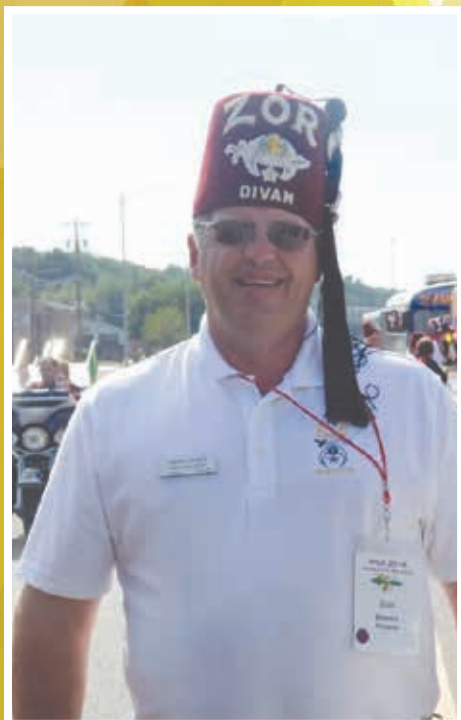
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Welcome New Nobles!



The cold sands initiation of Alvin Henry (First line singer, V. Houff) from Madison was completed (July 19th) at the Zor Shrine Steak Fry. The ceremony was conducted by Ill. Sir Bob Giesler.



The cold sands initiation of Robert Brannia (First line singer, O. Demo) from Belmont was completed (August 7th) at the SW Shrine Club Meeting. The ceremony was conducted by Ill. Sir Bob Giesler.



Rice Lake brings in two new members

The Zor Shrine's traveling steak fry welcomed two new members on Tuesday August 9th at the Masonic Center in Rice Lake. The Nobles are shown here right after their Fezzing. Left to right is Asst Rabban Gary Cuskey, New Noble Joe Althouse, Noble Chuck Stene and Michael Mc Gough and Ill Sir Bob Giesler. Story submitted courtesy Gary Cuskey

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My unit director, Robert "Barrels" Neelan, was researching the origin of the Syrian Shrine Clown unit. He found out that our unit dates back to around 1946. That started a whole new research discussion. We were wondering if our unit was the oldest and first Shrine Clown unit. I went to the ISCA Face book page and put the question out there. Sorry to disappoint you Barrels. Thanks to Lyle "Foxy" Fox I found a unit that predates ours by about 8 years.

So how did Shrine Clowning get started? Who started it? Where did it start? Here is their story.

The first Shrine Clowns were in Badger Country; yes that's right Madison Wisconsin. Zor Temple had the first Shrine Clown unit started in 1938. The crowds increased at their Circus and children got bored waiting for the show. The wife of a Noble suggested why don't some Nobles dress up as Clowns and entertain the children for Crowd control. Yes guys it was a Ladies idea. Noble Wells persuaded his friend Noble Sverre Brathen, a circus buff who headed the International Circus Fans' Association, to have some of the members make up as Clowns. The Zor Shrine Clown unit was about to be born!

Noble Brathen organized a group of nine Nobles in May of 1938. Can you say first of Mays? This was the first Shrine Clowns used in a Shrine activity. This group, due to a cautious Divan did not become an official Unit with a charter until 1945. By then the Zor Unit had 40 members.

The original group of nine organized in 1938 were, Sverre Brathen, Carl Danhouser, Otto Gilbertson, D. John Leigh, Clyde Wilson, James McDonald, Olaf Strand, Frank Moore, and Richard Widman. This was a very respectable group of prominent attorneys, business men, a bakery owner, the treasurer of the city of Madison, and Madison Fire Chief.



The original unit comprised of mostly solemn White Faced clowns, the Aguste and tramp clowns. Because the Zor Temple covers a large geographic area 4 other Clown units were formed at Zor Temple. The Funsters, Rapids WI. 1963, Firehouse Jesters 1972, Lacrosse WI. Sawdusters, Eau Claire WI. 1976, Zor Flambeau Clowns, Park Falls 1983.

The First contact with The National Shrine Clown association was at the Imperial in Chicago in 1968. The National Shrine Clown Association was the Early ISCA.

How did your Unit start? Who started it? When did it start? We would love to hear from you. Please submit articles and ideas to your Publication. We would love to hear from you.

If you see a child with no smile, give them yours Andy Chillie Mellman
Information provided by Lyle (FOXY)
Fox Zor Clown unit director

Regards,
Dan "DOC" O'Connor

48th Annual Kwahamot Water Ski Fundraiser

48th Annual Kwahamot Water Ski Club and Timber Shrine Club will combine to raise money for Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

Kwahamot (Tomahawk spelled backward) Bay on the scenic Wisconsin River in Tomahawk, Wisconsin was the scene for the ZOR's Timber Shrine Club and Kwahamot Water Ski Club (KWSC) to have a benefit show for Shriners Hospitals for Children® on Saturday July 30th .

This is the 48th year that KWSC have graciously work with Timber SC to make this happen. Chuck

Miller & Bob Calverley from the Funster Clowns came in costume to entertain the children before the show began by making balloon dogs, swords & flowers. It was beautiful evening and the support of Noble Jim Builer & Lady Peg to organize with an local printer to have poster posted throughout Tomahawk businesses to promote the show, we had a Great crowd attending the show. Chief Rabban Chuck Miller address the crowd at intermission and other Nobles passed the Fez throughout crowd which resulted with donations of over \$975.00.



Shriners Host Picnic in Prescott, WI



Members of the St. Croix Valley Shrine Club hosted their annual summer picnic at Freedom Park in Prescott on Saturday, August 6th, 2016.

Shown during the picnic are left to right, Jerry Wilkens of River Falls, Captain of the Zor Roadrunners; Vern Engbretson of Clear Lake, Past Potentate; Ed Swenson of River Falls, newly appointed Onion chairman; Larry and Carol Fischer, Past President and event host of Prescott; Jeremy Fussy, Club President of Baldwin; Jerry Hauschildt, current Onion Chairman of Baldwin and Rod Rommel of River Falls, member of the Shrine Hospital Board of Governors.

Nicholas Wahl is 2016 Shrine parade Grand Marshal

In many respects he is your typical eight year old boy who loves Legos, T-ball, swimming, bike riding and video games.

But Nicholas Wahl, the only child of Jeremy and Ashley Wahl of Boyceville, has the distinction of not only being helped by the Shriners Hospital for Children®, but also comes from a family whose father was also a patient at the hospital.

Young Nicolas was born with a forked thumb, meaning he had a growth next to one of his thumbs. That was removed at Shriners Hospital for Children® in the Twin Cities when he was 2 years old. The surgery was successful and he goes back to Shriners once a year to make sure the ligaments are healing properly.

His father and his younger brother were both born with a spinal condition which left Jeremy with a club foot. His younger brother succumbed to complications of the condition, and Jeremy was treated at Shriners. He had been in a brace since 5th grade.

Jeremy and his wife Ashley knew what the hospi-

tal had done for them, so they were very pleased to have their son receive treatment at Shriners.

Wahl was raised to a Master Mason on April 8th, 2015 and became a Shriner on May 30. Jeremy said, "I'm proud to be a Shriner and convey my appreciation for the Shrine and being able to be part of such a great organization." He added, "And to being able to give back for all they have done for me and my family and countless others." He further added, "That's probably the best way to express why I became a Shriner."

Grand Marshal

Young Nicolas Wahl will be the Grand Marshal of the Little East West Shrine game held in River Falls on September 24th. He will lead the Shrine/Homecoming parade prior to the Homecoming game and also be guest of honor at the Shrine banquet on Friday, September 23rd at Junior's in the Best Western Plus in downtown River Falls.

Jeremy works as a shift manager at Kwik Trip in Wilson and his wife Ashley is employed at Specialty Coating Systems

in Clear Lake. Jeremy is originally from Waterloo, Iowa.

By Milt Helmer



