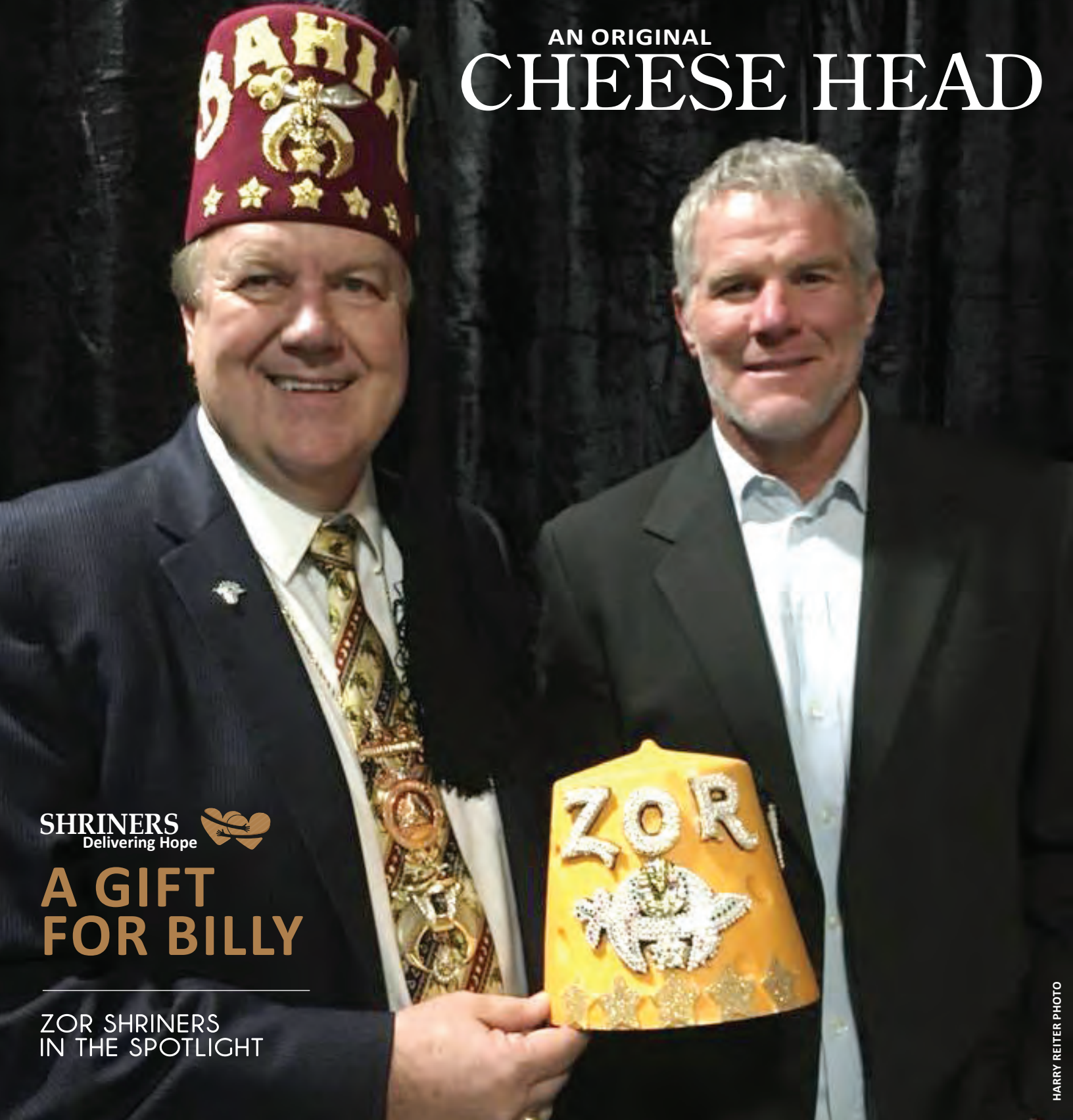


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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ZOR POTENTATE

Spring has had a hard time coming to Wisconsin but it's now beginning to be in full bloom, a welcome break from the long winter cold and snow! With a good share of our annual and special events already in the rear view mirror, we still have a lot of fun activities and events lying ahead. Be sure to check event times and dates to be certain that you can participate in all that our wonderful fraternity has to offer.

Lady Judy and I want to thank all that attended the annual Wausauken Indian Party in Wausau. We especially want to thank Illustrious Sir Steve Peterson, PP, for all of his hard work and efforts, as well as the members of the Wausauken Club, for a great party. We really enjoyed ourselves and being surrounded by fellow Shriners, Ladies, and guests who share in the common goals of our fraternity. The Geranium center pieces are always a source of beauty, bringing thoughts of spring and the new life that comes with the season. As luck would have it the weather was far from spring like. An early spring snow storm which recorded record amounts of snowfall over most of the state hampered many from being able to make the trip to Wausau. Those who were fortunate enough to attend enjoyed the great hospitality of the Wausauken Indians. We were treated to special musical entertainment performed by Max Koepke, a 14 year old musician, who is very talented and mature beyond his years. Everyone there enjoyed his piano playing along with vocal selections. He also offered selections using the guitar, harmonica, and ukulele. What a great treat!

As we head into May, we are busy getting ready for our Spring Ceremonial to be held at the Holiday Inn in Eau Claire on May 19th. If you haven't already registered, please complete the coupon(s) in this month's Zephyr and return them as indicated. I especially want to thank the Mehara Shrine Club and its members for their valuable assistance in helping with the many aspects involved with the Spring Ceremonial.

For those of you who are considering attending the "Mystery Event" on Friday night: This promises to be a unique event that will



be something new for most of you. It is very casual, so please dress to be warm and comfortable. Bring a jacket as we will be outside for a short time and jeans are acceptable!

A reminder to all brethren that June 1st and 2nd is the Grand Lodge Annual Communication at the Masonic Center in downtown Madison. Our brother Shriner and Deputy Grand Master Scott Pedley will be installed as Grand Master and I encourage any and all Shrine Masons to attend the 174th Annual Communication.

Membership has been and continues to be a high priority for our temple. We are anticipating several new Shriners to join our ranks at the Spring Ceremonial on May 19th. Also at our steak frys we usually will have one to four or five new nobles initiated in a 'cold sands' ceremony. Review the schedule for steak frys and take this opportunity to invite and bring new nobles into the Shrine. Remember that we encourage 'cold sands' initiates to attend the next ceremonial in order to experience the event and learn all that the Shrine does and has to offer its members and their communities. Our new member goal for this year is at least 50 new nobles including reinstatements. We are all on the membership committee. We need to be encouraging brother masons in our blue lodges to also become Shrine Masons. Our Imperial Potentate's membership initiative is: "I am committed now RU". Let's all do our part and help our fraternity prosper and grow.

There are a lot of activities on our plate as we enter the spring and summer seasons. Be sure to check the upcoming events on the Zor Shriners website and mark your calendars to attend.

Coming on July 21st, we will be having the second annual Zorfest music festival at Camp McCoy near Tomah, Wisconsin. It is stacking up to be a great time for all music lovers! Your Zorfest committee has great bands and musicians coming that you will no doubt enjoy. I hope to see you there while we are having 'fun' and 'Delivering Hope'!



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PORTRAIT OF A MASON

THE JERRY BRISTOL STORY



By Milt Helmer

If someone asked you to describe the type of a man who becomes a Freemason, the answer can easily be found in the story of an Ellsworth man, who at the urging of his neighbor, made the decision that would ultimately change his life and many other lives he has touched.

That man is Jerry Bristol of Ellsworth, Wisconsin. He is not an ordinary man. His story is one right out of a Norman Rockwell's America.

He attended schools in Ellsworth and studied accounting at the University of Minnesota night school.

Jerry started his working career on the factory floor of Red Wing Shoe Company; rising through the ranks to spend 41 years with the nationally known company and retiring as the Shoe's chief financial officer. While in Red Wing Shoe administration Jerry was urged to become involved in committees and boards. One of his assignments included the IRC (now Pro-act) which provided employment for handicapped individuals. Jerry was a member of the board of directors. He also served on the Board of Supervisors for the company credit union, and participated in the School District coop program which placed students in real work environments.

Although Bristol joined the Hancock Lodge early on, he did not become active until his retirement since his duties were very time consuming.

Upon becoming a Mason he was soon directed to the Scottish Rite and then on to the Shrine. It was about this time that Hancock Lodge #229 was considering building a new lodge and he met the challenge of the building committee head on.

Jerry said "The Grand Lodge had expressed concern that a new building in a small town was a difficult task." But Jerry knew a new lodge would generate a great comradery with the lodge brothers and the sisters of the Eastern Star members. Jerry had a passion for fishing but Lester Heise, the brother selected to ram rod the project, did not give him much time for fishing because he had a job for him to do.

The project was completed in the fall and without warning, "I was elected Junior Warden!" said Bristol. Jerry went on through the chairs to become Worshipful Master. Then the Shrine came calling and soon "I was in line to become president."

Jerry's wife Mary was a member of the Eastern Star Chapter #116 and shared an opportunity to travel to Norway, Sweden and Denmark. Since traveling was one of his retirement goals, this fit right in. Naturally, upon return he was invited to join the Eastern

See 'Portrait of a Shriner' on page 15

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MARSHALL

Mark Hazelbaker - Madison
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Zor's 2018 Marshal, Mark Hazelbaker is a lawyer who has a practice in Madison serving local governments and businesses. Mark is a native of Mukwonago, Wisconsin. He attended the University of Wisconsin - Madison, earning degrees in Journalism, 1979 and law, 1982.

While still in Law School, he worked as Executive Assistant to the Dane County Executive, assisting in budget and management analyses. He served as the Executive's liaison to the Cuban émigré community addressing the impact of the 1980 Mariel Boatlift in Dane County.

Mark served the United Council of UW Students as Legislative Director from 1980-81. As lobbyist for UW students, he succeeded in persuading the Legislature to reduce planned cuts to the UW System by half, restoring many important programs for students.

Mark clerked at a small Madison law firm, and subsequently was hired as the Legal Counsel of the Wisconsin Counties Association 1983 to 1986. While with the WCA, Mark led lobbying efforts to modernize county government by creating cabinet government at the County level. When controversy arose over implementation of Native American Treaty rights to off-reservation hunting and fishing, he was designated by the county officials in the affected area to represent them in the matter with the Department of Natural Resources and the Tribes.

In 1986, Mark moved to Manitowoc, Wisconsin to take a position with Manitowoc County as County Attorney and Personnel Director. He oversaw implementation of the sale of a county nursing home to private operators and successfully defended the sale in Court. He managed all legal and human resource matters for the County until 1989, when he was promoted to the newly created position of Administrative Coordinator of Manitowoc County from 1986 to 1992. He continued to act as County Attorney. There, he met his first wife, with whom he had a son, Nik, who is now 30 and employed in real estate investments.

Mark returned to Madison to enter private practice in 1992 and has continued to advise and work with local governments, businesses and associations throughout his legal career. His experience includes acting as lead lobbyist on five major new laws and hundreds of local governments ordinance and zoning actions. He has handled thousands of court trials and dozens of jury trials in civil and criminal cases.

In 1994, Mark joined the fraternity as a member of Four Lakes Daylight Lodge. He was following tradition of his family, which has several active members. He joined Scottish Rite in 1995 and the Shrine in 2001. In 2015, he was appointed as one of Zor's Associate Members of the Board of Directors of the Shriner's Children's Hospital - Chicago.

He is married to Dr. Deborah Hoffman, a licensed psychologist, who has two adult children of her own. They live in Madison.

CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD

Allen Heinkel - Hayward
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Al Heinkel lives in Hayward and joined Zor Shrine in 1984. He served on the Divan in 1993, 2011 and is currently Captain of the Guard for 2018. Al is a Past Master of Keystone Lodge #263 in Hayward, serving in 2001 and again in 2011.

Al was Hayward Musky Shrine Club President in 1988, 1997, 2001 and 2002. He is currently serving as the club treasurer. He is retired and spends his time enjoying outdoor activities, volunteer work at the Hayward Hospital, Hayward United Methodist Church and with the American Birkenbeiner. Al also enjoys supporting Shrine Club activities and traveling in his motorhome to warmer climates.

OUTER GUARD

Brian Dunham - Eau Claire
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Brian Dunham, a member of Eau Claire Lodge 112, was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in March of 2008. His roots in Masonry are deep as he is a 6th generation Mason. Since 2016 he has been active in the Eau Claire Valley Scottish Rite and is currently an officer in the Lodge of Perfection.

In the Spring of 2015, at the Eau Claire ceremonial Brian proudly became a Zor Shriner. Wanting to be active in the community, and the reason he joined the Zor Shriners, he became a member of the Tin Lizzies parade unit. In the summer you can find him driving one of the mini cars in many of the parades throughout western Wisconsin. During the "off-season" he is the counselor for the Mehara Shrine Circus and the current VP of the Mehara Shrine Club. In 2018 he joined the Zor Imagineers and was installed as the Outer Guard on the Divan. He is the liaison between the Divan and the Tin Lizzies, the Mehara Shrine Club, the Flambeauland Shrine Club, and the Zor Imagineers.

Brian has 4 children and an amazingly patient wife. Through her grace, patience, and understanding, he has been lovingly supported by Linda. Without her blessing, this active lifestyle would not be possible.

AN ORIGINAL CHEESE HEAD



The beginning of Imperial Sir Gary Bergensky's Cheese Head Fez

By Debbi Thorstad

When I found out Sir Gary was going to be Imperial Potentate I knew he had to have a Cheese Head Fez since he originally was from Zor. He and Anne are so down-to-earth and fun people I just love them and had to make the Fez.

I ordered the Cheesehead Fez online and enlisted the help of some Shrine friends to get Fez's that could not be worn anymore due to damaged or whatever. I had an absolute blast making Sir Gary's Fez; a lot of cutting and gluing and clamping and prayers, especially when I accidentally cut the thread on the pearls that are on the outside of the Crescent and Scimitar. I was on my hands and knees looking for those darn little tiny pearls on the kitchen floor wondering where in the world am I going to find pearls that tiny in a store to match...LOL and then putting them back around the Crescent and Scimitar with glue was fun!



Sir Gary's Fez jewel parts were made from a dear, wonderful friend Past Potentate Roger Amdall Divan Fez. It took about 2 weeks to finish the Fez and I do say I am so proud of it and so happy when John presented the Fez that Sir Gary loved it.

I told Gary at the December Ceremonial the history of his Fez and he remembered who Roger Amdall was and said he was more humbled to have his Fez and it made the Fez more special to me also.

I love that Sir Gary had Brett Favre sign it.

Sir Gary told me when it sits on his desk in his office people come by to take pictures of it. The only regret I have is that I forgot to sign the inside of the Fez.

The presentation

By John Thorstad

Following the public installation of the Imperial Officers on Wednesday, July 12th, Potentate Chuck Miller presented Gary with his 5-star Zor Fez. I then followed with the presentation to Gary of the Zor Cheese Head Fez which was made by my wife, Debbi. We then gave Anne a Wisconsin Badger and Green Bay Packer scarves. Past Potentate Tom Nelson gave a handmade cheese tie from Nancy



Imperial Sir Gary Bergensky standing with Brett Favre.

Nelson. After Imperial Lady Anne gave her hospital presentation on her program, called Love Grows Miracles, I made the 1st donation to her project with a check in the amount of \$1,250.00 from 13 Zor Past Potentates'. It was truly an honor to represent Zor by making these presentations.

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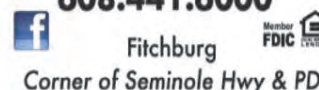


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Stoughton Conservation Club
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Sunday
May 6th **MOUND VIEW SHRINE CLUB**
12:30 pm
Country Kitchen - Dodgeville

Tuesday
May 8th **CLOWN STEAK FRY /
AUXILLIARY 50/50 RAFFLE**
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Zor Temple
575 Zor Shrine Place, Madison, WI

Friday
May 18th **DIVAN MEETING**
Holiday Inn, Eau Claire

ZOR MYSTERY DINNER
Holiday Inn, Eau Claire

Saturday
May 19th **SPRING CEREMONIAL**
Holiday Inn, Eau Claire

Tuesday
May 24th **MAVERICKS STEAK FRY**
5:00 Social, 6:00 Dinner
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Jon Barthel 414-939-0735

10:00 PM - 1:00 AM
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Tuesday-Thursday
June 12th-14th **MEHARA
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Monday
June 18th **DIVAN MEETING**
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July 21st **DIVAN MEETING (IF NEEDED)**
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Saturday
July 28th **POTENTATE PARTY - JANSKY'S**
La Crescent, MN

Tuesday
Aug. 7th **DIVAN MEETING/STEAK FRY**
2pm
Rice Lake Masonic Center

Wednesday
Aug. 8th **QUARTERLY STATED
MEETING/STEAK FRY**
3:30pm
Rice Lake Masonic Center

Wednesday-Friday
Aug. 15th-17th **MSA SUMMER SESSION**
Deadwood, SD

Tuesday
Aug. 21st **ARKDALE PICNIC/
POTENTATES STEAK FRY**
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By the scimitar and crescent you wear upon your coat,
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 It's a symbol that your fellows have abiding faith in you;
 They believe that you are worthy and they trust in all you do.
 But I wonder, fellow Noble, as I meet you here and there,
 If you've really caught the meaning of the little badge you wear?

Are you mindful of its splendor? Are you watchful of its fame?
 Are you careful as you travel not to bring it into shame?
 You proclaim that you're a Shriner, every passer-by can see
 That you've pledge to do the right thing wheresoever you may be,
 But, world-wide, your brothers suffer loss and injury from you,
 If you do the wrong act which a Shriner wouldn't do.

By the token you're wearing, you're expected to be fine;
 We have taught the world it's something to be chosen by the Shrine;
 And the man who wears its emblem has his fellow guarantee
 That a gentleman of honor he is known and pledge to be;
 And if he shall fail that standard by some thoughtless word or whim,
 All Shriners, wide world over, shall be put to shame by him.

By the scimitar and crescent which you so proudly display,
 You are bound to live and travel in a bigger, better way.
 You must dignify the emblem, so none whom you may meet,
 Be he friend or foe, may whisper that the Shrine is but a cheat.
 You must play the man at all the times,
 you must keep your conduct fair,
 And be worthy of the crescent and scimitar you wear.

Edgar A. Guest

CIRCUS

REPORT

Additional Circus Ringmasters - Curtis Bell, Michael Heitke, Terry McShane, Eric Meyer & Charles Porter.

Hayward Musky Shrine Club - Thank you for your bicycle donation to the 2018 circus. Much appreciated!



COME ONE, COME ALL, TO THE 71st ANNUAL MEHARA SHRINE CIRCUS!

We will be riding elephants, laughing at the clowns, gasping in delight at the circle of death motocross riders, humming along to the calliope, and jumping at the boom of the human cannonball. We will be hosting an open-air circus at Carson Park in Eau Claire on June 12th and 13th at 2 and 7 pm. On June 14th we will be in the Dunn County Rec Center/Ice Arena at 2 and 7 pm. This year tickets can be purchased at Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls Kwik Trip Gas Stations or online at www.ShrinersFun.com. Ticket prices are \$16 for adults and \$14 for children.

Did you know the first circus the Mehara Shrine Club held in Eau Claire was in 1947? Sumner Timm a local business leader was Potentate. William Kay owned the circus in those days. The arrival of the circus was a big deal! It came in by train and was unloaded out near the old Drummond Packing plant. The entire circus would parade down to Carson Park and the City charged a fee to clean up after the animals. Eventually, they no longer paraded as they came by truck. It was about 1974 when the Mehara Shrine Club first contracted with Bob Sands as a promoter and George Carden as the circus provider. In 1983 when J Kevin Johnson was club President, the first Menomonie show was held. At that time, it was at the race track. Until recently when the Eau Claire Express baseball team took over the concessions at Carson Park, the Drum Corps provided/sold food. The Sawdusters sold pop and the food at Menomonie shows. In the earlier years, the funds raised supported Shriners Hospital for Children as well as a local Orthopedic School. The money raised helped pay for eye examinations, dental care, and fitting of glasses for local children. Later the school was known as McDonough. At that time there were also had hearing impaired children we helped. In addition, funds were used to sponsor local special needs children's Christmas parties at the Masonic Center. McDonough closed, and the children integrated into the regular school system. We were requested to stop sponsoring parties etc. While the circus no longer supports the immediate local charities, the Masons have set up a fund called the Angel Fund, that anyone can donate to, for local use and our circus funds support the work of the club and Shriners Hospitals.

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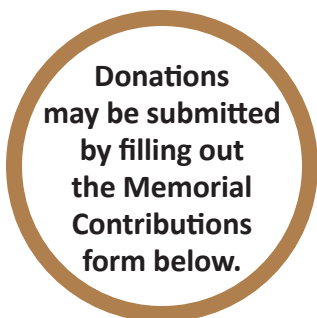
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HOSPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Rod Rommel

On Tuesday March 27th, 20% of our staff, 22 FTEs and approximately 31 people were notified of position eliminations. The last day of work for those losing a job will be April 20th. This action was caused by the Home Office to speed up the process of the Hospital converting to an ASC (Ambulatory Surgical Center). Which basically means no over night patient stays. Hospitals that use Joint Commission accreditation must have at least two active inpatients at the time of all initial or resurvey events to be classified as a hospital. Twin Cities has an average of less than one per day. While the hospital doctors perform almost 500 surgeries annually only about 100 are inpatient discharges.



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During, I believe, the 2009 Imperial session Nobles voted that limiting the use of a Shriners Hospital, such as for day surgery and/or outpatient care, is a function of the board of trustees under Statue §508.7. Therefore the Board of Governors of the Twin Cities Hospital have no choice as to when and how the transformation takes place. Additionally, the Home Office does not believe we can sustain an ASC and would prefer the hospital look at alternatives such as developing area clinics and feeding patients to other Shrine Hospitals like Chicago and St. Louis. The Home Office engaged McKinsey & Company to support our core planning team in this effort and began their work on March 26th.

Hospital Day and Rainbow of Hope recognition will be Saturday May 19th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Again this year our annual Hospital Day will be preceded by a Minnesota Twin baseball game. Rainbow of Hope awards will be presented to three current or past patients for their contributions as role models for others.

Women's General Auxiliary 4 Kids will host their annual meeting on Monday, April 23rd followed by a luncheon with the Hospital Board of Directors on April 24th.

The 3rd Annual Gala is scheduled for Friday, June 1st at the Renaissance Depot in downtown Minneapolis.

Our 8th annual prom event was held on April 7th. This special event continues to be an exciting evening for our kids.

A screening clinic will be held in Ashland on June 27th.

Thank you for your support of the Shriner's Hospitals for Children - TC. If any Noble would like further information please contact me at rodrommel@charter.net or call 608-519-1092.

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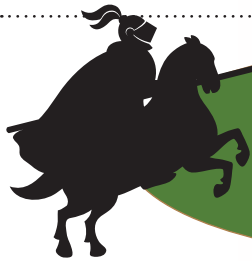
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A GIFT FOR BILLY

In 1922 the Shrine of North America established the first Shriners Hospital for children. Since then, they have grown to 19 orthopedic hospitals and 3 burn institutes located throughout North America.



Left to right: Imperial Sir Gary Bergensky, Noble William (Bill) Parker, and Illustrious Sir Chuck Miller.

This is the story of an accident our son Billy, age 11 had, and how we were helped by the Shriners. This is only one story, there are thousands more like it. So, I write this as "A Tribute to The Shriners" and to the more than 400,000 children who have been helped by them.

It was Thursday, April 7, 1994, a beautiful early Spring day in Wisconsin. As I was putting on my jacket to leave work for the day, in anticipation of our first cookout of the season, I received the phone call that all parents fear. It was my husband, Mike, screaming at me into the phone to meet him and Billy at the emergency room of our local hospital. After Mike had started the fire in the fire pit in our backyard, he realized that he had forgotten to pick up buns on his way home from work. Leaving Billy playing in the yard, he drove to the store a few blocks away, being gone for only a few minutes. During his absence Billy, thinking the fire had gone out, had thrown a small amount of gas (kept in the garage) onto the fire. At that moment Mike pulled into the driveway and heard Billy screaming. As he ran to the backyard, Mike saw Billy's pant legs in flames. He quickly rolled Billy in snow left in the yard, receiving minor burns to his own hands, and took him to the hospital after calling me at work.

After going to the Emergency Room, Billy was admitted to the hospital with third degree burns to his legs. Though Mike and I are both employed, neither place of employment offers insurance benefits. The only insurance Billy had was a small accident policy we had purchased through school. So being one out of the many thousands of families in this country without major health insurance, there was not much they could do, other than to try and keep him as comfortable as possible.

Billy's legs were burned so badly that we were afraid that he would never walk again, or at the least be terribly crippled. We had no idea what to do, or where to go for help. A deep feeling of helplessness had set in, and all we could do was pray for a miracle.

On Saturday morning that prayer was answered when a special angel in the form of a Shriner named Pete Schneider, walked into Billy's hospital room and into our hearts. With tears in his eyes, Pete offered us the help we so desperately needed—all expenses paid, no strings attached. All we had to do was go to the nearest Shriners Burns Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio. This was all taken care of by the Shriners, and on Monday morning Billy and I were on our way. If there is Hell on Earth, it must be at a Children's Burn Center. Within minutes of arriving, I knew that as badly as Billy's legs were burned, it was nothing compared to some of the others. Tiny babies scalded in hot baths, children burned in house fires, and teenagers burned in flaming car accidents. Some were burned on 90 to 100 percent of their bodies, with some missing limbs, ears, nose's and hair. It was like being in the middle of a war zone. I had never known this kind of pain and despair before. Yet they offered us hope, because we saw miracles happen there every day.

The entire hospital staff is specially trained to work with burned children and is among the best this world has to offer. I have never seen such dedication anywhere. They not only work with the patient, but with the entire family, helping us cope, and constantly reassuring us that everything would be all right.

Billy had surgery the following Thursday and Friday. On Thursday, they scraped his legs of all the burned tissue, and on Friday the skin grafts were done. All the skin from his entire back, buttocks and both thighs were taken. The donor sites, where they took the new skin to cover his legs, are equal to second degree burns, because most of the nerve endings on his legs were dead.

He was on bed rest for seven days with a Morphine drip. There were also tubes, life soaker hoses, wrapped with bandages on his legs which had sterile water pumped into them every two hours for five days, to keep the new grafts moist. His bed was constantly soaked.

After five days, the bandages and tubes were removed. It was then time for me to learn the bath, bandages and therapy routine. Mike came on the following weekend, so that he could learn the routine too, as I couldn't do it alone. This task was so tedious, that the first few times it took us nearly three hours, including the bath. This had to be done twice a day along with special exercises to help limber up his legs.

Tiny pieces of Adaptec bandages covered with Bacitracin Ointment had to be cut like a jigsaw puzzle to cover the open spots where the grafts did not take. Then a cream had to be rubbed between all these tiny pieces of bandage to help keep the new grafts soft and pliable. All these also had to be removed before going into the bath to be scrubbed.

Mike and I never thought we would be able to do this. But when the doctor looks you in the eye and tells you that they have done all they can do, and the rest is up to you to see that your son walks normally again, you automatically do what you must do, no matter how much it hurts. After we returned home, some very special friends offered to help us with this job, when Mike had to be at work. They will always have a special place in our hearts.

My stepmother, Delores Voight, came from Florida, where she and my dad spend the winters for health reasons. She stayed with us the entire time we were in Cincinnati. I don't know how Billy and I would have made it without her support while we were there. She stayed in the Family Care Unit at the Hospital. There were accommodations for me to stay with Billy in his hospital room. There was also a special classroom where he was taken to school every day for an hour. Most of his schoolwork was done on a computer. Thanks to this and to a tutor that came to our house after coming home, Billy was able to go on to sixth grade with the rest of his class in the Fall.

On April 27th after nearly three weeks, Billy and I came home. Home had never looked so good. Even Alex, the family dog, who had quit eating in our absence was glad to see us.

Billy, and either Mike or I, would go to Cincinnati by plane for periodic check-ups. Approximately five weeks after the skin grafts, Billy received pressure garments. He would have to wear them for about a year to keep scarring to a minimum.

Billy's story touched the small community of Wisconsin Rapids. A trust fund in his name was set up at a local bank to help cover hospital costs that occurred before Billy was taken to the Shriners Hospital.

I left a big part of my heart at the Shriners Hospital for Children in Cincinnati, and my life will never be the same. It has been a very humbling experience. All of this has been paid for by the Shriners Organization, the only Hospitals in the world without a billing department. That alone is an awesome thought.

There are no words to express how grateful we are to the Shriners. They have to be one of the greatest Organizations in the entire world. To us, they not only gave Billy "The Gift" of his legs back, they also gave him his life back. Thanks to them he is a normal boy again.

Burns, unlike other medical problems, are caused by accidents. ALL accidents ARE preventable. Mike and I feel we are fully responsible for Billy's accident. If we had locked up the gas and if we hadn't left Billy alone in the yard even for a few minutes, if we would have better educated Billy against the dangers of gasoline, this is one accident that possibly never would have happened. For our lack of responsibility, Billy had to learn the hard way, and he will carry the scars for the rest of his life. We shudder to think of what the outcome would have been without the Shriners.

If a child you love could gain a lifetime of happiness with the help of the Shriners Hospitals for Children for orthopedic and burned care, call their toll-free number at 1-800-237-5055 for more information. For more information on contributions and how you can help write to:



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WELCOME!

At the May 11th Musky Shrine Club meeting, our Potentate, Gary Cuskey, and Club President, Paul Wharton welcomed Tammy Bradley, who on multiple occasions, along with her husband Chad Mikesell, have given significant donations of toys and clothing in support of the Twin Cities Shrine Hospital and the patients that it serves.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PERFORMANCES

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Zor "Imagineers" communications group is a fresh new unit of Zor. The group originated under Chuck Miller, PP 2017. Chuck stated the time had come to better Zor Shriners communications across the board. Starting with appointing of Outer Guard Steve Livernash to head up a Research and Development Plan. Intense communication research followed, and an overall game plan was reached.

Implementation began at once starting with a social media infrastructure. An overview revealed that Generation gaps between Nobles was becoming an issue. The blame is in the ever-changing technologies and how people communicate with each other today. As Imagineers, our goal is to take the overwhelming frustration of new technology and make it easy by one-touch simplicity.

Over the last 20 years, computers and satellites played a huge roll in communications. The previous 40 years had seen handwritten letters and developed submitted film. Society, exposed to new technologies, has embraced these new communication channels. The days of mail and phone calls are still valuable, but no longer the normal primary ways of communication. We see this in declining submissions of news and events to the Zephyr in this form.

We as Shriners, have had a hard time retaining new young members, as well. The need to expand our communication channels has boldly presented itself. Implementation of Social Media into a Communications Plan is vital for our survival. These new communication channels include: Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, YouTube, Zephyr Online, Eblast and Messenger. Older members may never use any of these, but to retain younger members, new options needed to be installed where they spend their time socially. At the same time, it can reach new candidates and inspire them to become Shriners.

We've had in place many components that make a supercar start and run. Previous suggestions were implemented, but none of them

imagine that!

were working smoothly together...running, but with a rough idle and little forward momentum. Our job as Imagineers is to fine tune and adjust for the driver. Unfortunately, our website, the main engine and powerplant, had to be rebuilt for future communication to work correctly. At no cost to Zor, this infrastructure was created. Zor Noble knowledge alone was instrumental in it's creation and bonded this new group of like-minded individuals. With the rise of these new digital ways of communications we can now step on the gas and shoot into the future.

The need for maintenance and keeping up with these new options requires a team. By the end of 2017, a new "Imagineers" unit was formed. Instantly, 30 members joined and showed an interest in this advancing area. Incoming Potentate Gary appointed Steve Livernash as Public Relations Director for 2018. With the support of Illustrious Sir Gary, the Imagineers are flourishing. We are a team that works together to learn, share and educate Nobles in technology advancements.

It is our goal to make technology "simple" and bridge the generation gap between Nobles. One touch speed tabs on our new website are big and bright. We help fellow Nobles reach our Zor Shriners website, help smartphone users with a one-touch tab (Favicon) from the home screen to make it easy. We have built 20 new Facebook pages for our clubs and units since the first of the year. This has worked extremely well in providing a new source of content for the Zephyr. The printed version has grown from 16 pages to a 20 page magazine. The Zephyr's extended online version has 33 plus pages each month.

Technology has also united local Shrine units and their communities. From selling onions to letting the public know of the next parade and event information. The last three issues of the all-new Zephyr were organized by the Imagineers' 12 member print team. We discovered Zor Nobles have passion and talent in different areas. Imagineers became the outlet for them to express their passion and help out where needed. Zephyr is just one area, we are building an audio and video team and currently testing video conferencing.

We need drivers with your passion and ideas!!! You don't have to be an engineer to join...your ideas are most important. After all, it's in our magical name "Imagineers".

Imagination creating new ideas and engineers sharing technology to make it happen! Freedom of your passion and drive direction is encouraged. Together we will make Zor communications the best it can be today and well into the future. *"Imagine That!"*



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Star with his wife and before you know it he was invited to be part of the Grand Chapter organization.

Bristol's considerable organizational and people skills coupled with his love of travel, combined to take he and Mary to each Chapter in the state of Wisconsin as Worthy Grand Patron. Jerry humbly said his "reward was meeting so many nice people along the way."

Retirement, says Jerry, "meant giving my time to those organizations which I was unable to support with the time constraints of my career in accounting and finance."

Jerry Bristol's resume reads like a who's - who of Ellsworth.

In his church he served locally as a member of the church council, chairperson of the Pastoral search committee and as bookkeeper. State wide, he served on Conference board of directors, OCWM committee, personnel committee and church and ministry committee which licenses Pastors and review their status.

In the community he and his wife Mary served the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts as their two sons Scott and Steve made their respective journeys through scouting to become Eagle Scouts. He also served a number of years on the Klass/Jonas Pool Committee whose mission it was to build a community swimming pool, which was later handed off to the school district. He was instrumental in continuing the pool organization as the School District Foundation. He was encouraged to run for the school board and served nine years.

Jerry's love of fishing led him in 1972 to build a cabin near Iron River, Wisconsin to accommodate fishing the beautiful Brule River.

When he transferred from a manufacturing environment to the administrative group he would find himself alone in the office on golfing day. So he bought a couple pairs of clubs and he and Mary took lessons. To this day he and Mary play as often as they can.

The Bristol's vacation somewhere each year as a family further on in retirement. They have been in Europe twice, once to Australia/New

Zealand, once to Norway/Sweden and four times to Hawaii with their two sons.

Jerry Bristol's philosophy of life is forged by experience and insights that come with knowing good people. He says "There are many good people in this world who are a joy to work or play with but often we focus our attention to those who aren't. This is true of all institutions, government, religion, education and employees."

He gives some advice worth note. "Keep active, find something that you like to do and just do it."



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We know this is a busy time of year with weddings and graduations so we are streamlining this Ceremony to one action packed Saturday. The timeframe is shortened but the activities are not. Welcomed changes with this Ceremonial itinerary will allow you to stick around Eau Claire for socializing or move on to your next commitment.

The timing of this Spring Ceremonial allows the new Shriners to start participating in what they have been waiting for, the new

parade season. Whether driving a motorcycle or go-cart, or clowning, or joining another Shrine unit. There are Clubs and Units happy to include new Shriners in their camaraderie and excitement. Shriners of all ages will be charged up to participate and share ideas for the upcoming Shrine activities and fundraisers while having fun within our wonderful fraternity.

May 18th & 19th in Eau Claire:

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Hotel info: Holiday Inn Eau Claire South, 4751 Owen Ayres Court, Eau Claire, WI 54701. 715-830-9889. Room rate \$113.95 plus 13.5% tax. When you call in, ask for the Zor Shriners Convention Block on May 18th – 19th. **There are a limited number of rooms in our block so call early.**



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- 10:00 am Candidate and Lady Registration
- 11:00 Divan & Ladies Introductions
- 11:15 Candidate and Lady Orientation (*Everyone is invited*)
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:15 pm Ceremonial Opening (*Everyone is Invited*)
- 1:30 Ritualistic Divan Initiation & Obligation (*Ladies invited*)
- 2:15 Break
- 2:30 Arch Degree
- 3:00 Shriners Creed Fez Talk, Fezzing Ceremony
- 3:30 Intro of VIPs and Past Potentates, Club and Unit Presentations
- 4:00 Networking and Social Gathering
- 5:30 Ceremonial Banquet & Remarks from VIPs & Potentate

Zor Spring Ceremonial

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The Mystery Dinner includes dinner with dessert, transportation, and entertainment. Freewill bar will be provided.

Please indicate food allergies/vegetarian option. Seats are limited.

*** SATURDAY LUNCH * (indicate choice)**

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- Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad** - Crisp romaine, homemade Caesar, garlic croutons and Parmesan cheese.
- Chicken Panini** - (Hot Sandwich) - Olive oil and garlic marinated grilled chicken breast, melted mozzarella, tomato, red onion and herb mayonnaise served on toasted Ciabatta bun.
- Johnny's Club** - (Cold Sandwich) - Smoked ham, sharp cheddar cheese, leafy greens, tomatoes, and mayonnaise on a Ciabatta bun.
- Prime Rib Sandwich** - (Hot Sandwich) - Hot prime rib, horseradish aioli, arugula and melted Swiss cheese on toasted sourdough.

*** SATURDAY DINNER * (indicate choice)**

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- Parmesan Crusted Tilapia** - Topped with bruschetta tomatoes. Served with steamed broccoli and wild rice pilaf.
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Mail registration to: Mehara Shrine Club, P.O. Box 662, Eau Claire WI 54702

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~ Gary Cuskey, Potentate

CAMPFIRE VIDALIA ONION

INGREDIENTS

- 1 large onion
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 beef bouillon cube
- 1 tablespoon Worchester sauce
- 1 teaspoon fresh garlic

PREPARATION

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The Well-Worn Fez

By Mark Hazelbaker

A young man stood silently, looking down at a pair of wrinkled, age-spotted hands. They were crossed over one another, neatly laying on a white leathern apron. The apron, in turn, was affixed to the now lifeless body of its long-time owner, being shown at his visitation. The young man noted two large rings on the right hand of the body.

"Dad, what are those rings on Grandpa's hand?" he asked, turning to a middle-aged man on his right.

"I know they're Masonic rings," his father said. "The one is his Mason's ring, the one with the two V-shapes coming together. I don't know what the one with a sword is."

A third man, walking up to the casket to view the body, overheard the question.

"The ring on his ring finger is a Masonic ring. It is the square and compasses," he said. "The bigger ring on his middle finger is a Shriner's ring. The sword is part of the Shrine's symbol, along with those two tiger claws next to it.

"You may not have noticed the other ring on his left hand," the man continued. He pointed to a ribbed gold band next to a worn gold wedding band. "That's his 33rd Degree ring from the Scottish Rite Masons. Your grandfather was a great Mason. He did a lot of work for the Fraternity and the Community. I rode with him to the Chicago Hospital giving rides to patients many, many times"

The man pointed to a maroon felt hat sitting on the casket pillow next to the dead man's head. "That was probably his favorite Masonic thing," the man said. "It was his Fez as Past Potentate."

"It actually looks kind of shabby," the dead man's son said. "It's kind of dirty around the edges and all smoothed out."

The other man smiled. "It should be. He wore it a lot and wore it well. I see there's quite a line here, but I'd like to tell you both more about your father. I'll see you at the lunch after the funeral." He shook hands with the man and his son and moved on.

A long line of visitors passed by the casket and eight foam core boards with dozens of pictures and certificates displayed. There was a memorial service and a funeral. As the son and grandson watched, dozens of men, some wearing fezzes, some wearing funny white pillbox hats and others, no hats at all, walked up to the casket. Some deposited roses. Others deposited a small piece of an evergreen tree branch. They saluted the body by extending their hands over it and saying farewell.

After the funeral, the mourners convened in a dining room for a light meal. The dead man's son stood chatting with his friends and cousins. The grandson sat at one of the tables, sipping at a glass of water and nibbling on a piece of chocolate cake.

"Your grandpa really loved a good chocolate cake," the grandson heard, as the Mason who had spoken to him earlier settled into the chair next to him. "Actually, maybe he liked it too much," he said with a laugh.

"You must have known grandpa for a long time," the grandson said.

"About sixty years," he said. "We were initiated into Masonry at the same time. We did a lot of things together. He was one of best men and finest Masons I've ever known."

The young and the old man talked for half an hour, the older man recounting stories of the grandpa running a Lodge as Master, marching in parades as a Shrine clown, acting in degrees as a Scottish Rite Mason, and, driving to Chicago with children going to the Shrine Hospital.

"But most of all, what I loved about him was that he was the best friend you could ask for, and not just to me," the man said. "To anyone. If someone needed help, that was all he needed to hear. He was always there for his brothers, his neighbors, his community. For the hospital."

"I thought grandpa didn't have any brothers," the young man said.

"He didn't have any biological brothers," the man replied, "but he had hundreds of brothers, including me. The best kind of brothers, the ones who choose to be your brother even though they don't have to."

The young man's father walked over. "You two have really been chatting a lot," he said.

"There was a lot about grandpa I never knew," the young man said.

"I'm sure that's true," the father said. "Say," he said to the elderly man, as he reached in his pocket and retrieved a small brown paper envelope, "these rings of my Dad's...what should I do with them? And his Fez?"

"They're yours, son," the elderly man said. "Keep them to remember your father and the man he was."

"No one else can use them, then?" the son asked.

"Hold on to them," the elderly man said. "They belong in your hands."

The lunch crowd dissipated. The family packed up the foam core boards, jammed with dozens of pictures from the dead man's life. They went home, totally exhausted from the strain of the festivities. The son would go back to his work, the grandson, to the college he attended. The fez and rings wound up on a dresser in the son's guest room, next to the foam core boards of pictures.

A few weeks later, spring arrived, and with it, the grandson from college for spring break. He found himself home alone one afternoon and wandered in to the guest room. He picked up the foam core boards, one at a time, and sat on the bed to look closely at them.

He saw his grandfather, a young man, standing wearing a white apron, surrounded by other men. Handwriting on the edge of the picture said, "Raised to MM, May 21, 1963." Another board had a picture of his grandfather wearing a fez with no words on the brim. Handwriting on that picture read "Spring Ceremonial, May 8, 1964." There were pictures of grandpa as a clown; pictures of him in costumes; pictures in tuxedos. There were pictures showing grandpa in a bowling shirt, with several other men and women all holding bowling balls. And there were pictures of grandpa with kids the grandson did not recognize, kids in wheelchairs, with braces on their legs, using arm canes and crutches.

He heard the door open wider, and was startled into sitting up straight, as his father walked in to the guest room "Checking out grandpa's old pictures?" he asked his son.

"Yeah dad," the young man said. "He was really something, apparently. He did so much. What was it like?"

"I don't remember much of it," his father said. "What I remember was thinking that grandpa was always gone, always at some Masonic thing or another, but I really never paid much attention to what it was all about."

"Didn't grandpa tell you about it?" the young man asked.

"Well you know some of it is supposed to be secret," his father said, smiling. "But he did. He did try to tell me about it. He suggested several times that I should join without ever asking me to."

"Why didn't you join? This looks like it was fun."

"I don't really know, son," he said. "None of my friends joined anything when we got older. It wasn't our thing. Maybe I didn't want to be gone all the time, you know, miss what was going on with you kids."

"Did grandpa miss what was going on with you?"

The father thought for a minute. He shook his head. "No. Now that you ask me, I have to say, he didn't. He was at my school concerts. My softball games. My birthday parties. Maybe he left to go to some meeting after a game, but he was always there for me."

"It looks like he was always there for a lot of people," the son said.

"Yeah, he was, wasn't he?" his father answered. The two of them pored over the foam core boards for more than an hour, laughing at some of the silly costumes grandpa had worn, marveling at how sharp he looked in his tuxedo. Finally, they put the boards back and went to make dinner.

The son returned to college. The weeks flew by, finals ended the school year and he returned home for the summer. He had found a job in a garden center, watering and moving plants and otherwise helping during the busy season. A few weeks after he started, he was paged to the checkout. That usually meant he needed to help load something heavy. He walked in from the display yard, enjoying a brief blast of air conditioning. He approached the checkout and was surprised to find that the customer was his grandpa's Masonic buddy.

"Well, young man, what a pleasure!" he said, extending his hand. "How did your school year end up?" They chatted amiably as the older man finished paying for a cart load of plants and mulch. The young man pushed the cart outside and loaded the purchases into the old man's car. They talked a minute more, and then, the young man excused himself, citing the need to return to work. He turned away to walk back to the yard. He found himself stopping, turning back to the elderly gentleman.

"You want some help spreading that mulch and planting those flowers?" he asked the older man.

"You looking for more work, young man?" was the response.

"No, I'm offering to help," he said. "I can come by your house after I get done at 3:30. You shouldn't be doing all that alone."

The older man arched his eyebrows. "Just like your grandpa," he said. "Sure, I'd love your help and your company. It's awfully quiet at my home since my wife passed away."

The young man drove over to the address given him by his grandfather's friend. Together, they unloaded the mulch, dug holes for the flowers and planted them. The young man carried the bags of mulch and opened them, so they could spread the mulch.

As they planted, the older man told the younger how his wife had always insisted on planting flowers in front of their house. They talked about his memories of her and of the young man's grandfather. The young man asked the elder why he had become a mason.

"When I was your age, it was a given that a young man who wanted to amount to something would join a service club," he said. "Whether it was Kiwanis or Elks or Moose, everyone did. I was lucky that I was able to join the Masons, which always was the best one to join. I had an uncle who signed my petition. They were picky about who could join back then," he said.

They worked on as the sun began setting, finishing the work about 6 pm. They shared some iced tea, and the young man indicated he needed to go home for dinner. The older man understood. "You know, the Lodge is having one of our group dinners tomorrow night downtown," he said. "If you want to hear more about your grandpa and don't mind a bunch of old men rehashing the glory days, you could join us." The young man found himself agreeing.

"You want dessert young man?" asked one of the Masonic group as they sat in a small room off the main area of a restaurant. "Sure, some blueberry pie," the young man replied.

As the older man had stated, the group was almost all elderly, just a few middle aged men joining them. But the conversation was light, personal and intimate. The young man liked the complete comfort the men had with one another, and the positive way they talked. They had great lives, whether as salesmen, lawyers, realtors or managers.

"So maybe you might want to join this group and cut our median age in half," one of the men said to the young man. The group laughed, but another said, "That wouldn't be the worst thing you could do, you know."

The young man turned to his grandpa's friend. "Do you know why my father never joined?"

The elderly man nodded gently. "I think so. He and his friends though it was a different era. The Masons were old fashioned, traditional. Which is true. And it was true when I joined."

Another man interjected, pointing his finger at the young man for emphasis. "We were slow to change. But important things don't change. We didn't explain that to our sons.

"There comes a point in a young man's life when an older man has to say to him – 'It's your turn!'" he continued, his voice rising in excitement. "The government won't do it all. It can't do it all. A lot of what needs to get done doesn't get done, cannot get done, without love. Without God.

"We let a whole generation take a pass on their turn to serve," he said. He stabbed the air with his forefinger. "Don't you make that same mistake. I'm going let you in on a secret. When you serve other people, you get the most benefit of anyone. It makes you a better person. A better father. A better man. That's what we're all about."

"Ease up a little there, Jules," another said with a chuckle. "He gets a little intense about this. But he is right. No man is ever better employed than in service to others, I say."

"A lot to think about," the young man stammered.

"A lot indeed," he replied.

A week later, the young man called his grandpa's best friend to ask his help in joining the Masons. Within a month, he stood in front of his grandpa's Lodge, a newly initiated Entered Apprentice. He took the Fellowcraft degree in October at a Lodge in his college community. He returned home for Thanksgiving and the Lodge raised him the Saturday after.

After the last lecture was concluded, the Lodge members lined up to pass in review and greet their newest brother. His grandpa's friend deliberately arranged to pass last. As he approached the young man, he reached in his pocket and pulled out the Masonic ring that had belonged to the young man's grandfather.

"You dad gave me this for you" the gentleman said. "He's still not sure what you're doing, but he agreed that you should have it." He handed the ring to the young man, who eagerly slipped in on his right ring finger. "It even fits," he said. He saw tears welling in the young man's eyes.

"You better get that Fez dry cleaned sometime," the gentleman said. "I think you may need it."



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Zor Imagineers

Major sharing at our last Imagineers meeting. Split screen, Screen shot, snipping tool and learned how to create docs in Google drive which saved time and steps from how we were doing the Zephyr. Navigation of Web fez thanks to Sandy. A great day of learning. Please ask us if you would like to learn these features as well. Once we meet on line we can screen share and revisit these topics, so you can learn from home as well. Imagineers have just saved time by knowing what is available and we would like to share with all. A huge thanks to Chris Peters for updating our eblast Noble list... We are now as current as we can be!

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Imagineers will be hosting a Father's Day family picnic after the Wisconsin Rapids Parade on Sunday, June 17th. Steve & Koral Livernash invite all to their residence at 4973 North Road, Wisconsin Rapids 54495. Meat will be provided. Please, bring a dish to pass and BYOD. Contact Steve at 715-325-5000

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Reserve by: May 21st

Jon Barthel 414-939-0735

Location: Wautoma Senior Center,
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Time: Social Hour 5 PM
and Dinner at 6 PM.

Sunday, June 10, 2018

Sponsored by: Southwestern Wisconsin SC

Reserve by: June 6th

Monte Stieber 608.412.0264

Melody Lodge #2, Platteville

Time: Social Hour 5 PM and Dinner at 6 PM.

Monday, June 18, 2018

Sponsored by: Rock County SC

Reserve by: June 14th

Duane Harvey 608.208.8132

Location: 2322 E. Milwaukee St., Janesville

Time: Social Hour 5 PM and
Dinner at 5:30 PM.

Saturday, July 28, 2018

Sponsored by: LaCrosse SC

Reserve by: July 24th

Todd Wolhert 608.385.1923

Location: Jansky's Eagle's Nest on
Apple Blossom Drive (County Road 1)
in La Crescent, MN

Time: Social Hour 3:30 PM Dinner at 5 PM.

Saturday, August 4, 2018

Sponsored by: Vernon County SC

Reserve by: July 31st

Chris Underwood 608.792.8792

Location: Phil Gudgeon Farm
Kickapoo Gold, Viroqua

Time: Social Hour 3 PM and Dinner at 5 PM.

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Sponsored by: Hayward Musky/
Indianhead SC

Reserve by: August 2nd

Chuck Stene 715.791.8240

Location: Masonic Center in Rice Lake

Time: Social Hour 5 PM and Dinner at 6 PM.

Monday, August 20, 2018

Sponsored by: Heart of Wisconsin SC

Reserve by: August 18th

Chris Peters 715.630.9143

Location: Lions Club Park, Hwy. 21 Arkdale

Time: Social Hour 5 PM and Dinner at 6 PM.

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

Sponsored by: Mehara SC

Reserve by: August 24th

Donald Schwartz 715.563.5196

Location: Mehara Center,
2625 Folsom St Eau Claire

Time: Social Hour 5 PM and Dinner at 6 PM.

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Sponsored by: Directors Staff

Reserve by: September 6th

Temple office 608-633-6343 (Lance Severson)

Location: Temple

Time: Social Hour 5 PM and Dinner at 6 PM.

Saturday, September 22, 2018

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Brian Miller 715-642-2240

Location: Lady Smith (PIG ROAST)

705 E 3rd St N, Ladysmith, WI

Time: Dinner at PM.

Sunday, October 7, 2018

Sponsored by: Divan

Reserve by: October 3rd

Temple office 608-633-6343 (Al Brueggen)

Location: Temple

Time: Social Hour 3 PM and Dinner at 5 PM.

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Sponsored by: Past Potentates

Reserve by: October 11th

Temple office 608-633-6343 (Larry Hansen)

Location: Temple

Time: Social Hour 5 PM and Dinner at 6 PM.



Zor Mavericks revvvving up for another parade season. 2018 will surely be another fun year!



ZOR Noble Rod LaBlanc and Lady Mary outside the Shrine National Headquarters in Tampa.

This is a Shriner town, sir. You can't just drive carefully down the center of your lane like that.



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2018 ZOR DIVAN

Front row, left to right, Larry Hanson PP, Treasurer, Mark Jerdee, High Priest and profit, Wally Trouten, Chief Rabban, Ill Sir Gary Cuskey, Potentate, Barry Ausen, Asst. Rabban, Rodney LaBlanc, Oriental Guide, Bob Gorsuch PP, Recorder.

Top row, left to right, Joe Harker PGM, Chief of Staff, Allen Heinkel, Capt. Of the Guard, Mark Hazelbaker, Marshall, Al Brueggen, 1st Ceremonial Master, Roger Keller, 2nd Ceremonial Master, Brian Dunham, Outer Guard, Karl Gant, Chaplain, Chris Underwood, Membership Chairman.



Illustrious Sir Gary Cuskey and Lady Judy

Thank you for your submissions to the Zephyr...
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