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Greetings

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FALL POTENTATE TOUR

A bus, a train, a trolley, and a paddleboat!

From the desk of

Illustrious Sir Rodney LaBlanc



THOUGHTS From Behind the Wheel

Good Times and Great Friends.

On October 18th we had a Divan Meeting followed by a stated/quarterly meeting held at the Holiday Inn Express in Madison.

The next day, October 19th, Mary, and I along with 40 fellow Shriners and their Ladies embarked on our Fall Potentate Tour out east. It was 8 days of beautiful scenery and very interesting sights. The first afternoon was Shipshewana, Indiana for a dinner show, however shortly before our arrival to the city, someone clipped a power pole and the theater and restaurant we were to be at that evening lost all power. So, we turned to a different Mennonite Restaurant, The Essenhaus. The next day was the Rock N Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland and from there, on to Niagara Falls we went! The rest of the trip took us to attractions throughout New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio. We ended the trip with a dinner boat cruise on the Ohio River in Newport, Kentucky. It was a fabulous trip with great people, including our great bus driver, Gilberto! A special

THANK YOU to Progressive Travel out of Spencer, WI for helping to plan our trip. Be sure to see all of the pictures in a few pages!

November 4th, Mary and I attended the WGA4Kids Dinner and Auction held in New Richmond. It was a great time and they raised over \$11,000 for the Twin Cities Clinic Wheelchair Fund. A big THANK YOU to Tammy Keller, Amy Hering, and Pearl Christianson for organizing such a great event again this year!

November 6th was the Camel Patrol dinner in Madison, another good meal and great fellowship. I attended another dinner meeting on November 8th, and hosted a Montello Lodge #141 meeting at our house on November 10th.

November 12 was our Shrine/Masonic Day of Light in La Crosse, held at the La Crosse Masonic Lodge. We raised 15 new Brothers and it was a great day of brotherhood!

November 15th was the Mavericks year end

meeting at our home, to talk about how the year went and plans for next year.

Thank you to my wife Mary for the delicious dinner, and to those that brought dessert.

It was all fantastic!

I am looking forward to our Ceremonial on December 3rd in La Crosse at the Radisson Hotel. It is sure to be a great time and the display of Christmas lights along the Mississippi River sponsored by the Rotary are always beautiful to walk through!

The next month will see me making some trips to our Hospitals and Clinics with some of our Shrine patients to get the care that they need.

Come and join the Fun and Fellowship as we continue to "Scoot Thru '22!" -Rod

Zephyr Reminder!!

December 2022						
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January 2023

January 2023
Deadline: December 10th



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NOTICE

Zor Annual meeting, will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 1pm. It will be located at the Radisson Hotel • 200 Harborview Plaza in downtown La Crosse.

All attendees must have their 2023 dues paid to attend

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SEASONS GREETINGS



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Rodney and Lady Mary LaBlanc and Lexie
Oriental Guide
Steve and Lady Koral Livernash



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Phillip Oren
David and Lady Carol Skavlen
Gary and Lady Nancy Durgin and Carrie
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Tinsley and Teegan
Justin and Lady Maggie Thompson
Doug and Lady Jennifer Turner
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Lady Wanda McCutchin
Marv and Lady Elaine Engelke
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Dale and Lady Deb Holmen
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Brad and Lady Peggy Andrew
Lance, Jared and Spencer
Jason and Lady Olivia Welch and Mia
Joe and Lady Mary Harker
Roger and Lady Diane Amundson
Rod and Lady Diana Johnson
Ethan and Alyse
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James, Thomas and David
Gary and Lady Joyce Kiger
Ron and Lady Julie Jenkins
Arlen and Lady Gloria Christensen
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Lance and Lady Amber Severson
Sierra and Cameron
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Michael Meinke
Tom and Lady Diane Thompson
Bob and Lady Amy Hering
Michael and Lady Gloria Gentz



Past Potentate

Roger and Lady Judie Nitzsche • 1984
Dick Jones • 1991
Russell and Lady Lorraine Dunnum • 1995
J. Kevin and Lady Janet Johnson • 1997
Jim and Lady Joan Soderholm • 1998
Gerry and Lady Carol Jordan • 2003
John and Lady Debbi Thorstad • 2004
Jerry and Lady Diane Balschun • 2005
Mark and Lady Sheri Severson • 2007
Tom Nelson • 2008
Joe and Lady Julie Thompson • 2010
Steve and Lady Mary Ellen Peterson • 2011
Larry and Lady Julianne Riemenschneider • 2012
Bob and Lady Carol Gorsuch • 2013
Larry and Lady Jill Hanson • 2014
Wally and Lady Gayle Trouten • 2019



Clubs and Units

Charles E White, PGM • St Croix Valley SC
Phillip Oren • Wranglers
David Skavlen • Lakeland SC
Gary Durgin • Mini Cars
John & Gale Hendrickson • Camel Patrol
Al Heinkel & Roxanna Jackson • Musky Shrine Club
Steve & Mary Ellen Peterson, P.P. • Timber Shrine Club
Steve & Mary Ellen Peterson, P.P. • Wausauken Shriners
Doug & Jennifer Turner • Camel Patrol
Mini Cars ~ Directors Staff
Mound View Shrine Club ~ Zor Clowns
Harold & Alicia & Jaxon • Mini Cars
Steve Livingston • Mini Cars
Dale & Deb Olson • Sahara Shrine Club
Rodney & Mary LaBlanc • Mavericks
Southwest WI Shrine Club
Larry & Julie Riemenschneider • St Croix Valley SC



The "Shriner" Masonic Day of Light was an amazing day for Wisconsin Freemasonry! Nearly 60 new men raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason!!

I thought I'd journal the day as a way of sharing my thoughts:

- **6:15** - Wake up – Yes, I know it's nice to sleep in... 😊 I'll be honest, I loved growing up on a dairy farm, but I do not miss the 4:45 wake up calls.
- **8:00** - I arrive at Tripoli Shrine in Milwaukee to be greeted by a huge crowd of Brothers excited about their day. I was able to chat briefly with Matt Wright, Tripoli Potentate, to thank him for his efforts to make today happen. Jeremy Koss put together one heck of an event!

* I address the crowd of 24 men ready to begin their journey as Freemasons. "My brothers what a great time to be a Freemason in the State of Wisconsin! I'm proud to announce, by the completion of today's activities, we will be +100 in new Master Masons raised vs. 2021. Up nearly 70%!! As a reminder, being bigger does not make us better but it does allow us to do more things.

It is our responsibility to make more Masons. It is also our responsibility to take good men and make them better. Don't lose sight of this responsibility today.

I'm proud of what we do. Each of you that sits in this room currently as a Master Mason has found value in this Fraternity. Something you do every single day. For those of you that are not yet Master Masons, today begins your journey. It will be a very full day. We have a lot to teach you. The lessons of Freemasonry are absolutely amazing. I encourage you to internalize as much as possible today, tomorrow, and every day that you are a Master Mason. We will be clear on what we expect of you but, you need to know a significant part of being a Freemason is self-development. I challenge each of you to find your value in Freemasonry every day. Today is unique because these Masonic Day of Lights are being facilitated one of our appendant organizations, the Shriners. Becoming a Shriner may be where you find value at some point in your Masonic career. Make no mistake your 1st obligation is to your Lodge. After today, you will need to demonstrate to your Lodge that you have learned the lessons of our degrees. Once you've proved to them that you've internalized these lessons, you are free to seek value wherever you can find it. It will not be a challenge. Our fraternity is amazing! Let the journey begin!!"

- **9:00** - I'm on my way to Beja Shrine.
 - * On my drive I participate via phone in our III Pillars Senior Living Communities Board of Directors meeting. What an amazing leadership team we have in place at III Pillars! Lots of great things happening there. Amazing care for our residents and a huge expansion project to dramatically increase our impact going forward. You should be extremely proud of III Pillars.
 - * I found out later that I could have stopped in at Sheboygan Lodge as they were conferring a Master Mason degree today.



• **10:45** - I arrive at Beja Shrine in Green Bay and greet John Van Lanen, Beja Potentate. Another great crowd and another 16 guys excited about their Masonic journey. A big Thank You goes out to Chris "Skipper" Young who put together a fantastic event. It's 11:30 and time to head out for my biggest drive of the day but (wow!) the spaghetti smells great!

11:30 - I begin my drive across this beautiful state to greet Zor Shrine and their team. My drive was interesting with several patches of blinding white snow. Not enough to collect on the road but, certainly impacting my vision. Along the way I "fulfilled my obligation", as our Senior Grand Deacon Joe Thompson says, by stopping at a Kwik Trip.

2:45 - I arrive at the LaCrosse Masonic Center to another huge crowd very excited as they're nearing the end of their day. I was excited too because I knew I was able to perform one of my favorite parts as King Solomon in the 2nd section of our Master Mason degree. Jacob Schultz put on a fantastic event and Rod LaBlanc, Zor Potentate, not only facilitated the day but took a huge part in the MM degree with me. 15 more guys beginning their journey into our unbelievable Fraternity!

6:00 - I begin my travel home back to Mukwonago. Of course, I must stop for a Burger and a beverage while I catch a little bit of college football highlights at my favorite Burger joint in the Dells with our Grand Orator, Kevin Gruber.

11:10 - I pull into my garage safely at home. The total for the day = 553 miles. 8 hours and 31 minutes of driving. Absolutely worth it!

- * Nearly 60 men join our fraternity in one day.

- * Tons of awareness created for our Shrines

« I know that a lot of those Brothers in attendance and several of those that joined today, once they prove their knowledge of the Master Mason degree to their home Lodge, will seek out membership in our Shrine Temples. I look forward to the Scottish Rite Masonic Day of Lights scheduled for February 4th, 2023 and the York Rite Masonic Day of Light in April. I've said many times the Masonic Day of Light is an option for your Lodge and our new Brothers. It's your culture. You make the decision if it's right for your Lodge and for the new Brother that's joining our Fraternity

An unbelievable day! We had members of Wisconsin Freemasonry Leadership team at each location. All of us carry the same message and all of us work for you to make our fraternity better! I'd again like to Thank Tripoli Potentate Matt Wright, Beja Potentate John Van Lanen and, Zor Potentate Rod LaBlanc for all their help promoting and facilitating an unbelievable day. The "Shriner" Masonic Day of Light will be a great memory for a long time.

I'm proud to be a Freemason!

Paul T. Tourville, Grand Master
Wisconsin Freemasonry

DECEMBER

2ND Friday, Dec 2nd • Divan Meeting
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Radisson Hotel La Crosse, 200 Second Street South, La Crosse, WI

2ND Friday, Dec 2nd • Appreciation Dinner
Reception 5pm • Dinner 6pm
Radisson Hotel La Crosse, 200 Second Street South, La Crosse, WI

3RD Saturday, Dec 3rd • Zor Fall Ceremonial
8:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Radisson Hotel La Crosse, 200 Second Street South, La Crosse, WI

7TH Wednesday, Dec 7th • Lakeland S.C. - Christmas Party
5:00 pm Social • 6:30 Dinner
Stoughton Country Club, 3165 Shadyside Dr., Stoughton, WI

9TH Friday, Dec 9th • St. Croix Shrine Club Christmas Party
Social 5:30 PM • Dinner 6:30 PM
Beef and Turkey Buffet • \$30.00 per person
Ready Randy's Sports Bar & Grill - 1492 131st St, New Richmond, WI
Toy drive for Shriners Children's, Twin Cities

12TH Monday, Dec 12th - First Lady Mary's Birthday

18TH Sun – Dec 18th - Heart of Wisconsin Shrine Club Christmas Party
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Lake Arrowhead Golf Course, 1195 Apache Ln, Nekoosa, WI

25TH Sun – Dec 25th – Merry Christmas!

Sunday, Jan 1st
Happy New Years!

Saturday, Jan 7th
Camel Patrol's
Chief Rabban Party
5:00 PM-8:00 PM
Rex's Innkeeper
301 N Century Ave
Waunakee, WI
Social at 5:00 PM
Dinner at 6:30 PM

Saturday, Jan 14th
Zor Shriners Annual Meeting
11:15 AM-3:00 PM
Radisson Hotel La Crosse
200 Second Street South
La Crosse, WI
Ladies Luncheon at 11:15 am
Men's Luncheon at 11:45 am
Annual meeting will be called
to order at 1:00 pm

Saturday, Jan 14th
Zor Shriners Fez Party
4:30 pm-10:00 pm
Radisson Hotel La Crosse
200 Second Street South
La Crosse, WI
Social hour starts at 4:30 pm
Dining room opens at 5:30 pm
Live entertainment starts at
7:30 PM

JANUARY

WGA4KIDS FUNDRAISER

The WGA4Kids fundraiser auction and dinner was held on Friday, November 4th and raised \$11,000 for the Twin Cities Wheelchair Fund! Many thanks to all who came to the dinner and auction and to those who donated items, bid on items and purchased items.



Camel Patrol's Chief Rabban Party to Honor the 2023 Potentate

Zor's Camel Patrol will hold its annual Chief Rabban Party on Saturday Jan. 7, 2023, at Rex's Innkeeper, 301 N Century Ave, Waunakee, WI. Party Chairman Jim Stelsel said that the traditional party to honor the Chief Rabban, Al Brueggen and his Lady Penny which is held before Zor's Annual Meeting and Election to honor the Noble who moves up to the post of Potentate on January 14, 2023. 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 5:00 P. M. with dinner at 6:30 P. M. As in past years there will be a choice of four entrees Tenderloin, Prime Rib, Shrimp and Chicken Cordon Bleu all with potato, salad, roll and desert. The cost for each entrée will include 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 23rd Stelsel said. He also promised door prizes and great fun and sociability.

NOTE - IF YOU WANT TO PAY YOUR 2023 DUES OF \$10, PLEASE ADD IT TO YOUR CHECK.

Camel Patrol's Chief Rabban Party • Saturday, January 7, 2023 • Rex's Innkeeper in Waunakee
Cocktails 5:00 PM Dinner 6:30 PM

Tenderloin \$47 _____ Prime Rib \$39 _____ Shrimp \$30 _____ Chicken Cordon Bleu \$30 _____

Number of Reservations _____ Total amount of check enclosed \$ _____

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

All prices include tax & tip.

Make Checks payable to the Zor Shrine Camel Patrol. Reservation Deadline Dec. 23rd.

Send reservations to: Jim Stelsel, Party Chairman, 1705 Hooker Ave, Madison WI 53704

Calendar Raffle Winners November 2022

\$ 20.00 • Lisa Kreul • Madison 53711

\$ 20.00 • Lisa Reilly • Barneveld 53507

\$ 20.00 • Charlie Webster • Ellsworth 54011

\$ 20.00 • Matt Rezin • Warrens 54666

\$ 100.00 • Becky Soderholm • Cottage Grove 53527

\$ 20.00 • Aaron Opper • Wausau 54401

\$ 20.00 • Jen Cuskey • Rice Lake 54868

\$ 20.00 • David Vargas • Cedarburg 53012

\$ 20.00 • John Tronnes • Edgerton 53534

\$ 20.00 • Lexie LaBlanc • Montello 53949

\$ 20.00 • John Reeser • Berlin 54923

\$ 100.00 • Karl Katuin • New Lisbon 53950

\$ 20.00 • Kevin Sorenson • Marathon 54448

\$ 20.00 • Emma Olson • Watertown 53094

\$ 20.00 • Fran Jensen • Cottage Grove 53527

\$ 20.00 • Evan Sorenson • Hartland 53029

\$ 20.00 • Jim Trouten • Winona, MN 55987

\$ 20.00 • Donald Ross • Elroy 53929

\$ 100.00 • Mike Hedrick • Watertown 53098

\$ 20.00 • Larry Riemenschneider • Amery 54001

\$ 20.00 • Brandon Duoss • Janesville 53546

\$ 20.00 • Jon Rush • Black River Falls 54615

\$ 20.00 • Jeff Schaefer • Wisconsin Rapids 54494

\$ 200.00 • Dale Brathol • River Falls 54022

\$ 20.00 • Floyd Herschberger • Pardeeville 53954

\$ 100.00 • Rod Johnson • Watertown 53094

\$ 20.00 • Emma Zrostlik • Long Grove IA 52756

\$ 20.00 • Jason Bauer • Durand 54736

\$ 20.00 • Clarice Rush • Black River Falls 54615

\$ 150.00 • Ben Hurd • Fond Du Lac 54935

\$ 1,230.00 Total Prizes

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ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON

Zor Shriner's annual meeting and election of officers will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2023, at the Radisson Hotel (200 Harborview Plaza) in downtown La Crosse.

Reservations for hotel rooms can be made by contacting the Radisson at 608.784.6680 and mentioning "Zor Shriners 2023", Promo Code ZOR23. Rooms for both Friday, January 13 and Saturday, January 14, 2023, are rated at \$109 per night. The room reservation deadline is Friday, December 16, 2022.

The ladies and men will be having lunch in separate rooms but having a similar meal - the All-American BBQ! Lunch consists of pasta salad, smokehouse potato salad, lodge chips, bakery fresh rolls, grilled meats, all the usual and appropriate condiments, assorted cheeses, fresh toppings (lettuce, tomato, onion, and pickles), plus cookies and brownies for dessert.

The ladies lunch starts at 11:15 am and will be on the 1st floor in the Wisconsin room. After lunch, ladies will enjoy a Sip & Paint Party beginning at 12:30 pm. If ladies choose not to participate in the Sip & Paint you will have free time to explore La Crosse or relax at the hotel prior to Installation. Those attending the Paint & Sip Party will be completed in time to change and get ready for Installation.

The men's lunch starts 11:45 am and will be on the 2nd floor in the Minnesota Room. Please RSVP by December 31st.

COUPON : Annual Meeting Lunches • Radisson Hotel • La Crosse • January 14, 2023

Noble Name _____ Phone # _____

Lady Name _____

Address _____

Ladies' lunch _____ @ \$30.00 per person - starts 11:15 am • Men's Lunch _____ @ \$30.00 per person - starts 11:45 am

Amount enclosed \$ _____ Reservation and payment must be received by deadline date: December 31, 2022

Please make checks Payable To: Zor Shriners • MAIL TO: Todd Wohlert, 1116 Spruce Drive, La Crescent, MN 55947



ANNUAL FEZ PARTY

The annual celebration to present the newly elected Potentate his official fez will follow the annual meeting and installation on Saturday, January 14, 2023, at the Radisson Hotel in La Crosse. Following the installation, a social hour starts at 4:30 p.m. in the hospitality room on the 8th floor in room 823 (Mississippi Suite) and served by the Zor Hosts.

The Radisson Hotel ballroom will open at 5:30 p.m. for a meal featuring a choice of 2 entrees: house-made Focaccia crusted walleye with champagne cream sauce OR bacon cherry pinwheel pork loin, a mixed green salad, dinner bread with butter, sour cream whipped Yukon gold potatoes, Chef's choice fresh vegetable, and strawberry vanilla cream layer cake with coffee. After dinner, the Nobility will be entertained by a live performer in the hotel ballroom.

Following the entertainment, the rest of the evening will be held in the Zor hospitality, Room 823.

Reservations must be made by using the coupon below and mailed by December 31, 2022, to Todd Wohlert, 1116 Spruce Drive, La Crescent, MN, 55947. Meal cost is \$40.00 per person and payable to Zor Shrine.

COUPON • Annual Fez Party • Radisson Hotel • La Crosse • January 14, 2023, at 5:30 pm

Name(s) _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Pinwheel pork _____ @ \$40.00 per person • Walleye _____ @ \$40.00 per person

Total amount enclosed \$ _____ Reservation and payment must be received by deadline date: December 31, 2022

Please make Checks payable to: Zor Shriners • Mail to: Todd Wohlert, 1116 Spruce Drive, La Crescent, MN 55947

Zor's Annual Meeting, Officer Election, and FEZ Party!

Zor Shriners annual meeting and election of officers will be held on Saturday January 14, 2023, at the Radisson Hotel, 200 Second Street South, La Crosse, WI. Rooms are available for both Friday and Saturday nights for a cost of \$109.00 per night, use code Zor23. CUT OFF DATE FOR THE ZOR ROOM BLOCK IS DECEMBER 16th. Call the hotel at 608-784-6680 and mention "Zor Shriners 2023", Promo Code ZOR23.

The ladies' luncheon will start at 11:15 a.m.

The men's luncheon will start at 11:45 a.m.

The Annual meeting will start promptly at 1:00 p.m.

Following the annual meeting and election, at approx. 3:00 p.m. ladies, family and friends are invited to attend the public installation.

Cash Bar begins at 4:30 p.m.

Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Live entertainment at 7:30 p.m.



Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Take this time to celebrate you and your family. We hope this season and the New Year are filled with warmth, comfort, and good cheer! Christmas is a time for family and fellowship. We wish you nothing but the best that the season has to offer!

The LaBlanc's
Illustrious Sir Rodney, Lady Mary and Family



Mitch Behlke, Queen

Antioch Temple No. 113
Daughters of the Nile
85 S. Stoughton Rd, Madison, WI



Noble Ralph and I spent 8 spectacular days with the Shriner family and friends, October 19 - 26, 2022, on the Shriners Fall Tour.

Potentate Rod and Lady Mary did a terrific job in organizing this awesome trip.

I post our pictures for all to enjoy.

The weather was cooperative, and the autumn colors were magnificent!

The stop at Niagara Falls brought back memories for Ralph and me; 52 years ago we stopped there on our honeymoon!

The Rock n Roll Hall of Fame took us back to our youth; with The Beatles and Elvis music. Hershey Chocolate World was sweet! Enjoyed a trolley ride around the town with a docent giving us a detailed history. Milton Hershey's philosophy of life and love of education is implied in his philanthropy; "be honest, train yourself, and love God and your fellowman." Sounds familiar to the Masonic principles of life!

The Amish way of life was extremely interesting. Everyone enjoyed a most delicious-homecooked meal at the home of the Fisher family and was introduced to Shoofly pie.

The Amish social media communication is a small phone booth.

Their form of transportation is very basic; pedal bikes for trips up to 5 miles and horse drawn buggies!

Enjoyed a ride on the Strasburg Railroad including a lunch in a railroad car.

Gettysburg was an awe-inspiring historical place to stand on the same ground as the soldiers. To imagine a battle in the open farm fields was unbelievable. The conditions these men went thru were brutal! I think of the surgeons, nurses, and women volunteers who cared for the wounded and how they endured the most gruesome experiences.

Flight 93 Memorial was a somber, but proud place to visit. The 93 foot Tower of Voices with 40 chimes, represented the voices of the 40 courageous passengers and crew who gave their lives to save others.

Great fun with "old" friends and making new! Waiting to play another game of euchre.

Had the best bus driver who exhibited his passion for what he does.

This is the way to enjoy a trip. I was very proud of our Daughters of the Nile group who joined the tour! Carol Gorsuch, Dorothy Gant, Diane Amundson, Mitch, and Ann Becker. A Riverboat dinner cruise was a wonderful way to wrap up this fantastic trip.

I will remember this event with friends, forever!

Nothing more important in this world than family, friends, and fun.

Thank you, Potentate Rod and Lady Mary.

Merry Christmas to Everyone!

Proud to be a Daughter of the Nile,

Queen, Mitch Behlke

Mitchrn507@hotmail.com

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Shriners Fall Tour



Niagara Falls



Amish Phone Booth



Strasburg Railroad

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ZOR Shrine Fall Potentate Tour

More than 40 Shriners, Ladies and friends enjoyed 8 days of history and heritage, fun and fellowship as they traveled to the Eastern United States. A bus, a train, a trolley, and a paddleboat!
Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, and Canada!

Many of the travelers started the day before the trip with the Honored Ladies Lunch, ZOR Shrine Stated Meeting, a great dinner, and a stay at the Holiday Inn Express in Madison.

The trip started with a dinner and shopping at The Das Dutchman Essen-Haus Restaurant in Middlebury, Indiana. This was not the original destination, but an accident which left an entire community without electricity led us to this great meal!

A stop in Cleveland at the Rock N Roll Hall of Fame proved to be an interesting stop where everyone found a favorite singer or group that brought back many memories and good times. After arriving at our hotel for the evening, a few travelers from our group ventured down to view the nightly Niagara Falls light display. Outstanding!



Blue Gate Inn, Shipshewana, Indiana





Niagara Falls, New York



Rock N' Roll Hall of Fame, Cleveland, OH • LONG LIVE ROCK

A short bus ride took us to the Buffalo Botanical Gardens where we were able to view a variety of plants and flowers. Traveling through New York and Pennsylvania to our next stop, we were able to enjoy the splendid fall colors along through the Allegheny and Appalachian Mountains and along the Susquehanna River. The colors were definitely at their peak!

Everything Chocolate! Our 4th day took us to the Hershey Chocolate World where we enjoyed a historical tour of Hershey world while riding in a 'Hershey Kiss '. Interesting to watch the process of making chocolate and enjoy the free samples. Also, plenty of time for shopping before we embarked on the tour of Hershey, PA aboard a Trolley with a guide. We learned about Milton Hershey and his failures in life before finally starting the successful Hershey Plant. Mr. Hershey believed in "giving back" and started a school for children and built numerous companies throughout Hershey. His Foundation continues to provide both public and private education for youth and any student who graduates from the Hershey High School receives a large scholarship for college. Hershey was quoted as saying, "What good is money unless you use it for the benefit of the community and of humanity in general?" A great philanthropy!

Later that afternoon we watched a film about an Amish youth and his choice to stay with the Amish or leave their community. A step-on guide took us around Lancaster area highlighting several Amish sites and homes. Our day ended with a delicious meal of baked chicken, beef roast and Shoofly pie served in an Amish home. How much fun to visit with them and learn about their family history.

Day 5 found us on board an authentic steam train as we traveled through 2500 acres of Amish Country aboard the Strasburg Railroad – America's Oldest continuously operating railroad! Lunch was in a railroad car at the Casey Jones Restaurant. Originally opened in 1970, you can still imagine yourself in a dining car. Leaving Strasburg, we drove to Gettysburg for the Cyclorama presentation of the Battle of Gettysburg and Museum giving everyone a background for tomorrow's Battlefield Tour.



Strasburg Railroad, Pennsylvania

Day 6 started with a step-on guide gave us all a history lesson as traveled through the 6000-acre battlefield and learned about those fatal 3 days in 1863. More than 1300 monuments, markers and memorials tell the story of the battle and the men who fought there. From Gettysburg, we drove to Stoystown, PA where we saw the National Memorial for Flight 93. Due to the actions of the 40 passengers and crew, the attack on the US Capital was prevented. The memorial includes brick walls marking the flight path, a walking path to the Wall of Names and Memorial Plaza and the open field along with many pictures giving detailed information about the day. The Tower of Voices is a 93-foot-tall memorial which hold 40 wind chimes, representing the passengers and crew. The chimes create 40 tones (voices) that represent the serenity of the site.

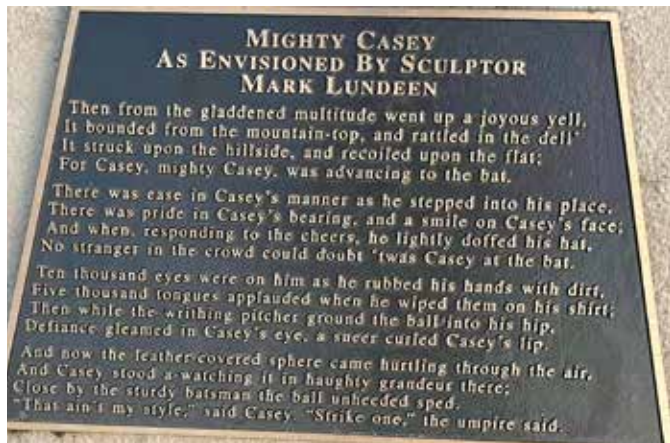
Day 7 took us to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. Since 1963, the Hall of Fame encompasses those in the field who were exceptional figures: players, coaches, owners, and office personnel. Currently there are 362 members of the Hall of Fame.



Welcome to Hershey World!



Mighty Casey Statue



Dinner in an Amish Home



Gettysburg



Pro Football Hall of Fame



Our last night concluded with a dinner Cruise aboard the BB Riverboat. Boarding in Newport, KY we traveled up and down the Ohio River enjoying the evening skyline of Cincinnati. Sightseeing and dancing were a wonderful way to end the trip.

As we headed back to Wisconsin, new friends exchanged stories, emails, and phone numbers. Memories we will all hold for a lifetime!



Riverboat Cruise on the Ohio River



Flight 93 Memorial



A Night of Dice



Potentate Issues a Challenge to all Nobles

Zor's Potentate, Ill. Sir Rodney LaBlanc, issues a challenge to all Zor Nobles: Not only is Shrine about helping children, Shrine is also about family - our personal families and our Shrine Family! We are all aware that our Shrine membership numbers are declining. In order to keep our organization alive and functioning, each one of us needs to work to help keep our membership numbers growing. I challenge every Noble in Zor to join the Shrine Legacy Program! Do this by bringing in family members to the Shrine - sons, grandsons, sons-in-law, nephews, brothers, cousins, etc. Share your pride in the Shrine with your family!

A special celebration will be held next fall/winter for anyone who brings in new members this year and joins the Shrine Legacy Program. For questions about the Shrine Legacy Program or the Challenge, contact Noble Rodney LaBlanc at 608-617-6602.





MIKE KASTENS
NEW RICHMOND

Greetings Nobles and Ladies!

We are closing in on the end of 2022 and there are still Nobles who have not paid their 2022 dues, along with their 2023 dues.

Imperial by-laws state all past, and current dues must be paid by December 31, 2022. If you fail to pay your dues on January 1, 2023, you are not eligible to participate in any Shrine functions. These functions include being able to vote or participate on any matters for both your respective clubs and units. You will not be able to attend or vote at the Annual meeting for ZOR.

If you are having financial difficulty or some other catastrophic issue that may prevent you from paying your dues, please reach out to your respective club for assistance. If for some reason your club is not able to assist you, then please reach out to ZOR for assistance. The goal of ZOR is not to suspend any Noble for not being able to pay your dues. This can be managed discreetly, and it will remain confidential with the office. At the Annual Meeting on January 14, 2023, we will be doing a 100% membership card check making sure everyone attending the meeting has paid their dues. If you do not have your membership card with you or you are not current on your dues, you will not be able to attend the meeting. This is both a ZOR and Imperial by-law that we

follow. We will be scanning every Nobles membership card for two reasons; one to make sure you are current on your dues and two is to record the number of Nobles who have attended the Annual Meeting.

Finally, I would like to wish all of the Nobles, their Ladies, and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Remember if you have any questions or concerns about your membership, please feel free to contact me.

Fraternally yours,

Mike Kastens

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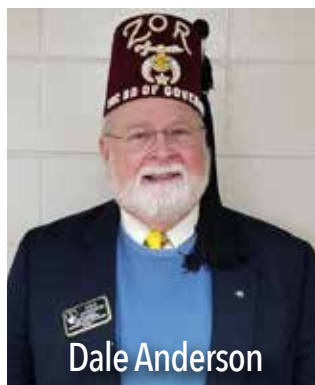
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The Mavericks had their year end meeting tonight to wrap up some unfinished business from parade season. Illustrious Sir Rodney was even presented with a Hiram & Solomon Cigar gift box set from the Unit. Other



members of the Unit were given a cigar by Noble Darrell Smith and the Ladies were all given a container of honey that was made from the honey of Darrell's bees that he keeps! It was a fantastic turnout for them!!



Honored Ladies Lunch

The Zor Honored Ladies Luncheon for the Madison area was held on Tuesday, October 18th. More than 40 Divan members and Ladies and guests, 7 of them were Honored Ladies, enjoyed a Family -style luncheon of Broasted Chicken and Beef Pot Roast and all the fixings at Kavanaugh's Esquire Club in Madison. Guests enjoyed a presentation by First Lady Mary LaBlanc on the History of Quilts and viewed several quilts she had made and the stories that went with them. Several others also shared quilts or stories about quilts. All ladies received a Quilted Mug Rug from Mary and flowers for the Honored Ladies.

A special thank you goes out to Committee members Debbi Thorstad, Joan Soderholm and Carol Gorsuch!



ZOR MINI CARS

The Zor Shrine Mini Cars finished off the season after doing 9 parades : Whitewater, Jefferson, Edgerton, Albany, Lodi, McFarland, Belleville and 2 in Green Bay for MSA.

4 New members - Chuck Porter, Harold Bone, Jason Welch and Terry Boydston joined the unit and enjoyed their 1st season of parading.

At the last stated unit meeting which was held on October 27th, the 2022 officers were re-elected for another term. Captain, Steve Livingston, Lieutenant, John Thorstad, Secretary & Treasurer, Harold Bone, and Parade Chairman, Dave Dunahee.

First meeting for 2023 will be January 26th at the Winchester Restaurant in Edgerton.



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Whitewater Shrine Game



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HE SAID, "I TELL HER ABOUT MY JOB."

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HER OR MY ADDICTION TO SWEETS.
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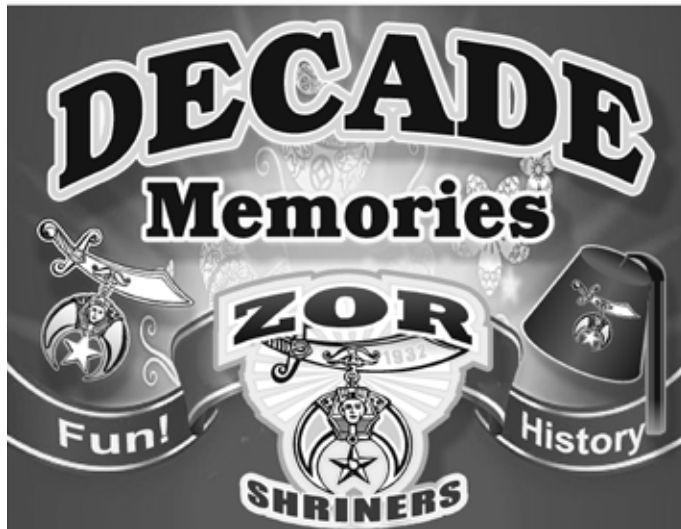
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