

# From the desk of AL BRUEGGEN

Greetings, Nobles, Ladies and Friends.

Spring Has Sprung as it seems, and as we have celebrated Easter with friends and family, we look forward to events that lie ahead in Zorland. May 20th is our Spring Ceremonial at the Radisson Hotel in La Crosse; all Nobles, friends, and family are encouraged to attend, as we welcome new Shriners into Zor and encourage them to become part of our Clubs and Units. It's not too late to get more candidates signed up to belong to the greatest fraternity on earth.

The weekend starts out with a Friday night dinner cruise on the Ole Mighty Mississippi for those who signed up. Saturday will be a fun-filled day with the Imagineers lighting up the room as the day's events take place. After dinner on Saturday evening there will be entertainment to ease the evening into Zor's hospitality for all to enjoy. If you have not attended a Shriner event in some time, I personally invite you and yours to join us. We would love to see you participate and become involved again.

As the summer approaches, parade season is upon us, so be safe and enjoy your time with fellow Nobles. Grand Lodge is also around the corner (June 1-3) with the making of another Zor Grand Master Shriner. We are very proud to be planning to Fez our in-coming Grand Master with his new Zor Fez.

On July 2 - 7, some of our Temple elected Divan Officers, Past Potentates and other Nobles will attend the Shriners Imperial Session Convention in Charlotte, NC. This is a great opportunity for the Officers of Zor to learn and help guide our Temple with what we believe to be in the best interest for our nobility. Comradery with other Temples in our Association is an important part of Imperial Session as well.

Other upcoming events include Shriners Uncorked, which will be held in Sparta on May 13th. We are looking forward to anyone interested in volunteering at the event. To join us, please let Todd Wohlert or myself know. This is a Temple fundraiser, so



everyone is encouraged to help support the three-hour event. Money raised at this event goes back into Zor's general fund. New this year at Shriner's Uncorked there will be live music by Joe Cody throughout the day. As always, the tasting, prizes, and fellowship are always the best part; come out and enjoy the afternoon with friends, family, and fellow Nobles.

Gun Raffle tickets! It's that time again. Tickets can be acquired by contacting your Club or Unit Divan Reps. This year we are trying something new by holding a Sportsman's Banquet at Milford Hills in Johnson Creek on September 16, 2023. The firearm winners this year will be able to pick up their prize right at Milford Hills and take it home with them or take a percentage of the prize value in cash as was done years ago when the drawing originally started. The day will include a sporting clay shoot, dinner along with a walk around firearms and other tables that will offer prize opportunities. Some of these activities are still in the planning stages. This event will also be part of Zor's Annual Sportsman's Raffle with the drawing to take place that evening. This event is open to the general public as well. There are several Nobles planning the event and we are looking forward to this being one of Zor's major fundraisers. If you have any interest in helping with this event contact Larry Hanson or Dale Olson. As always, there are many events planned all year in Zorland. Nobles, their Ladies, and family members are welcome to any and all events.

Be Humble and Kind!

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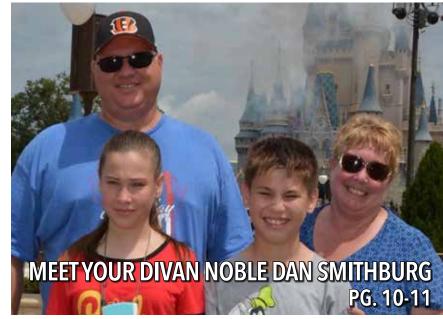
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# Can't You Just Taste Those Sweet Vidalia Onions?

#### Onion Sales Are Back

A new year has come upon us again and it is time to start thinking about onions sales. The onions were planted at the end of November. If they keep on growing like they are, they should be ready the last week of April or the first week of May. They do have a new Agriculture Commissioner so they are not sure if he is going to follow the past regime or just say "sell them when you want to." If that is the case then they might be ready before the last week of April. With the rising cost of transportation due to fuel prices and raw product cost going up 13% due to input costs we are going to be raising our price to \$12.00 a bag. I will contact you by April 3rd for your order.

Remember, this is an agricultural product so the availability of the onions is all dependent on Mother Nature. Pre-selling onions is easy to do, you can put up a flier at a local business, hospitals, bus garages, or local

watering holes and they sell themselves. The flier is available on the website under Zor events then hit the Vidalia Onion button or I can email or send you a flier if you would like one. If you want to learn how to do this just ask the Zor Imagineers. I do have extra room on each truck for more onions. The trucking company has already been paid for, therefore the extra onions you sell are pure profit.

If you have never sold any before and need help, let me know and I can help you out. Remember, when you buy a bag for yourself take 4 more to sell to your friends and neighbors. If you are going to want any recipes go to the Zor website and they are available there.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 715-377-3032 or email me at

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Thanks again, Barry Ausen Onion Chair



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# **ZOR MEMBERSHIP 2023**

# Greetings Nobles and Ladies!

As we look forward into 2023, we have a lot of opportunities to find new Shriners. The Blue Lodges are the main source as they have been raising more Masons this past year than they have done in previous years. They have raised 150 new Master Masons in the last seven months, and there is still a lot more in the works. If you divide the new Master Masons up evenly between the three Shrine temples, we have 50 in Zor's area that we could make into new Nobles. Even if we get the average number in the state that gives us 12 new Nobles. We encourage you to go to your Blue Lodges, be active in them, and if you have not been there for a while, get re-acquainted with your Brothers. When you go back, look around and see which members are Shriners, and why the others are not. You might hear a statement from some of the Brothers that once they become Shriners, they don't get involved with the Lodge! The truth is, Masons that are involved

in other affiliated bodies are five times more likely to be active than ones that are not.

We are having a Spring Ceremonial coming up in May so find some new candidates and bring them into the Shrine. When you bring in a new Nobles make sure you get them involved as soon as you can. It is a known fact that if you take them to your Club or Unit parties, they will stay active. If you don't get them involved, sooner or later, they might drop out, and that is not what we need. We need to keep all the Nobles we have.

Your Club and Units will be contacted soon to help clear up the Nobles that are delinquent in their dues. When you are contacted to reach out to the members in your Club or Unit, remind them that they have not paid their dues. If some of the members are having a tough time with the dues or are in a nursing home, hopefully, your Club or Unit can do the brotherly thing and help them out. If that does not work, reach out to your Divan Rep., and let them know the circumstance, they might be able to get some help from the Temple.



Shriners International is proud to celebrate some of our membership wins over the past few months as its mission continues to resonate with men and their families worldwide.



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Thu-Sat, Jun 1st - 3rd Grand Lodge - Wisconsin Masonic Center, 301 Wisconsin Ave, Madison, WI

Fri, Jun 2nd Shiners Twin Cities Gala 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM Depot Minneapolis 225 3rd Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN

Sat - Jun 10th

La Crosse Masonic Lodge #190 celebrating 150th anniversary 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM 118 8th St S, La Crosse, WI

We will be having an open house/ lunch (grilled food) starting at noon on Saturday, June 10th. A program will follow at 1pm that will include a rededication of the lodge, a historical presentation of the lodge and other information on the past 150 years and what has happened during the time the lodge existed. Please join us for fun, food, and fellowship that day! If you have any questions reach out to Worshipful Master Nathan H. Randall at 608-485-0584.

For reservations, please reach out to Andrew Davis at 608-220-3408.



# ATTENTION ALL

#### For Zor, a shortage of hospital drivers and / or riders is always a problem.

We are asking anyone who is interested and has the time to help out and is willing to volunteer to be a driver and/or rider to PLEASE contact the office at **608-833-6343**, either extensions 1 or 2, and leave your contact information.

The office will see that the volunteer's information is forwarded to the van coordinator in the appropriate area.

Thank you in advance for your help.

# **Calendar Raffle Winners April 2023**

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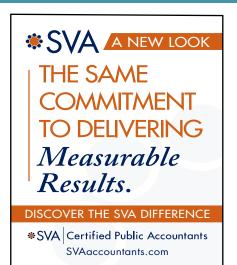
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# Meet your Divan NOBLE DAN SMITHBURG

Noble Dan Smithburg's journey to becoming a Mason started when his daughter Alicia asked her Great Grandpa, Everett Smithburg, about the ring he was wearing - it was a 50-year Masons ring. Noble Dan joined the Fairfield Iowa Clinton Lodge #15 AF&AM in the summer of 2008. In the Fall of 2008, he joined the York Rite Bodies. In 2011 he became Master of Clinton Lodge #15, with his proud grandfather by his side every step of the way serving as the Tyler. Grandpa had always dreamt of attending the Easter Vigil at the George Washington Masonic Museum in Alexandria VA. On Easter of 2009, Grandpa (at age 91) joined Noble Dan & Lady Kelly with their sons Greg & Kevin and daughter Alicia on a trip to Washington DC to do just that! It was such a memorable trip that they took Grandpa again during the spring of 2011.

It was a Friday night fish fry at the Foxhole in Sparta that started Dan's journey to becoming a Shriner – thanks to the persistence of Lady Penny Brueggen! She showed up at the table with a measuring tape and the rest is history! Dan became a Shriner on December 7, 2019 and is a member of the Zor Shrine Midgets.

Dan grew up in southern Iowa. He joined the Iowa National Guard in 1985 and was deployed to Desert Storm in 1991. He had just started seeing Lady Kelly, so their first 6 months of "dating" was through the US Postal system. Kelly secretly made the trip to Volk Field, WI to surprise him upon his return from Germany. He worked for Dexter Foundry for 23 years and accepted a position with Dexter's sister company Leer Inc in New Lisbon, WI in late 2011. Ironically, moving to where their love story had started 25 years earlier. In 2019 he joined Rockland Flooring in Rockland, WI where he is currently VP of Manufacturing, overseeing plants in Wisconsin, Indiana, and Ontario, Canada.







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# **2ND CEREMONIAL MASTER**

Noble Dan and Lady Kelly have been married 31 years, and live outside Tomah and are members of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. While in Iowa they were President / Secretary of the Stars & Stripes Youth Wrestling Club and the Fairfield Babe Ruth League for over 10 years. They also taught confirmation classes at First Lutheran Church. Noble Dan coached middle school football for 15 years. They also own a small home next to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway which is a big part of the Smithburg tradition starting with Noble Dan's father who was on a pit crew from the late 60's through the 70's. They host 40+ friends and family during the month of May every year.

Their son Greg & his wife Allena live in Black River Falls. Greg is Yard Manager for Rockland Flooring, and Allena is a Recreational Therapist at Eau Claire Hospital. Daughter Alicia lives in LaCrosse and works for Aveanna Health System. Their youngest son Kevin lives in Charleston, SC, and is a Materials Processes & Physics engineer at Boeing. Oldest son Andy passed away in 2006, his children (Kiana 16, Cody 15) reside with their mother in Guam.



Midwest Shrine Association (MSA) 2023 Summer Session

#### Osman Shriners, Alexandria, MN Save these dates!!! August 23-26,2023

As reported in the April issue of the Zor Zephyr, Illustrious Sir Al Brueggen was to have led a large contingency of Zor Nobles to the Midwest Shrine Association (MSA) 2023 Winter Session in Alexandria, MN. But mother nature changed those plans. The critical business of the winter session was instead held on Tuesday eve-

ning April 18th via a zoom meeting with MSA officers and temple representatives participating. During this online session Zor's III. Sir Gary Cuskey, was elected 1st Vice President of the MSA.

We have been informed the lodging for Zor's Divan and unit members will indeed be in the Arrowwood Resort. Additionally, we have been informed that there are many different types of rooms. Be watching for registration and lodging forms and data to be sent to unit leadership in early May. Deadline for registration will no doubt be mid to late June.

The annual Summer Session is a family friendly Shrine event with activities for all Nobles, their Ladies and Families. There will be two parades (one on Thursday evening and one on Saturday morning), Ladies Luncheon, Unit

competitions just to name a few activities. Osman Shrine has a strong Bag Pipe Band unit that is planning a special mass band participation in two parades, barnstorming, and lots & lots of Fun! Fun! If you are Bag Piper Drummer, or sword barrier with a kilt come and join them. See the following link Bagpipers - MSA\_2023 (msa2023.org)

Zor has included in its 2023 budget financial assistance for unit men who participate in the MSA parades and/or competition. This assistance will be in the form of a reduced cost of the noble's room cost, an allowance for milage, & coverage of a portion of the registration fee. Once we know what the costs of these items are, we will communicate that information to your unit leaders.

You are encouraged to visit the following website now and often as the host temple is continuing to update the https://www.msa2023.org.

You may also review the resort's website https://arrowwoodresort.com/

There will be monthly updates in Zor Zephyrs but if you have any questions please contact Zor Noble Joe Harker, MSA 2023 Coordinator at jbh2010PGM@outlook.com or Mobile number 414 531 3286.



# Renae Boydston, Queen

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



Antioch Temple No. 113 enjoyed a festive Installation of Officers on April 15th at the Middleton Masonic Center. As Antioch's new Queen, my goals are to build upon the vast accomplishments of Past Queen Mitch Behlke, strengthen the core of our group, grow our membership, get to know each other on a deeper level, laugh, share wisdom, add a few fun events, like attending a parade and to support Shriners Mini Cars, have a Queen's day out at the Fireside Dinner Theatre, and try a new Clear Your Closets shoe drive fundraiser. Working

together for the Shriners Children!

Proud to be a Daughter of the Nile, **Queen, Renae Boydston** (262) 215-0088 • renaeboydston@yahoo.com



Queen Renae Boydston and Past Queen **Beth Schaefer** 

L - R - Pr. Jill Lotzow, Queen Renae Boydston, P.Q. Maria Boyer-Jensen, P.Q. Jane Wiese (Jill, Maria, and Jane are members of Shelomoth Milwaukee and traveled to be our Installing Officers).

Queen Renae Boydston and Past Queen Mitch Behlke



CONGRATULATIONS to Queen Renae Boydston on her election and Installation as Queen of the Daughters of the Nile, Antioch Temple No. 113, on April 15 at the Middleton Lodge. It was an honor to be a guest for the installation. Well wishes to you Renae for a very successful year. We look forward to working alongside of you in 2023.

To Past Queen Mitch Behlke; Congratulations for a great year.

Ill. Sir Al Brueggen and Lady Penny



Help us raise funds for our organization by Clearing your Closets and donating your gently worn, used and new shoes! Ask friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to donate too. Collected shoes are used to support small businesses in developing nations. Proceeds will benefit the general fund of Antioch Temple No. 113, Daughters of the Nile. Gather shoes in clear recycle bags and contact Queen Renae Boydston for pick up or delivery: call/text/email: (262)215-0088 • renaeboydston@yahoo.com

#### ANTIOCH NO. 113 UPCOMING CALENDAR

Stated Sessions, third Saturday of the month, 9:30 brunch, 10:30 start at: Middleton-Ionic Masonic Lodge, 7409 Franklin Ave., Middleton, Wisconsin 53562

Summer Ceremonial and Potentates Ball, La Crosse, with Illustrious Potentate May 19-21

Al Brueggen & First Lady Penny

Stated Session May 20

NO STATED SESSIONS June/July

Supreme Session, Mashantucket CT

On April 1st, Queen-elect Renae Boydston attended the ceremony and Past Queen Kate Smillie served as Attendant for the Shelomoth Installation of Officers and crowning of Queen Laurie Budwick at Tripoli Shrine in Milwaukee. Congratulations to Shelomoth Temple No. 106!



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May 3: William J Mathe, Larry W Johnson, David G Peterson

May 4: Henry R Schultz, John C Torpy

May 5: Larry M Johnson, Jeffrey C Goff

May 6: Harold K Fowler, James R Rausch

May 7: Mark D Jerdee PP

May 8: Donn W West, Randy E Ellifson, Christopher I Armstrong

May 9: Stuart K Graham, Roger L Keller, Jason E Laramee

May 10: Earland E Sagen, James W Hines

May 11: Thomas J Dunham

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May 14: Alan Hiatt

May 15: Jarrett McDonald

May 16: David A Acheson, Anthony J Bell

May 17: Willis A Ostrem, David D Mahoney

May 18: Larry D Nelson, Lawrence Crone, Kevin J Severson, Brad A Andrew, Brett M LeAnna

May 19: Steven W Marshall, Randall C Webb, John LaRue

May 20: Donald C Iverson, Ronald D Sempf, Timothy P Mott

May 21: Stanley J Johnson, Allen TTrapp, David H Bartlett Md

May 22: Thomas C Pearson, Lawrence P Wiegand,

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May 25: Schelley K Schoville, John K Pecotte, Richard K Plouffe, Richard A Stoker

May 26: William G Wenberg, Ronnie C Jaacks, Kenn A Beauchaine

May 27: Ronald F Outhouse, Charles W Porter Jr

May 28: John E Hoffman, Terrence A Rieck, Gary J Bergenske

May 29: Gene S Grengs, John W Meisel, David J Druckrey

May 30: Donald C Roldt, Nicholas G Baker

May 31: Donald K Mickelson, Gerald R Watson, Kenneth Lokken, Martin Leum

## MECCA SHRINE CLUB EASTER EGG HUNT

The 3rd Annual MECCA Shrine Club Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at the Tomah Masonic Center. It was a cold and snowy day but that did not deter the children as there was a great turnout. The day started with Potentate Al Brueggen holding a Cold Sands ceremony for Brother Joe Refsland, after which his Lady Ashley, Fezzed him.

Registration for the day started at 1:00 for children ages 2-10. We had 70 sign-ups, which was down from previous years, possibly due to the weather. Families enjoyed many activities including having their pictures taken with the Easter Bunny or in the Midget's parade Prowler. They also enjoyed playing with bean bags, guessing the amount of jelly beans in a jar and having the Misfitz or Firehouse Jesters tie balloons.

The day's big event was, of course, highlighted by the search for 3000 eggs. Children under three did their collecting while the others found their eggs outside. All the excitement was completed very quickly (about 20 minutes) with bags bulging at their seams.

Following the egg hunt, about 20 Easter basket door prizes were given out. Each child upon registration was given a ticket for the drawing.

The Easter egg committee would like to thank the Nobles, their Ladies and friends that helped with the day's activities.













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## Welcome New Noble Joseph Refsland

On April 1st, Zor Shrine welcomed in a new Noble. Joseph Refsland of Tomah Lodge 132 was given the cold sands before the Mecca Shrine Clubs Easter Egg Hunt. Conducting the ceremony was Illustrious Potentate Al Brueggen, Chief of Staff Al Coenen, and Outer Guard Ron Chamberlain. Joseph's Lady Ashley fezzed our newest Noble.

Joe wrote "359 days ago I started my Masonic journey, two days later I helped at the Easter Egg Hunt for Mecca Shrine Club, and today I officially joined The Zor Shriners. When I was helping with this year's Easter Egg Hunt, I was so glad I was able to join such an excellent group of guys and ladies".

He looks mighty good in the Zor Midgets car also!





## **Zor Misfitz**

Zor Misfitz, Monte Kramer and Randy Johnston, hard at work again, tying balloons at the Mecca Shrine Club's 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Keep up the good work.





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## St. Croix Valley Shriners Club

## SCVSC meets for a March 17th St Patrick's Day celebration

By Merl Steffen

The Shriners gathered with a highlighted Guest speaker, the New Richmond Chamber of Commerce, Rob Kreibich, CEO/President. He spoke about the Stillwater bridge affecting the local community. He then talked about the Kwik Trip company and its impact on the local community. Rob noted the existing New Richmond and Amery's new store locations. Rob highlighted the excellent healthcare and hospitals Westfield consortium which is tethered to Regions Hospital of Saint Paul, MN that offers cancer treat-



ments. He then talked about tourism in the community with Cedar Lake Speedway, one of the best clay tracks in the US, Apple River tubing and Riverwood Nature Center in Star Prairie. Rob spoke of the chicken hatchery that is being renovated to an environmental and education center with walking trails. Lastly, he spoke about the New Richmond High School Hockey team winning a state title over a neighboring Amery High School.

Ed Swenson gave an update on the Vidalia Onion sales. Everybody should be preselling, \$12 for ten pounds. Order forms are found in the Zephyr and from Barry Ausen. Ed put out a challenge for everybody to sell 100 pounds.

Tyler Behr, vice president of SCVSC spoke about upcoming events. There is a Road Runner meeting, April 10th 6:00 pm at the New Richmond Legion Hall. May 1st is the next board meeting time and location TBD.

Mike Kastens then gave a Divan report from the March Divan meeting, which included Grand Master, Paul Tourville. One initiative for this year is increasing membership. An emphasis is to make the Shriner Ceremonials more of a "wow factor", for all persons involved. What does a candidate want or expect from the Shriver Organization? Making the ceremonials memorable and fun is key in exciting the candidates to become active in the Shrine Clubs with their family included. As is known, Shriners come from Blue Lodges. How can we entice these men into becoming a Shriner? Be a Mason now is an online portal that men apply to become a Mason. This portal has seen quite an interest as 2000 applications were evaluated. From these initial numbers 700 have started their journey to become a Master Mason. Mike informed the crowd of upcoming events which included the April 21st Mehara Friday Fish Fry at the Blind Tiger Bar in Colfax, April 28th Friday fish fry in Wausau preceding the April 29th Divan quarterly meeting and the Wausau Quarterly meeting.



You can find more information and the sign-up in the Zephyr. May 13th is the Shriners Uncorked event at Dub's Pub in Sparta. May 19th is the Spring Ceremonial in La Crosse, and more detailed information can be found in the Zor Zephyr. June 30th the New Richmond and the Star Prairie Lodges are jointly fundraising at the New Richmond Legion Hall with a live band and supper starting at 4:30pm. This fund raising is to send local kids to the Shrine Circus. The fifth grade of Summerset is going to the circus on March 23rd. Mike then introduced the guest and dignitaries; Past Potentates Larry Riemenschneider and Lady Julie, Barry Ausen and his Lady Becky, Chief Rabban Roger Keller and his Lady Tammy, and our Potentate, III. Sir Al Brueggen and his Lady Penny.

Al noted that the Road Runners were a gem of Zor, he appreciated coming up to our event and thanked the Road Runners for what they do.

Roger then commented about the Osman Circus coming up. He reminded the group how much Osman gave in support to the East – West Shrine game. Roger then asked if anybody had free time to go over to the circus and volunteer. The Osman facilitators will find something that they need help with and will appreciate the services. MSA is coming up in Alexandria, MN and is extremely close in proximity. It is a fun event with parades and activities for the ladies to do. The MSA will have a marketplace to buy a variety of Shrine merchandise. MSA 24' will be in La Crosse. Tammy and Penny have a lot of activities already planned for this MSA. Roger then mentioned the Knickerbocker Degree being conducted in the Spring Ceremonial. This degree will be different than in the past and urged Shriners to attend.

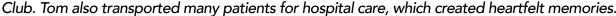




By Noble Steve Livernash,

Inspired by a Family of Shriners, Noble Tom Voight knew from a young age that he was destined to follow in the footsteps of his two uncles and one brother. And on the day he turned twenty one, he wasted no time and petitioned the Wisconsin Rapids Lodge to become a Master Mason. From there, he went on to become a Zor Shriner in 1968, and a year later married his love, Lady Judy. Judy's father was also a Shriner.

Tom's commitment to the Shrine has only grown stronger over the years. He joined the Zor Funsters Shrine Unit and is still very active. One year, he participated in 52 parades around Wisconsin. Currently, he is the driver of the bubbly and colorful parade bus. Tom and Judy are proud members of the Heart of Wisconsin Shrine





But it's not just about the Parades and the Fez for Tom - it's about the impact that the Shrine has on people's lives. He was deeply humbled when he was told the story of a neighbor boy who was helped by the Shriners. The boy's mother was initially hesitant to leave her son in the hospital for a month, but when she returned, she found him full of energy and confidence, thanks to the Shriners' care. And that same boy went on to help Tom's son with his race car, showing the ripple effect of the Shrine's work.

Tom's commitment to the Shrine has also brought him close friendships, like the one he shares with Karl Gant, who both joined Zor Shrine in the same year. Karl has sent him birthday cards filled with laughter and well wishes year after year. But perhaps the most inspirational moment for Tom came when he was waiting at the reception desk at the Twin Cities hospital. A young boy approached him, grabbed his hand, and said "Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!" When Tom asked if they knew each other, the child simply replied, "No, but you are a Shriner!" The memory still brings tears to Tom's eyes to this day.

Through it all, Tom's love for his sweet Lady Judy has remained a constant source of support and strength. He takes great pride in wearing the Shriner Fez and upholding its traditional values. Soft-spoken and kind, Tom is a pure and proud Shriner who knows the impact that the Shrine can have on people's lives.

# Inspired by a Moment

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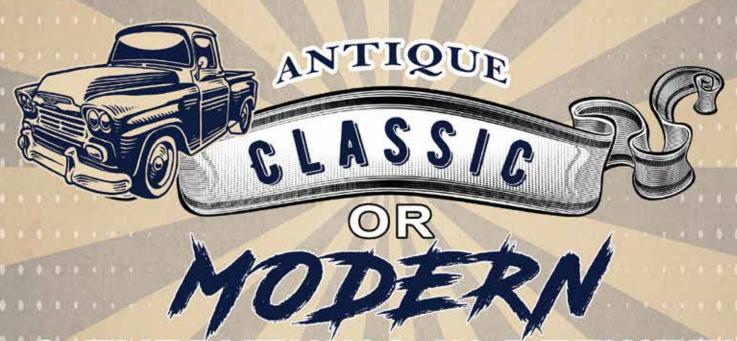
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## New look for the New Van

By: Dora Johnston

Zor's new Hospital Van is finally looking good. It now has its wrap and really tells the story. Thanks to Monte Kramer, Sandy Wayne and Lexi LaBlanc for taking the time to transport me to get the job done.





# **IMPROVING OUR CARE!**

# Shriners Children's Chicago hosts annual research conference at Georgia Tech

Medical staff, researchers, and administration from the Chicago hospital traveled to Atlanta recently for "State of Research: Special Emphasis on Muscle and Bone Health." Fourteen locations and engineers from Georgia Tech gathered for a collaboration between healthcare and engineering.

The work, focusing on conditions that are common at Shriners Children's such as cerebral palsy, arthrogryposis, sports injuries and prosthetics, involves the growing fields of precision medicine and data analysis and interpretation, with an overall goal to ultimately improve the care provided for children everywhere. Five to six multi-center research grant proposals will be initiated from this meeting.

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# Spring Ceremonial ~ Saturday, May 20, 2023

Yet another reminder of the Spring Ceremonial that is scheduled for Saturday, May 20th at the La Crosse Radisson Hotel. All Zor Shriners and their ladies are encouraged to attend and even better, to be the 1st line signer on a petition for one of your Masonic Lodge brothers.

For those arriving on Friday, there will be a dinner cruise on the LaCrosse Queen River Boat. The dock is a short walk from the back doors of the Radisson. We will be boarding starting at 4:30 p.m. for a 2-hour (5:00-7:00 pm) dinner buffet cruise on the Mississippi River. The meal includes a 2-meat entree of baked ham and chicken, along with mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, coleslaw, rolls, dessert, with coffee or iced tea. There is a cash bar on board the boat. The cost per person is \$35.00 with a sign-up deadline of April 22nd. Don't miss out as we have a limit of 75 people. Any questions, contact 2nd Ceremonial Master Dan Smithburg at: dansmithburg@gmail.com



We start out Saturday morning with the candidate registration and orientation, followed by the ceremonial initiation. The men's and ladies' lunch with a LaCharcuterie lunch buffet at \$30.00 per person. In the afternoon, the Arch and Knickerbocker degrees will be presented. Closing out the evening will be the banquet and entertainment. Dinner options are broiled haddock with champagne beurre blanc or a 6 oz. beef tenderloin with mushrooms and cabernet reduction. All meals include a Caesar salad, au gratin potatoes and a lemon butter cream cake. \$40.00 per

person per meal.

Reservations will require a \$20.00 late fee per person after the cutoff date on April 22, 2023.

Deadline for hotel reservations is April 28th. Ask for the Zor Shrine rate of \$149.00 plus taxes or use promo code ZorS23 when online. General Nobility and candidates can make their own reservations by calling the hotel at 608 784 6680.



# **Spring Ceremonial** ~ Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, MAY 19	
2:00 pm	Divan MeetingWisconsin Room
4:00 pm	Social Three Rivers Lodge
4:30 pm	La Crosse Queen Cruise with Dinner (Riverside Park Loading dock)
7:30 pm	Zor Hospitality Minnesota Rm 2nd floor
SATURDAY, MAY 2	0
8:30 - 9:15 am	Candidate & Lady Registration Ballroom Foyer
8:00 – 2:00 pm	Unit & Organizational Displays Ballroom Foyer
9:30 am	Temple Opening (everyone Invited)
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	Black Camel
11:00 am	Ritualistic Divan (ladies invited) Ballroom
12:00 - 1:30 pm	Ladies Luncheon
12:00 – 1:30 pm	Men's Luncheon Minnesota Rm 2nd floor
1:30 pm	Ceremonial (everyone Invited)
3:00 pm	Break - Photos with Arch
3:15 pm	Ceremonial Activities Continue Ballroom
4:30 pm	Closing Comments
5:30 pm	Fellowship Hour (cash Bar) Ballroom Foyer
6:00 pm	Ceremonial Banquet & Patient Story Ballroom
8:00 - 11:45 pm	Zor HospitalityMinnesota Rm, 2nd floor



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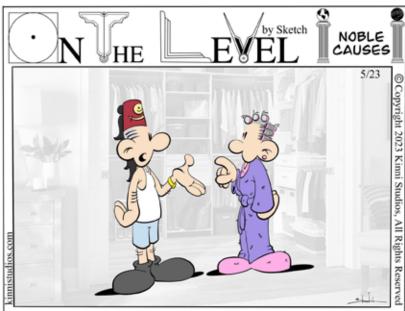




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## **Assistant Rabban School in Tampa**

By: Linda Dunham

Hello all!

I just wanted to share a recap of our time in Tampa, Florida.

What a great opportunity to connect and learn all things Shrine! March 20th through the 22nd, Brian and I spent 3 full days, learning alongside our counterparts, from all over the world!

We joined together to embrace and plan for the next journey on our Divan.

During our educational sessions, we listened to multiple speakers and were able to share ideas and struggles, as well as many success stories that each unique Temple grows through. There are so many opportunities for us all within this organization.

The ladies' sessions are especially impactful. To become empowered and engaged in the philanthropy, by learning from the Imperial Ladies is inspiring. First Lady JJ Craven, Assistant Rabban Lady Judy Burke and Trustee Lady Megan Stewart were filled with relevant knowledge that they were so excited to share. Their passion for all of Shrinedom can be felt in their desire to help others in their journeys.

We received education in leadership, were introduced to new fundraising ideas for our Temples, and reminded us how very important Ladies mentorship is.

My biggest takeaway was in regard to membership. We should be talking about Shriners Hospitals for Children wherever we go.

Imperial Potentate Kenny Craven shared a story of one of his experiences with us all.

He was on a flight to an event and a young gentleman sat next to him, they began small talk and the young gentleman started to tell him about this amazing organization he was a part of. He explained he was going to attend an event that was all about this great organization. After a bit, he asked Imperial Potentate Kenny Craven if he had ever heard of Shriners and all they do! Of course, you can complete the ending of that story....

What a great way to invite other new Nobles and to share with the world what Shriners do....Talk about it!

We, as ladies, can make an impact as well. Talk about the Shrine, invite old friends and new friends to your Temple, Clubs and Units events. You truly never know who you may encounter.



For all of the new ladies out there, I can't encourage you enough to become a part of your Shriner's journey. It can be a very fulfilling experience. It is truly a family.

We met our counterparts from the Midwest Shrine Association (MSA) in 2021. We have all maintained continuous contact and picked up right where we left off the last time we enjoyed one another's company.

Brian and I also were blessed to join a couple from Ohio at one of the sessions, Rollin and Dee, we connected with them and exchanged addresses. We talked about farm life and the "good old days". Even with a generation gap between the four of us, we became fast friends.

Family. All ages. All backgrounds. So many stories.

From Mexico to Wisconsin. Ohio to Hawaii.

All of us, in one place for the very same reasons. The fun, fellowship, and of course the children.

I am so thankful, full of new ideas and inspiration to share with our Zor family!

All my best, Lady Linda Dunham

## **Oriental Guide School**

By: Dawn Malcolm

What an amazing experience being able to attend Oriental Guide School "Shrine Leadership Conference" in Tampa, Florida. Ron and I left this blistery cold weather to enjoy a little Florida sunshine. Little did we realize how jam packed full of learning there would be and very little time for sunshine.

The evening we arrived we met up with all of our counterparts. You always see others on the Divan that have relationships with Shriners from other Temples, not fully understanding how they meet so many others, now we know. It is unbelievable how quickly you can make some great connections and have new forever friendships.

Second day – cram packed full of getting to meet the Imperial Line and their Ladies. We listened to several from The Imperial Line, tell their story and their role on the Line. The things I learned were things I probably should have known, however I found it so enlightening. Did you know we have 21 different Shriners facilities across the United States? That the first patient was treated in 1922 for club foot. Shriners Hospitals, even though we should stop using the word hospital, continues to evolve. First treatment was club foot, then polio, burn victims, spinal injuries and more and more. Shriners Childrens™ provides the very best care, Our doctors are innovators – teaching thousands of residents every year. We have 120 touch points of care, in 22 countries, covering over 87% of Planet Earth.

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Our other breakout sessions were preparing us for our journey to Potentate. Everything revolved around leadership and what makes a great leader. It's important to surround yourself with those that will help you be successful in your year. Create teamwork, develop dedication and involvement, prioritize membership acquisition, support a mentoring program, encourage an event planning group. Build a GREAT TEAM!!! Select the people who will be behind you every step of the way. Reward dedication and give credit where credit is due. Always remember you will be a Past Potentate longer than you are a Potentate. The Law of Explosive Growth – Leaders Multiply Leaders. Build your team of leaders with different strengths.

I then attended the Ladies Workshop and Ron was off to do whatever Shriners do (I believe he learned a lot about the politics of the organization). We listened to First Lady JJ Craven and all of the other ladies of the Imperial Line up. The First Lady talked about her project – "The World is Your Oyster". This program is dedicated to supporting Shriners Children's mission to change and improve lives with empha-



sis on pediatric sports-related injuries by bringing awareness of the sports-related conditions treated and by helping potential patients and families learn how to access this care. This program shows how our patients' grit and determination come together with the expertise of our healthcare specialists to overcome challenges and create endless possibilities for success and recovery.

We discussed what is the Elected Divan versus what is the Appointed Divan. How to prepare on your road to Potentate. We discussed things that are required of a Divan Lady to include leading by example, supporting our Noble, mentoring and above all else hold each other high and NO GOSSIPING. Being enthusiastic makes others want to be involved. Oh, and all of the fun stuff, like what to wear to what event and how you should walk in and stand, etc. etc.

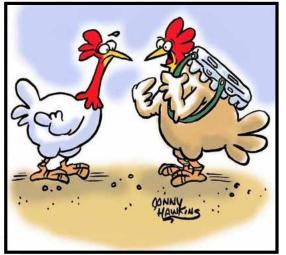
We had great breakout sessions as well, in which we went over different ideas of what other temples do for fundraisers.

In the evenings our MSA group got together and went out for dinner to further our relationship. What a great group of people we have met.

I've always supported Ron on his adventure as a Shriner, have always enjoyed my journey as his Lady, however after attending this event, the passion to be a Shriner has grown even stronger. I further understand the philanthropy and what this great organization does for so many families.



Country Chuckles by Jonny Hawkins



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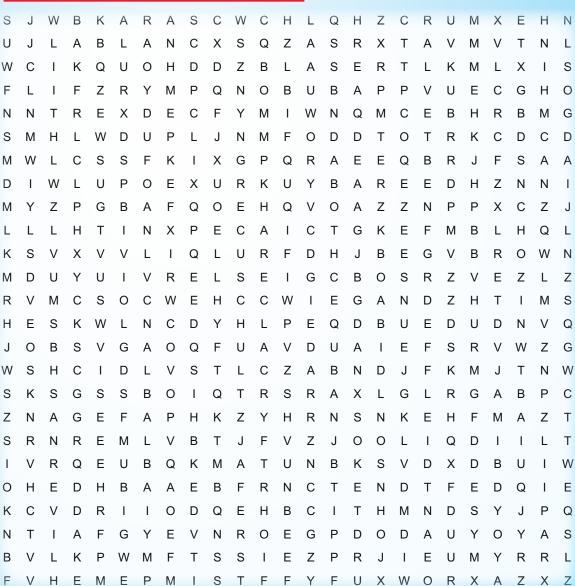
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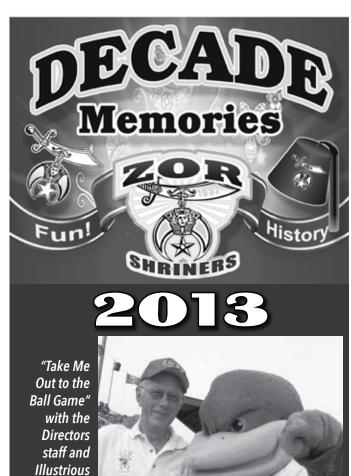
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Sir Bob Gorsuch





Dale Holman received a plaque in recognition of his 2013 year as president of the Shrine Directors Association (SDA) from the current, 2023, Potentate of Tripoli Shriners, III. Sir Dale Graeven.



(L to R) Chris Hinderman, III. Sir Bob Gorsuch, Wally Trouten, & Bo Bertilini Pins in Platteville - The After-Easter Leaster Where Bowling a low score is king!