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Zor Headquarters Future Location Committee Report - Vote Results

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at purchasing some land or a building and have a temple that will fit our needs.

The Wausauken Shriners had a wonderful and fun-filled night for all the Nobles and Ladies that were able to attend the event. If you were not able to make it, you missed the Past Potentates serenading the crowd with a couple of songs, it was enjoyed by all. The following day I was able to attend a golf outing co-sponsored with Zuhrah at Bristol Ridge Golf course in Somerset. Our Zor team finished in third place congratulations to Rod and his team.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ZOR POTENTATE

With the Covid 19: pandemic still going on things are different in some areas compared to others. With the Governors mandatory mask wearing we have been limited to what we have been able to do this year. Summer MSA in Regina was a great adventure crossing the border was interesting especially since some of us have never been to Canada before. For my Lady Becky it was her first time since she was in college playing basketball. The 2 parades were well attended and enjoyed by all. We all enjoyed meeting new friends and reuniting with old friends. It was one of the most amazing summer MSA's that I had attended. **Oh, it is time to wake up,** it was just a dream since MSA was cancelled.

The steak fry's have started up and I have been able to attend some of them. Becky and I had the opportunity to go to Arkdale and have an enjoyable evening with the Heart of the Wisconsin Shrine Club and the Funsters. I also had the pleasure of going to Mehara for their steak fry. We have continued with doing some ice bucket challenges at different events and along at my work. If you are interested in challenging someone just do it Jake Seever did a challenge in Wausau and his Mom matched \$500 so he made \$1000.00.

The stated meeting was held in Wausau in August since we were not able to be there in April. We were able to have seven different locations that were able to attend the meeting by Zoom. We voted on the future location of the Temple. The three options the committee came up with are: 1. to rent from the Wisconsin Masonic Center in downtown Madison; 2. rent office space in the city of Madison; 3. temporarily rent office space in Madison while looking for a permanent site. The Nobles voted and decided to have the Divan look for a location to temporary rent and look for a different location. We will be setting up a committee to meet with the Nobles at their clubs and / or units and figure out what we want to do for the future of Zor. Will be asking the Nobles if we should stay in Madison or look outside of Madison for a new location. Also, if we going to want to rent and have an office or look

Mike Kasten and I ventured North to Hayward

Musky Shrine Club, and I had a wonderful evening with them and we made two new Nobles. We had the pleasure of running into a Shriner and his Lady from Ellsworth that just happened to be at the same restaurant that we were. He made the comment he has been coming up to Hayward every year since he became a Noble at the Spring Ceremonial in 2008. This past weekend we traveled over to Montello to the shrine picnic at Rod and Mary LeBlanc's. It was a damp day but was enjoyed by all. My counterpart from Beja Jim and Lady Paulette we're also in attendance. Thanks Rod and Mary for the great day.

Becky and I hope you will be able to attend our Barn Dance on October 3rd, just outside of Deer Park. Yes, they do have deer in the park if you want to stop by and look at them. We are having a pig roast followed by a live band. Camping is available if you are interested.

If you have not purchased your 40-gun raffle tickets yet check with your club or unit to see if they still have any left. If you cannot find any call the office and they will take care of you. The drawing is on October 17th in Eau Claire at the Sportsman's night. If you are interested in coming to the sportsman night you have two options to attend. We

See 'From Your Zor Potentate' on page 18

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THE CHALLENGE

CAN WE USE THE SALE OF ZOR'S TEMPLE TO RENEW OUR FRATERNITY?

By Mark Hazelbaker

The decision by Zor Shrine's members to find temporary space for the Temple gives Zor the chance to do more than pick a location. It opens the door to a fundamental reexamination of everything Zor has been doing. If we don't use the opportunity presented by sale of the Temple building to reinvent Zor, we should not be surprised in five years when we have achieved more of the same.

The Zor Temple in Madison is the perfect symbol of why Zor needs to change. What do I mean?

If you look at Zor's total assets and spending objectively, you can only conclude that our organization's primary purpose is to own a building in Madison for a handful of events each year. That is where the vast bulk of our capital and a huge amount of money go. Selling the building will allow us to redirect our efforts to what Zor should be about – serving Wisconsin and the world as an engine of enthusiasm for the Masonic fraternity.

We need to take the time to ask some hard questions:

1. Why would any young man want to join the Shrine?
2. What are we doing to build the kind of programming which would make the Shrine relevant to families today?
3. What is the best way to produce programs and services with the funds and member resources we have?

Once we have thought through these questions and formulated answers, the question of what kind of space we need and where should be much easier to answer.

When I joined Masonry in 1994, the Shrine was a major reason why men became Masons. They joined the Blue Lodge so they could join Scottish Rite or York Rite and thereby be eligible to join the Shrine. The Shrine was so attractive then that it energized the entire remainder of Masonry. As we all know, that isn't the case anymore. We are a shell of our former selves. But we're not done yet. We have the capacity to rebuild the Shrine. Our Imperial Potentate has it exactly correct – we need to be about fun and fellowship again.

It will be a different kind of fun and fellowship perhaps than we had in the past. The Shrine, more than any of the other branches of the Masonic community, involves wives. It can involve children. All we have to do is put on events and fun that families want to go to.

I submit that this difficult year has created a new opportunity for the Shrine. Families across the nation and Wisconsin have been forced to confront the difficulty of the modern lifestyles that have developed in which we have little contact with our neighbors and engage one another through Facebook. When the pandemic hit, many of us discovered how isolated they really are. By contrast, those of us in Masonry have known we had hundreds of friends everywhere. In tough times, communities have your back. Masonry is the ultimate community.

Why haven't we been able to rebuild the Shrine before this, and why can we do it now? We have been busy with unproductive pursuits. We've stuck a lot of money, time and effort into caring for a building that isn't central to our mission. We've spent even more time on fundraising, spending thousands of hours to raise comparatively small amounts

of money. We spent a great deal of money hiring professional staff to take care of the paperwork associated with owning a building, managing a budget and running an office. What's missing from this? Fun and fellowship.

We haven't had staff people to organize events, make arrangements for our leaders and market our organization.

We have spent \$65,000 a year on a building used a handful of occasions, but we don't have the money in the budget to pay the expenses for our Divan and leaders of our larger units or clubs to attend the annual Shriners International meeting. That's where the answers we need can be found.

We talk about looking for new members, but we haven't really identified who might be interested in joining us, and going after them. There are many veterans today, for example, who would seem ideal candidates. We need to find them and sign them.

Let me be direct.

The question before Zor Shrine is not where to move our existing office and operation. To be blunt, our existing office and operation is not working. It has produced declining membership and participation. If it is simply relocated, it will continue to do so, but in a smaller office.

We need to start from scratch and build a Zor Shrine that has a chance to succeed. We must do what has a chance of working. We can use the income generated from selling our building to fund the same operations in a new location – and we will get the same results. Or – we can use those funds to finance a new birth of fun and fellowship. We have one last chance to salvage this organization. If we don't take it, it will be our fault.



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A MINUTE WITH MILT

Voting!

If you are like most people today you are trying to decide who to vote for this November. Here are a few tips that might help. Take the attack ads and personalities out of the equation and decide based on the following considerations:



Milt Helmer,
Zephyr Correspondent

1. What has been the candidates list of accomplishments?
2. What is the candidate promising to do if elected?
3. Do they have a track record of getting results?

Ask yourself what has the candidate done in the past to warrant your vote.

Forget about the riots, looting and burning and make a clear decision on what is important to you and what is best for the country.



But, by all means, VOTE!

And go to the polls and make sure your vote gets counted regardless of what method you choose to cast your ballot.



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If you are looking for a way to relax and unwind, join the Zor Shrine.

And for Masons in the upper Midwest you will have a Spring Membership Ceremonial close to home in New Richmond - That's right in the backyard of our Potentate Barry Ausen!

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Dear Fellow Nobles,

There's no getting around it – 2020 is a different and difficult year! As we cope with the realities of living through a pandemic, I am very thankful to be part of a Brotherhood that looks after one another.

In some ways, I am more proud than ever to be a Shriner. Over the last several months, there have been countless stories of Shriners helping our health care system, supporting and thanking first responders in their communities, and looking after one another. During this uncertain time, you have selflessly and consistently cared for others, and I commend and thank you for these efforts.

In addition to the pandemic, some areas of our country are also struggling with natural disasters, including raging wildfires, tropical storms and hurricanes and even windstorms. Some temples and lodges have been damaged, and some of our fellow Shriners and Masonic Brothers have lost their homes and experienced other personal tragedies. And again, our Nobles have reached out, ready to help those in need. You truly do practice and live up to the Masonic values and ideals!

As we deal with all the difficulties wrought by COVID-19, including imposed separation and quarantine, we need to find ways to both stay connected and lighten our spirits. In fact, these are times when Fun and Fellowship can be especially important and beneficial. Using today's technology, temples can be "open," and members can gather



Jim Smith
IMPERIAL POTENTATE

virtually using Zoom or Skype or other similar programs. You can actually have game nights or socials or coffee clubs. I urge you to be creative and find ways to connect with your fellow Shriners and have some virtual fun! And remember to share your ideas and successes with one another.

Unfortunately, the pandemic continues to have an impact on our signature events, including the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open. While the event will take place (Oct. 5-11), there will not be fans in attendance. The tournament will be televised on the Golf Channel and available on PGA Live.

We are grateful the event will take place, and look forward to an exciting competition, and to being able to gather in person next year to cheer on the players and applaud our amazing patient standard-bearers once again.

Shriners are hopeful, confident, compassionate, and resilient people. We will get through this and be stronger for it. And we will have an easier time as we work toward better days, if we seek ways to connect and support one another, and to enjoy some Fun and Fellowship.

I am proud to count you as Brothers. Thank you for all you do for one another, your Fraternity, and your Philanthropy.

*Yours in the faith,
~ James R. "Jim" Smith, Imperial Potentate*

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Greetings All,

I hope this finds you in good health and staying safe. With events starting to come back around, I feel I need to touch on some of the procedures to both advertise in the Zephyr and the proper steps to get your events story published in the Zephyr.

The Zephyr is your publication that is currently printed every other month. As you have seen in the past, the issues are Feb. / March, April / May, June / July, August / Sept., Oct. / Nov., and Dec. / Jan.. The deadline for inputs is the 10th of the month prior to release. All submission must be sent to zorsubmit@gmail.com to ensure it gets published. This is a great place to advertise your events so that you can maximize your turnout. Please remember, that after the event is over, please send your pictures along with the story so that everyone will know how well it turned out, and maybe get a few more interested people for next year's event.

I know this year's issues have been slimmer than they have been in the past, and hopefully they will come up with a vaccine for this dreaded virus so that the world can finally get back to normal. Remember we are here to support all of Zor's members and if there is anything we can do or even either publish in the Zephyr or just do an E-blast for, please, just let us know.

I hope you all stay safe and healthy. I hope we get a chance to see each other face-to-face at one of the upcoming Zor events that are advertised in this issue. Thanks!



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Great turnout for the Zor Fall Picnic

The Zor Fall Picnic was held at the home of Noble Rodney and Lady Mary LaBlanc's on Saturday, September 12th. They had a very nice turnout for the day even with the intermittent rain. A delicious spread of food was prepared and enjoyed by all. A surprise guest showed up, Beja's Potentate III. Sir James Van De Hey and his Lady Paulette. We even made a new Zor Noble that day as well.

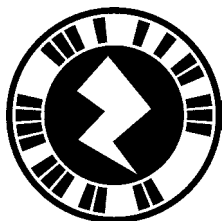
A special 'Thank You' goes out to Rodney and Mary for opening up their home and furnishing all the great spread of food that was enjoyed that day. We need more days like that one.



A cold sands initiation was held at the Zor Fall Picnic held at the LaBlanc's house on Saturday Sept. 12th. Candidate Dan Brylla from Reedsburg became a member of Zor Shriners. From left to Right - Scott Pedley, Rod LaBlance, Mark Jerdee, Dan Brylla, Beja Potentate Jim Van De Hey, and Brian Dunham

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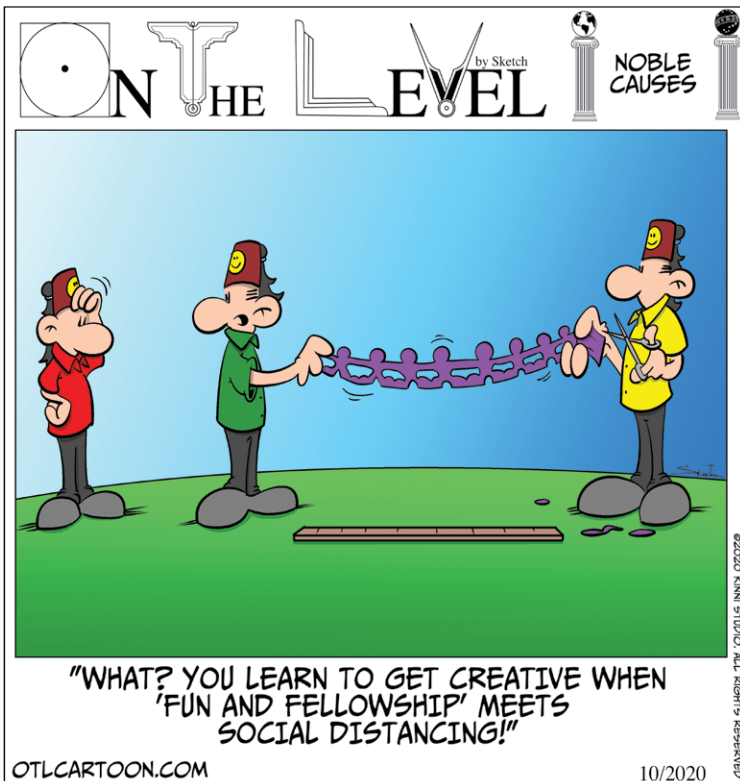
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ZOR SHRINE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday

Oct. 3rd

**ZOR SHRINE
POTENTATE'S BARN DANCE**
1320 County Road A, Deer Park
5:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Tuesday

Oct. 6th

MEHARA SHRINE CLUB MEETING
6:00 PM- 8:00 PM

Thursday

Oct. 8th

LAKELAND SHRINE CLUB
Maple Tree Supper Club,
6010 US-51, McFarland, WI
Stag Meeting / Elections
Social 5:00 pm, Dinner 6:00 pm

Saturday - Sunday

**Oct.
10th-11th**

**ZOR FUNSTERS HOLIDAY CRAFT,
VENDOR AND MUSIC EVENT**
Arnott Lions Community Park,
6867 4th St, Stevens Point, WI
10th - 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
11th - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Saturday

Oct. 17th

**SHRINERS SPORTSMAN'S BAN-
QUET AND GUN RAFFLE DRAWING**
Masonic Temple,
616 Graham Ave, Eau Claire, WI
5:00 – 6:30 PM - Raffles - 6:30 PM - Dinner
Walk Arouds 6:30 PM- 7:30 PM

Wednesday

Oct. 21st

ZOR QUARTERLY MEETING
Zor Temple, 575 Zor Shrine Pl, Madison, WI
5:00 PM- 7:00 PM

Saturday

Oct. 24th

**ST. CROIX VALLEY SHRINE CLUB
POTENTATES DINNER**
Junior's Bar and Restaurant
(inside the Best Western Hotel)
414 S. Main Street, River Falls WI
Social at 5:30 PM - Dinner at 6:30 PM

Wednesday

Oct. 28th

SAHARA SHRINE CLUB MEETING
5:30 pm Oasis - 6:30 pm Labors of the Feast

Thursday - Saturday

**Nov.
5th-7th**

MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR
Shriners International Headquarters,
2900 Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL

Monday

Nov. 9th

MEHARA SHRINE CLUB MEETING
6:00 PM- 8:00 PM

Thursday

Nov. 12th

LAKELAND SHRINE CLUB
Maple Tree Supper Club,
6010 US-51, McFarland, WI
Parade to Glory
Social 5:00 pm - Dinner 6:00 pm

Saturday

Dec. 5th

ZOR FALL CEREMONIAL
Radisson Hotel La Crosse,
200 Second Street South,
200 Harborview Plaza, La Crosse, WI
See page 14 in this Zephyr for details



Potentate Barry Ausen is shown addressing the Nobles, their ladies and guests.

St Croix Valley Shrine Club annual picnic success

by Milt Helmer

There were Nobles from all over Wisconsin present at the St. Croix Valley Shrine Club's Annual Picnic on Sunday, August 2nd in Freedom Park in Prescott, Wisconsin.

Among the visitors was the Potentate Barry Ausen of Clear Lake, Chief Rabban Mark Jerdee of Wilton WI, Asst Rabban Rodney LaBlanc of Montello, WI, High Priest and Prophet Allen Brueggen of Sparta, WI and Oriental Guide Roger Keller of New Richmond, WI.

Barry Ausen reminded the Nobles of the quarterly meeting set for August 22nd at Wausau at which time the moving of the Zor Shrine temple will be discussed. If you could not make it to Wausau, a special Zoom meeting will be set up at the River Falls Lodge on the 22nd at 1:30 pm for those who would like to weigh in on the issue.

GREENHOUSE VISIT



Members of the St Croix Valley Shrine Club, Ladies and one granddaughter, gathered at the Baldwin Greenhouse this morning to pick up some really pretty houseplants to be delivered to the Honored Ladies of the club, in lieu of a social gathering. Honored Ladies are the widows of lost Nobles. The personal visits with the gift were appreciated. This was a very enjoyable event.



Sahara Shrine Club held their monthly meeting on August 26th at Millford Hills in Johnson Creek. Prior to the meeting Dale Olson, Mike Hedrick, Tony Bell, and Rod Johnson did some trap shooting.

HOSPITAL DADS

DRIVER

Bob Calverley
Richard Dennis
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Wally Trouten
Allen Coenen

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Sandy Calverley

Sandy Calverley
Deb Longfield

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Jim De Voe
John Shaeffer
Dick Jarvis
Deb Longfield
Deb Longfield
Deb Longfield
Deb Longfield
Randy Johnston
Deb Longfield

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ZOR QUARTERLY STATED MEETING AND ZOR HEADQUARTERS FUTURE LOCATION COMMITTEE REPORT AND VOTE RESULTS

By: Chris Peters

On August 22, 2020, a Quarterly Stated meeting was held at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 1000 Imperial Ave, Rothschild, WI., 43 Nobles were in attendance in person and 48 Nobles via Zoom at 7 satellite locations.

Zor Recorder, Bob Gorsuch P.P. gave the Nobles a brief update on the progress of the sale of the Zor property. It appears a closing may occur during the first quarter of 2021. Noble Randy Webb suggested we negotiate a moving out date so that the Annual Meeting on January 9, 2021 could still be held in the Temple.

Ill Sir Ausen asked Steve Willett, PGM, P.P. to conduct the presentation from the Relocation Committee regarding a future location for the Zor Temple. Although, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the committee was hindered in accomplishing all of their goals, they were able to establish three very viable options in which he used a power point presentation to present to the Nobility, which were:

Option 1 - Wisconsin Masonic Center

1. Advantages:
 - a. Availability of facilities within center (ballroom, auditorium, lodge rooms, etc.)
 - b. Camaraderie with 4 Lodges; Scottish Rite Valley, York Rite bodies, DeMolay, etc.
2. Disadvantages:
 - a. Parking for large events.
 - b. Access to Center for those not familiar with Madison.
 - c. Perception by current paid staff at Temple.

Option 2 - Rent Office space in City of Madison

1. Advantages:
 - a. Probably more ideally suited office space.
 - b. Nobles familiar with access.
 - c. Parking.
2. Disadvantages:
 - a. No facilities to host larger events (annual meeting, Fez Party, Clown Party, etc.).
 - b. Cost versus Wisconsin Masonic Center.

Option 3 - Rent Temporary location in Madison while looking for Permanent Site

(Seek approval from Imperial for location outside Madison if needed).

1. Advantages:
 - a. More centralized to members locations.
2. Disadvantages:
 - a. Unknown depending on location.

A paper ballot was used at all locations. Two tellers were appointed by Potentate Ausen to count the ballots cast at the meeting. Assigned Nobles at the satellite locations were responsible for governing the elections at their respective sites. Votes from the various satellites were text messaged to the Recorder. All paper ballots were collected from all locations and is on record with the Zor Recorder, Bob Gorsuch, P.P.. The voting results are as follows:

Option 1 = 23 votes

Option 2 = 7 votes

Option 3 = 61 votes

It was wonderful to see so many Nobles turn out for the Quarterly meeting along with the 48 Nobles that Zoomed in from the 7-satellite locations. Thank you to the following Nobles for Hosting those 7-satellite locations:

Nobles Mark Hazelbaker, Steve Lasure, Jack Thomas, Ed Swenson, Todd Wohlert, Larry Weigand, Tyson Swan, and Jeff Kuschel, your time was well spent and greatly appreciated.



Past Potentates, left to right – Jim Soderholm 1998, John Thorstad 2004. C. Tom Nelson 2008, Steve Willett 2009, Joe Thompson 2010, Steve Peterson 2011, Ill. Sir Barry Ausen 2020, Bob Gorsuch 2013, Larry Hanson 2014, Monte Steiber 2015, Chuck Miller 2017, Gary Cuskey 2018, and Wally Trouten 2019.

Wausau Shriners POTENTATES PARTY

On September 12th, the Wausau Shriners, previously known as the Wausau Indians, held their annual Potentate Party. They would like to thank everyone who came to Wausau.

A great time was had by all during the dinner and including the raffle and entertainment. Thank you again for taking time out of your schedule to drive to Wausau in honor of Ill. Sir Barry and Lady Becky.



Steve Peterson P.P. presenting Ill. Sir Barry with his gift.



Ill. Sir Barry's and Lady Becky's Cake.



The wonderful evening entertainment was supplied by the Spotlight Polka Band.



Wausauken Shriners Potentate's Party Ice Bucket Challenge



\$208.00 was collected at the quarterly meeting in Wausau on August 22nd, for an Ice Bucket Challenge. Following the meeting Potentate Barry Ausen was escorted outside into the hotel parking lot and the Past Potentates, Tom Nelson, Steve Willett, John Thorstad, Jim Soderholm, and Larry Hanson did the honors.



During the Wausauken Shriners Potentates Party, Noble Jake Seever found himself challenged to the Potentates Ice Bucket Challenge to raise money for the Shriners Hospital. While working the crown to raise the funds, and after seeing a Facebook post that he was tagged in, his mother got involved by offering to match any donations up to \$500 for such a great cause. With his mother's challenge on the table, he had no problem raising the \$500.00 and with her matching funds, was able to donate a total of \$1000.00 to the Hospital. His mother rather enjoyed seeing the video of Lauren, Jake's wife, slowly pouring ice water on him. Accomplishing the job at hand Jake Challenged Imperial Potentate Jim Smith to an Ice Bucket Challenge to see if he could beat his fundraising abilities.

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ZOR'S

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Ceremonial



December 5, 2020 • Radisson Hotel • La Crosse, WI

Illustrious Sir Barry Ausen and Lady Becky have announced that the Annual Fall Ceremonial and Parade to Glory will again be held in La Crosse, Wisconsin at the Radisson Hotel on Saturday December 5th. We again have the honor of hosting our own Zor Noble, Imperial Potentate Jim Smith and Lady Alice. We are also expecting a Grand Lodge officer.

All ZOR Shriners and their Ladies are encouraged to attend this annual event. This is a perfect opportunity to top line sign for a Brother from your Lodge to become a Zor Shriner. He and his family will then begin to experience all the benefits of being a Shriner more especially a ZOR Shriner. He will then be able to join a Club and/or Unit. His Lady may join Daughters of the Nile or Zor's Ladies Auxiliary. If you are not sponsoring a candidate this year you and your Lady are still encouraged to attend and join in all the fun activities of the Ceremonial day. If for no other reason than to meet the new Nobles, visit with old acquaintances and to make some new Shrine friends.

In addition to the Ceremonial / Parade to Glory there will be Men & Ladies Luncheon, Service Awards, and the

evening Banquet. A marketplace will feature Vets' Patrol Masonic Items, Daughters of the Nile cookie walk, Aux. Raffle, etc. Clubs, Units, or other groups wishing a table(s) in the marketplace must E-mail their request to Bruce Fransway at bruce@franzwas.com. Please include the number of tables and chairs your group will need. We will do our best, but space is limited. The meal coupon (next page) must be completed and submitted to Zor for your meals. Deadline for meal reservations is November 17, 2020. All late meal reservations will require a \$20 late fee per person. Deadline for hotel reservations is Friday, 17 November 2020, and ask for the Zor Shrine rate. Past Potentates, Divan and support staff will make hotel reservations via Zor Office. General Nobility and Candidates can make their reservations using one of the following methods: • Call Hotel directly Mon-Fri. 9am-5pm CST at 608-784-6680 ask for Zor Shriner Ceremonial rate when making your reservation. • Online at www.radisson.com/lacrossewi using promo code ZOR20

Zor 2020 Fall Ceremonial & Parade of Glory Schedule of Events

Saturday December 5th

<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
8:00 A.M.	Market Place & Crafts open	Foyer by Ball Room
8:00 – 8:45 A.M.	Candidate & Lady Registration	Foyer by Ball Room
9:00 A.M.	Welcome & Introductions	Ball Room
9:15 A.M.	Orientation Everyone Welcome	Ball Room
10:00 A.M.	Ceremonial Opening	Ball Room
10:30 A.M.	Ritualistic Divan (Ladies Invited)	Ball Room
11:45 A.M.	Ladies Luncheon	Wisconsin 1 & 2
11:45 A.M.	Candidate & Noble's Lunch	Iowa & Illinois Rooms - 2nd floor
1:00 P.M.	Arch Degree (Everyone Invited)	Ball Room
2:00 P.M.	Break for pictures Arch 15 Minutes	Ball Room
2:15 P.M.	Ceremonial Activities	
	Introduce P.P. & Ladies	Ball Room
3:30 P.M.	Parade of Glory	Ball Room
4:00 P.M.	Zor Imagineer's	Ball Room
4:30 P.M.	Remark's	Ball Room
5:30 P.M.	Fun & Fellowship (Cash Bar)	Foyer by Ball Room
6:30 P.M.	Banquet & Introduction's	Ball Room
8:00 P.M.	Live Band Starts for Fun & Fellowship	Ball Room

ZOR'S

FALL

Ceremonial

SIGN UP NOW!

Zor Fall Ceremonial - Radisson Hotel, La Crosse, WI

Saturday, December 5, 2020

Noble Name: _____ Lady/ Guest: _____

(Name Tags will be made from the names you provide above)

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Please Reserve the following Meals: Men's Lunch will be plated Menu Choices:

1) Braised Beef Brisket with Braising Au' Jus

2) Maple Glazed pork Loin with a Grain Mustard Pork Au'Jus

Accompanied with Fresh Cut Romaine Parmesan cheese, focaccia Croutons & Caesar vinaigrette

Dressing, Olive oil Roasted seasoned potatoes, Seasonal Vegetable, Dessert Candy Bar Chocolate Mousse.

Ladies Luncheon Menu : Italian Lunch Buffet, Dessert Milk Chocolate

Cheesecake w/graham cracker crust and whipped topping.

Men's Lunch No. 1 No. _____ @ \$25 = \$ _____

Men's Lunch No. 2 No. _____ @ \$25 = \$ _____

Ladies Luncheon Buffet No. _____ @ \$25 = \$ _____

Dinner Pork Tenderloin No. _____ @ \$35 = \$ _____

Dinner Walleye No. _____ @ \$35 = \$ _____

Dinner Chicken No. _____ @ \$35 = \$ _____

Child Meal 10 yrs & under No. _____ @ \$10 = \$ _____

(Lunch and/or Dinner)

Sunday Breakfast No. _____ @ \$10 = \$ _____

Late Fee* No. _____ @ \$20 ea. = \$ _____

**per person for meal reservations made after November 17th*

Total Due: \$ _____

Salad - Gathered Greens with Petite Tomatoes, Sliced Cucumber, Parmesan Cheese and Balsamic Vinaigrette

Each entrée comes with Buttery mashed potatoes & Green Beans

Dessert:

- Raspberry & white chocolate layer cake with raspberry coulis
- Chocolate tuxedo cake with salted caramel

Sunday Morning Breakfast at 9:00am - \$10.00 per person:

- Menu : Scrambled Eggs
- Bacon & Sausage 2-pieces
- Toast , Coffee, Hot tea, Milk, water
- Ketchup & Tabasco
- Seasoned Breakfast potatoes



**Reservation/Registration
Deadline: November 17, 2020**

*Special Dietary Needs: Contact Zor Office
Zortemp@chorus.net or 608-833-6343*

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ZOR SHRINERS

Mail registration to:

Zor Shrine Ceremonial
575 Zor Shrine Place
Madison, WI 53719

Zor Shriners



2020 Sportsman's Gun

Banquet

Saturday, October 17, 2020

Eau Claire Masonic Center

616 Graham Avenue

Eau Claire, WI 54701

5:00 – 6:30 PM - Raffles

6:30 PM - Dinner

Walk Arounds

A separate ZOR Annual 40 Gun Drawing will be held at 7:00 PM –

Tickets for the Zor Annual 40 Gun Drawing will also be available during this event

Dinner Includes:

Pork Chops, Potatoes, Beans, Apple Salad, Dinner Roll and Dessert

Sponsor Table \$800.00

(\$100.00 Per Person)

Includes a table for 8 attendees, meal and soft drink. Several door prizes and a chance to win a meal ticket gun.

Each sponsor table will have one \$450.00-\$500.00 value gun with 1 of the 8 attendees winning the gun

Dinner Ticket Options:

Dinner Ticket \$50.00

Includes: Meal, a soft drink, several door prizes, and a chance to win a meal ticket gun

Adult refreshments will be available for purchase

Zor Shriners were established in 1932 in Madison WI

Proceeds will be used to support Zor Temple and their operating expenses

For More Information and to Reserve Your Spot

Contact:

Al Brueggen

608-487-1692

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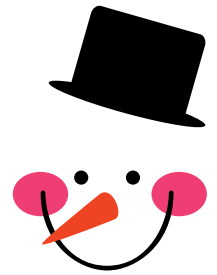
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Express Your Season's Greetings



Fill out the coupon below with your \$10 donation. Send it today to make sure your name will be included with all the other Nobles & families.



Noble: _____ Spouse: _____

Shrine Club/Unit: _____

Friend/Children: _____

PRINT CLEARLY AND MAIL TO:

Zor Shriners
575 Zor Shrine Place
Madison, WI 53719

Deadline: November 10, 2020

St. Croix Valley Shrine Club Annual Potentate's Dinner

Friday, October 24 - Social 5:30 PM • Dinner 6:30 PM

Junior's Bar and Restaurant (inside the Best Western Hotel) 414 S. Main Street, River Falls WI 54022

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Dinner Tickets: _____ @ \$40.00 = Total \$ _____

Plated Dinner Choices:

_____ Roasted Sliced Turkey _____ Champagne Chicken _____ Roast Beef

Entrees include: All dinner choices come with a potato, vegetable, side salad, dinner rolls and desert. A block of rooms is being held at the Best Western for \$119 plus tax. Please call the hotel at 715-425-1045 for reservations by Sept 10, 2020



PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: ST. CROIX VALLEY SHRINE CLUB

Deadline: October 10, 2020

PLEASE MAIL COUPON TO:

Roger Keller
1480 Pheasant Run
New Richmond WI 54017
Phone: 651-357-3908 Email
rogerkeller2012@gmail.com

Noble delivers talk on potential Shrine patient

by Milt Helmer

Noble Dr. Chris Tashjian was the guest speaker at the Hancock Lodge meeting on Tuesday September 8th.

His talk centered around his efforts to bring an Armenian little girl to the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital for treatment of a leg condition. Tashjian, whose grandparents emigrated to the US in 1920, has made numerous medical trips to the small mid-east country with other physicians as a part of the Armenia Missionary Association of America.

During one of his trips he met little Mary Alexanyan and her mom and dad in June 2019. Chris learned Mary developed an infection in a knee joint that made walking difficult even to the point of not allowing her right leg to bend. In the Armenia culture this means it would affect her socially for her entire life.

Dr. Chris applied for a 10-year visa for her mom and Mary and also cleared it with the Shriners Hospital for Children in Philadelphia to start treatment. The appointment was scheduled for February 2020 and was moved to March 2020 due the visa being held up. Shriners was instrumental in getting this visa approved. The entire process was put on hold due the Covid 19 pandemic.

In his talk Dr. Tashjian showed a PowerPoint map showing the location of the little country of Armenia. Its people speak Armenian and Russian and are now learning English. Their life centers around family and the Armenian Christian Church. They may be a small nation, but they are connected by faith and the desire to be educated. Having very few physical resources in their country (smaller than Hawaii), they see technology as their future with an educated workforce.



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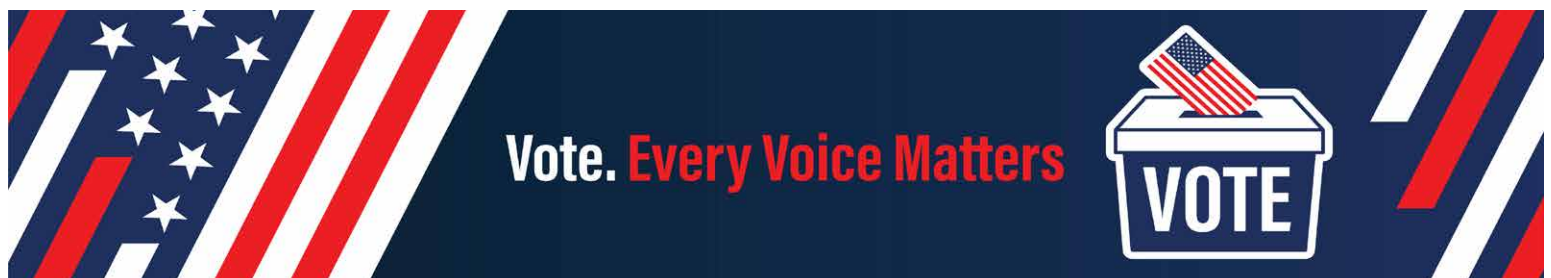
have sponsorship tables available for \$800 for eight people and one of them are guaranteed a winner of the gun, or you can come and have dinner for \$50 and have a chance for a dinner gun.

Please mark your calendars for December 5th to be in La Crosse for the Zor Fall Ceremonial and Parade of Glory. Imperial Potentate, James Smith and Lady Alice are planning on attending our event. Please get your candidates registered for the event it is not going to be the normal Ceremonial that we have had in the past. We are changing things up and

will be very enjoyable for our new Nobles and their Ladies. If you have anyone that you think your club or unit would like to nominate for the award of merit please have it to me by November 1st.

On November 1st we will be making the decision if the governor restrictions are still in place in Madison we will be changing the location of our annual meeting to La Crosse Masonic center. Around the same time, we'll be figuring out if we will be having a Circus in Madison. You should have received your 2021 dues statement by email or mail. Your dues are due before January 1st.

Stay safe and see you down the road sometime.





I can hear music coming out of my printer.

I think the paper's jammin' again.



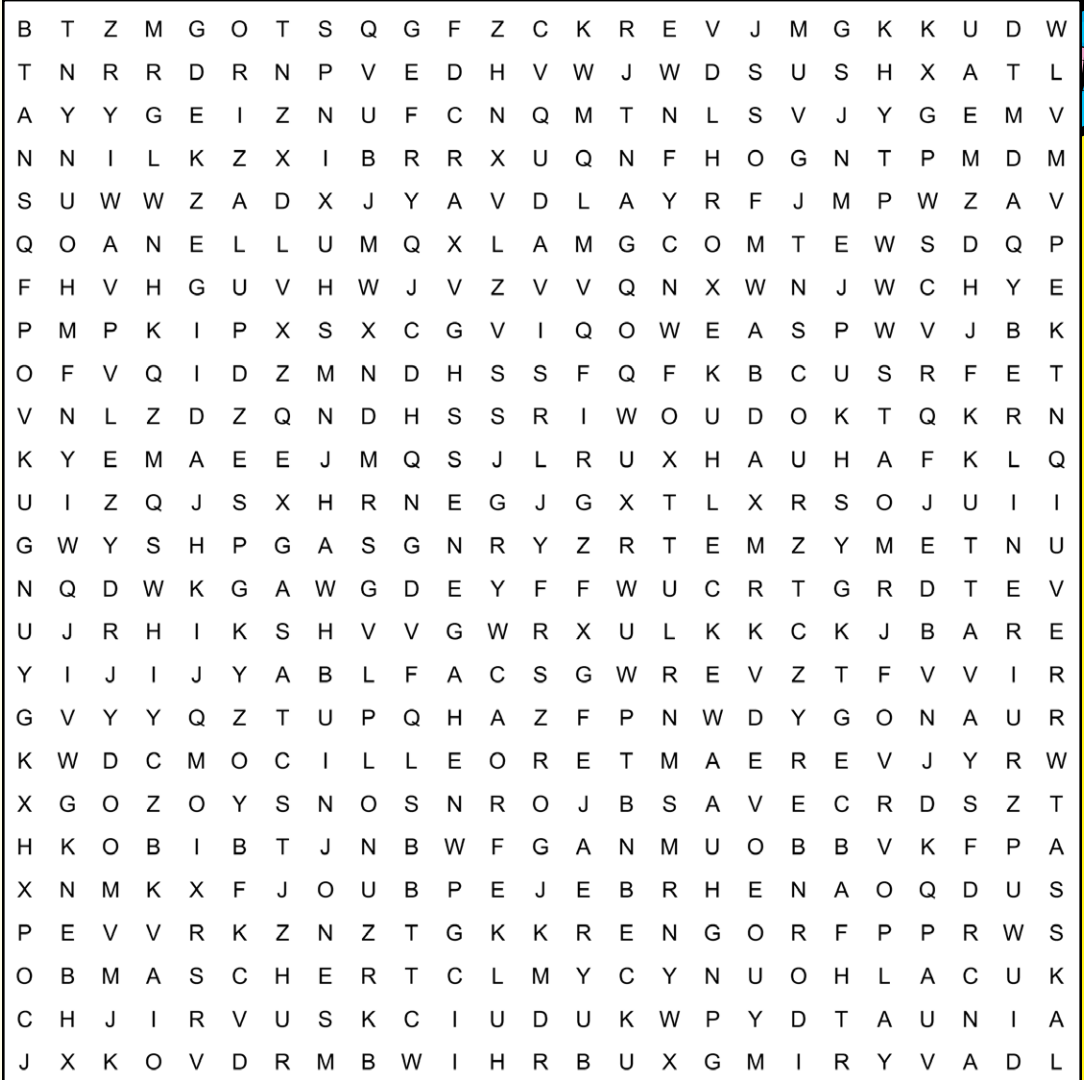
Did you hear about the paddle sale at the boat store?

It was quite an oar deal.

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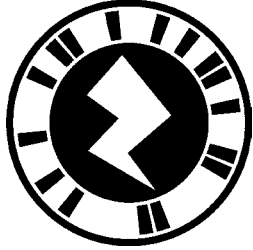
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PRESENTING THE 2020

FEZtival of Trees

“Christmas in the Valley...Living Local”



The holidays are right around the corner...how did that happen so fast?!? Mehara Shrine Club is celebrating this year again by hosting the 3rd annual FEZtival of Trees Nov. 23rd through the 28th, with a preview on the 22nd. This year's theme is Christmas in the Valley...Living Local. The idea is to have our focus on local business as they have been taking a hit with limited foot traffic. Keeping our neighbors business's running is vital for our communities.

With the desire for social distancing, this years event will be a bit different than past years. We will be doing an online version. In addition to virtually hosting online we will be offering an auction for the trees, gifts, and

experiences. The auction site is being developed and will be offering a preview of items starting the day before the official event starts. The auction will be linked to our website and social media pages. If you are interested in sponsoring a tree, donating gifts or services to be paired with a tree, sponsor the auction/event, or would like the registration forms please reach out to Lee Skelley at 715-944-8505. Should you want to donate please make every attempt to feature small business from your area. Please continue to watch for updates on Facebook or at www.ShrinersFun.com. From our families to yours, happy holidays and continue to stay safe!

Merry Christmas

Celebrate the 3rd annual
FEZtival of trees Nov 23th-29th

“Christmas in the Valley...living local”

This year we will be offering a virtual
tour and an online auction.

For auction and preview go to
www.ShrinersFun.com



HONORED LADIES



Noble Tom White is shown with Pearl Christensen of New Richmond. Pearl annually conducts the Shrine Auxiliary auction held each year.



Lorene Jameson is very pleased to receive a beautiful plant delivered to her on Saturday.

HAYWARD MUSKY SHRINE CLUB

On September 9th the Hayward Musky Shrine Club had a meeting where a Cold Sands was held followed by a presentation of a gift to the Potentate.



Candidates Chuck May and Bruce Kilburn are receive their cold sand from Ill. Sir Barry. From Left-right--Chuck May, Bruce Kilburn, Gary Cuskey, Barry Ausen, Mike Kastins



Gary Cuskey, Bruce Kilburn, Barry Ausen, Chuck May, Mike Sawyer, Mike Kastins



Mike Sawyer- President, presenting Ill. Sir Barry Ausen his gift.

A WORD FROM YOUR CHIEF OF STAFF

Nobles & Ladies

I hope everyone is staying safe & healthy with the Covid-19 pandemic, it seems like it affects everyone so let's do our part - mask up, and practice social distancing.

I would like to say congratulations to our newly elected Imperial Potentate James R. Smith and his Lady Alice. If want to see something awesome check out the new Challenge Coin for 2020-2021, which was designed by Zor's Noble Steve Livernash. Also check out Lady Alice Message, it will make you proud to be a Shriner.

Shriner's Uncorked event was a fun-filled event, and it also made some money, so did the Ice Bucket Challenges that day. Thank you Penny, Al, and Todd for all your hard work & planning.

It was nice to see everyone at the Wausau Potentate Party on August 21st -23rd and at the Quarterly meeting.

It was also nice to see everyone at Mehara Shrine Club Steak Fry on Friday, August 28th. I would like to thank Kevin Johnson for all the items he donated for the auction in which he wanted all the proceeds to go Shriners Children's Healthcare Clinic Twin Cities for. As well as our other Noble who graciously donated a check for \$1,000.00 to the Shriners Healthcare for



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Children - it was very much appreciated and the Mehara Shrine Club Thanks you.

Mehara Shrine Club had its 1st ATV & UTV ride on Saturday, August 29th. What a great day of fun & fellowship. Thank you to all that went.

Hopefully see everyone October 3rd at the Potentate's Barn Dance - all details were in the last Zephyr.

Please mark your calendars for the December 5th Ceremonial in LaCrosse all details in this zephyr.

Make sure, if you have candidates, to get them signed up so they can start the great fun & fellowship of this great fraternity.

Ceremonial details & deadlines for hotel reservations are November 17th. Call 608-784-6680. Or online at www.radisson.com use promo code "Zor 20". Rooms are \$99.00 plus tax & fees.

Meal deadline is Sunday, November 17th. There will be a \$20.00 Late fee assessed after this date.

Any special dietary restrictions please contact Zor office by phone 608-833-6343 or email zortemp@chorus.net.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

~ Bruce Fransway, Zor Chief of Staff

HINES' MARRIED 60 YEARS

Jim and Elaine Hines of Ellsworth celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on April 9th 2020, the day of their marriage 60 years ago.

Due to Covid 19 the celebration just included immediate family. They are shown here both in masks with a photo taken during the family only celebration.

Jim and Elaine were married at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Pepin Wisconsin with only a couple people and a minister.

Little did they realize their 60th would be celebrated as modestly.

So what do they say is their secret to a happy marriage? Both said whenever they have disagreements, or like Elaine says "intense fellowship" they never go to bed until they both say I love you. They also support each other's interests.

Jim is a long time member and past master of Hancock Lodge #229, member of the Order of



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the Eastern Star #116 and Past President of the St. Croix Valley Shrine Club. Elaine is an officer in the Ellsworth Eastern Star Chapter #116.

May we add our congratulations to Jim and Elaine.

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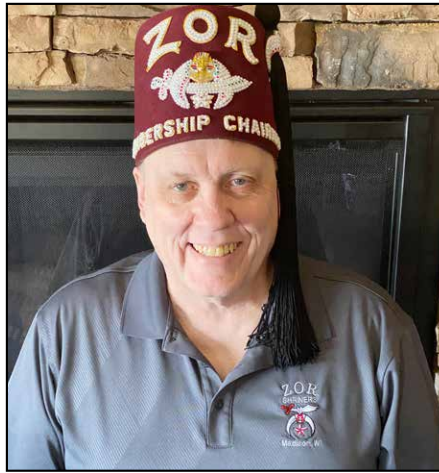
Greetings Nobles,

Well we have turned the corner of summer and heading right into fall. The summer has flown by quickly! Where has the time gone, it seems the seasons are changing so quickly now days. I hope everyone has been able to enjoy summer in some way, despite the pandemic putting up roadblocks to some of our activities. Let us hope that next year will bring some sense of normalcy.

The Fall Ceremonial is fast approaching us, by the time you receive the Zephyr we will be less than two months to the Fall Ceremonial. December 5, 2020 is coming faster than we think and we need to start looking for candidates to attend the Ceremonial. If every Shriner would turn in one petition for a candidate, we would double our total membership in one Fall Ceremonial! Just think how exciting that would be for the ZOR Shrine.

This year's Ceremonial is going to be nothing like any of the Ceremonials in the past few years and I will not elaborate on the changes the Ceremonial Committee have made for 2020 with the blessings from Ill. Sir Barry Ausen. All I will say is I think it will be an extremely great time for everyone!

Along with the Fall Ceremonial also comes the annual dues to be paid. All Shriners need to have their 2021 dues paid before December 31, 2020 to prevent them from joining non-paid dues list! In the



**Mike Kastens,
New Richmond**

last issue of the Zephyr, I spoke about the automatic payment plan that has been instituted by the Divan as another way of helping members of the fraternity to remain current with their dues. I will explain the process again just in case you may have missed it.

The first step is to make sure you are current on your dues for 2020. If you are not current at this time, you can use the amnesty plan the Divan also approved with the automatic payment plan. The amnesty plan is no matter what years dues you owe all you need to do is pay for your 2020 dues and

you will be current. You will then be required to enter the automatic payment plan. Let us consider you are current with your dues and you want to use the automatic payment plan. Call Pat at 608-833-6343 ext. 1. If she is busy or not in the office, please leave your name and telephone number for her to call you back.

The second step is for you to determine how you would like to pay your dues, such as monthly, quarterly, or the annual amount.

The third and final step is to provide Pat with your bank account information, and you are all set to have your dues deducted from your bank account! Just think no more worrying about did I or did I not pay my dues.

We are continuing the birthday calls to the Nobility as this has been a very successful and well accepted program!

With the continued hard work of the Divan we have again reduced the number of non-paid dues members down to less than 70 members. I want to thank them for their diligent work and efforts!

In closing, I hope you are looking for those candidates that will make great Shriners! Please remember why you became a Shriner and tell those great men why you became a Shriner.

*Fraternally yours,
~ Mike Kastens
2020 Membership Chair*

NATURAL DISASTERS UPDATE

Dear Fellow Nobles,

We know that, like us, you have been concerned for our Shriners Hospitals for Children locations in the path of hurricanes and wildfires. We are relieved to let you know that our patients and staff members in these areas are safe.

Our hospitals in Galveston, Houston and Shreveport took all necessary precautions as Hurricane Laura approached. The city of Galveston was under a mandatory evacuation order, but our hospital remained open for referrals and emergencies. As the hurricane passed on Thursday, the Texas hospitals experienced no issues and resumed business as usual the next day.

Our Shreveport hospital experienced a temporary loss of power, and there is some cleanup work for the yard crew, but the hospital weathered the hurricane with no substantial problems for patients, staff, or property.

In Northern California, our hospital is not threatened by the wildfires. Some workforce members were forced to evacuate their homes, but all have returned, and no property was damaged. The fires are now under control, and air quality continues to improve each day. Our medical staff is caring for several children who sustained burns due to the wildfires.

We are so proud of our Shriners Hospitals for Children staff members who have continued to provide the most amazing care anywhere despite these difficult and frightening circumstances. Their devotion to our patients and families is an inspiration to us, and we are sure, to you too.

Yours in the faith,

James R. Smith
Imperial Potentate, Shriners International
Chairman, Board of Directors, Shriners Hospitals for Children

Jerry G. Gantt
Chairman, Board of Trustees
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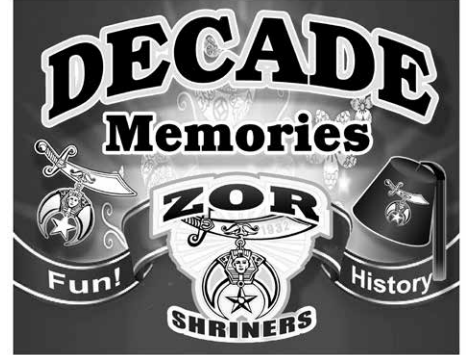
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CELEBRATING 42 YEARS IN SHRINE



Duane "Dewey" Dreves celebrates 42 years in Shrine this year. He started his journey with Abu Bekr Shrine in Sioux City, Iowa before joining Zor. He and his Lady Arlene live in La Crosse.



Potentate Joe Thompson and his lady Julie, prepare to lead off the Little East West Shrine Game parade in River Falls on October 2nd.



The Grand Marshal of the Little East West Shrine game received a warm welcome by the Zor Potentate and his officers at the Potentate banquet in River Falls on October 1st. Left to right is St. Croix Valley Shrine Club President Barry Ausen of Star Prairie, Larry Riemenschneider, Asst. Rabban of Amery, Grand Marshal Anna Ramin of Amery, Joe Thompson Potentate of Shullsburg, and Steve Peterson, Chief Rabban of Wausau.

SAVE THE DATE

The Zor Shriners Fall Ceremonial will be held on December 5th at the Radisson Hotel in LaCrosse, WI.