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Annual Meeting & 2019 Installation of Officers

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*Illustrious Sir
Wally Trouten &
Lady Gayle*

From the desk of

Illustrious Sir

Wally Trouten

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ZOR POTENTATE

It is hard to believe that it's been over a month since Installation. Lady Gayle and I have already traveled to some wonderful events throughout Zor. Each and every one was enjoyable and we feel so honored to be received with open arms wherever we have been. Our first trip was to visit the Pine River Shrine Club in Richland Center where we started off the year with a new noble in a Cold Sands Ceremony. From there to Eau Claire for the East-West Shrine Game viewing party. What a wonderful turnout of both Masons and Shriners. I've been assured that next year it will be bigger and better. Later the same day we continued to Rice Lake where the Indianhead Shrine Club along with the Sno-Bird Snowmobile Club's held their annual ride. While the lack of snow slowed them down a bit, we were honored and impressed with how much this event has raised for the Shriners Hospital. In the past 24 years, they have raised over \$300,000! Impressive! The Green County Shrine Club pancake breakfast demonstrated that working together brings great results and the pancakes and sausages were awesome. Lady Gayle and I also made a pilgrimage to Bloomington, MN for the Zuhrah Potentate Ball and Ceremony. Again a fun event.

By the time this is published the Madison Circus at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison will be in the books. Our Circus Chair, John Thorstad with the able help of Assistant Chairman Mark Severson has done a fabulous job planning and organizing the Circus. Their Divan ladies Debbi Thorstad and Sheri Severson as well do a wonderful job keeping the Circus volunteers fed. Thank you for your hard work!! An additional challenge this year was that the winter MSA meetings were the same weekend. We were in attendance there and will have a report on its happenings in the future.



The Imagineers are continuing to work hard on communication. Your Zephyr is an award winning publication and we hope to continue and excel with our future issues. The past couple of years have seen growth in social media and the Zor website. As of today, most clubs and units have a Facebook page. We are looking to those pages to see what those clubs and units are doing. It is a potential source for Zor's Facebook page as well as items for the Zephyr. More

is coming!! We are responding to communication back to us. Many of Zor's members have wanted a way to be able to pay their dues online. That has been accomplished. There is now a tab on the website titled simply "Pay Dues Online."

We plan on continuing with the Steak Fry's. If your club or unit wants to sponsor one, let me know. We consider these to be a membership event. If you want the Divan cooking your meal, bring a candidate for a Cold Sands. A spring/summer ceremonial is being planned for June 1 in Madison. This is a great opportunity to bring in new nobles and to get them involved in your club or unit. More information will be forthcoming involving that ceremonial. Our next stated meeting will be in Wausau on May 4th. It's always fun in Wausau. Our thoughts are always on membership. Twenty nine good men found light at the Masonic Day of Light in Janesville. We need to help our Masonic Lodges continue this growth. Now it is a matter of these and other Masons finding the fun, fellowship, and brotherly love within the Shriners.

Our travels so far have shown that Nobles all over are working together! It does make us stronger! It proves that "It's a Great Day to be a Zor Shiner!"

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Illustrious Sir, Wally Trouten

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WILLIAM "BILL" BURKHARDT

By Mark B. Hazelbaker

The best proof of a life well lived is the memories a fallen Brother leaves with those who survive. Noble Bill Burkhardt, who died on January 22, 2019, left plenty.

By the time this writer joined the Fraternity in 1994, Bill Burkhardt was already notorious. He was one of the "greatest generation," men who endured the Great Depression and then World War II. Bill, born in 1927, was too young to serve during the war. But he managed to enlist after the war was officially over and participate in winning the peace as a military police officer.

After spending two years trying to control GIs intent on enjoying free time in Italy, Bill returned home. He ended up working for the State of Wisconsin, working his way up to the position of head of the Bureau of Weights and Measures. He was responsible for the honesty of scales, gasoline pumps and meters throughout Wisconsin for more than 25 years.

It was as a Freemason that Bill touched the most lives. He joined the Lodge in 1966. Shortly thereafter, he joined Scottish Rite and the Shrine. As a Shriner, he was active as a



member of the Directors Staff, the Jesters and the mini cars. He was a fixture at the concession stand for UW Football games. And he was a d e p e n d a b l e hospital dad, driving kids to

appointments at the Shriners Hospital for Children in Chicago.

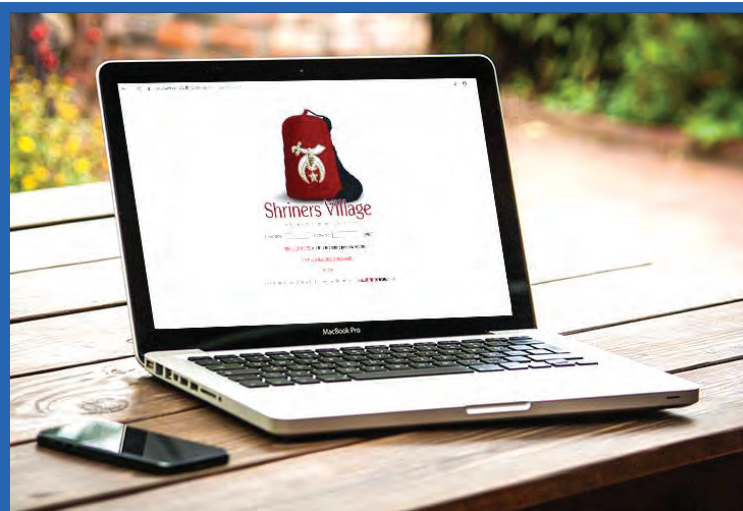
The list of activities, though, doesn't tell you the full measure of what Bill was like. He was hard working in his support of Masonry and the Shrine. And he was the epitome of irreverence in his pursuit of those goals.

Bill raised me in 1994 when I joined the Fraternity. He took it upon himself to make sure that I did not become overly serious about my newfound Masonic connections. Shortly after I joined, my new brethren introduced me to the Lodge by making me the Junior Deacon. As part of that duty, I was to

exchange certain words with the Worshipful Master. I was anxious to do a good job. So of course, when it came time for Bill to whisper the Grand Masonic Word in my ear, he said, instead "I love you." Fortunately, I have enough irreverence of my own to respond with "Well I love you too!"

After that, Bill and I were fellow travelers in Masonry. In emulation of him, I told bad jokes. As much as Bill joked about well, everything, he always was serious about the mission of Freemasonry. He loved the kids we help in the Shrine. He loved the young men coming in to the Fraternity. He loved his country, his family and his fellow man.

Masonry has been one of the major pillars of my life. That is the case largely because of wonderful men like Bill Burkhardt who made me welcome in the Fraternity. When I came into the Shrine, Bill was involved in the ceremonial, wearing an absurd black beard that had been stuck onto his chin. He called out loudly asking who would join the caravan to Mecca. I joined the caravan, and am glad Bill was there to make the journey special.



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Monday Mar. 11th	ZEPHYR DEADLINE
Saturday Mar. 16th	DIVAN MEETING 10am, Sparta Masonic Lodge
Sunday Mar. 17th	ST. PATRICK'S DAY
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Tuesday Apr. 9th	DIVAN MEETING 1pm, Zor Shrine Center
Wednesday Apr. 10th	ZEPHYR DEADLINE
Sunday Apr. 14th	SW SHRINE CLUB
Monday Apr. 15th	TAX DAY
Saturday Apr. 20th	DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE INSTALLATION Brunch 9am, installation following
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When mom Geneva was in labor last January, Isabel "Izzy" became stuck in the birth canal for over six minutes, which caused tearing of the nerves in her arm. Though some babies with minor cases recover naturally, many require a nerve repair surgery, ideally before age 1. The Bennett family lives in South Central Jamaica in the town of May Pen, which is about two hours from the capital of Kingston and the nearest children's hospital.



Board of Governors member Joe Shivley with Izzy's parents Geneva and Terrence



Baby Izzy before brachial plexus palsy surgery.

The Bennetts knew something was wrong with Izzy's shoulder when she was born. When Dr. Robertson came to Jamaica on a medical mission trip last July, she recognized Izzy's condition and suggested the Bennetts take Izzy to Bustamante Children's Hospital in Kingston. She also recommended reaching out to the Shriners, and connected them with Moolah Shriner Joe Shivley to help get Izzy an appointment. "This is why we do what we do as Shriners," Shivley said. "This hospital works miracles."

Despite the fact that Mr. Shivley lives in Poplar Bluff and the Bennett family lives in Jamaica, Izzy received a surgery appointment date and an emergency medical visa. The family made its way to St. Louis and she underwent surgery on January 15. The mission group Mission Four 18 and their leaders Len and Aimee Scott helped tremendously, as Geneva and dad Terrence serve as local representatives for them in Jamaica.

Izzy will stay in the United States for three to four weeks, depending on her recovery time. She will have a second surgery later this year. Once she recovers, she will have much more range of motion and will be able to start walking and keeping up with other kids her age, all due to the help of our local board member!




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MISA 2019



Aberdeen, SD – A very small contingency of Zor Nobles (5) lead by Ill. Sir Wally Trouten made a pilgrimage to the Midwest Shrine Association (MSA) winter business session held February 14-16, 2019. As an MSA member temple it was necessary for Zor to be represented at this session. Unfortunately, the session this year conflicted with Zor's Madison Shrine Circus. Several of us left after the Friday general business meetings to get back missing only the first performance of the Circus. In addition to Ill. Sir Wally were High Priest & Prophet Rodney LaBlanc, 1st Ceremonial Master Roger Keller, Chief of Staff/Housing Chair Joe Harker and Shriners Healthcare for Children – Twin Cities representative Bob Hering were Zor's reps.

Wally and Rodney meet with their counterparts, from the 14 (soon to be 15) member temples which make up the MSA, for a breakfast meeting prior to the general session, to discuss items of concerns in their respective temples. We all attended the first general session. Imperial Potentate Jim Cain, Imp Chief Rabban Jeff Sowder, Imp. Asst. Rabban Jim Smith, Imp High Priest & Prophet Bill Bailey were all on hand to congratulate and encourage all MSA members to keep promoting and supporting the Shrine. Imperial officers regard MSA as one of the best run association in all of Shrinedom.

Following the general session there were several breakout topics covered. We split up

and each attended a different topic. Roger attended the Shrine "Stop Burn Injuries" (SBI) program breakout meeting. Zor won the traveling "Bob Spear Award" for the best promotional effort of the SBI program. Rod took part in the Midwest Shrine Motor Corps meeting. Joe meet with the MSA housing chairman and attended the Chief of Staff meeting. Wally and Bob attended the Public/Donor relations breakout. Bob also attended the Leadership/Membership session.

As mentioned earlier Midwest Shrine Association is now comprised of 15 Temples as Tripoli Shriners out of Milwaukee is now a MSA Temple.

Midwest Shrine Association Summer session will be held in Aberdeen, SD on July 31–August 3, 2019. **Units – Please put these dates in your 2019 summer parade schedule.** Ill. Sir Wally is hoping for a nice representation of Zor Nobles and their Ladies attending

this summer session. You don't have to be a member of unit to sign-up and attend ANY Shrine function. There will be the usual Thursday and Saturday Shrine Parades, Unit Competition on Friday during the day with a Downtown Concert Series Beer Garden/Block party with band performances Friday evening.

Next year MSA 2020 will be in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. If you intend to attend and you have a criminal or DUI record you must start NOW to get a Canadian Entry Waiver. We have been told it can take up to a year or more to obtain such a waiver if ever. The summer session dates are 12-15th of August 2020.

Zor will be the host temple in the year 2024. We are already beginning to make plans to be the host temple. There is a lot to do to be a great host temple. If you would care to be a part of this committee, please contact Roger Keller or Joe Harker.



“Together We’re Stronger”

Head North to Wausau for the Wausauken Indian Potentate Party

ZOR Shriners gather in Wausau on Saturday, May 4th as “Together We’re Stronger”. The Wausauken Indians and their ladies are sponsoring the Wausau Potentate Party to Honor Ill. Sir William (Wally) Trouten, Potentate and Lady Gayle.

This year’s party will be held at the Quality Inn @ 2901 Hummingbird Road, Wausau. The Banquet will take place in the Mountain Edge restaurant at the hotel.

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The Wausauken Indians are inviting you to join us for lunch at the TimeKeepers Distillery (Restored Train Station) @ 720 Grant Street, Wausau @ 11:30. We will have pizza for \$6:00 per person and various beverages will be available for purchase. Anyone interested in the tour of the Distillery is welcome with the purchase of a beverage. (They also have beer and soda available). See coupon below.

ZOR Nobles are asked to attend the Quarterly meeting at the Quality Inn at 2:00. More details will be forthcoming in the April Zephyr. This is open to all Nobles. A Cold Sands initiation ceremony will take place - please bring your candidates!!!

The Nobles Ladies are invited to tour the Leigh Yawkey Art Museum, enjoy the shops in downtown Wausau or in Rib Mountain.

The annual Potentate Party will be at the Quality Inn with networking and socializing beginning at 4:45 with a cash bar at the hotel barroom. At 5:45 we will gather for the banquet with entertainment and followed by the traditional raffle. Please complete the coupon for lunch and dinner and mail with payment no later than April 26th.

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Antioch Flags and the other is the Antioch Scarf Dancers. The groups perform at their installations, for the Supreme Queen's visit and at the Supreme Session each June. They have a new club called the Antioch Friendship Club. One special interest group is the Euchre Marathon. Daughters of the Nile celebrated its 100th birthday in 2013.

As women related to Masons and Shriners, we extend to you a cordial invitation to learn more about Daughters of the Nile.

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William (Wally) Trouten TAKES THE HELM

determined to continue moving Zor forward

By Mark Hazelbaker

After a fun-filled day of ceremony and questionable attempts at humor by the Directors' Staff, Noble Wally Trouten became Zor's Potentate. Other members of Zor's Divan were installed as the Temple's leadership, vowing to meet Zor's challenges with Masonic resolve.

Zor's Installation always involves a combination of the serious and the frivolous. On a serious note, the Directors Staff conducted their annual candle lighting to remember those Shriners who have passed on. The assembled Nobles adopted the 2019 budget for Zor. They heard reports and updates. They then proceeded to elect the Divan, Zor's leadership, for 2019.

At that point, the dignity of the occasion was shattered, as usual, by the Directors Staff. Past Potentate Mark Severson invaded the speaker's dais clad in an outlandish sport coat and outfit which had every appearance of having been put together at a St. Vincent DePaul store. He took over the microphone and attempted to ridicule Potentate-elect Trouten. Noble Severson was aided in his pathetic attempt at humor by the other directors. Surrounding another microphone, the other directors acted as a geek chorus, sounding off with seemingly random verbal outbursts. Some people will do anything for a laugh.

And, while it seems that Directors' Staff skits are an inevitable part of the installation, at least this year's was short. The target of the skit, Wally Trouten, said later the ridicule did not bother him. "Now I don't have to be in fear of Mark and John [Thorstad] anymore," he said. "I was laughing right [with them]." It is fortunate that someone was.



Potentate Trouten and his Divan were subsequently installed in due form. The assembled group broke for a reception, then, dinner. Zor has a tradition of withholding the Fez from the new Potentate until he has been found by strict trial and due folly to be worthy and well qualified.

This year, per tradition, the process of judging the incoming Potentate involved his family offering testimonials to his character. In Wally's case, these were loving and appreciative, with not even the slightest hint of contrivance. Despite the positive support for him, Past Potentate John Thorstad took on his recurring role of Devil's advocate, urging the assembled multitude to reject Wally Trouten. Happily, this throng proved to be lenient and gave a "thumbs up" mandate. Gayle Trouten then lovingly placed the Fez on Wally's head, rewarding him with a kiss.

Potentate Trouten, brings to the position his experience of more than four decades of membership in the Masonic fraternity. In March 1976, he was raised a Master Mason in Melody Lodge #2 in Platteville. He joined the Fraternity, he said, because it offered guidelines for his life.

"Masonry has many tenets which shape you and guide you," he said. "These define the kind of person you will be. They helped me be the kind of man I wanted to be. One of the most important ones was wanting to give back."

Wally has a long and deep interest in athletics. He has coached little league baseball and football. Athletics are a great way to introduce young people to being purposeful and disciplined while still having fun. But, he said, too many coaches in youth athletics are driven by the desire to win, to the point where it ceases to be fun for the kids. He values Masonry's ability to combine fun and connection with other good people within a structure which emphasizes good character.

The Potentate said joining the Shrine was always his goal. He was very active in his blue lodge for many years, however, serving in every chair at least once. He has been Worshipful Master three times. He found that experience invaluable





in developing leadership skills. He joined the Shrine because he values the involvement it offers to his wife Gayle.

“After years of leaving her at home while I went out to coach sports teams, I wanted Masonic activities which would involve my wife,” Wally said. “The Shrine is where the rest of Masonry could be if it would involve our ladies.”

Since becoming a Shriner, Wally said he has formed valuable friendships and connections. “I have a great friend from Saskatchewan,” he said. “The quality of the people you meet in the Shrine is just amazing. These are great men and women who are really trying to make a positive difference for the world.”

During his year at the helm of Zor, Wally wants to help all the units and clubs within Zor to rise to their highest level. “If you’re good, become great. If you’re great, help another unit or club become good,” he said. “We need to boost our presence everywhere. We all share the same goals of fun and charity.”

“At the end of my year, I would like people to look at Wisconsin for the excellent things we are doing here,” he said. He noted that the Imagineers group has worked to improve communications within Zor dramatically. The changes to the Zor Zephyr and other messaging are being noticed, he said.

A graduate of Winona State University in Winona, Minnesota, Wally has a Master’s in Education from Minnesota State University in Mankato. He did post graduate work at Illinois State.



He pledged that he will begin each morning with the same rubric: “It’s a great day to be a Zor Shriner.” We should all strive to emulate him.



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This is Logan! When she was just 2 years old she fell onto a metal coal burner. After some complications her family found themselves here at our hospital and she has been coming here ever since. Logan said that “for nearly 20 years Shriners has been part of my family and I am so thankful for everything Shriners has done for me!”

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Meet Emelia, age 10. She received a new adaptive bike in her favorite color (pink), thanks to generous donors. Emelia has limited motion in her joints, which makes her unable to walk. She typically uses a wheelchair for mobility, but is SO excited to have the option of a bike that fits her perfectly as well. Enjoy the ride, Emelia!



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Noble Leonard Pickett’s post on Facebook

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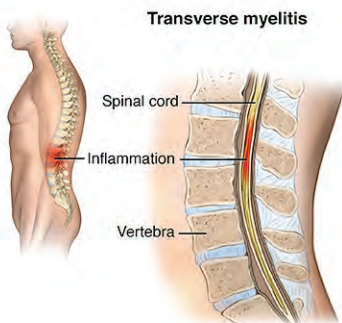
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DATE: Thursday, April 4th
COST: \$26
TIME: 5-6 pm social (appetizer & non-alcoholic beverages)
 6-7 pm buffet dinner
 7-8 pm presentation

Please RSVP by March 29th to Madison Lodge #5 Secretary, Stuart Graham at grahamfam3@yahoo.com

This event is open to all Masons and non-Masons alike.

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Illustrious Sir Wally Trouten tells nobles at the Valentines party that "it's a great day to be a Zor Shriner."

"IT'S A GREAT DAY to be a Zor Shriner!"

By Milt Helmer

That was the words from our Illustrious Sir, Potentate Wally Trouten on Friday evening February 8th at the St. Croix Valley Shrine Club's annual Valentines Party.

The gala event was held at the Ellsworth Masonic Center and boasted Officers from the full spectrum of the fraternity.

Noble Trouten introduced his lady Gayle and expressed how pleased he was to see how the St. Croix Valley club functions so well as a team. His theme this year is "Together, we're Stronger". A theme that is evident in clubs across the state and especially in the St. Croix Valley. Noble Trouten also mentioned how pleased he was at the efforts of the Zor Imagineers, who took a struggling Zor Zephyr from a minor newsletter to an award winner in just months.

In addition to Potentate Trouten, the event featured guests Rod Rommel, who just recently received Zor Emeritus status for his 8 years of serving the board of Governors, and was honored by the St. Croix Valley Club, the newly appointed member of the board of governors Bob Hering, Barry Ausen, the Zor's Chief Rabban, the Worthy Grand Matron, Brenda Gaulke, Larry Riemenschneider, Past Potentate, St. Croix Valley Shrine Club President Roger Keller and the District Deputy Grand Master Earl Gunderson. In addition Shrine Auxiliary heads Tammy Keller and Amy Hering were also in attendance.

The assembled Nobles and their ladies heard several reports on the St. Croix Valley Shrine Clubs many active events and fund raisers.

The event also featured a newlywed game conducted by Noble Doug Hoffman of River Falls.

SHC Representative Meeting

Friday, March 15, 2019
8:30 AM — 1:00 PM
Light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

**Shriners Healthcare for Children – Twin Cities
Auditorium
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AGENDA:

8:30—8:40	Welcome & Introductions
8:40 – 9:10	Shriners Healthcare for Children—Twin Cities Update
9:10 – 9:30	Financial Support Information
9:30 – 10:00	National & Regional Marketing Update
10:00 – 10:30	Break
10:30 – 11:00	Breakout session #1
11:00 – 11:30	Breakout session #2
11:30 – 12:00	Breakout session #3
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch

BREAK OUT SESSIONS will include presentations from the departments of:
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RSVP to Sarah Van Petten at svanpetten@shrinenet.org by March 1.



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The Valentines party had a number of distinguished guests. Shown left to right is Bob Hering, new member of the Board of Governors for Shrine Healthcare for Children®, Rod Rommel, retiring member of the Board of Governors, Barry Ausen, Chief Rabban, Illustrious Sir Wally Trouten, Potentate, Brenda Gaulke, Grand Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star in Wisconsin, Larry Riemenschneider, Past Potentate, Roger Keller President of the St. Croix Valley Shrine Club and Earl Gunderson, District Deputy Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin. Photos by Milt Helmer



Noble Bob Hering, newly elected member of the Shrine Healthcare for Children® board of governors, is shown presenting a special award for his 30 years of service to the St. Croix Valley Shrine Club.



Two of the people who make the wheels turn for the St. Croix Valley Shrine Auxiliary are left to right Tammy Keller and Amy Hering.



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Chicago Shriners Hospital Offers High Tech Machine to Help Find Veins

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The two devices, nicknamed “Vinnie” and “Vito”, can aid health care professionals in finding a good vein for venipuncture. To use them, staff hold the device above the skin, turn on the AccuVein machine and the veins are illuminated in a red light for IV placements and blood draws.

This device can be helpful for patients like Yadira who have a brittle bone disorder called osteogenesis imperfecta. When these patients come to the hospital for infusion therapy, they require a tourniquet that is looser than for patients with typical bones. Maureen Tavarez, RN, used AccuVein for Yadira’s recent IV placement. “Sometimes you feel the vein and it is not necessarily a good vein. It can be thinner than it is. With the vein viewer you see the thickness of the veins.”



Diane D. Cotsilis, BA, MLT ASCP, laboratory manager at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Chicago, helped our hospital secure the new machines. Cotsilis said AccuVein provides a hands-free option that shows veins in real-time, and they work in light or dark conditions.

The reaction from nursing and laboratory staff has been very positive. Kathleen Nebriil, MT, a medical technologist in the hospital lab said she finds it helpful when veins may be difficult to locate. “For those few patients where you have neither sight nor feel it is helpful,” she said. Nebriil said patients enjoy the chance to see their own veins through the device. “The kids really like it. We try to take an unpleasant experience and make it something cool.”



Mark Berillo
Chairman of the Board of Governors, SHC - Chicago
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February 2019

Shriners Hospitals for Children continues partnership with Front Row Motorsports

Front Row Motorsports and Shriners Hospitals for Children have announced their continued partnership with David Ragan and the Front Row Motorsports' No. 38 Ford Mustang team in 2019. Shriners Hospitals for Children will be the primary sponsor of Ragan during three Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series races, including Talladega Superspeedway on April 28, Chicagoland Speedway on June 30, and during "Throwback Weekend" at Darlington Raceway on September 1. Shriners Hospitals will be an associate sponsor all season.



"It really is so amazing what Shriners Hospitals for Children can do for these young kids. That's what I love about this partnership with Shriners Hospitals for Children – telling the story about our patients," said Ragan. "It's inspiring to see what Shriners Hospitals can do, and I'm proud to say that I'm a Shriner, and to have them on our car again this year. It's a great program to have everyone rally around."

Shriners Hospitals for Children is a leader in providing care to children with orthopaedic conditions, spinal cord injuries, burns, and cleft lip and palate. Shriners Hospitals for Children provides critical, surgical and rehabilitative care to children, regardless of the families' ability to pay.

"We are proud to continue our relationship with David Ragan and Front Row Motorsports," said Jim Cain, chairman of the Board of Directors for Shriners Hospitals for Children. "This partnership with David and Front Row Motorsports has elevated the awareness for our hospitals and the work they do for our patients. We look forward to another successful NASCAR program this year."

This is the fourth consecutive year Shriners Hospitals for Children will support the on-track efforts of Ragan, who has an authentic relationship with the health care system. Ragan has been a member of Shriners International, the fraternity that founded and continues to support Shriners Hospitals for Children, since 2012 and serves as its NASCAR ambassador. Ragan visits Shriners Hospitals during the race season and invites patients to the track for once-in-a-lifetime experiences. Ragan also raises awareness and funds for Shriners Hospitals for Children through various campaigns, personal service announcements, donations and activities.



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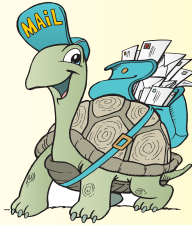
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Chilly Times In Zorland

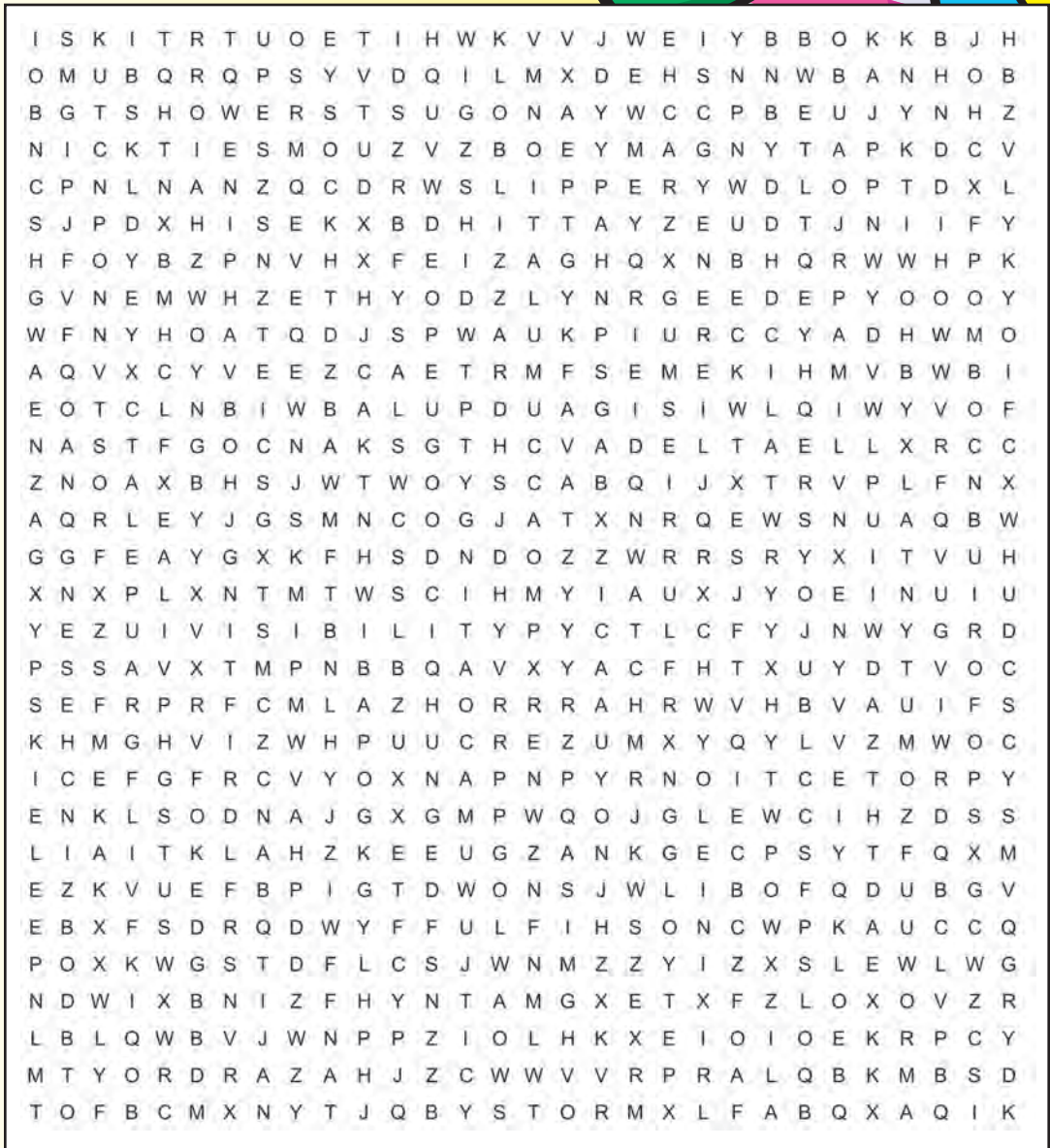
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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



THE FEZ HAS AN IMPACT



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By Noble Steve Livernash

Imagine the impact we Shriners leave when we wear our Fez. The conversations sparked and stories told. The impact of 27 Shriners Hospitals for Children semi billboard trailers seen rolling in the other lane of the interstate. Each igniting conversations on the road and at stop lights. The same can be said for our Healthcare vans. Also, the exposure in rural areas with parade units adorned with a Shrine presence. Club and unit public events with Nobles expressing their own inner passion of helping children. Nobles selling onions on a corner with your Fez on has impact far reaching, further than just the point of purchase sale of the delicious vegetables.

A Mason, A Shriner, A Noble Man!

The most important segments of character are free and unseen. Inspired by an individual that asked for a pound of manners and morals. Material things and money have weight and can be seen by others. Show me one ounce of the free air you breathe, he asked. Followed by an ounce of love, trust, respect, loyalty, caring, sharing, learning, giving, smiling,

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Some say, "We only live once". True. You can also look at it in another view of others "We only Die once" and "We live every day". In one year, that is 365 chances to make a difference by your choice.

A big thank you to our Zor members for your years of support to Shriners is much appreciated! Showing up to a meeting or Shrine event with your Fez is added support. Our clubs and units need you as a Shriner. Helping where you can is always a need and is appreciated. Our parades and public events are fun and full of fellowship. Just wearing your Fez makes a Shriner connection with people just as important as a clown entertaining the crowd in costume. The ability to communicate to the public that there is a Shriner behind the event is powerful. Leads to Shriner awareness and Illustrious Sir Wally's slogan for 2019.

"Together We're Stronger"
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Can't You Just Taste Those SWEET VIDALIA ONIONS?

A new year has come upon us again and it is time to start thinking about onion sales. I talked with Shad Dasher, our onion representative, on January 11th and the onions are all planted and they are looking good. They did have some snow on them but he said don't worry about that because they were still dormant. If they keep on growing like they are they should be ready the first week of May. I will be contacting clubs and units by April 6th for your orders.

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 or local watering hole 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. Steve Livernash never pre-sold onions

online before last year. He posted it on Facebook and sold 1000 pounds - pretty good for a first timer. I do have extra room on each truck for more onions; the trucking has already been paid for, 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.

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Thanks again, Barry Ausen, Onion Chair





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