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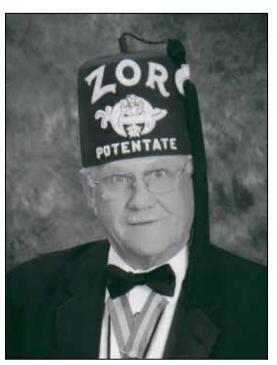
JAN 14, 2012 – MADISON, WI Recorder Jim Stelsel, Sr. Photos by Keith Krinke & Todd Wohlert



Seated L to R, Dale Anderson, Monte Steiber, Bob Gorsuch, Potentate Larry Riemenschneider, Larry Hanson, Bob Giesler, & Jim Stelsel Standing L to R, Miles Bradley, Bob Hering, Gary Cuskey, Charles Miller, Dave Bomkamp, & Karl Gant

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ZOR WELCOMES 80TH POTENTATE LARRY RIEMENSCHNEIDER



2012 Potentate Larry Riemenschneider

Larry Riemenschneider was born in St. Paul, MN, to Elmer and Mildred Riemenschneider on February 16, 1940. He was the youngest of three boys. His parents farmed in the East St. Paul area until Larry was eight years old. Then they sold the farm in St. Paul and moved to the New Richmond, WI area where they purchased a larger farm. Larry graduated from the New Richmond High School in 1958. He was proud of being awarded the FFA State Farmers degree in 1959.

During the 1960's Larry worked at his uncle's asphalt plant in North St. Paul. In the 1970's he managed three different gas stations and also worked for a Ford dealer in Stillwater. It was also in the 70's that he graduated from the Dale Carnegie Course. During this time he raised his children Tim, Kathleen, Carol, and Scott.

In the 1980's Larry began selling General Motors cars for Johnson Motors in New Richmond. He earned several awards in sales. It was through his boss, Curtiss Anderson, that he became interested in the Masons. Curt encouraged him to become a Mason and a Shriner and was his first line signer in 1997. Larry became a Mason in the New Richmond Lodge. He was proud to become a Shriner in 2001 at Stevens Point when Earl Buehler was Potentate.

In 1987 Larry met Julie and they were married a year later on Valentine's Day. He moved to Amery where Julie had a home because she worked for the City of Amery and had to be a resident.

Larry planned to bring a candidate for cold sands to a party at Roger and Lois Amdall's in 2005, but the day of the party his candidate called and said he couldn't make it. So Larry called Amdall's with regrets and Roger invited him to come anyway. So he and Julie did because Amdalls's home was only about 35 miles east of Amery. They had a good time, and before they left Larry mentioned to Roger that he

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The Onions Are Coming!

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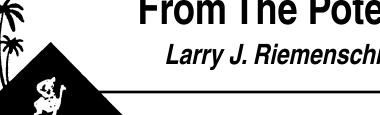
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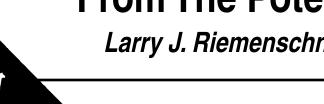
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Larry J. Riemenschneider





17, 18 and 19. Then, off to La Crosse for Hello There, Well I survived the election on the Circus February 28th and 29th at the January 14th, and here we go starting a La Crosse Center.

Don't forget to check with your local clubs and units for Valentine Events in your area. My Lady Julie and I will be celebrating our 24th wedding anniversary on Valentine's Day.

Remember to keep selling those

40 Gun Raffle tickets, too. We don't draw the winners until March 12, 2012. Remind the people that it is one of our best fraternal fundraisers.

We Drive So Kids May Thrive! Larry J. Riemenschneider Potentate 2012

Where's the Scimitar?

This mighty blade housed in a handcrafted wood display case is a sight to see and to show off at your Shrine event. The Scimitar was last seen in the Tomah area. When your Club or Unit takes possession of the scimitar, please take a picture of the event, get all the names of the Nobles, and email it to zorzephyr@tds.net or mail it to the Zor Office, 575 Zor Shrine Place, Madison, WI 53717.

super year. February 4th is the Zor Clown

party where the clowns try to improve my

looks. Then it's M.S.A. Winter Session

up in Grand Forks, North Dakota. Back

home in time to witness our Great Circus

at the Coliseum in Madison on February



Recorder's Roll Call



Jim Stelsel. Recorder

Meeting was held on Saturday January 14, 2012 at which a slate of newly elected and appointed were installed. Larry Riemenschneider, Zor's 2012 Potentate from Amery, and his Lady Julie were honored at the Directors Staff Fez

Party that evening.

Congratulations to Past Potentate Steve Peterson and his Lady Mary Ellen for a great and progressive 2011. Steve did a great job of promoting Zor, always pushing for new members, visiting Clubs and Units, calling Nobles on or near their birthday, calling Nobles who were in arrears on paying their dues, attending numerous Masonic and Shrine functions. He probably traveled more miles in Zorland during his year as Potentate than any other Zor Potentate. Great job, Steve!

The 2012 Gun Raffle Fund Raiser is well under way. If you still have unsold tickets, please continue to sell them or try to get them into the hands of someone else who is looking for more tickets to sell.

The Madison Circus will take place this month on February 17th, 18th, and 19th, which is Zor's largest fund raiser for Zor's Annual Budget. We ask all of the Nobles who received tickets to purchase

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them and sell additional tickets. You can The Annual sell them OR use them for your family, friends, or persons who have children who may be unable to afford to go to the circus without your help. After you have purchased the tickets and find you cannot officers use them, please send them back to the Circus Office so Zor may use them for those who come on buses and others who are unable to afford to come to the Circus.

We also need all of the Nobles and Ladies who are available to come and help with the many jobs and duties which need to be done during the 6 shows to make the Circus a success.

Some of the scheduled events during February are the Clown Party on the 4th MSA Winter Session in Grand Forks the 9^{th} to 11^{th} , La Crosse Circus the 28^{th} & 29^{th} , and, on March 3^{rd} , the Mehara SC Potentate's Party.

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Zor Shriner's 2012 Calendar

February

Pancake Breakfast - Green County Monroe Masonic Center

Clown Potentate Party, Rex's Innkeeper

9 - 11 MSA Winter Session, Grand Forks, ND

17-19 Madison Circus, Alliant Energy Center

28-29 La Crosse Circus, La Crosse Center

<u>March</u>

Mehara SC Potentate Party, Plaza

Hotel

Gun Raffle Drawing, Zor Shrine 11 Center

31 Scottish Rite Spring Reunion, La Crosse Masonic Center

<u>April</u>

Daughters of the Nile Installation, Zor Shrine Center

Easter Egg Hunt, Zor Shrine Center 20-21 Scottish Rite Spring Reunion, Madison Masonic Center

<u>May</u>

Steak Fry, Zor Shrine Center 15

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Zor Ceremonial, New Richmond Potentate's Ball, New Richmond

<u>July</u>

1-5 Imperial Session, Charlotte, NC 10 Quarterly Meeting, Zor Shrine

Center

10 Steak Fry, Zor Shrine Center

Mini Cars Picnic, Edgerton 15 28

LaCrosse Potentate Party, Jansky's Eagles Nest

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Final Updates From Under the Bigtop

The 58th annual circus is now only weeks away. Circus Chairman John Thorstad feels that everyone should be in the circus mode and be willing to give 100% by helping with counting the children school passes (Feb. 2) and then help deliver them to the schools (Feb. 6 & 7). We need your support in promoting and selling or purchase additional sheets of tickets.

Potentate Larry Riemenschneider reminds everyone the importance of paying for your circus tickets. With a \$96.00 face value for a sheet of tickets and only paying \$70.00 will get your name listed in the Ringmasters Club that is printed in the April Zephyr.

Thank you to everyone who paid for their tickets and returned them so we could donate them to The Wisconsin Air National Guard and to The 115th Fighter Wing. Please don't make this committee re-bill you for used and unpaid tickets. Plans are being finalized for a Cold Sands initiation between the first two shows on Saturday

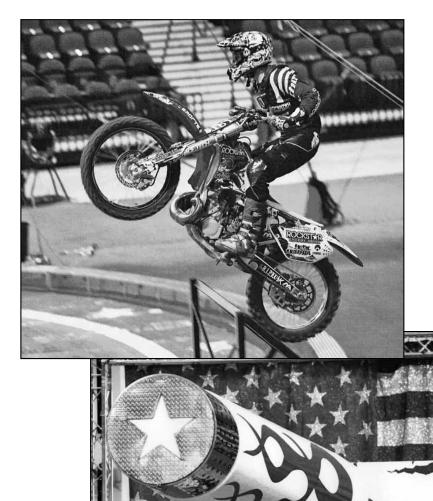
The circus committee thanks the Clubs and Units for purchasing the 18 bicycles that are given away following intermission of each show. The Pipes and Drums are again purchasing the bike helmets for all

the winners. Other program door prizes are Mallards' baseball tickets and Red Lobster gift card's.

A tip of the fez to Dan Stormont who is making the arrangements for Miss Wisconsin – Emily Guerin to sing the National Anthem at all 6 performances. 2 reminders for everyone – housing is available at The AmericInn on Monona Dr. (608 222 8601) for those who wish to stay in town rather than drive long distances. Parking reimbursement will be \$5.00 per ticket per day. Please consider absorbing this cost as we paid out over \$800.00 last year which could have been 7 or profit

This will be a great weekend (cross your fingers for good weather) with plenty of fun, food, and fellowship. Saturday's potluck menu includes soup, chili, and hotdogs. On Sunday at the Coliseum we will provide a cold cut sandwich tray. The annual Sunday morning brunch starts at 8:00 at the East Side Club. Following the final show, after the lights are dimmed and there are no more elephant rides, there is a post circus dinner at Alt-N-Bachs.

Elephants – No more information to pass on other than what was printed in the January Zephyr or reported at the annual meeting on January 14th.



2012 Mehara Shrine Club Potentate's Party March 3

Mehara Shrine Club and Units are pleased to invite everyone to join us March 3rd, 2012 to honor the new Potentate and his Lady at The Plaza Hotel & Suites 1202 W. Clairemont Ave., Eau Claire. Activities start with cash Oasis at 6:00P.M., followed by a great dinner buffet. Entertainment will be by The Innocent Men, one member of which

is Eric Conner grandson of Norma and P.P. Robert [Whitey] Jenkins. Rooms are available by calling the hotel at 715-834-3181 or 800-482-7829 requesting rooms for block #7647. Rates will be \$82.00 per room plus tax. 15 rooms have been set aside for our use. Reservations due by February 23rd



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DISPLAY 1 National Anthem

DISPLAY 2 Razzle Dazzle Grand Opening

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DISPLAY 3 Joseph Dominick Bauer

(Our stellar Ringmaster Extraordinaire)

DISPLAY 4 Daniel Raffo and his Dangerous, Dynamic Beasts

DISPLAY 5 Andrea & Lluvia

(High speed, fiery acrobatic antics)

DISPLAY 6 Broadway Bo

(The most amazing elephant in the world)

DISPLAY 7 Baby Perla

(Johny the Clown and Mini Bo)

DISPLAY 8 Aerial Webs

(Beautiful performances high in the air!)

DISPLAY 9 The Cristiniani Family

(High flying, high energy trampoline fun)

DISPLAY 10 Johny, Gina, & Ashley

(Fast moving display of juggling talent)

DISPLAY 11 Guiming Meng

(Unique balancing act)

DISPLAY 12 The Arias Family

(Captivating Canine Antics)

DISPLAY 13 Joseph Dominick Bauer

(Defying gravity in a giant steel monster)

INTERMISSION

DISPLAY 14 Aerial Silks

DISPLAY 16

(Fluid and graceful aerialists fill the air)

DISPLAY 15 Caroline Williams' Liberty Horse (High stepping steeds storm round the ring)

AY 16 Larry Carden

(Powerful pachyderms parade)

DISPLAY 17 Hernando & Marius

(Motorcycle Madness on the high wire)

DISPLAY 18 Fabio's Extreme Riders

(Hair-raising maneuvers in the giant steel globe)

DISPLAY 19 Motorcross Madness

(Extreme Motorcyle Mania)

DISPLAY 20 Majorettes

(Rhythmic gymnastics and twirling flags)

DISPLAY 21 David Smith, Jr., the Human Cannonball

(Clear for blast off!)

DISPLAY 22 The Grand Finale

The acts listed and the order of appearance are subject to change without notice due to conditions beyond the control of the producer. For more information go to: shrinecircusinfo.com

80th Potentate

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would like to help during Roger's year as Potentate. A month or so later, Vern Engebretson talked with him about going on the line as Marshal. Larry thought he'd like to try it and, here he is now, your new Potentate!

Marshal Gary Cuskey

Gary was born in 1948 and raised in Spooner. He married his wife Judy in 1969 and they have three children Gary Jr, Carrie, and Jonathan. Gary graduated from Spooner H.S. then went on to UW-River Falls and The American College in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. He worked in radio from 1970 to 1973, for Chicago & Northwestern Railroad from 1976 to 1985, and, from 1985 to present, he has been the president and owner of Badger Buses of Spooner, Inc. Gary is also owner and operator of Cody Insurance Group of Spooner.

Gary served our country from 1967 to 1973 in the USAF Air National Guard, served from 1974 to 1983 in the Wisconsin Army National Guard and US Army Reserve, and was a 1976 graduate of the Wisconsin Military Academy.

He also serves his community in a variety of ways, most importantly as Mayor of Spooner. In addition to his Blue Lodge, Shell Lake Lodge #221, and the Musky Shrine Club and Cycle Patrol, Gary is also a member of York Rite and Scottish Rite. He loves the outdoors – hunting, fishing, canoeing, boating, snowmobiling, and a good game of golf.

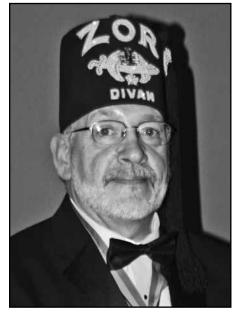


Marshal Gary Cuskey

Captain of the Guard Robert Hering

Robert was born in St. Paul, MN in 1952. He is married to Amy and they have 4 children, Kim, Jason, Dawn, & Nikki. Robert graduated from Stillwater High School and went on to advanced studies at the University of Minnesota and other schools.

He started working for Anderson Windows in Bayport, MN in 1971 then, after working his way up, Robert retired May 27, 2011 after 40 years with the company. Robert has worked as crew lead for numerous complete



Captain of the Guard Robert Hering

home building projects for Habitat for Humanity.

Robert is a 4th generation Mason and a 3rd generation Shriner. He joined River Falls Lodge #109 in 1988 then joined the Scottish Rite and Zor Shriners in 1989. He belongs to St. Croix Valley Shrine Club and the Zor Road Runners plus served in various leadership capacities.

Outer Guard Sherman "Miles" Bradley

Miles was born in Edgerton in 1958 and graduated from Edgerton Senior High School in 1977. He has a son



Outer Guard Sherman "Miles" Bradley

named Ryan and his Lady's name is Candy. Miles works as an Industrial Maintenance Leadman at Zalk Josephs Fabricators in Stoughton. He belongs to Fulton Lodge #69, Scottish Rite, Order of the Eastern Star, and has been a member of Zor Shriners since 1995. Miles is active with the Mini Cars and the Ritual Divan, where his understated performance and masterful use of the eyebrow gets them rolling in the aisles every time.

Santa & Mrs. Claus Brighten the Shrine Center

Story by Sheri Severson. Photos by Nancy Nelson.

Santa and Mrs. Claus were greeted by many smiles on a warm December day at the annual Lunch with Santa. There were many younger children, and several of them weren't quite sure if they wanted to get too close to the jolly old elf, but still took their turn on his lap as he shared candy and gifts. Santa was especially excited to welcome several hospital patients and their families to the festivities.

Event chair Larry Hanson and Lady Jill, along with others in the Clown Unit, Past Potentates, Divan members, and their Ladies, started early to make the Zor Shriners Center a fun and festive place as they welcomed families and children of all ages.

Kids and parents took their turn at the craft table to make paper wreaths to decorate their trees at home. The Concert Band played holiday tunes during lunch to add a bit of spirit and cheer to Hankwitz Hall. Thanks to those who took time to share their musical talents during the busy holiday season.

Lunch was served by Lady Jill Hanson and Mary Ellen Peterson. Everyone enjoyed hot dogs, chips, Jell-o cups, and cookies donated by the Community Bakery in Janesville. The tables were

decorated with Christmas candy dishes filled with sweet treats.

Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived in full color as they wandered through Hankwitz Hall shaking hands and sharing smiles with the families who gathered to share their wishes with him. Santa, Mrs. Claus, and his Jobs Daughters helpers called out names of the children who waited anxiously for their own individual presents. Children ages 6 months to 13 were there to greet Santa and share their wish lists.

Santa took his place and posed with families by the giant Christmas tree for the ever popular photos. The line went quickly as children sat on Santa's lap and sat on the floor taking turns to smile. Santa had a few tricks up his sleeve as he had his naughty and nice list; those on the naughty list included Larry Riemenschneider, Larry Hanson, Joe Thompson, and others who all received a lump of coal.

Potentate Steve Peterson shared his holiday message with everyone and thanked the committee for their hard work in making the day a fun family event. It was a fantastic day with lots of fun, smiles and holiday cheer.



The Potentate and his Lady along with Noble Claus and his Lady.



The Job's Daughters getting into the holiday spirit and helping out!



Have these guys been naughty or nice this year? Santa knows!

Annual Meeting...

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Zor Shriners Annual Meeting was opened in full form by the Divan presenting the Salaam for the Potentate.

Potentate S. Peterson called the meeting to order at 1:05 P. M.

69 Nobles were in attendance. Chaplain K. Gant gave the opening prayer. The Color Guard presented the Colors and all present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Potentate S. Peterson welcomed all

We are continuing on the maintenance of our facility. We continue to manage our financial responsibilities such as our Wells Fargo and CD's accounts. T. Schmitt moved the report be accepted and seconded by T. Nelson PP. Motion Carried.

Membership Report: B. Calverley, Membership Chairman, reported on December 31, 2010 we had 1779 members. During 2011 we had 32



present and stated we will proceed to cover the full agenda.

A Candle Lighting Memorial Service was conducted for those Nobles lost to the Black Camel in the Fourth Quarter of 2011. Recorder J. Stelsel read the names of 13 Zor Nobles and Past Imperial Potentate Kenneth W. Smith. Chaplain K. Gant offered a prayer for the departed Nobles

Potentate S. Peterson asked for a motion for approval of the minutes of the last Annual Meeting, January 15, 2011, as printed in the Zephyr. M. Severson PP. moved approval and to dispense with the reading of the minutes and seconded by B. Gorsuch. Motion Carried.

Circuses: J. Thorstad PP. reported the 57th annual Madison Circus held on Feb. 18 - 20, 2011 made a net profit of \$100,000. Total attendance for the 6 shows was 27,904: largest show Saturday 3 pm 7,361 and the smallest show Sunday 5 pm 2,776. We had a total of 12 units, clubs, Divan and Past Potentates participate. We averaged 85 Nobles and 21 Ladies per show. Clubs and units donated 18 bicycles of which 3 were given away at each show. The Pipes and Drums donated a bicycle helmet to each winner. Red Lobster Restaurant gift cards compliments of Lisa Boline were also given away. Mallard Baseball Tickets and large stuffed animals from Bob Sands were also given away. We put on George Carden Circuses in La Crosse on March 1 and 2 with 3 shows. Total attendance was 8,958; our contract with Carden was \$3,500 net profit. 4 shows in Eau Claire on June 14 & 15 and 2 shows in Menomonie on June 16th, Zor received \$791.00. J. Thorstad PP. moved the report be accepted and seconded by T. Nelson PP. Motion Carried. M. Severson PP. reported on the issue pending before the Dane County Board to ban Elephants from performing in County buildings and on properties. There will be a committee hearing on this proposal on Jan. 24 and the next DCB meeting on the first Tuesday in Feb. Zor's next action will depend on

further developments on this issue.

Trustees Report:
T. Schmitt,
Chairman of the Trustees thanked
outgoing Trustees D. Jones PP. L. Preston
and A. Christensen and J. Stelsel Recorder
and D, Anderson, Treasurer for the Divan
attendance at our meetings. This past year
we have established a new investment
policy, installed a gate in the fence to
mow the grass along the highway fence
line with the approval of the Wis. DOT.

Creations, 4 Affiliations, 15 Restorations, 21 Demits, 27 Suspensions, 67 Deaths and 1 Associate Dropped for a total loss of 65 leaving us with a total membership on December 31, 2011 of 1714 Nobles. B. Calverley moved the report be accepted and seconded by T. Nelson PP. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Annual Financial Report: Treasurer, D. Anderson reported as of December 31, 2011 YTD Total Revenues \$312,106 and Total Expenses \$361,210 for a net loss of \$49,104. D. Anderson moved the report be accepted and seconded J. Thorstad PP. Motion Carried

Chicago Hospital Report: E. Buehler PP. Member Chicago Hospital Board of Governors reported he is starting his 6th year on the board and 2nd year as the Treasurer of the board, that G. P. Wiemer is an Associate Board Member and his past experience in hospital administration adds to the quality of the board. We have a new Administrator, Mark Niederpruem, starting on Jan. 16 who was previously administrator at the Springfield, MA Shriners Hospital for Children. Applications are up but admissions are down probably due to insurance collection especially co-pays and deductibles. Since July 2011 we have been billing insurance companies and Medicaid which amounts to several million but so far on about \$66,000 have been received. Our biggest problem

increase from Tampa this has allowed us an increase the number of cleft patients and surgeries. We have some changes in fund raising and record keeping. Each hospital will be recognized for money it raises whether it is sent to a temple, hospital or Tampa. We need patient referrals. At one time our referrals came from Shriners, but now it is from doctors. We are working on developing better information and working relationships with the medical professionals. We have great staffs, excellent outsourcers and we do it more economically. March 27th is Divan Day, June 3 is Open House. We have many challenges ahead but I believe we can maintain a quality health care system for kids who are not otherwise able to receive it. E. Buehler PP. moved the report be accepted and seconded by M. Severson PP. Motion Carried.

Twin Cities Hospital Report: L. Riemenschneider, Chief Rabban, read the Twin Cities report for R. Rommel. The hospital budget was approved including a supplemental portion to add a marketing initiative for the hospital. 2012 marks the 10 year anniversary of the camps that are sponsored by the Twin Cities. The hospital is planning a reunion for those kids that have participated during the past decade. This will take place on May 19th the day following Hospital Day. The applications process and subsequent scheduling of appointments has been redesigned so patients will have the opportunity to more directly schedule appointments. Zor received credit for 43 approved applications through November compared to 54 last year. Total applications approved through November were 690 compared to 799 last year. We received our Medicaid Provider Number. which enables participation in Medicaid Programs. We have filed in Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska. We are preparing applications for Wisconsin, North & South Dakota. Approximately 25% of our patients are covered by Medicaid. I wish to thank the drivers from Zor who transport our patients to Twin Cities. L. Riemenschneider moved the report be accepted and seconded by M. Severson PP. Motion Carried.

Insurance: K. Johnson PP. Chairman of the Insurance Committee reported the other members of the committee are

J. Olson and L. Myers. The insurance committee met in October to review coverage and set goals for coverage to meet Zor's needs. These included. complete lists with full driver information including a special form required for all drivers over 70, increased umbrella limits, review of property coverage including updating building to 100% of value which could lead to a better rate on coverage. A suggestion was also made for obtaining certificates of insurance from renters. A complete report has been furnished to the Divan. The review currently meets all of the Imperial requirements in all lines and Zor should be proud of the safety record of the Clubs, Units and Hospital Van Drivers. The insurance committee recommends the Trustees do an annual review of the personal property values of Zor. Clubs and units need to be aware they have coverage for their equipment when doing their annual inventory lists. The committee wishes to extend a special thank you to our 2011 agent Tony Arneson of the Nickerman Ins. Services of Madison and his Staff to Zor. K. Johnson PP. moved the report be accepted and seconded by J. Thorstad PP. Motion Carried.

Hospital Transportation: M. Severson PP. reported there is a meeting scheduled for February 4th for the Driver Coordinators. M. Severson PP. moved the report be accepted and seconded by D. Hoffman. Motion Carried.

American Transmission Company: D. Jones PP. reported American Transmission Co. (aka) ATC requested about 5 years ago to build a 345,000 volt electrical line from Rockdale to West Middleton. At the present time they have a line going over Zor's property which is 69,000 volts. ATC is required to negotiate a Perpetual Easement Agreement and on December 1, 2011 delivered a 60 page proposal to Zor. The easement strip runs along the property line which abuts to the beltline highway a length of 745 feet and 20 feet in width. The present pole on Zor's property is 120 feet high; the new pole can be up to 160 feet high. The new pole will carry 11 wires. ATC uses a formula to determine the amount they offer to compensate land owners which is contained in the attachment. The amount they offered to Zor for the perpetual easement is \$398,400. If Zor





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agrees with this proposal ATC will deliver a check to Zor next week. Zor retained Attorney Steve Ritt, a Zor member to review the documents and he found the documentations to be satisfactory. Our accounting firm indicated there should be no federal or state tax due. Imperial legal has approved Zor's process of presenting the proposal to the membership. Divan has determined these less some minor legal expenses, to be considered temporarily restricted building reserve funds, and, according to Zor's bylaws, the funds will be turned over to the Trustees for investment. D. Jones PP. moved for adoption of this report with the understanding that the membership, here in attendance, give approval to the Perpetual Easement Agreement and all actions taken by the Trustees and Divan regarding the acceptance of the Perpetual Easement Agreement and seconded by D. Anderson. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Years of Service: S. Peterson presented a 50 year Pin to D. Soberg who stated he served 10 years on the Imperial Wills & Gifts Committee

Double Crutch Pins were presented to

R. Ott and B. Hering by S. Peterson. Budget Request for 2012: Riemenschneider, Chief Rabban moved for approval of Zor's 2012 Budget as distributed and seconded by T. Nelson PP. Motion Carried.

Approval by the membership of the 2012 Auditor: L. Riemenschneider moved SVA be approved as Auditor and seconded by J. Thorstad PP. Motion

Approval of the 2012 Summer Circuses, La Crosse, Eau Claire and Menominee. Football Games at La Crosse, River Falls and Whitewater and Variety/ Magic Shows: L. Riemenschneider moved for approval and seconded by T. Nelson PP. Motion Carried.

Approval of 2013 Potentate Trip: B. Gorsuch moved for approval to have a Potentates Trip in 2013 probably in August to Alaska, seconded by J. Thorstad PP. Motion Carried.

Presentation to the Potentate: T. Wohlert, Editor of the Zephyr presented the Potentate S. Peterson a Bound Book containing the last 4 years of the Zephyr.

<u>Potentate's Report:</u> S. Peterson stated it has been a great honor to serve as your 2011 Potentate representing Zor and traveling throughout Zorland to meet with many Nobles and their ladies was a great experience. My theme for the year was the 3 R's for membership - Revitalize, Retain and Reel 'em in for Membership. Activities that revitalized our clubs and units this year throughout Zorland were seen in different areas: We created a Geekz Technology team within Badger SC that developed a fantastic website for promoting Zor to the internet user. This will enhance our clubs' and units' exposure in gaining new and active members with Zor Shriners. Fourteen clubs and units sponsored Magic and Variety Shows in their local communities, which was a new endeavor for fundraising in Zorland. The Clubs and Units created unique displays at both the May and December Ceremonials to show incoming Nobles the fun that is incorporated into Zor Shriners' activities. The Salute to ZOR Veterans on 11-11-11 sponsored by the Veterans Patrol created new enthusiasm for that unit to gain membership this year and in the coming years.

Retaining membership is always a challenge for fraternities, and was one of our focuses this past year. The membership team developed a mentorship program for new Nobles. Current active Nobles were identified as mentors to encourage the new Nobles to participate at different events and help them understand the importance and impact Shriners' have on the children we serve at our hospitals. I encourage all



Nobles to be a mentor as this mentorship program continues. Not only will the new Nobles learn from you, but you will gain valuable insight from their perspective as well--plus you will have fun doing it. My focus this year to retain members, was to call Zor Nobles on their birthdays. When I started this, I didn't realize that I would be the one rewarded.

I heard some great stories and it was fun to hear about their past involvement with Zor Shriners activities. You wouldn't believe the heartfelt "thank you's" that I received. It made me realize that sometimes it's the small things we do in life that give us the biggest rewards. I challenge each Noble to make a call to a fellow Noble that you have not seen for a while or may not be active anymore, and invite them to participate in an upcoming activity throughout the year. You too may be surprised at the impact a simple phone call can have. This year we were busy Reelin'In new members, which is an ongoing focus for the organization. The membership annual report showed 32 new Nobles and 15 Nobles were restored. This year all new Nobles received a RED Name Badge, which allowed all Nobles to recognize our newer Nobles and welcome them into Shrinedom. The Imperial membership team has acknowledged that Zor Nobles who have made this happen. Let's continue to reach out to Nobles who are no longer active to encourage them to return. I also had the opportunity, with the help of the membership team and supporting Nobles, to do presentations in 6 lodges and at a District lodge meeting to promote Shrinedom. When we are active

in our Blue lodges, it's a great opportunity to Reel in new members. We do still have challenges to face in that we have a number of Nobles that have demitted or were suspended because of non-payment of dues. These are opportunities for us as Nobles and Brothers to seek out these individuals and encourage them to return to have fun as Shriners and to help the children. We have not received official word from Imperial, but our records show we should receive a Silver Membership Award when we meet in July at the Imperial Session. The Divan and I thank you Nobles, Clubs and Units for making this happen. As we look forward to the future of Zor Shriners, I see challenges that can be turned into opportunities. Zor will continue to prosper and grow in the future. The officers, including the Treasurer and Trustees have insured a strong and solid financial future. The Divan has worked hard for what is best for our Fraternity. The Nobles and Ladies through our Clubs and Units continue to work hard to help the kids and grow the fraternity. Zor will prosper and will continue to be "Hooked On Helping Kids". Again I thank you Nobles for the opportunity to serve as Zor Potentate in 2011. I am grateful for the opportunity had to travel throughout Zorland and see the dedication of the Nobles and Ladies. As we head into a new year, I wish incoming Potentate Larry Riemenschneider and his Lady Julie, when elected this afternoon, great success as they take on the opportunity to lead the Zor Shrine in 2012. Thank you.

<u>Appointment of Tellers:</u> S. Peterson appointed W. Henning and S. Davidson.



Donald Soberg PP receiving his 50 year certificate.



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Nominations for the Election of Officers: Potentate Peterson declared Zor Shriners is in order for the election of officers for the year 2012.

Potentate: The name of L. Riemenschneider was placed in nomination by T. Nelson PP. and seconded by M. Severson PP. There being no other nominations E. Buehler PP. moved the rules be suspended and the tellers be directed to cast a unanimous ballot for L. Riemenschneider for Potentate and seconded by D. Anderson. Motion Carried.

Chief Rabban: The name of B. Gorsuch was placed in nomination by T. Nelson PP. and seconded by D. Jones PP. There being no other nominations M. Severson PP. moved the rules be suspended and the tellers be directed to cast a unanimous ballot for B. Gorsuch for Chief Rabban and seconded by D. Anderson. Motion Carried.

Assistant Rabban: The name of L. Hanson was placed in nomination by T. Nelson PP. and seconded by J. Thorstad PP. There being no other nominations M. Severson PP. moved the rules be suspended and the tellers be directed to

unanimous ballot for B. Jones for Trustee and seconded by M. Severson PP. Motion Carried

The name of A. Christensen was placed in nomination for a 3 year term by J. Soderholm PP. and seconded by D. Jones PP. D. Jones PP. moved the rules be suspended and the tellers be directed to cast a unanimous ballot for Trustee and seconded by S. Severson PP. Motion Carried

The name of R. Outhouse was placed in nomination for a 3 year term by A. Christensen and seconded by B. Gorsuch, D. Jones PP. moved the rules be suspended and the tellers be directed to cast a unanimous ballot for Trustee and seconded by M. Severson PP. Motion Carried

After a short recess the meeting was called back to order by the Installing Officer T. Nelson PP. He introduced the installing Marshall J. Thorstad PP. and Installing Chaplain A. Heinkel, who assisted him in the installation. The Elected Officers were invited to enter. All elected officers were administered the oath and duly installed in their respective officers.







cast a unanimous ballot for L. Hanson for Assistant Rabban and seconded by D. Anderson. Motion Carried.

High Priest and Prophet: The name of M. Steiber was placed in nomination by S. Willett PP. and seconded by J. Thompson PP. There being no other nominations E. Buehler PP. moved the rules be suspended and the tellers be directed to cast a unanimous ballot for M. Steiber for High Priest and Prophet and seconded by D. Anderson. Motion Carried.

Oriental Guide: The name of B. Geisler was placed in nomination by D. Hoffman PP. and seconded by T. Nelson PP. There being no other nominations D. Jones moved the rules be suspended and the tellers be directed to cast a unanimous ballot for B. Geisler for Oriental Guide and seconded by D. Anderson. Motion Carried.

Treasurer: The name of D. Anderson was placed in nomination by D. Jones PP. and seconded by J. Soderholm PP. There being no other nominations E. Buehler PP. moved the rules be suspended and the tellers be directed to cast a unanimous ballot for D. Anderson for Treasurer and seconded by J. Stelsel. Motion Carried.

Recorder: The name of J. Stelsel was placed in nomination by J. Soderholm PP. and seconded by D. Jones PP. There being no other nominations E. Buehler PP. moved the rules be suspended and the tellers be directed to cast a unanimous ballot for J. Stelsel for Recorder and seconded by D. Anderson. Motion Carried.

Imperial Council Representatives:
D. Jones PP. moved the 4 highest ranking officers be authorized to be Zor's representatives to the Imperial Council to held in Charlotte and should any of the 4 be unable to attend the Potentate may select a replacement and seconded by M. Severson PP. Motion Carried.

Trustees: The name of B. Jones was placed in nomination for a 3 year term by K. Krinke and seconded by B. Gorsuch. D. Jones moved the rules be suspended and the tellers be directed to cast a

The installing Officer T. Nelson PP. then installed, in due form, the newly appointed officers and the proclamation was made by the Installing Marshall.

1st Ceremonial Master, David Bomkamp

2nd Ceremonial Master, Charles Miller Marshall, Gary Cuskey

Captain of the Guard, Robert Hering Outer Guard, Miles Bradley

S. Peterson PP. presented the Potentate Jewel to Potentate R. Riemenschneider.

Mary Ellen Peterson presented the Potentates Lady's Pin to Julie Riemenschneider.

D. Hoffman presented the Past Potentate Jewel, Name Tag and Pin to S. Peterson PP.

Dorie Hoffman presented Past Potentate Lady's Name Badge to Mary Ellen Peterson.

The Pipes and Drums represented by J. Crosby and V. Houff presented S. Peterson with his Past Potentate's Fez.

The Directors Staff represented by M. Severson PP., C. Porter and B. Goff did a car salesman skit before J. Thorstad PP. presented Potentate L. Riemenschneider his 2012 gavel from a remote controlled car.

A. Christensen representing the Hosts presented Past Potentate S. Peterson with a P.P. fishing hat.

Potentate L. Riemenschneider thanked all for their support and stated he is honored to serve as Zor's 2012 Potentate. He introduced all of his and Lady Julie's family members who were present. He talked about his programs and plans for 2012

He gave approval of the 2012 Club and Unit Officers.

All were invited to the hospitality room down stairs and the Directors Staff Fez Party.

The Annual Meeting was closed at 3:50 P. M.





Treasurer Anderson, PP Buehler, and PP Jones sign the paperwork for the Perpetual Easement Agreement.



Above, two of "The Strum Gang" James Foss & Robert Schmidt

Club Chronicles

Mehara Shrine Club

Officers of Mehara S.C. were installed at the Christmas party by J Kevin Johnson PP. The evening was enjoyed with a great meal and music by Noble Ray Henning and Vernie Hays. Four members of the club, known as "The Strum Gang" were honored as Shriners of the Year for hosting the annual Mehara golf outing in Strum for 20+ years. Honorees were James Foss, Ronald Runkel, Eugene Semingson, & Robert Schmidt. Knowing that they could not do it alone, their Ladies Judy, Pat, Inez, & Joyce were also honored.

St. Croix Shrine Club

The Nobles of the St. Croix Valley Shrine Club installed 2012 officers at their annual Christmas Party on Friday, December 16th at the Baldwin American Legion Club in Baldwin.

Both elected and appointed leaders of the Shrine Club are shown with Zor Chief Rabban Larry Riemenschneider of Amery. Left to right front row is Chaplain Ron Leibel of Clear Lake, Secretary Rod Rommel of River Falls, President Mike Kastens of New Richmond, 1st Vice President Larry Wiegant of Wilson, and Treasurer Jack Thomas of River Falls. Back row, left to right is, Shrine Game co-chairs Dave Vold and Doug Hoffman of River Falls, Director Ralph Thompson of Baldwin, Membership Chair Gerald Bristol of Ellsworth, Director Arvid Flanum of New Richmond, Hospital Chair Jim Hines of Ellsworth. Not pictured were Trout Pond Chair Bob Hering of Roberts, Board Members Bob Peirson and Jerry DuBois of New Richmond. Zor Correspondent Milt Helmer of Beldenville was taking the photo.



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Potentate Steve "Reels 'Em In" One More Time By Todd Wohlert

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Friday Night Jan 13 Potentate Steve Peterson reflected on the fun the Nobility had over the last year. He started the Appreciation party by having the Divan introduce themselves along with their Ladies. They started announcing how long their marriages have flourished. Our Divan has spent literally decades with their partners - their Ladies. Bachelor Chaplain Karl Gant announced that he is married to the farm. (Any farmer will tell you that marriage will wear you out!)

Steve went on introduce other significant members and volunteers in the Zor Shriners family. It takes a fezzed village to run this outfit. The Past Potentates introduced themselves, their Ladies, and the year that they served our Shrine. The PP's and their Ladies have also had long, wonderful (?) marriages. The Potentate acknowledged the committees who put together the June & December Ceremonials, the Zor Geekz Squad, the Potentate Ball Committee, and the office staff, Lisa & Pat. Potentate Peterson recognized individuals who were retiring from positions: Larry Preston, Arlen Christensen, & Dick Jones PP, who served as Trustees for many years.

"I have had great support from a group of individuals this year," said Potentate Steve, then he proceeded to introduce the Host, who made our Hospitality rooms the most envied in all of the Midwest Shrine Association this year. We acknowledge the tireless efforts of the Christensens, the Outhouses, the Tomans, and the Knipfers. The Nobility gave them a rousing round of applause for 13 years of service.

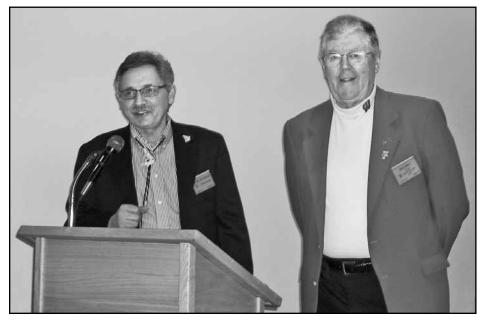
The Potentate went on thank all the Nobles and Ladies of Zor Shriners for our support of him and his Lady Mary Ellen. He talked about his 3 "R's" and the successful programs from 2011. Zor was truly 'Hooked on Helping Kids' this year. He thanked everyone again for all their hard work and invited everyone downstairs for a bit of hospitality.

Steve and Mary Ellen worked incredibly hard this year. All Potentates and their Ladies do that but the Petersons reached people in a very personal way. At all the events, they made sure to walk around to all the tables and greet all the guests. They made sure that every new candidate and his Lady was welcomed with open arms and given a full explanation of our customs

so, by the end of a Ceremonial, the new Noble and his Lady felt like a long-time member of the family. Look back at the 2011 Zephyrs and you will see testimony from our new members to that effect.

Congratulations to Steve and Mary Ellen on a fantastic year. They deserve a rest but you know that they won't take one – there are fish to catch and new grandbabies to greet.





Above, the Host served us for over a decade and travelled all over the Midwest.

Left, Dick may have retired as Trustee but he promised to be around the building when we need him.

Right, Potentate Steve presenting a certificate of appreciation to Larry Preston.



Camel Patrol Honors Chief Rabban

By Todd Wohlert

January 7th found Rex's Innkeeper in Waunakee full of Shriners excited about the upcoming year. The Camel Patrol honors the Chief Rabban in expectation of his advancement to Potentate at the Annual Meeting the following weekend. The Nobility was eager to hear about upcoming plans and who the new Divan members were going to be.

Emcee Dick Jones PP welcomed everyone and got the event underway with a great dinner. Table discussion included mystery salad dressing, soap usage, dressing your pet Chihuahua in a Packer cheerleader outfit, and accidently phoning your granddaughter after too many highballs.

After the meal and a few libations, the Past Potentates, Divan, and other special guests were introduced. The Camel Patrol reported on the highs and lows of the 2011 season, including the loss of Jim Childs. The new officers were then installed by PP Jones & Jim Soderholm.

After the business came the pleasure as Lady Nancy Nelson made a special presentation to Lady Julie Riemenschneider then PP Jones made a special presentation to Chief Rabban Larry Riemenschneider. (Editor's note: I think we may run out of ink this year printing Larry's last name all the time!)

Larry introduced the current Divan



Not to be mistaken for a police lineup, these are the new Camel Patrol officers.

and introduced the newest members of the upcoming Divan. (Read more about them and Larry's 2012 plans elsewhere in the Zephyr.) The event concluded with a Gant benediction team-up from Karl and Bill – it was truly moving. The Nobility then headed out to hear the band and kick up their heels.

"The Camel Patrol always throws a real nice party," said High Priest and Prophet Larry Hanson. "Good food as usual. All in all, a great time!"

Joe Thompson PP shared this: "I thought that it was well attended and everyone had a wonderful evening. I wish our Chief Rabban, along with his Lady, the best of luck for the upcoming year."

1st Ceremonial Master Bob Giesler said "It was a good party – good turnout and lots of fun."

"I thought that is was an excellent party," said Tom Nelson PP. "I thought the whole thing ran smoothly. I really appreciate the 2 chaplains doing the ending – it was spectacular."

"It was a fun night. It's always a great start for the new Potentate. It gives us a little chance to hear what he is all about," said Assistant Rabban Bob Gorsuch. "The turnout tonight was great. There was a bit of a void though with Jim Childs not being here. He contributed a lot to this Unit."

"I think that our party was successful with 76 in attendance," said Dick Jones

PP. "Recognizing our Potentate-to-be (who lives) 250 miles away – it was a good event. We always have a good dinner at Rex's!"

"This is my first Chief Rabban party and I think that it's wonderful," said new Noble Brian Goff. "I'm here to continue to meet the other Shriners. If you don't participate, you don't learn. I'm looking forward to a long and prosperous year. I've already joined the Directors Staff and I'm starting to consider the Camel Patrol!"

Chief Rabban Larry Riemenschneider had this to say: "I think that it was a great party –the Camel Patrol should be applauded for having a great annual event. It was just super to be honored."



Lady Nancy presenting Lady Julie with a beautiful bouquet.



Chief Rabban Larry showing off his new camel. Wonder if he named it yet?



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Fez Party Cleans Up with Fels-Naptha!

By Todd Wohlert



Above, the Divan Ladies clean Larry so well that he shines like a hub cap.

Right, Potentate Larry showing off the good stuff – the Fels-Naptha.

The day started bright and early as the Madison area Past Potentates met with some of the Divan and Director's Staff at a local eatery in Fitchburg to discuss current events and watch instructional videos. Afterwards, the Director's Staff headed back to the Zor Shriner Center to set up the Temple and prepare for the rest of the day.

The building was a flurry of activity as Nobles from all over Zorland began to fill the building, talking about upcoming activities and sharing new jokes. During lunch, the table conversations included local restaurants of interest, passing kidney stones, and interviewing lodge candidates who have a troubled history but want to make a change for the better.

After lunch, it was down to business as Potentate Steve Peterson and the Divan opened the Temple and conducted business. Look for the Recorder's minutes from the Annual meeting and Installation elsewhere in the Zephyr.

After the installation, the Past Potentates were asked to share a bit of advice and knowledge with our new Potentate. One PP's words were so powerful that it wasn't printable. Here is some that is printable: "Enjoy it. That's the best thing to do. Have a lot of fun and do a lot of traveling and enjoy every bit of it. That's the important thing." Another nameless PP wouldn't give any advice and said "let him learn it (on the job) like we did".

Darl Hoffman PP 2000: "Larry, I'd like to have you run according to Hoyle, meet according to Hoyle, wear according to Hoyle, and have a good year."

Jim Soderholm PP 1998: "I talked with Larry last night. He told me he has a plan for 2012, and I hope that he does what he says he's gonna do because I think that it's a good plan. That's my two cents worth."

Steve Peterson PP 2011: "Take it easy. Listen to your Nobles. Listen to your Divan, they will support you. I wish him the best of luck. It will be an exciting year; it will be a fast year. Have fun doing it!"

Don Soberg PP 1981: "Keep active."
John Thorstad PP 2004: "Take and enjoy your year. It's going to be a fantastic experience. You're probably gonna wish that you could do it for 2 years. Continue with all your plans, travel around, meet all your Clubs and Units as much as you can—



Above, Julie and Larry's kids taking turns poking fun and expressing their love.

Right, sharing a tender moment after a good-natured roasting.



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let them know who you are. You are gonna enjoy a great year."

Bob Kaschel PP 2002: "Plan what you want to get done, then just go ahead and do it."

Tom Nelson PP 2008: "Do it as you see best and do the best job you can for Zor. Don't listen to the naysayers!" Mark Severson PP 2007 seconds Tom's sentiment "I never expected that out of Tom"

Stephen W. Willett PP 2009: "It's gonna be an exciting experience for him. Coming from Amery, he's gonna have a lot of driving but he's also going to be close to the Twin Cities hospital. He's got a number of strong Clubs up there that will be helping him. I see that his appointments will be coming from the Musky S.C. in the Spooner area. I will support him all I can and I think that everyone else will, too. One of the things that he's done already is to preserve that Shrine football game in River Falls. My advice to him is to just have fun doing it all."

Joe Thompson PP 2010: "The best advice I can give is to just be yourself. Don't make any changes. Just be yourself – that's how you got here."

Dick Jones PP 1991: "My suggestion to Riemenschneider, and I followed this policy when I became Potentate, is family is first, job is second, and Shrinedom is third. Keep that in mind this year."

Earl Buehler PP 2001: "I heard somebody say 'have fun'... don't sweat the little things and there are no big things. Do your best and really enjoy it. Hope that everything works out. Don't try and do everything yourself; let the other people get involved and spread it around. Give some new people some experiences. Just pick some new folks then keep them involved."

Dennis Korth PP Beja Shrine: "Keep

your nose clean. Be available for Nobility. Help the Nobility."

After some serious appetizers, it was time for the main course at the Fez Party hosted by the Directors Staff. Emcee John Thorstad welcomed everyone and started the banquet. Some folks were up to some shenanigans. Silverware went missing, a fish was planted in someone's purse, and napkins were used as head gear. (Oddly enough, "Stickyfingers" Hanson was in the clear on all this. Although, she did try to plant some evidence.)

Once dinner was finished, it was time for some entertainment from the local high school featuring a capella music. After that, the Divan Ladies put together a little show for the Nobility. Larry had a favorite soap called Fels-Naptha so they give him an impromptu cleaning and gave Julie a year's supply of the soap.

In the Roast portion of the evening, some of Larry and Julie's kids got up to share stories about them. The daughters all described themselves as the youngest and the favorite. They talked about Larry's career as a car salesman known as "Low Profit Larry". They talked about how many people Larry knows on a first name basis. They acknowledged that Larry is a talker. When you ask for a minute of his time, you get a minute then Larry gets the rest of the time. The kids talked about Larry and Julie's love of Disney World, especially Mickey Mouse. They are expecting to find a Zor fez with Mickey Mouse ears next year at the Annual Meeting. They commented on Larry's frugality and tight budget skills but his generosity especially for his family. Larry and Julie have been known to give Vidalia onions as Christmas gifts. The family talked about seeing the Shriners as kids and seeing the Amery Nobles driving around in their little cars. One daughter talked about Larry sacrificing his time and safety trying to teach her how to drive. She also talked about Lady Julie teaching her how to be a lady. The kids suggested auctioning off Julie's clothes and jewelry to raise money for the Shrine. The kids could not express how proud they are of Larry and Julie and they know that our Potentate and his Lady will do a fantastic job for us this year.

After all that, Miles Bradley said that he just figured out that "got onto a Mickey Mouse Divan".

The Nobility voted for Larry but it didn't go well. Larry offered to buy them all a round at the hospitality room then they voted for him. Julie was called to the podium and she had this to say: "Larry is a special guy and we celebrated almost 24 years of marriage. I have to say that I didn't know too much about Shriners until Larry became a Mason and a Shriner. This has been quite a journey. This has opened up a world for us that wouldn't have been there before. I thought that I would go along with this and try it. All of a sudden it has been 7 years and here it is. We believe in the cause and want to do as much as we can to promote Shriners and to promote membership. It's a marvelous organization. Thank you for letting us be a part of it." And with that, Julie placed the only diamond studded fez (that's for Don D.) on Potentate Larry's head.

"I intend to give to Zor Shriners all that I am able." The new Potentate finally got to speak. "Thank you, thank you, thank you! This has been a wonderful day. This reminds me of getting married – you have to wear the right outfit, the right jewelery, the right color shoes, and be right on time. I want to thank everyone for coming.

"There are lots of Shriners who work hard but never get thanked enough. They do all the stuff behind the scenes but they don't get the credit they deserve. So this year I want to make sure that they get what they deserve – thank you. Thank you, thank you, thank you!"



Wish these Zor Nobles a happy birthday:

David Anderson, Bruce Arnold, Kenneth Artis, Roger Barthel, James Beebe, Ralph Bergeland, Raymond Berklund, Eugene Blair, William Blakely, Ralph Buechler, Richard Burt, Lloyd Byington, Charles Calhoun, Robert Calverley, James Carlson, Ray Cherney, Thomas Chose, Laverne Clifton, James Cox, Eugene Danielson, Larry Derks, James Devoe, John Dodge, Thomas Dowman, Larry Drangstveit, David Dull, Gary Durgin, Howard Dutcher, Harland Emerson, John Englund, Ramon Erickson, Robert Everson, Arlie Fahrney, Darcy Fields, Frederick Freerking, Gordon Gasser, Peter Gehrke, Felix Geissler, Ross Gray, Fred Gudgeon, Philip Gullickson, Frank Hallada, Wayne Hamler, Duane Hammer, Clifford Hammond, Mathew Harvey, William Hawley, Eugene R. Helgoe, Ray Henning, Hoyt Henning, Howard Hetzel, Guy Hinkle, Donald Hiser, James Holler, Lee Hoppe, Merlin Huber, Martin Hunt, Merlin Isaacson, Richard Jewell, James Jewell, Rodney Johnson, Eugene Jonas, Gerald Jordan, Robert Kastens, Emerson Kellom, Philip F. Krause, Rolland Krauss, Chris Kreul, Thomas Lachapelle, David Lamb, James Leason, Daniel Linehan, James Litvinoff, Edward Mahlum, Duane Mc Clain, Gary Melstrom, Edward Michels, Burton Mills, Gerald Neath, Virgil Nylander, Kenneth Olm, James Olson, Kenneth Olson, Frank Olszewski, Harold Parker, John Parkyn, Robert Pederson, Larry Pfeiffer, Thomas Punsel, Roger Reas, William Reitter, Larry Riemenschneider, Frederick Robinson, John Roelli, Howard Rogers, James Rox, David Schliem, Donald A. Schultz, John Senty, Peter Smith, Donald Soberg, Curtis Soderholm, Warren O. Somerfeld, Stanley Spivey, Dewayne Steckel, James Stelsel, Dale Stewart, John Strand, Morris Streich, James Swan, Richard Swan, Gerald Swiggum, Keith Syvrud, Alexander Thornton, Robert Tottingham, J.B. Van Hollen, Leland Weber, Daryl Wells, John White, James Williams, Keith Williams, Terry Williams, Robert Williamson, David Williamson, Thomas Wittmayer, & Lee Zabka.



Calendar Raffle Winners

Congratulations to our first lucky winners of the New Year! Top winners were: Ryan Simmons, Platteville, \$100; John Lee, Mt Horeb, \$100; Lisa Walther, Cameron, \$100; Phyllis Komplin, Madison, \$100; Monica Arnold, Sparta, \$150; and M. Haukereid, Monona, \$200.

The \$20 dollar winners were: Neil Caswell, Fredonia; Matt Pinckney, West Hartford, CT; Jean Harrie Brennecke, Sparta; Wayne Lankey Kaukauna; Candice Zirngible, Medford;

Kaukauna; Candice Zirngible, Medford; Gloria Risberg, Madison; Chris Kreul, Fennimore; Vince Gandolph, Madison; Emil Reichow, Oshkosh; Monte Steiber, Prairie du Chien; Arliene Winner, Cottage Grove; Dawn Stokke, Hudson; Cliff Larson, Arkdale; Grace Neath, Brooklyn; Deb & Dave Traugott, Walnut, CA; Rhonda Cornett, Tomah; Joann Lokken, Baldwin; Stacy Opsal, Middleton; Joanna Koeppel, Ft Atkinson; Tim Hop, Woodville; David Koskey, Ludington, MI; Frances Goon, Friendship; Nicole Carlson, Bemidji, MN; Tim Pike, Janesville; & David Johnson, New



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