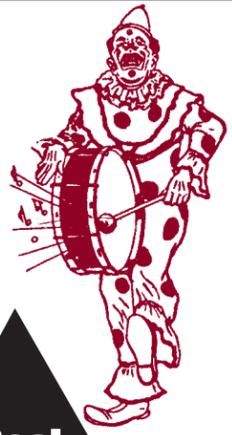


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**Recorder's Roll Call**



**Jim Stelsel, Recorder**

Here, it's March and Spring is just around the corner so long as we do not get the corner snowed in before it's officially Spring.

Non-payment of dues for the current year again is a problem for Zor again his year. Dues are payable by January

1 of the current year. Your dues help support Zor Shriners, Imperial, and our Shrine Hospitals. In March, all Shrine Temples are required to send your \$15.00 per capita and your \$5.00 Hospital assessment to Imperial for each Noble regardless if you have paid your dues or not. As of March 1, 2012 we have over 300 Zor Nobles who have not paid their 2012 dues. When a Noble has not paid his current dues, it costs time and money for the Office and membership. Nobles have to be assigned to contact you to follow up as to why you have not paid your current dues. For these reasons, Zor is urging you to please pay your 2012 dues. If for some reason you are unable to pay your dues, please contact the Zor Shriners Office so we may determine if we can offer assistance to you.

March events start with the Mehara SC Potentate's Party at the Plaza Hotel in Eau Claire on the 3rd, the Gun Raffle Drawing at the Zor Shriners Center on the 11th, and the Scottish Rite Spring Reunion at the La Crosse Masonic Center on the 31st. In April, the Daughters of the Nile Installation at the Madison Shrine Center on the 1st, the Easter Egg Hunt at the Madison Zor Shrine Center on the 7th, and the Scottish Rite Spring Reunion at the Madison Masonic Center on the 20th -21st.

**BRING IN THOSE CANDIDATES!**



**From The Potentate**

*Larry J. Riemenschneider*



**WE DRIVE SO KIDS MAY THRIVE!**

It is an honor to represent Zor Shriners as Potentate. I want to thank everyone for their support as we continue to raise funds for our fraternity and for the Shrine Hospitals. In 2011, PP Steve Peterson and Lady Mary Ellen did a great job of growing members and having fun in the process. My plans are to continue the growth and retention.

Showing our thankfulness is one of my goals this year. I want to begin by thanking the Zor office staff. Recorder Jim Stelsel, Office Manager Lisa Boline, and Bookkeeper Pat Parrell-Sonnenberg are so helpful to me and keep me on the straight and narrow. Thank you! PP Dick Jones contributes countless hours looking after the building and grounds. I think some of these things go unnoticed. So, Thanks!

My Divan line, along with their Ladies, have generously given of their time at events and meetings to keep current with issues. As they attend meetings and events, we know they sometimes sacrifice time with their families. Even though we tell them that family comes first, there are times when Zor has to come first.

The Indianhead Shrine Club and Rice Lake Snobirds Snowmobile Club hosted their 17th annual fundraiser on January 21st. The lack of snow this year prevented them from driving on the trails so some of them went ice fishing instead. Then Paul and Delores Buesser invited us for an indoor picnic lunch at their beautiful home. Captain of the Guard Bob Hering, Lady Julie, and I attended the daytime events. In the evening, Lady Julie and I returned for the dinner at the Masonic Lodge and to hear the outcome of the funds raised for the hospital.... \$9,817.86. Thanks to Noble Jim Sockness for chairing the event.

On January 28th Lady Julie and I attended the Zuhrah Shriners Potentate's Ball in Minneapolis. The theme was Mardis Gras and their Shrine Club did it up right. We met our counterparts from Osman, El Riad, Kem, and Khartoum there.

February 4th we journeyed to Monroe

and helped serve the annual Green County Shrine Club Pancake Breakfast to over 800 people. It was marvelous to see such a big turnout. In the evening, we returned to Waunakee to be guests of honor at the Zor Clown Party. This turned out to be a very fun event as Foxy made me up as "AUTO" the clown. Thanks to Dale Hansen, Larry Hansen, and the Clowns for providing such an entertaining evening.

February 9 - 11, the annual Midwest Shrine Association (MSA) was hosted at Grand Forks, ND by the KEM Shriners, who did a super job. The elected Divan plus Housing Chairman Joe Harker and Chief of Staff Wayne Henning attended the event. We enjoyed being inside all at one location at the Alerus Center the whole time. We also enjoyed having Imperial Sir Mike Severe with us along

with other Imperial Sirs.

We must concentrate on membership. We are at 1700 members starting out on 1-01-2012. We will be issuing passports to blue lodge members to enjoy Shrine Club dinners and invite them to see what Shriners do to have a little fun. Several of our northern shrine clubs already combine lodge and Shriners for various functions together. We have approximately 13,500 Blue Lodge members in Wisconsin and approximately 4,500 Shriners (between Zor, Beja, & Tripoli) which is 33 percent. We must strive to increase this percentage.

My article next month will report on the Zor Shrine Circus and the Mehara Shrine Club Party. Until then, thank you to the hospital dads and their helpers who "drive so kids may thrive".

Fraternally,  
 Larry Riemenschneider



Zuhrah Potentate Tony Krall and Lady Bev along with Zor Potentate Larry Riemenschneider and Lady Julie.

**Zor Shriner's 2012 Calendar**

March	April	May	June	July
3 Mehara SC Potentate Party, Plaza Hotel	1 Daughters of the Nile Installation, Zor Shriners Center	20 - 21 Scottish Rite Spring Reunion, Madison Masonic Center	9 Zor Ceremonial, New Richmond	1 - 5 Imperial Session, Charlotte, NC
3 Mini Cars Spring Fling, VFW Club, Stoughton	7 Easter Egg Hunt, Zor Shriners Center	15 Steak Fry, Zor Shriners Center	9 Potentate's Ball, New Richmond	7 Mallards baseball Game, Madison
11 Gun Raffle Drawing, Zor Shriners Center	14 After Easter Leaster Bowling event, Platteville	10 Quarterly Meeting, Zor Shriners Center		10 Quarterly Meeting, Zor Shriners Center
28-31 Shrine Directors Convention, San Antonio, TX	14 & 21 Scottish Rite Spring Reunion,	10 Steak Fry, Zor Shriners Center		15 Mini Cars Picnic, Edgerton
31 Scottish Rite Spring Reunion, La Crosse Masonic Center		21 Zor Midgets Motorcycle Ride, La Crosse/Viroqua area		21 Zor Midgets Motorcycle Ride, La Crosse/Viroqua area
		28 La Crosse Potentate Party, Jansky's Eagles Nest		28 La Crosse Potentate Party, Jansky's Eagles Nest

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# 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 Midgets handed off the scimitar the Vernon Shrine Club (plus they brought some great meatballs for potluck). Tom Tourville also came along to cause problems and, mercifully, Jerry Mattakat was far, far away. Seated l-r, Al Scafe, Brian Rauch, Al Brueggen, & Roger Matson Jr. Standing l-r, Ramon Erickson, Duane "Dewey" Dreyes, & Marlowe Nelson.

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.

Here are the 2012 stops so far:  
Zor Midgets, Tomah area  
Vernon Shrine Club, Viroqua area



## Easter Bunny Visits Zorland

Mark your calendars for Zor's Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Bring your kids, grandkids, great-grand kids, or the neighbor's kids. This event is open to everyone. The Easter Egg hunt will be from 11:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on Saturday April 7th at the Zor Shriners Center. Dress for the weather. We will hold this event outside if at all possible. Hopefully we can get the Easter Bunny when he has lots of candy on hand. He will be there at approximately 1 P.M. There is no cost to anyone but reservations are required. So send in the coupon by April 2nd or call 1-608-862-3227 or 1-608-778-0802 or e-mail [hanso@tds.net](mailto:hanso@tds.net).

# Updated Terminology Info

Zor Shriners is the name of our organization. It is NOT Zor Shrine, or Zor Shrine Temple, or Zor Temple. It IS OKAY to just say "Zor." Zor Shriners is a fraternal organization NOT a charitable organization. Per HQ regulations, anything following "Zor" MUST be SHRINERS.

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It is NOT okay to say that we treat children for free, or that we provide free care. This is not correct. All care and services are provided regardless of the patients' ability to pay.

It is important that all our Nobles and Ladies are on the same page when

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When you are writing your club newsletters, or working on material for a fundraiser, it is important that you use the proper terminology as mandated by our HQ.

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### Summary Sheet of Proper Terminology:



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# How Sweet They Are...



## VIDALIA ONIONS

It's the time of the year to think Vidalia Onions. Our onion grower, Shad Dasher fellow Shriner, has planted those sweet onions. He is keeping the price per bag the same as it has been for the past several years, so we will keep the price the same also--\$10 per bag.

I am challenging all Clubs and Units to increase your onion sales this year! Let's sell TWO full semi truckloads of onions! It has not happened yet—let's make this the year we do it!

Buy One Bag and Sell TWO Bags! I am increasing the challenge this year. Encourage every noble in your Unit or Club to Buy One Bag and Sell Two Bags! If every noble in Zor Shriners buys one bag and sells two bags of Vidalia Onions, we will meet the goal of selling two full semi truckloads of onions!

Many nobles answered this challenge last year and stopped in at the Zor Shriners Center in Madison and picked up onions that were left there for that purpose. Nobles who have not participated in the past answered this challenge. We increased our sales and I want to thank those who participated. I would like to encourage

those in other areas to do this, also.

Pre-selling onions is a great way to get sales prior to the delivery of the onions. It worked well for many people last year. The secret for success is to get several sales at one location, such as your work place, an organization, etc. This simplifies the delivery process—you can deliver several bags of onions to one place!

I would like to recognize St. Croix Valley Shrine Club for outstanding onion sales in 2011. This club sold a record 12,500 pounds of onions—that's 1,250 bags! They advertise on the radio and in the newspaper and sell the majority of these onions in just one weekend. I want to thank Jerry Hauschildt and fellow nobles for this wonderful effort. Try this idea with your Club or Unit.

I would appreciate any ideas/suggestions you may have to increase our Vidalia Onion sales; please feel free to call or email me with your ideas, as well as with any questions you may have.

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## Pins in Platteville – The After-Easter Leaster Returns

The 2nd Annual After Easter Leaster bowling tournament is back for more fun this year. The Southwestern WI Shrine Clubs special event is Saturday April 14th at Pioneer Lanes, 1185 Hwy 151, Platteville, WI. Only \$20 per player entry fee. 3 per lanes - Singles Scratch. To register early, please send completed form and payment to: Wally Trouten, 6786 N. Elm, Platteville, WI 53818. Deadline to guarantee your reservation is April 1st. Walk-ins will be honored and mocked.

The object of the game is to get the lowest score. The purpose of Low Ball is to practice on your 7 and 10 pins and to practice focusing on a specific target. You want to get the lowest score, but there is a catch. Here are the rules for Low Ball:

- 10 frame game
- Ball must hit at least one pin
- Every gutter ball or zero (0) count = +10 to final score
- Lowest score wins

In Low Ball, bowling strikes and spares are scored exactly the same way you would score a strike or spare in a regular game of bowling. At least one pin needs to be knocked down. A perfect game in low ball is a twenty (20). Meaning that one pin is knocked over on each of the two balls per frame in the score. To get the lowest possible score, aim for the 7 and 10 pin each frame. If you knock down 4 pins on your first ball, you want to try to hit only one of the remaining six pins down. If you knock down 6 pins on your first ball, you want to try to hit only one of the remaining 4 pins and so on. A gutter ball will be recorded as a strike if it is on the first ball in a frame. If on the second ball you do throw a gutter ball, it will score as a spare. You've got to knock or topple over at least one pin on each thrown ball to get a low score. Therefore, this version of the game is quite a challenge. If there is a tie, there will be a 5 frame bowl off.

# Miss America Visited Zorland as Miss Wisconsin

By Milt Helmer

The strikingly beautiful and multi-talented Laura Kaeppler of Kenosha, Wisconsin, was crowned Miss America on Saturday January 14th in Las Vegas, NV. On a recent trip throughout the state as Miss Wisconsin, Laura visited with members of the St. Croix Valley Shrine Club during the club's annual Little East-West Shrine Game and Parade.

The then Miss Wisconsin Laura Kaeppler is shown above right with Zor Roadrunners parade unit members. Left to right are Dave Vold of River Falls, Bob Peirson & Gene Bonnes of New Richmond, Jim Wolfe of River Falls, Dan Hoffman of Hudson, Sherm Boucher of New Richmond, Capt. Jerry Wilkens of River Falls, Miss Kaeppler, Dave Hoffman of Baldwin, and Jason Decheine of River Falls.

The soon to be crowned Miss America also greeted the Shrine Game's parade marshal Collin Schone of Glenwood City (right).



## Valley of Madison Fundraiser

The Ladies of the Valley of Madison are hosting a fundraiser to support the Children's Dyslexia Center-Madison on April 14 at the Madison Masonic Center, 300 Wisconsin Ave, Madison. The schedule is: Multi-Item Raffle and Cash Bar at 10:30 a.m.; Luncheon at noon; Yahara River Chorus at 12:45 p.m.; followed by distribution of the raffle prizes and tours of the Children's Dyslexia Center.

For tickets, send a check for \$30 per person to Children's Dyslexia Center – Madison, Deb Holmen, Treasurer, 13 St. Albans Ave, Madison, WI, 53714. Deadline April 4, 2012. For additional information about hosting a table for the event, call 608-873-6433 or e-mail Judie at [rjnitz@tds.net](mailto:rjnitz@tds.net).

# BRING IN THOSE CANDIDATES!

# Snowmobile Event Lacked Snow, Had Excess of Fun!



The Indianhead Shrine Club at Rice Lake held a very successful Snowmobile fundraising event on Saturday, January 21st. It was their 17th annual event with 17 riders. Because there was very little snow, several of the riders went ice fishing instead. But they had already raised \$9,817.86 through pledges and outright donations. The riders were considering a cookout for lunch that day; however with temperatures several degrees below zero they were happy to go to Jim and Delores Buessers' home for a tasty lunch of barbeques, brats, hotdogs, beans, and all the fixings.

The Snowmobilers and the Indianhead Shrine Club members and guests met in the evening at the Lodge for a delicious meal prepared and served by the Blue Hills Caterers. Chuck Nelson acted as host. Larry Hoyer was the Master of Ceremonies. Several Zor Shriners attended including Past Potentate Kevin Johnson and Janet, Divan Marshal Gary Cuskey, Divan Captain of the Guard Bob Hering,

Divan Aide Larry Wiegand and Sheila, Ralph and Laurie Thompson and Potentate Larry Riemenschneider and Julie.

Jim Sockness, President of Indianhead Shrine Club and several volunteers received the pledges. Pete Schneider, head of the Snowmobilers thanked the riders for obtaining pledges and also thanked the folks who solicited businesses for prizes. Pete called the riders forward to receive their prizes in order of the top fundraisers. Once again Jim Ebner took first place. Jim reported raising a total of \$46,555 in the seventeen years of this event. And Brent Thunberg, who is a Shrine kid, has raised \$14,953 himself since he was a child. The poker run yielded \$62 of which one-half was donated to Indianhead for the Twin Cities Shrine Hospital, and the other half was divided among the three winning hands.

Potentate Larry Riemenschneider presented awards to several in attendance. He presented Ellwood Thomas a certificate for 25 years as Chaplain and Jim Sockness

a certificate for 17 years as chairman of the snowmobile event. Then Potentate Larry presented certificates of appreciation to all seventeen members of the snowmobile club.

Seven employees of Kohl's in Rice Lake each donated three hours of service at the dinner under the KOHL'S CARES program. They took care of coats and hats as guests arrived, helped serve the meal and carry plates for those who needed help, and cleaned up afterward. And then Kohl's donated \$500 to the Indianhead Shrine Club for the Twin Cities Shrine Hospital. Alyssa Berschneider, one of the Kohl's employees told us that her brother,

Zach was born with a club foot. Zach, now 19, was cared for from infancy at the Twin Cities Shrine Hospital. Alyssa's father Barry Berschneider also attended the event and couldn't say enough good about the hospital. He was also pleased to learn about the follow up program for kids over the age of 21 who continue therapy at Gillette Hospital and at Stillwater.



## Ellsworth High School entertains at Shrine Valentine party

The students of the Ellsworth High School entertained following the St. Croix Valley Shrine Club's annual Valentines Party on Friday, February 10 at the Ellsworth Masonic Center. Pictured are the students and choir director Peter Dulak. — Photo by Jerry Bristol, Past President



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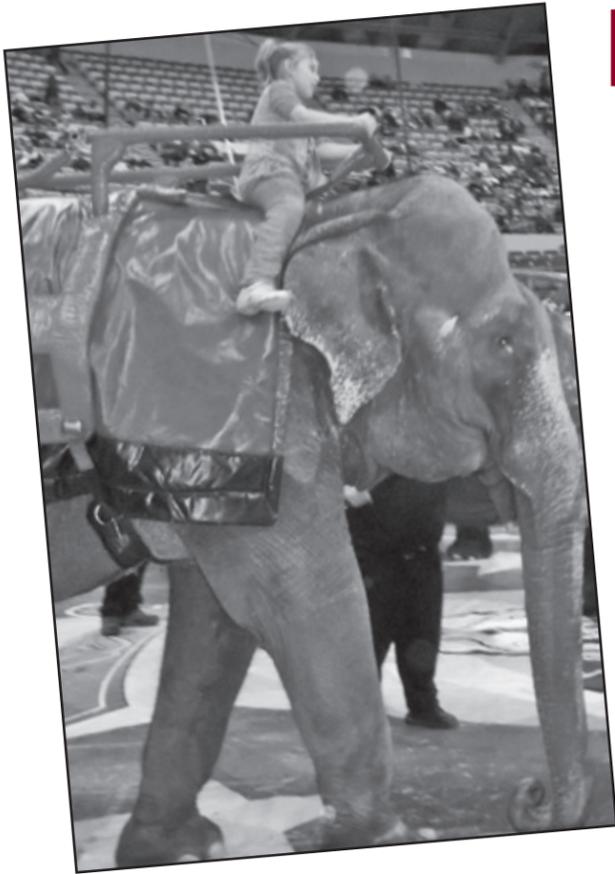
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# Elephants Proudly Parade at Madison Circus

Story and photos by Todd Wohlert



**“Programs!  
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It was a long, tiring, but fun weekend at the Alliant Energy in Madison for the Annual Zor Shriners Circus. Nobles and their Ladies from all over the state came to help with Zor’s largest fundraiser. The George Cardin Circus was amazing, as always. Great weather made it possible for thousands of people from near and far to attend the shows featuring tigers, dancers, motorcycles, and elephants. There were some minor problems with animal lovers with good intentions but a lack of facts and even they could not dampen the fun and excitement for the circus.

The circus committee thanks the Clubs and Units for purchasing the 18 bicycles that were given away following

intermission of each show. The Pipes and Drums again purchased the bike helmets for all the winners. Other program door prizes were Mallards’ baseball tickets and Red Lobster gift card’s. 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. The Ringmasters Club and final circus results will be printed in the April Zephyr.

Give a tip of the Fez to Dan Stormont, who made the arrangements for Miss Wisconsin, Emily Guerin, to sing the National Anthem at the performances. She was a big hit with the crowds and the Nobility. Almost every Noble and Clown

had to have a picture taken with her.

A Cold Sands initiation took place between the first two shows on Saturday. Please welcome our new Nobles Shane Brath from Doric Lodge #356, Mike Rufer from Columbus Lodge #75, & Jason Nelson from Columbus Lodge #75.

Noble Jonathan Derer brought his 5 year-old daughter Jorja to the show dressed as princess because that is what you have to do when you go to the circus. “Jorja loved the show all three times (on Saturday). She was very excited about the elephants. Bo is awesome. Jorja has been enthralled with the dancers. Everyone that I have talked to has absolutely loved the show. People have been really, really pleased with the circus this year.”

Noble Chuck Porter made a rare statement: “The circus went great this year...real good crowd...lot of support this year from the Nobles. Miss Wisconsin was a real big highlight. Hopefully, ‘Sweet Old’ Bill didn’t scare her away.”

“It was a special weekend for a lot of reasons,” said Chief Rabban Bob Gorsuch. “It’s great being with other Shriners and their families. It’s great seeing the joy on the kids’ faces when they come out – that’s what it’s all about.”

The best clown in the biz, Lyle “Foxy” Fox had this to say: “I thought it was great. The crowds have been good; the kids have been great, and the kids like the clowns, of course. Miss Wisconsin was beautiful. I was a little upset at the harassment we had from the PETA people. Some of the literature they passed out today was blatantly false and we ignored them. I had a fellow come to me who was with a group of handicapped seniors and he wanted to know if I would take a couple of pictures with them. I came over and

ended up taking about 15 pictures. That was a highlight, along with the kids. I’m proud to be part of the #1 Clown Unit – the Zor Clowns.”

High Priest and Prophet Monte Steiber shared this: “I think that it was an excellent show. Good attendance this year compared to last year when we had the bad weather. The circus acts are good and everyone I talked to really enjoyed the show. I had my four grandchildren here along with my son and daughter-in-law – that was a real highlight. It’s fun to watch the kids with the clowns prior to the show. They stopped to get their pictures taken with them. The clowns really add a lot to the circus. The help we got from the Nobles this year has been outstanding.”

“Another great show, a little different than the last couple of years,” said Steve Peterson PP. “That makes it good; it makes it interesting so our customers come back every year. It’s always fun to come to the circus. The trampoline act was amazing considering their size – these guys were pretty hefty. It’s always fun to watch the motorcycles.”

“George Cardin has put together another fantastic show, as he always does. We’ve gotten compliments on the circus, the costumes, the acts. It’s great to watch all the kids have fun and scream and get excited.” This Circus Co-chair and PP wore most of the leather off his shoes running around the Alliant Energy Center but John Thorstad took a moment to speak: “Very few minor problems and a couple conflicts with the PETA people but compliments to the Dane County Deputies, the RTM Security Company, and the Dane County employees in the building here (for their work). Having Miss Wisconsin here to sing the National



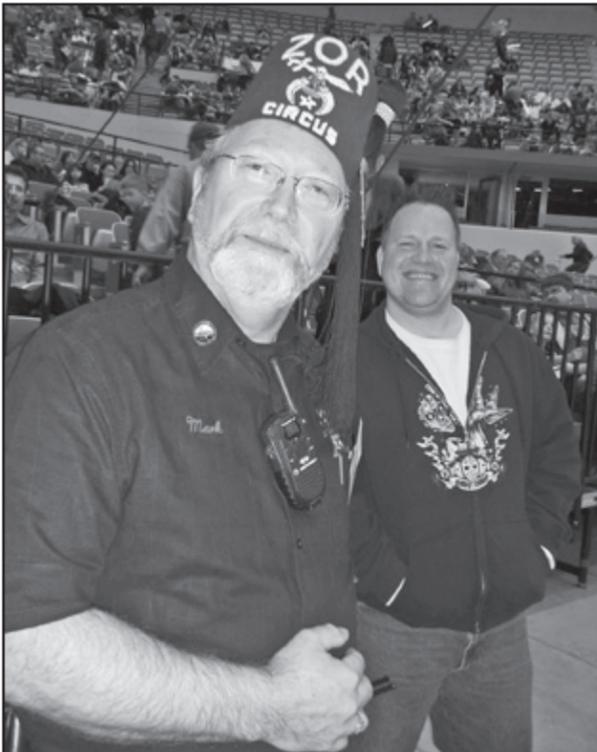
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Danny & Casey from the Wranglers working the stands.



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Popcorn the Clown holds still long enough to take picture.

Anthem is just fantastic. It's nice to have someone to sing it live and not have to rely on a tape."

"It was a great circus; it was terrific. We had a Cold Sands today and one of the new guys is dressed up like a clown already," said 2nd Ceremonial Master Chuck Miller. "He did a great job. He's joining the Zor Clowns which some people refer to as the #2 Clown Unit. Foxy did a terrific job making him up (as a clown). My wife had her face painted as a tiger but all the guys think she is a cougar."

"I enjoy the circus every year," said Potentate Aide Wally Trouten. "Every edition of the Shrine circus is always fun. I always like watching the motorcycles - those guys are crazy. The dancers are amazing. All these performers are great. I'm glad to see the great turnout."

"HONK HONK, SQUEEK SQUEEK," went Billy the Clown with his horn, then he actually spoke to us as Larry Hanson, Assistant Rabban. "The opinions of the people, after the show, have been really positive. A lot of them said that they will be returning next year. I think overall, the circus has been really good."

"Ya know, it's was a good circus. Weather was just wonderful for us. We had good crowds. Everything's been going great," said Tom Nelson PP. "My favorite part is the human cannonball. I like the little doggy dressed up as an elephant, too. Overall, it's a really good circus."

"Real good show this year from what I hear. I didn't see too much of it. I was working security for most of it," said Oriental Guide Bob Giesler then he added, "Really good participation from the Clubs and Units and real good weather this year."

"I always love the circus - I look forward to it," said John "Rags" Pecotte from the Zor Clowns. "I think that the

Shriners really enjoy it. They like doing it as individuals. I think that it is a great way to get ourselves out to the community - to show who we are and what we are about. It's about having fun and helping people."

Miss Wisconsin Emily Guerin enjoyed herself: "It was a great experience. I love singing and I was very blessed that they asked me to do this for the circus. My friend Dan Stormont, from the Pipes and Drums, thought of me and called me up to do this. I haven't seen a circus since I was little and I'm pumped to watch it!"

A very tired Circus Co-chair and PP, Mark Severson, took some time to talk about the weekend: "Everybody's been real good. We had one issue with a video camera. Other than that, everyone has been real cooperative. The crowds have been really good and everybody's been well behaved. We have lots and lots of nice comments. Grandmas and grandpas have been stopping to say 'thanks'. The kids are smiling when they're leaving. Their lips are purple or blue or whatever from the snow cones or cotton candy. The shows have been tremendous."

New Noble Shane Brath was impressed and made up like a clown: "This is pretty cool. I've never been here before. I'm always a clown but now I have a proper place. I plan to join the Zor Clowns and Geekz Squad. I heard that there is a rivalry between the clown units. I'm waiting for the Hot Sands in the Fall."

"It's a great day to be a Shriner," said Treasure Dale Anderson. "Trying to separate the clowns so I could have just one clown with me to sell programs was a challenge. I just wanted one, not an alley of clowns."

"My feet hurt, I walked too much, and I lost my car in the parking lot," said "Sweet Old" Bill Burkhardt. "Miss

Wisconsin made it all worthwhile, though. Isn't she a nice girl? She's a lot taller than I thought."

"I think that the circus was fantastic this year," said Potentate Larry Riemenschneider. "The weather was perfect. The crowd has been good. It was a real pleasure to have Miss Wisconsin here to sing the National Anthem. Everybody worked hard. All the Ladies did a great job with the food and tickets. Security has been good. John and Mark worked very hard with the Directors Staff helping. Everything went real good. I am so happy with the outcome of the circus. I just think that it has been a perfect circus this year."



The Divan Ladies can't wait for the show to start!



Dick and the guys working the box office.



The Divan stand at solemn attention, even the clowns.



Riemo showing off one of the many bicycles that we gave away.



Above, this is one of the greatest days of "Sweet Old" Bill's life. Miss Wisconsin will probably never forget it, either...  
To the right, another one of our bicycle winners.



The Potentate with our new Nobles and their top line signers: Dale Holmen, Shane Brath, Potentate Larry, Mike Rufer, Matt Schultz, Jason Nelson, & Joe Thompson PP.



Stickers the Clown and Catwoman



Three Clowns: one of these guys is not like the other. That's right; the one on the right does not have a moustache.



## It's Time for the Annual Wausau Potentate's Party

The Wausau Indians and their Ladies invite you to their annual Potentate Party on Saturday, April 28th at the Elks Club (414 Scott St.) in Wausau to honor III. Sir Larry Riemenschneider and Lady Julie. They invite you to enjoy lunch at one of the fine eateries at or near the Jefferson Inn. They have a room reserved at the City Grille at the Jefferson Inn at noon for those that would like to join us there. This is dutch treat for those that are interested. Otherwise, visit the rejuvenated Downtown Wausau area with great eateries.

The Divan meeting will be at 1:00 at the Elk's Club. Mark Severson will host a Hospital Dad's meeting at 1:00, the Quarterly meeting is at 2:30 p.m., and the Membership meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Social hour will begin at 4:45 with dinner to follow with entertainment, plus their annual raffle for the beautiful locally grown geraniums, and you won't want to miss your chance to take one of those home.

It will be a great weekend to spend in Central Wisconsin. They will have entertainment & shopping opportunities for the Ladies while the Nobles are laboring in their meetings. See more details in the April ZEPHYR.

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# Zor Shriners Welcome "Auto" the Clown

Story and photos by Todd Wohlert

Clowns of all shapes and sizes poured into Rex's Innkeeper in Waunakee for the annual Zor Clown party Saturday March 4 to honor the new Potentate and to show off his inner clown. The Past Potentates proudly showed off their portraits from previous events featuring Soda Cracker, Tommy Turtle, Lightbulb, Soot, and other Potentate clowns. Some other high ranking clowns from the International Shrine Clown Association (ISCA) were in attendance as well - Randy "Wuzzles" Weldon, President, and Mark "Buzzy" Burgad, Vice-President (soon to be President).

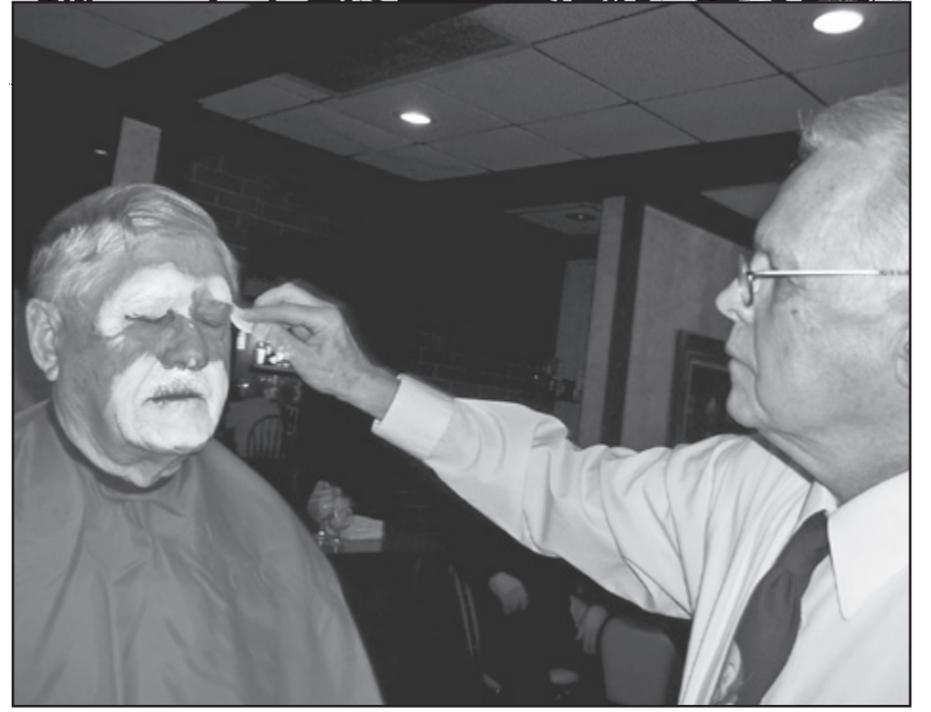
Emcee Dale Holmen started the banquet off with warm greetings and clown hospitality. Our guests from the ISCA joined Dale in giving us the Red Skelton version of the Pledge of Allegiance and an opening prayer. Then it was dinner time with Rex's fantastic food and service. Table conversations were varied and interesting, as always, including how NOT to surprise your lady while dressed as a clown, sound monetary investments, and being on vacation in Vietnam today as opposed to 40 years ago.

After a great meal, it was time for the show! This is an event that every Divan member looks forward to while on his trip

up the progressive line. Based on themes, professions, and previous adventures, this is the night the Zor Clowns transform the new Potentate into his official clown persona - a once in a lifetime event! Lyle "Foxy" Fox got out the grease paint and got to work on Potentate Larry "Riemo" Riemenschneider. The Nobles and Ladies offered encouragement as Foxy worked his magic on Riemo. One Noble offered to shave off Riemo's moustache with his pocket knife but that wouldn't be necessary - Foxy had it under control.

Once the makeup was applied and the rubber nose was attached, Riemo was led to another room to put on his outfit. While that was happening, Dale gave away door prizes and Wuzzles and Buzzy addressed the Nobility with fun stories and info about the ISCA. They encouraged all of us to "just get out there and clown and help support the hospitals and the kids." Dale announced that the Nobility raised \$586 that evening for the Red Sneaker fund in honor of Potentate Larry and Lady Julie. This also being the Sweethearts dinner, the Nobles came up to the front and picked up a long stem flower which was then gently

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Foxy painstakingly applying the makeup to Potentate Larry.



Larry wonders if this stuff will come off or not.



Our guests from the ISCA: Randy "Wuzzles" Weldon, President, and Mark "Buzzy" Burgad, Vice-President.



Lady Julie showed up with a Noble and went home with a clown.



Foxy shows off his 2012 masterpiece, "Auto" the clown.

## “Auto” the Clown...

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hand-delivered to his Lady. The lovely young bartender received a couple of flowers from the bachelor Nobles.

Finally, the big moment had arrived – it was time to unveil the brand new Zor Clown “Auto”, decked out in a sparkly hat and vest decorated with little cars and car salesman quotes. The Nobility as well as the Potentate thoroughly enjoyed Foxy’s work yet again. Foxy made a special presentation to PP John Thorstad to thank him for featuring his clown image in all the Shrine Circus advertising – a can of rare lutefisk pieces.

Before Foxy was able to be interviewed about the event, he disappeared into the night. Rumor has it that the Funsters stuffed him into the back of a van and took him to Wisconsin Rapids in the hopes of getting him to join them and cement their claim as the #1 clown unit. These rumors are completely unsubstantiated but make for good reading nonetheless.

“Another great party. It brought back good memories – memories that I’ll never forget,” said Steve Peterson PP. “They did a great job on Larry. It’ll take him awhile to get the make-up out of his moustache. When I went through the process, I got most of the makeup out the first night but I had to check my moustache for a couple of days after that to make sure it was clean!”

Assistant Rabban and Zor Clown Larry Hanson had this to say: “The party went great – it always does. Foxy always does an excellent job. We spend about a year just getting ready for this. We’re already working on the next Potentate’s project. I talked to the ISCA guys and there is no other Shrine that does this. We are the only ones and they are pretty impressed. The Funsters will never turn Foxy. He is devoted to the Zor Clowns – the #1 clown unit!”

“It was another wonderful evening,” said John Thorstad PP, “Dale does a great job putting these parties together. We had a good crowd and Larry looks fantastic dressed as a clown.”

“It was a great party. Foxy does a great job every year making up the new Potentate. Larry’s enthusiasm is so contagious. We love it. It’s gonna be a great year,” said Chuck Miller, 2nd Ceremonial Master (a.k.a. “Marshal-for-life” a.k.a. “Dr. Feelgood”) and Funster. In regards to the competition between the Funsters and the Zor Clowns, he had this to say: “We have been and always will be #1 in fun.”

“Just fantastic. Another great night with the Zor Shriners,” said Joe Thompson PP. “(The Nobility) was well represented. It was a good showing for Larry (with) good support. The clowns do a great job down here in #1 country. We hope, for the sake of competition, that #2 gets the hint and moves up the ladder. My advice for Larry in regards to getting the makeup out of his moustache – shave it off.”

One of our guests from the ISCA, Mark “Buzzy” Burgad, shared his thoughts: “This is a wonderful thing. It’s really nice to see your Potentates willingly participate in this event. That’s something that we don’t see very often. It’s a really good idea – it’s a good way for your Potentates to get involved with your clown units and get them to support your clown units.”

“It was a good party... good turnout... food was good,” said High Priest and Prophet Monte Steiber. “Foxy does a super job – it’s always interesting to see what they come up with for the new Potentate.”

“All I have to say is ‘if you’re gonna be a Shriner, you’ve got to have fun,’” said Chief Rabban Bob Gorsuch. “What gets Shriners and keeps Shriners is having fun!”

“I think that the party was great,” said Bob Calverley, Membership Chairman and Funster. “The Zor Clowns always put on a good party but I still think that the Funsters are #1. Foxy did a great job on Larry.”

“I loved it; it was great,” said Randy “Wuzzles” Weldon, our other guest from ISCA. “I’m glad to see that this is a clown tradition that has been going on for many years. At home, we actually dress our Potentate up as a clown at our Annual circus. He gets to see what we do and he has a new outlook on what the clowns are. It’s definitely worth putting the Potentates in makeup to see what we go through. I’m just glad to see other Shrines are doing similar types of things and I really appreciated being invited up here to be a part of it. Just remember the kids – that’s what we are here for.”

The Potentate gets the last word: “This event is great. The Zor Clowns don’t make anyone look ugly. They don’t get offensive. They don’t make anyone look bad. It’s always good clean fun. The whole process was great. Foxy is a professional. Everything is tastefully done. Of course, the Zor Clowns try to scare you a little bit by threatening to shave you but it’s all fun. I wasn’t worried. I saw what they did last year and Steve Peterson still has his moustache. I love the design and it fits me to a T. The best part is I get to keep all the clown gear!” Riemo finished his comment with a clown horn squeak.



Auto takes his place with the rest of the PP clowns.

# Divan Attends MSA Planning Session

By Joseph Harker, PGM,  
Housing Chairman, D.D.S., Ph.D., etc.



Grand Forks, ND: Potentate Larry Riemenschneider led Zor’s delegation to Kem Shriners Oasis in Grand Forks, ND to attend the Midwest Shrine Associations (MSA) mid-winter meeting. The event was held Thursday–Saturday 9-11 February 2012. In addition to Potentate Larry, were Chief Rabban Bob Gorsuch, Asst. Rabban Larry (Billy) Hanson, High Priest and Prophet Monte Steiber, Oriental Guide Bob Giesler, Chief of Staff Wayne Henning, and Housing Chairman Joe Harker. Also in attendance were special guests Imperial Potentate, Illustrious Sir Michael Severe, Imp. Deputy Potentate, Ill Sir Alan Madsen, Imp. Asst. Rabban, Ill Sir Dale Stauss, Imp. Outer Guard Ill Sir James Smith, and Past Imp. Sir Doug Maxwell, Chairman - Shriners Hospital for Children.

Zor’s delegation, arrived late Thursday afternoon, spent time checking in, reacquainting with old friends from other 13 MSA Shrine Oasis’s and selling 40-gun raffle chances. Friday morning opened with the General Session for all Nobles followed by numerous informational meetings and making arrangements for the 2012 MSA Summer Session. Friday evening, Ahmed Shriners from Marquette Michigan, the newly determined site of the 2016 MSA meetings, hosted the pre-dinner social hour in recognition of Ahmed having been selected to host 2016 winter and summer sessions. After dinner, Illustrious Sir Severe presented a very informative session addressing a new public relations commitment with Leo Burnett that is just beginning. Chief Rabban Gorsuch committed “it is very encouraging to see the renewed and revitalized effort in the area of public relations”.

Oriental Guide Bob Giesler, attending his first MSA winter session, “I was surprised at the total number in attendance (250+ nobles) representing 14 Shrine Centers.” Potentate Larry assigned Noble Bob to attend the Membership breakout meeting. Bob said “the material and ideas presented along with discussions of what the various Shrine Centers were doing was very beneficial.” Asst. Rabban Hanson, at the request of Potentate Riemenschneider, attended the fundraising breakout session and reported that there will be some gathering of ideas of all Shrine Centers with facts and figures to share with each other.

Saturday morning, the 2012 general session continued where the plans for the 2012 Summer Session, August 8-11, were discussed. The session concluded shortly after that announcement and the Zor members left for home.

Potentate Larry stated “Kem Shriners did a fine job organizing and conducting the winter business session and if this

is any indication, the summer session should be fantastic as well”. Additionally, he indicated “it was good to hear right from Imperial Potentate Michael Severe about the current Michigan and Arkansas issues...Membership information provided throughout the session was insightful.”

HP&P Steiber attended the Standing Committee meeting for the Circus Association. HP&P Monte stated “I intended to give an update on the results of the Magic Shows vs. outlying circuses by Zor in 2011. However, the standing committee session was cut short due to one of the key note speakers running over. Only 4 of the Temples were able to report on their current successes/failures regarding their circuses. Due to time constraints, the committee was not able to reconvene later in the session.”

Illustrious Sir Larry is urging all units of Zor to seriously consider attending this year’s MSA Summer Session. The session promises to be a fine time for all. Kem Shrine recently created a website to provide the latest information to all those who are considering joining in on the fun in August. The City of East Grand Forks, Minnesota is also celebrating their 125th anniversary the same time that we are there so it promises to provide plenty of observers for our competitions and parades not to mention the added activities available for your enjoyment. Check out the summer session web site at [www.MSA2012.com](http://www.MSA2012.com). Again this year there will be on-line registration, but, if you need help in registering, Zor will assist individuals or units.

The 2012 Summer Session will begin Wednesday evening with the Divan Counterpart and Past MSA Officers dinner. Thursday late afternoon, the usual parade will occur in Downtown Grand Forks with a Oasis at the end of the parade. Friday will be Unit competition, Ladies Luncheon, and Shrine-A-Rama. The entertainment will be a Jimmy Buffet impersonator concert. Saturday late morning, the units will again gather in Downtown Grand Forks for the Get-out-of-town Parade.

Chief of Staff Wayne and Housing Chairman Joe attended the Chief of Staff and Housing meetings and received a lot of information that they are reviewing to prepare a comprehensive mailing that will be sent to all units when finalized. They then went and visited the hotels that will house all of Zor members who make the 2012 MSA pilgrimage to the Oasis of Kem Shriners in August. Wayne had this to share: “If their summer session is as organized as this winter session, we will have a great experience in August.”

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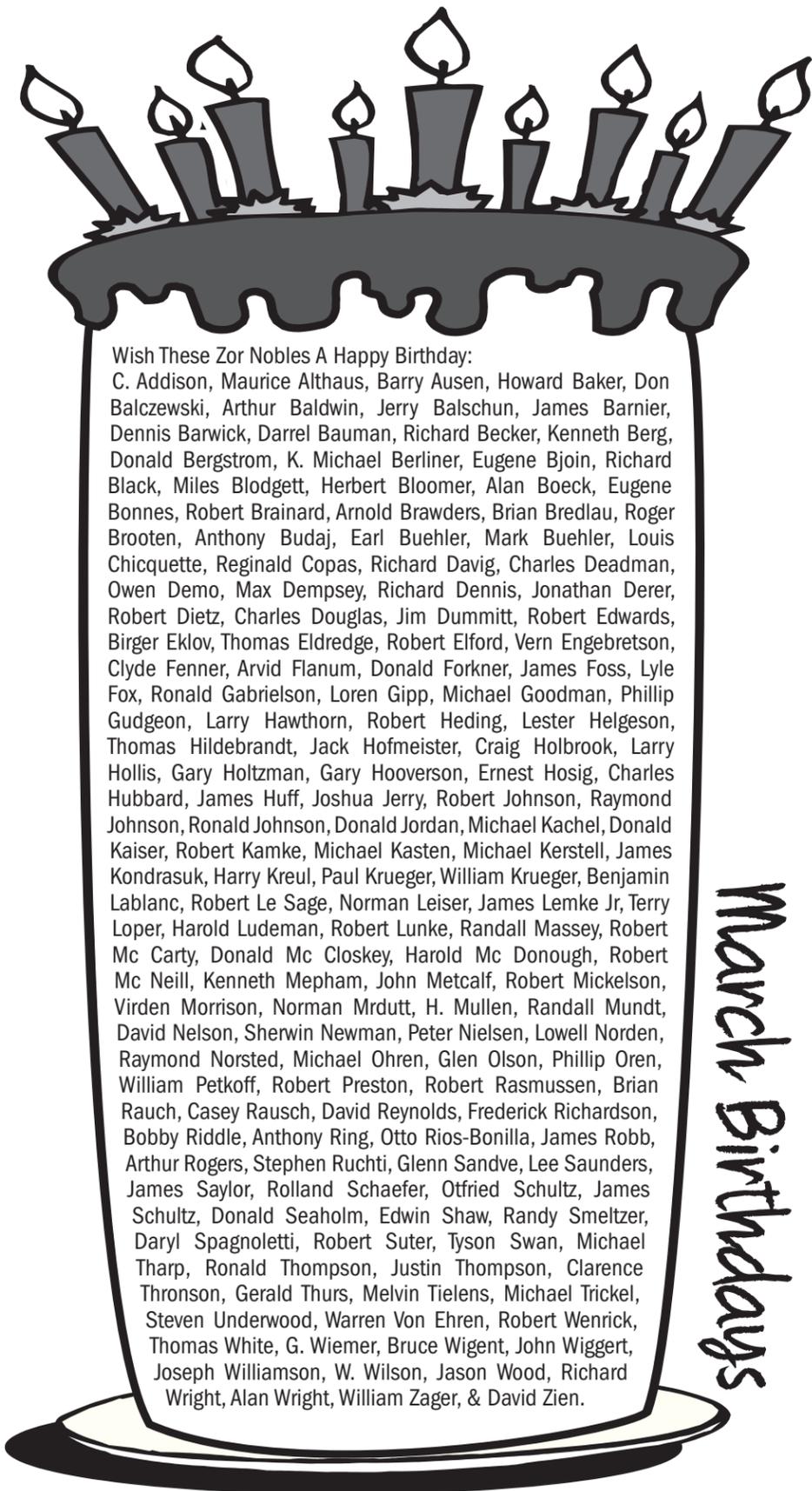
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Past Potentate Robert F. "Whitey" Jenkins, age 75, from Oregon, WI, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, Feb. 18 after collapsing at the circus. He joined the Zor Shriners December 2, 1967 and served as Potentate in 1994. The Zephyr will feature more on Whitey next month.

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