

Potentate Steve Peterson hopes all Zor Shriners Nobles will have a candidate for the spring ceremonial in Whitewater on June 4. But even if you don't have a candidate, come and join the fellowship. Ceremonial weekend is for everyone - a time to renew old friendships and meet new nobles.

Housing will be at the Baymont Inn and Suites in Whitewater, about 1/2 mile from the University Center. The hotel has an indoor pool, with a microwave and refrigerator in each room. Rooms are \$85 per night plus tax. Please make your reservations by calling directly to the Baymont Hotel at 262.472.9404. Call by May 5, 2011, to reserve your room.

Housing is also available at a campus dorm, one block from the University Center. Cost per night is \$35 per person, or \$25 if you provide your own bed linens

and towels. The dorm suite consists of a small kitchen, living room and four single bedrooms. For the dormitory, call Tracy at the University: 262.472.5209. Deadline is May 20.

FRIDAY: there will be golf at local courses plus Dale Olson of the Sahara Shrine club has arranged for all Nobles and their guests to enjoy a fish fry at Randy's Restaurant in Whitewater, the night before the Spring Ceremonial, and for Zor Shriners to have their own private room. Randy's Restaurant is located at 841 E Milwaukee St. Whitewater, WI 53190. The fish fry will consist of all-you-can-eat deep fried cod, broiled cod, and deep fried chicken, with baked potatoes or french fries. The fish fry will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person which includes tax and tip. Since Randy's needs an approximate

count of Nobles and guests attending, please send the coupon to Zor Shriners, 575 Zor Shrine Place, Madison, WI, 53719, by May 20, with \$15 per person. Make checks payable to Zor Shriners.

SATURDAY: All of the activities will be at the University Center on the UW - Whitewater campus. Following the Ceremonial, clubs and units will have their own displays and demonstrations for new candidates and old Nobles alike. Time to join a unit if you haven't already done so! Prizes will be awarded to the club and unit with the most creative displays.

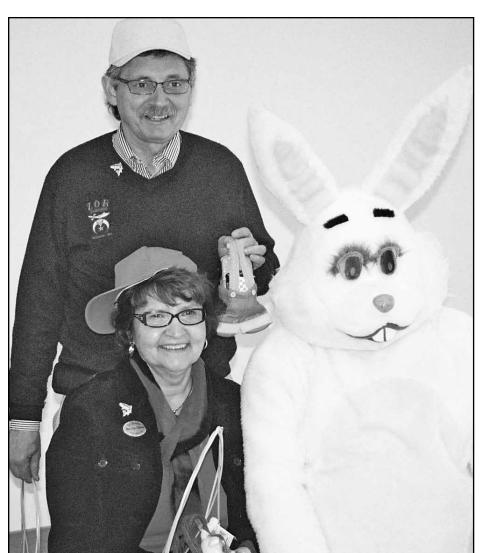
Everyone is invited to enjoy coffee, donuts and sweet rolls at 8:00 a.m. during the candidates' and ladies' registration. Ladies are also invited to the opening of the Temple and the first section of the ceremonial. All meals will be at the University Center. A ladies luncheon is from "The Sound and Light Agency" will play until 11:30 p.m. Send your meal reservations using the Zephyr coupon by May 20, 2011, to Zor Shriners, 575 Zor Shrine Place, Madison, WI, 53719 and make your check payable to Zor Shriners. If you have questions, call Earl or Sue Buehler at 608.829.0080.

SUNDAY: To complete a great Ceremonial weekend, Potentate Steve Peterson has arranged a bus trip to the Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Chicago, in conjunction with the hospital's open house. Activities at the hospital will include tours and refreshments in the afternoon.

Hospital tours will occur from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. This is an opportunity to see the entire hospital including the surgical Normally many of these facilities. portions of the hospital are not open to visitors. During this time there will also be musical performances and medical arts and crafts. Many patient alumni will also be there to share experiences. An anniversary program, with refreshments available, will be presented at 3:00 p.m. followed by the world's shortest parade, featuring Shriners units.

The bus will leave the Zor Shriners Center in Madison at 9:00 a.m. Additional stops between Madison and Chicago will be scheduled for those living in that area. There will be no charge for this great trip for new Nobles and their guests. The cost for other Nobles will be \$20.00. The cost for guests of Nobles will be \$10.00. This

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## **Easter Egg Hunt Blows in at the Shrine Center**

**By Sheri Severson** 

In spite of brisk winds, family, friends and children enjoyed a sun shiny day at the Zor Shriners Center for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. The guest of honor, Mr. Bunny, brought smiles and plenty of eggs for the kids to find in the yard of the Center. Hosts Larry and Jill Hanson helped the rabbit by stuffing nearly 400 eggs with all kinds of

treats for the kids.

As families arrived at the Center, they were greeted by Potentate Steve and Lady Mary Ellen and other members of the Divan. The kids were busy at the craft tables decorating their egg cartons for the much anticipated Egg Hunt and playing bunny games. Following a lunch of ham sandwiches, chips, Jell-o and cookies, the kids greeted the big white bunny as he entered the center. The kids took their turn taking pictures with Mr. Bunny, some were more receptive to his smiles

**Potentate Steve and Lady Mary** Ellen take their turn at a photo opportunity with Mr. Bunny at the Easter Egg Hunt.

and waves. Then it came time for the big event, Mr. Bunny escorted the kids outside to retrieve their precious eggs.

Over 100 parents, grandparents, and children joined in the festivities as 35 children scoured the grounds for the brightly colored eggs. Mittens, gloves and hats were donned as they braved the mini wind gusts. Each child went home with a bright baseball cap which he/she decorated with a variety of markers and stickers. They had a great time gathering eggs and peeking inside to see what treats received. A big thank you goes to the Old Fashioned Bakery for donating 10 dozen delicious cookies for the event and to Larry and Jill Hanson for coordinating the event.

More photos from the Easter Egg Hunt on page 6

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Spring is here and summer outings are being planned in Zorland. The first question is: Where's the Scimitar? Keep the Scimitar moving from Club or Unit to Club or Unit.

.Chief of Staff

Thanks to those Nobles who have paid their 2011 dues. We still have 185 Nobles

who have not paid this year's dues (and this compares to 182 Nobles last year), but remember, as of January 1, 2011, we lost 100 Nobles in 2010. If you do not have your 2011 dues card, please send in your dues for this year.

We have had inquires whether there will be steak fries this year. The scheduled events are on Tuesday May 10th, Tuesday June 14th, and Saturday July 23rd at this point in time.

May events start with the Steak Fry on the 10th, the Honored Ladies Luncheon, the Quarterly Meeting, the Wausauken Indians Potentates Party all in Wausau at the Elks Club on the 14th, Twin Cites Hospital Day on the 20th, the Masonic Walk for Dyslexia in Madison on the 21st, and, in June, the Zor Ceremonial at UW-Whitewater. See the Zephyr for information and coupons for these events.

Onions are projected to be here around the first week of May so get your onions sold ahead of time then all you have to do is to deliver them when they arrive.

## From The Potentate

### Steven Peterson



Spring has sprung and I am hoping you're reeling-in your new candidates for the Spring Ceremonial June 4th in Whitewater. This Ceremonial is not only for the new incoming Shriners, but a celebration of all of Zor Shriners Nobles and Ladies before we get into our busy season of raising money within our Clubs and Units. New for the Ceremonial activities this year: I have asked each Club and Unit to set up a table top display on the activities they have done within their group. This will allow the new candidates to converse with you on your activities and determine which Club and/or Unit they will want to join. Being creative on your displays and showing enthusiasm will allow you the chance to win a prize for your efforts. The Divan Ladies are looking forward to judging your creativity and awarding winning prizes for one Club and one Unit for this new activity.

A new program this year to mentor our new members is that all new members will receive a red name badge as they become a member in Zor in 2011. We have asked these members to wear their name tag when attending Shrine functions. Please seek these new members out and get to know them and their interests. Let them know how we are "Hooked on Helping Kids" and having fun doing it.

On April 3, Mary Ellen and myself, along with Divan members Larry Riemenschneider and Lady Julie and Larry Hanson and Lady Jill, were able to attend the Daughter of Niles installation to see Lois Hoornstra installed as Queen for the 2011/2012 year. It was an enlightening ceremony. A special choreographed dance, performed to the song written for Shriners - Shriners Put Children First provided by several members of the Daughters of the Nile, brought tears to many attending.

On April 9, Mary Ellen & I traveled to Belmont for the testimonial dinner in honor of Most Worshipful Grand Master of Wisconsin Joseph B. Harker hosted by Mineral Point Lodge #1 at the Belmont Convention Center. It was an evening filled fellowship with our Brothers and their Ladies of the local area and with other Masonic board members.

Spring Flings were the activity for Club's and Unit's this past month. Starting with the Sahara Shrine Club at Randy's Restaurant in Whitewater on March 30. Mary Ellen and I had a delightful evening with all the attending members. The second one was put on by the Camel Patrol at Esquire Club in Madison on April 17. This, too, was an evening of fellowship and enjoyable dining with our Nobles and

The Easter Egg hunt, was a success on April 17. A special "Thank You" to Larry Hanson and Lady Jill and their team for putting on this annual event for the families. It is always great to see the smiles on all the faces, young and old.

I was able to attend the evening banquet on April 10 for the Women's General Auxiliary for Shriners Hospital for Children® - Twin Cities. A special heartfelt "Thank You" goes out to Janet Johnson for the 19 years of dedicated service to the Auxiliary as ZOR's representative for the Women's Auxiliary. We now welcome Cheryl Hoffman from River Falls as Janet's replacement as ZOR's representative. Also, we recognized the

Women's Auxiliary on receiving a plaque that will be installed on the Donor's Wall of the hospital in their raising over 5 million dollars in the last 15 years in total contributions to the hospital.

April has allowed me to travel with Bob Calverley (Membership Chairman) and Bob Giesler (Divan Rep for Membership team) to a couple of the southern Masonic Lodges in Platteville and Dodgeville. We were able to do presentations on what it means to be Shriner. Blue Lodges are where our future Nobles can be found. As Bob Giesler would put it "this is where the fishing hole is for the opportunity for new members, we just need to hook them and reel-em in.

Please make a special effort to visit your Blue lodges and express your heartfelt feelings on being a Shriner. The Divan, myself and the membership team are open to do presentations in your lodges. There is still time left to do these presentations in May, before the Spring Ceremonial. Please contact us.

Let me close by saying we are looking forward to seeing you at the Spring Ceremonial June 4th at Whitewater. Let's Revitalize our spirit in attending with your Club and/or Unit as Shriners that work hard and have fun doing it. Then travel to Chicago the following day to celebrate the 85th Anniversary for Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Chicago to Retain why ZOR is Hooked on Helping Kids. Reel-in those new candidates!!!

Peace be with You, Potentate Steve Peterson

## Zor Shriner's 2011 Calendar

#### May

- Steak Fry, Madison
- Divan Meeting, Wausau
- Wausauken Indians Potentate Party, Wausau
- 14 Quarterly Meeting, Wausau Wausau Honored Ladies Luncheon,

- TC Hospital Day, 9:30 2:00 Masonic Walk for Dyslexia, Madison

#### June

- Ceremonial, Whitewater
- Heart of WI Variety Show, WI Rapids Heart of WI Variety Show,
- Stevens Point
- Heart of WI Variety Show, Marshfield
- Badger SC Variety Show, Beaver Dam
- 10-1 Grand Lodge, Madison
- Vernon SC Variety Show, Viroqua Mini Cars Variety Show, Janesville 11
- Chicago Bus Trip, TBD
- Mascoutin SC Variety Show Wautoma
- 13 Timber SC Variety Show, Medford

- Variety Show, Hayward
- Steak Fry, Madison 14
- Eau Claire Circus, Carson Park, 11:00 & 7:30
- 15 Eau Claire Circus, Carson Park,
- 11:00 & 7:30 15 SW WI SC Variety Show, Lancaster
- Menomonie Circus, Dunn County 16
- Recreation Park, 3:00 & 7:30
- Beloit SC Variety Show, Beloit
- Green County SC Variety Show, Monroe 17
- Variety Show, Baraboo 18
- 25 Osman Potentate Ball, Rochester

#### July

- 2 7 Imperial Session (2nd is the travel day), Denver
- Directors Staff Mallards Game,
- Madison Mini Car Picnic, Edgerton
- Bike Run Fundraiser/La Crosse to Madison

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Steak Fry, Madison

La Crosse Potentate Party, Jansky's Eagle Nest

#### August

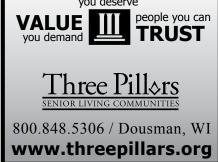
- 3 6 MSA Summer session (travel day 2nd),
- Heart of WI Potentate Party, Arkdale
- Vernon SC Potentate Party, Viroqua
- Big West Days, Dallas



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## Where's the Scimitar?



1st Ceremonial Master Bob Giesler with members of the Mehara S.C.

The Zor Scimitar is on the move! 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 Eau Claire 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.

The scimitar sailed through these sections of Zorland so far this year: Wausauken Indians, Wausau area Timber S.C., Wausau area Funsters, Wisconsin Rapids area Mehara S.C., Eau Claire area

## **Grant Raises Money for Shriners**



## **Zor Shriners Ceremonial**

Saturday, June 4, 2011

#### **Schedule**

7:30-8:00 AM Clubs & Units display set-up 8:00 -9:00 AM Candidates Registration & Introduction Candidate and Lady Orientation 9:00 - 9:45 AM 10:00 - 10:15 AM Opening of the Temple Pipes & Drums (Ladies invited) 10:00 AM Class enters; Color Guard & Divan enter 10:15 - 10:30 AM 10:30 - 11:45 AM 1st and 3rd Sections by Ritualistic Divan (Ladies invited for 1st section) 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM Ladies Luncheon 11:30 - 11:45 AM Divan meets with Ladies 11:45 AM - 12:30 PM Candidates & Nobles Lunch 12:30 - 1:00 PM Candidates report to class for 2nd section Second Section 1:00 - 2:00 PM 2:15 PM Assembly Introduction of guests, Fez talk, Fez ceremony 2:30 - 3:30 PM Displays by Clubs and Units 3:30 - 5:00 PM 5:00 - 6:00 PM Social Gathering, cash bar 6:00 - 7:30 PM Dinner, Potentate remarks. Dance - The Sound and Light Agency 7:30 - 11:30 PM

## Divan Day at Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Chicago



The Potentate and his Divan at the Shriners Hospitals for Children® -Chicago.

March 22nd became a very memorable day for the Divan and Ladies attending the day's event. Tours of the hospital facilities were given in the morning followed by a nice luncheon before the Divan Seminar that filled the afternoon agenda. These are a few comments from the Divan attending:

Marshal Chuck Miller & Lady Sharon are so thankful for being invited to the Chicago Hospital Divan meeting. "We have attended the open house and hospital tours at the Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Chicago before. But we learn something new, each and every time we attend. We were so amazed, impressed we attend. We were so amazed, impressed and surprised by all the extra care the hospitals give. We were not aware of all the programs they use for recreational therapy, swimming, hiking, interactive computer games, mountain climbing, skiing... just some of the activities used to give our patients a CAN DO attitude. All the work that is done after the surgery itself

is as important as the surgery itself.
"Shriners Hospitals for Children® works with these amazing kids so they can be all they can be. From the creation of

Left, Former St. Croix County Sheriff Charlie Grant of Hammond, on the right, is shown presenting a check for \$500 to St. Croix Valley Shrine Club past president Noble Jerry Hauschildt of Baldwin. Grant has been raising money for years and gives to many area groups. This year, his efforts went to help the St. Croix Valley Shrine Club as well as the 4H and the County Resource Center.

## Ceremonial

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will include a box lunch and beverages.

Please send the Hospital Trip coupon along with your check made out to Zor Shriners by May 15, 2011, and plan to join this bargain trip filled with information,

fun, and fellowship.

Nobles, now is the time to invite a fellow Mason to join the Shriners. Attend a Blue Lodge and recruit. Talk to your Masonic friends about the fun of being a Shriner. Tell them about our great philanthropy. Have petitions available. Membership is our most important



IS SHRINEDOM'S MOST **IMPORTANT BUSINESS!**  tools to assist them in dressing themselves, to the invention of machines to help them walk again - even guiding them on the proper nutrition and exercise programs, our hospitals treat each child to their unique needs.

I'm proud to be a Shriner, my Lady is proud that her husband is a Shriner, and we encourage all Nobles and their Ladies to attend these open houses as often as possible.

Outer Guard Wally Trouten's first visit to our hospitals was an eye opener. "I guess I was expecting a building a little bigger and older than what I saw. Also, I was expecting something a little more "hospital-like" when we entered the lobby. The atmosphere was more relaxing than I expected as well. The tour blew me away! Again I was expecting more hospital and not so much clinic. But as the tour continued, I understood more about what the hospital is about. It's not about beds for patients to recover in, but about the care they receive and the therapy that is required. I was also impressed in the fact that if equipment for therapy isn't available, it has actually been designed by the staff and manufactured.

The various speakers we heard gave me further insight into how the "hospital" operates. The creativity of the staff to find the best way to work with a patient captured my attention. One of the last speakers was a young man who has been a patient at the hospital. To see how much has been achieved in his recovery is impressive." Chief Rabban Riemenschneider &

Lady Julie were again impressed with the Lokomat® device that aids a patients gait through treadmill and muscle sensory therapy.

The donor relations presentation also challenged us by saying if every Noble would give a dollar a day (\$365.00) per year, we would eliminate the problem we have in taken from our existing endowment fund (approx. 23 million/month at this time) to fund our 22 hospitals. We presently only give \$5.00/yr that is collected in our yearly dues."

Potentate Steve Peterson found this year was again "an educational experience in what our hospitals are working on to allow our patients to develop in Mind, Body and Spirit. Research projects that teach 12-month to 30-month patients that have disabilities (where they will not be able to walk) and train them to utilize a mobilize wheelchair by using 3 sensitize buttons to travel in a special design chair with positive results.

"Another research project with the Northwestern University engineering department class that designed a tool name Fasten & Twist that allows a young adult to independently button her jeans, which will allow her to have the independence to go off to college and live on her own. These little things we take for granted, but the challenges for our patients and Shriners Hospitals for Children® work to solve them for our patients.

A visitation opportunity will be available to Nobles and their Ladies on June 5 when Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Chicago will have an open house to celebrate their 85th Anniversary.

## **Summer Variety Show Schedule**

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Date	Time	Venue	City
June 6	4:30 & 7:30	Performing Arts Center	WI Rapids
June 7	4:30 & 7:30	Ramada Hotel & Convention Ctr	Stevens Point
June 8	7:30	Marshfield HS Auditorium	Marshfield
June 9	4:30 & 7:30	Beaver Dam HS	Beaver Dam
June 10	4:30 & 7:30	Temple Theatre	Viroqua
June 11	3:00 & 7:30	Moose Lodge	Janesville
June 12	1:00 & 5:00	Parkside School	Wautoma
June 13	7:30	Medford HS	Medford
June 14	1:30, 4:30 & 7:30	Park Theater	Hayward
June 15	4:30 & 7:30	Grant Co Fairgrounds Youth & AG Building	Lancaster
June 16	4:30 & 7:30	Masonic Temple	Beloit
June 17	4:30 & 7:30	Monroe HS	Monroe
June 18	3:30 & 7:30	Al Ringling Theatre	Baraboo

Tickets are \$12 for children and \$14 for adults.

Tickets can be purchased at the gate the day before the show.

### **Summer Circuses**

Date	Time	Venue	City
June 14 & 15	11:00 & 7:30	Carson Park	Eau Claire
June 16	3:00 & 7:30	Dunn County Rec Park	Menomonie





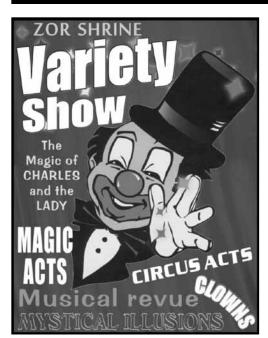
# Little East-West Shrine Football Game Celebrates 50 Years By Noble Milt Helmer

Nobles of the St. Croix Valley Shrine Club will be celebrating 50 years sponsoring the Little East West Shrine Game in River Falls on October 8, 2011. The Shriners started the event when some of the members felt it would be a good idea to raise money for the Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Twin Cities.

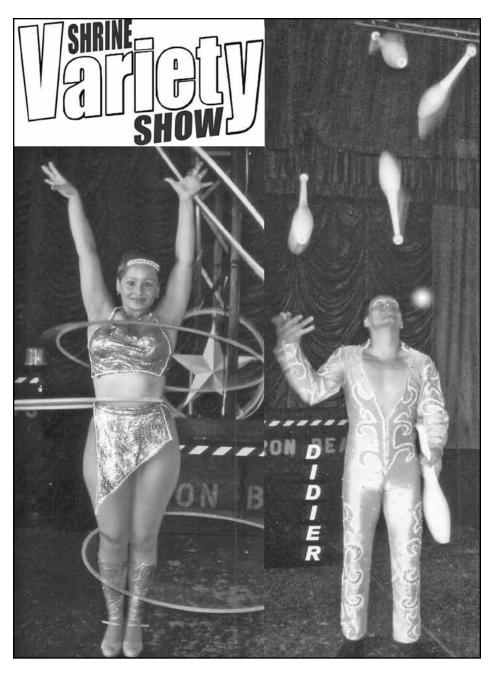
In the early days, the game was set up to pit the University of Wisconsin River Falls with a rival school in Minnesota, thus the East West theme. Over the years, owing to changing schedules, the game shifted its theme to the homecoming. In the last couple years, the UW-RF homecoming parade and the Shrine parade were combined, making it a larger,

more festive weekend.

This year's celebration is being planned to involve as many units not only from Zor Shriners in Madison, but also Shriners in Minnesota to make this 50th celebration a major fall event. On Friday evening, the Zor Divan will attend the Potentate's Dinner at the River Falls Golf Club to kick off the football weekend festivities. The parade will also feature a former or current patient of the Shriners Hospitals for Children® as their Grand Marshal. The weekend of fun will occur during the peak of changing leaves in this part of Wisconsin, so the country side will be aglow with color.



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Lots of Zor clowns are
expected to attend and
tickle your funny bone.



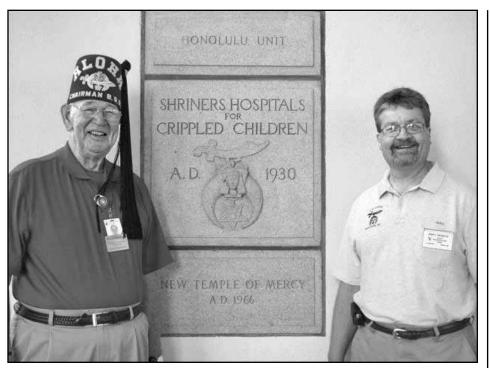


The Directors staff extends an open invitation to the 7th annual Madison Mallards baseball outing Saturday July 9th at Warner Park. Unit President John Mackenzie invites Nobles and ladies to bring their family and friends to join in the fun and fellowship. We currently have 75 tickets for sale, but are able to get more if needed. President Mackenzie reports that the Duck Pond has had a \$1.3 million upgrade which includes: replacing the infield and re-sodding with the same turf as Miller Park in Milwaukee and refurbished stadium style seats from the Baltimore Orioles.

The pregame tailgate party will be held inside the Duck Pond starting at 4:30 pm.

The menu includes: hot dogs, burgers, brats, and chicken sandwiches and plenty of beverages. The game between the Mallards and Wisconsin Rapids will start at 6:05 pm.

The cost remains the same as last year: \$25 per person which covers the game ticket, pregame meal, and a raffle ticket for new Mallards logo merchandise. Reservations must be prepaid by June 24th by using the coupon that is located on the back page of this Zephyr and sent to: Chuck Porter, 813 Gannon Ave, Madison, WI, 53714. Your tickets will be mailed to you prior to the game. Come watch Potentate Steve Peterson throw the let pitch



During a recent vacation to Hawaii for the brother-in-law's Naval retirement ceremony, Past Potentate John Thorstad and Lady Debbi took a tour of the new Shriners Hospitals for Children - Honolulu, which was given by Hospital Chairman Bruce Holmberg.

## **Zor Shriners to Washington DC**

Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> marked the 3<sup>rd</sup> Badger Honor Flight to Washington DC for our WWII Vets. Zor Office Coordinator Lisa Boline was in attendance as a Red Cross Services to the Armed Forces volunteer and was able to gather 2 Zor Shriners who were participating in the flight to snap a photo. Pictured with Lisa is Archie Simonson (Shrine Class 1970), left, and Bob Gressman (Shrine Class 1977), right.

If you are a WWII Vet and would like info on making the flight to DC,

you can visit their website at www. badgerhonorflight.org, or call them at 608.616.0243.

Zor Shriners salutes all our members who are serving, or have served in the military. We currently have 2 Zor Shriners on deployment in Afghanistan that we know of. In honor of all of our Vets, Potentate Steve Peterson is planning a special program at the Zor Shriners Center in Madison on Veteran's Day. More details will follow.



## Potentate's Ball - A whole Lot of Shaking Going On

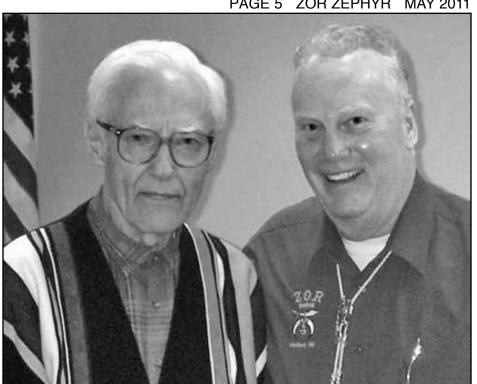


Mark your calendar for Saturday September 17th, as we honor Potentate Steve Peterson and Lady Mary Ellen with a 50-60's sock hop at the Holiday Inn in Wausau

It is not too early to dig out your poodle skirts, school letter jackets and saddle shoes, as there will be no formal wear or fez's that evening. Come early for the afternoon car show and stay until the last 45 or 33 record is put away.

You may now book your hotel room for 1 or 2 nights by calling the hotel at 1-715-355-1111 and mention Zor Shriners to get the group rate of \$79 plus tax for a standard room.

"THANK YOU - THANK YOU VERY MUCH"



Madison Shrine Club President Tom Nelson, PP (right) made a 50 year presentation to Wayne Grant (left).



Arthur Hotvedt received 50 year presentation from 1st Ceremonial Master Bob Giesler.



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## **Easter Egg Hunt...**

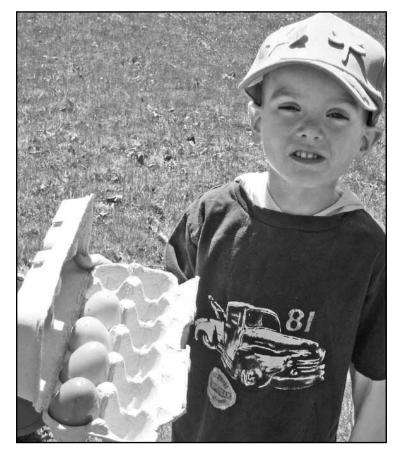
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Above, kids of all ages enjoyed the cookies donated by Old Fashion Bakery.

To the right, Potentate Steve hands out eggs to each child as they come back in from the cold.

In the photo to the lower right, the kids are focused on making the most beautiful creation possible.





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## **Eldest Shriner, Noble Frank Buckles, Dies in West Virginia**

Shortly after celebrating his 110th birthday, Osiris Noble Frank Buckles passed away on February 27, 2011,

in his home in Charlestown, WV. He was the last surviving WWI veteran and the oldest Shriner in Shrinedom. A

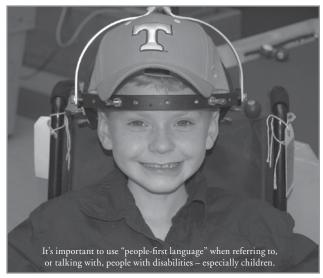


hero to all American veterans, Mr. Buckles was active until his death as the Honorary Chairman of a committee to develop a new national memorial in Washington, DC, dedicated to honor the nearly four million soldiers killed in WWI. A member of a veterans' organization "Lest We Forget," he was honored on his 109th birthday with gifts, including the presentation of the "Famous Masons" plaque created by Saladin Noble and Korean War vet, Gust Anton, who presented the plaque personally.





### **Disability Awareness: Words Matter**



Children with disabilities, like all children, will learn or absorb what they are taught and react to the way they are treated. Every staff member at Shriners Hospitals for Children works hard to build confidence and self-esteem in their patients, and to help them discover and pursue their dreams, despite their disabilities. In working with kids toward that goal, it's important to remember how language can affect a positive attitude.

Words to avoid include "crippled" and "handicapped." Instead of using these words, which can be considered negative, experts suggest using "disability" or the actual term involved, such as "cerebral palsy" or "muscular dystrophy."

When speaking about people with disabilities, clear, direct words are most positively accepted. For example, say, "Johnny uses a wheelchair," instead of, "Johnny is wheelchair-bound," or, "Johnny is confined to a wheelchair." Wheelchairs allow mobility from place to place, which is the opposite of confining.

Words and tone-of-voice can clearly indicate values, and using positive, affirmative words can make a big difference. Practice care when using value-laden words like *courageous*, *inspiration*, pity, suffer, tragic, tragedy, afflicted or victim. While courageous and inspirational may seem positive, being labeled as such can be burdensome to a child.

It is also important to use "people-first language." For example, saying, "Johnny is a child with a disability," is preferred over saying, "Johnny is a disabled child." People with disabilities sometimes

feel isolated from those without disabilities and left out of activities. People-first language is an attempt to encourage understanding that people with disabilities are people first, and to help alleviate fear and encourage inclusion.

#### **Conversation Starters**

Here are some ways to start a conversation with a person who has a disability: Say hello; introduce yourself; comment on the weather. Find something you might share an interest in – television, music, sports, anything. In short, begin the same way you would if there were no disability. Take a deep breath, look past the obvious difference, and find the person.

When you speak to people with disabilities as people, you will find yourself in a conversation with someone who has had different experiences, and the exchange of views could be very enriching for both

If you are interested in finding out more about the person's disability, understand that everyone with a disability reacts to this differently and, like most subjects, there are appropriate and inappropriate ways - and times and places - to ask such questions.

Try using words that reflect acceptance and indicate that a person is not defined by their disability – a message that is especially imperative to convey to children with disabilities.

#### **Words and Phrases to Avoid:**

Crippled, handicapped Confined to a wheelchair Wheelchair-bound Suffering from, afflicted with Victim Deformed

#### Instead, Try:

Person with a disability Person who uses a wheelchair Has (name of condition) Survivor

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## **Zor Shriners Steak Fry Starts** to Heat Up Again

Potentate Steve Peterson invites you and yours to the Zor Shriners Center for some fantastic feasts this summer. Make your reservations early and invite a friend or two to the monthly steak fry! Tuesday May 10 is the first date, with social starting at 5 PM and dinner served at 6:15 PM. The deadline for reservations is May 5 and the cost is only \$10 per person.

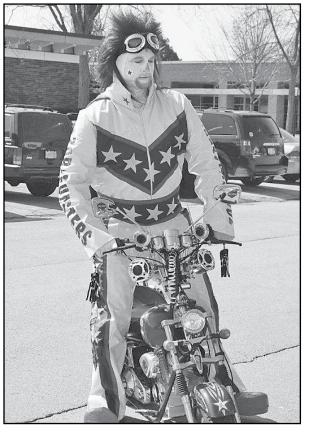
Please contact the Zor Shriners Office at 608-833-6343 or email to zortemp@ chorus.net to make your reservation. Upcoming dates are June 14 and July 23. Can't you just taste those delicious morsels? See you there!





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**Keep Looking for Those Candidates!!** 

## Women's General Auxiliary Annual Meeting Story & photo by J Kevin Johnson PP

The Womens General Auxiliary Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Twin Cities held their annual meeting at the Radisson Hotel meeting at the Radisson Hotel in Roseville, MN April 10-12. 13 Advisory Board members representing the 39 auxiliaries that support Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Twin Cities from all over the Midwest met on Sunday evening with the General Board to review a "wish list" from various hospital departments. The list this year totaled \$100,075.80 and is above and beyond the normal items and wheelchairs beyond the normal items and wheelchairs the Ladies provide to the hospital. All items were approved and, the following day, presented to the entire group and approved by them.

Monday found the Ladies handling the general business of the Auxiliary and sharing ideas for fundraising for the coming year. At the banquet Monday evening, the Ladies were joined by the Board of Governors members, Potentates, Divans, Past Board members, Past Potentates, and husbands for an enjoyable meal, entertainment, and updates from Hospital Administrator Charlie Lobeck and Chief of Staff Ken Guidera. Charlie Lobeck was very proud to present the Auxiliary with a plaque for the Donors Wall at the hospital showing, over the past 15 years, the total contributions to the hospital from the Auxiliary – over 5 million dollars! Donald Mattson, Chairman of the Board of Governors, installed Auxiliary General and Advisory Board members, acknowledging the retiring Janet Johnson and Cheryl Hoffman, who is taking her place.

Tuesday, the group moved to the hospital to meet and be entertained by patients, take tours, and get updates from staff on new equipment plus view many of the items the Auxiliary purchased for use at the Shriners Hospitals for Children® -Twin Cities. A lunch was served and they were ready to return to another year of loving support for the hospital.



New Advisory Board member Cheryl Hoffman, Potentate Steve Peterson, and outgoing Board member Janet Johnson.



## Those Sweet Vidalia Onions Will Soon Be Here

The 2011 Vidalia onion crop is looking good . . . and Richard Winter knows that for a fact. He stopped in to visit our onion grower, Shad Dasher, in mid March to see for himself. Shad was irrigating the onions as it was dry in Georgia and Vidalia onions need a lot of moisture.

Shad is using an innovative farming method this year to assure the onions receive just the right amount of moisture at just the right time. The onions are planted in raised beds with ditches between the beds. The ditches drain the excess moisture away from the onions allowing them to dry naturally at the end of the growing season.

The onion seeds are planted in September. In November the small onion plants are dug up, transplanted, and continue growing until harvested in late April. After the onions are harvested, Shad then plants soybeans as a summer crop. Shad planted 200 acres of Vidalia onions this year—that is up from 140 acres in 2010. In a good year, 200 acres

will yield 5,000,000 pounds of onions! That's a lot of sweet Vidalia onions!

Growing Vidalia onions is a tradition in the Dasher family—Shad is the third generation to grow these onions. He and his wife are the parents of 5 children ages 8, 11, 12, 18, 24; hopefully one of them will continue the tradition.

Shad is an active Mason and Shriner. He served as Worshipful Master of his Blue Lodge three years ago. He understands the importance of maintaining strong clubs and units within the organization. He is proud to be a part of helping the Shriners support their organization through this fundraising effort.

There will be 100 bags of these sweet Vidalia onions at the Shrine Center. Make it a point to stop in and pick up 2 or more bags of onions. For easy bookkeeping, please pay for the onions when you pick

If you have any questions, contact Richard Winter at 608-513-2309 or Jim Soderholm at 608-222-0354.

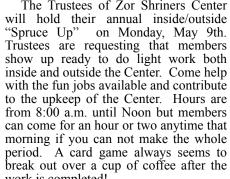


Our Vidalia onion grower, Shad Dasher, and Richard Winter in the Vidalia onion field in mid-March. Taken in Glennville, Georgia. The onions are looking good!

Zor Shriners Center Spruce Up **Date Set by Trustees** 



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## Mehara Shrine Club Donates **Wood Sculpture**

As you entered the Eau Claire Masonic Center main hallway from the front doors, you were greeted by a large mostly empty wall. After some thought and discussion and with the blessing of the Masonic Board of Trustees, Mehara Shriner Club of the Eau Claire area decided a welldone wood sculpture representing the Square and Compasses, which are the most visible "working tools" of Masons, would be most appropriate for the display in that area.

On April 9th, MWPGM JB Van Hollen assisted in the dedication of the sculpture with Noble Lyle Koerner accepting the project on behalf of the Eau Claire Masonic Trustees. To complete the project, an American and Wisconsin flag set will be placed on each side of the

Square and Compass. A small plaque has been placed by the sculpture which gives the general public using the Masonic Center a brief description of what the sculpture means to as Masons:

Freemasonry makes good men better. Symbols relating to geometry and architecture are used in Masonic lessons. The square reminds Masons to be fair and square in all dealings with fellow men. The compass reminds Masons to remain within the laws both legal and moral. The "G" reminds Masons of geometry, architecture, and God, the center of our life. The wood sculpture donated by The Mehara Shrine Club. Conception & Design – William Mathe and J Kevin Johnson. Wood Smiths - Don Olds and William Mathe.



The dedication presentation. L to R – Don Olds, JB Van Hollen, J Kevin Johnson, William Mathe, and Lyle Koerner

## **Cycle and Classic Car Ride Hits the Road This Summer**

Get your motors runnin' Saturday July 23 for the Zor Shriners Ride 2011! The Zor Midgets mini-car unit has put together a ride for motorcycles and classic cars. This scenic trip will take you from the La Crosse area to the Zor Shriners Center in Madison. Registration starts at 9am then the first group pulls out at 9:30. The ride twists and turns through scenic parts of Wisconsin with stops at Kwik Trips in Hillsboro, Reedsburg, Dodgeville, and Verona for refreshment and refueling. The event wraps up in Madison with a party that only Zor could throw!

The ride features a poker run, raffle, door prizes, and a steak fry plus lots of fun on the road. This event had been



put together by long time riders with organized ride experience. This event is open to the general public as well as all of Shrinedom. Invite a potential Noble to join you for this unique ride.

The event will happen rain or shine – all vehicles welcome. \$15 per person. Hotels are available in the La Crosse area and the Madison area. The steak fry is \$10 but you don't need to ride to join us for that. Tickets are available from ride committee members or by calling Al: 608-487-1692 or email:



## **Vidalia Onion Recipes**

French Onion Casserole A favorite recipe from Sue Buehler

3-4 Vidalia onions, sliced

3 tbsp. butter

2 tbsp. flour Dash of pepper

3/4 cup beef bouillon

1/4 cup dry white wine 2 tbsp. melted butter

1-1/2 cups plain croutons

2 cups shredded Swiss cheese 3 tbsp. Parmesan cheese

Cook onions in 3 tbsp. butter until tender.

Blend flour and pepper into onions and butter.

Add bouillon and wine. Cook until thick and bubbly. Put in buttered casserole dish.

Toss croutons with 2 tbsp. melted butter; spoon on top of onion mix.

Sprinkle with Swiss cheese and Parmesan cheese.

Place under broiler until cheese melts (about one minute).

Serve immediately.

#### Vidalia Onion Dip

A favorite recipe from Sue Buehler

4 cups chopped Vidalia onions

2 cups shredded Swiss cheese 2 cups mayonnaise

1-8 oz. can water chestnuts, chopped

1/4 cup dry white wine

1 clove garlic, minced

1. Mix all ingredients together and place in a 2 quart casserole.

Bake at 375 degrees for 25 minutes.

Serve with Tortilla chips or crackers.

#### **Baked Vidalia Onion**

1 Vidalia onion 1 tbsp. butter Salt and pepper

1. Place Vidalia onion on a square of aluminum foil large enough to wrap entire onion

Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Place butter on top of onion.

Wrap foil around onion and bake in 350 degree oven or on grill until done; approximately 45-60 minutes.

#### Fresh Vegetable Salad

Nice and easy to make when all of the vegetables are in season.

**Tomatoes** Vidalia Onions Cucumbers

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Cut tomatoes, onions, cucumbers, and radishes into chunks.

Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Put in refrigerator and juice will be created from the tomatoes and the cucumbers. Add a small amount of dried parsley or other spices if you like. The juice tastes wonderful.

#### **Vidalia Onion Casserole**

A favorite recipe form Bob Madalon, Vacationland S.C.

2-3 large Vidalia onions, slice 1/2 inch thick, then cut in half

1/2 lb. Swiss cheese, shredded

1 can Cream of Chicken soup

1/2 can milk

1 tsp. soy sauce

About 8 slices French bread, cut 1/2 inch thick and buttered

Sauté onions in butter; place in 11 x 7 inch baking dish

2. Spread cheese over onions.

Heat soup, milk, and soy sauce; pour over cheese. Mix gently with fork

Place bread, butter side up, over mixture. 5. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

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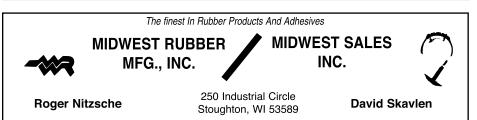
Plan on coming to the Midwest Shrine Associations 2011 Summer Sessions in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, hosted by **Khartum Temple from August 3-6th.** 

Your MSA Summer sessions and competitions will be at the historic Hotel Fort Garry. Come and experience a Manitoba Social at our Shrine-A-Rama where a 50-60's themed party is planned. Poodle dresses are welcome. For those still blessed with hair: "a little dab'll do it."

Winnipeg is host to the much celebrated and nationally recognized Folklorama Festival. From day one, this event drew crowds from around the world to experience the ethnic diversity that Winnipeg offers. From food to dance to costumes, you'll be able to travel the world in a few short days. Khartum planned the Summer Sessions of 2011 to coincide with Folklorama and have positioned the event to fall in the middle of the two week festival. Hopefully, you will plan to either come early or stay beyond MSA 2011 to enjoy Folklorama.











### Like to Know

## **Zor Hospital** Dads on the Road Again!

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A public concert is scheduled for July 2 at the Wells Fargo Theatre, with net proceeds from the event benefiting Shriners Hospitals for Children. Details and tickets are available through the Rhythm on the Vine website: rhythmonthevine.org



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