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You are notified that the regularly stated meeting of Zor Shriners will meet at the above time and place for the purpose of hearing reports, amend the bylaws, and conduction regular business. Admittance by your 2011 dues card. Please wear your Fez.

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/s/ James Stelsel, Sr., Recorder
/s/ Steven Peterson, Potentate

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From The Potentate

Steven Peterson



We have plenty to celebrate this July, starting with our country's independence and heritage. Shriners will be busy parading to commemorate the Fourth of July holiday with their communities – “thank you” to those who participate in these events. And, we are still reveling in the addition of 11 new Nobles to the Zor Shrine and the new Grand Master of Masons for Wisconsin. Our continued growth and support for the Shriners Hospitals for Children® is something we can all take pride in.

I want to start with a special “thank you” to ZOR Shriners, for giving flowers, and to the Nobles and Ladies who attend the visitation and funeral plus sent prayers, cards, and condolences for the sudden passing of Lady Mary Ellen's mother on May 25. The support of our ZOR Shriners family and your kind words have given us the strength to get through some difficult days. What a blessing it is to be a Shriner.

During the Spring Ceremonial, the weekend of June 4, we welcomed 11 new Nobles and it all went off without a hitch. The weekend started with a great Friday night fish fry at Randy's restaurant followed by socializing back at the hotel. Saturday was filled with activities for the new Nobles and their Ladies then ended with a delicious meal and dance. Its success can be attributed to the time and effort of Sue and Earl Buehler, the Sahara Shrine Club, and the staff at UW-Whitewater. Plus, the professional job

done by the Director's Staff and the Ritual team allowed the candidates to have a memorable day. Remember to watch for the red name badges of our new Shriners for 2011.

On Sunday, June 5, several new Nobles and their ladies plus several Divan couples attended the 85th Anniversary Open House at the Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Chicago. It was definitely an uplifting experience and a great way for the new Nobles and their ladies to see how ZOR Shriners are Hooked on Helping Kids.

The Variety Shows plus the Menomonie circus kept me and Lady Mary Ellen busy traveling throughout Zorland the first two weeks of June. A special “thank you” to all the sponsoring Clubs and Units for their hard work in distributing tickets to schools & local businesses and being in attendance at the shows.

Congrats go out to our new Worshipful Grand Master for Masons of Wisconsin, Davey White Jr. and his Lady Tammi. I encourage ZOR Nobles to support our Grand Master and his leadership team within the Blue Lodges by expediting their programs. It's our involvement in the Blue Lodges that allows us to reel-in new members to ZOR. Working together will make it happen! As we welcome our new Grand Master, I want to extend my congratulations and thanks to Joe Harker and Lady Mary on a remarkable year, 2010-2011.

On June 25, Lady Mary Ellen and I

attended Osman's Potentate Ball to honor Potentate John Brockman and his Lady Audrey in Rochester, MN. These social gatherings with our neighboring Temples help build our relationships to maximize our philanthropic efforts.

By the time you receive this Zephyr, Lady Mary Ellen and I, with the top three elected Divan along with a few of the Past Potentates and their ladies will be traveling to Denver, CO for our Imperial session that runs from July 3-7, 2011. This will be an important session, as decisions will be made that will impact the hospital system and how it helps the children we serve.

July will be another busy month of events throughout Zorland. Review the rest of the Zephyr and take part in the activities to REVITALIZE why you are a Shriner. Continue to go fishing for those new members and REEL-EM IN. We will be having Cold Sands on Saturday, July 23, for new members before our quarterly meeting and the arrival of our bikes and classic cars at the ZOR Shriners Center. Contact the ZOR office if you have a new candidate.

Also coming up is the MSA, the first week of August. Khartum Shriners of Winnipeg have put together an exciting program for this year's session.

We are Hooked on Helping Kids!
 Peace be with You,
 Potentate Steve Peterson

Recorder's Roll Call



Jim Stelsel, Recorder

Congratulations and thanks to Joseph B. Harker, who for the past year has served as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Wisconsin. Members of the Zor Divan attended the Grand Lodge Session on June 10th and 11th, not only in support of Grand Master Harker's great year but also in support of the new Grand Master, Davey L. White Jr., newly elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Wisconsin at the 167 Annual Communication on June 10 & 11 in Madison. Both Noble Harker and Noble White are members of the Zor Shriners.

On June 4, 2011 Zor Shriners held its Spring Ceremonial on the Campus of UW-Whitewater, creating 9 new Nobles who experienced the Second Section along with 2 Cold Sands Nobles. All of the new Nobles said they had a great time and enjoyed their day. Thanks to all

of the Clubs & Units who came and set up a table with information, pictures, and memorabilia showing what they do to have fun and fundraise - with the hope of recruiting the new Nobles to their team.

July starts off with the Imperial Session in Denver July 2nd to 7th, with some members of the Divan and Past Potentates in attendance. The Directors Staff Mallards Baseball Game on the 9th, Mini Car Picnic in Edgerton on the 17th, Bike and Car Run Fundraiser from La Crosse to Madison followed by a Steak Fry at the Madison Shrine Center on the 23rd, and the La Crosse Potentate's Party at Jansky's Eagles Nest on the 30th. Information and/or coupons are contained in the June & July Zephyr's.

The biggest event in August is the MSA Summer Session in Winnipeg, Canada the 3rd to the 6th.

Information on the Midwest is again in the Zephyr or from your Club or Unit.

We are still trying to contact Nobles who have not paid their 2011 dues. If you do not have your 2011 dues card, please send your payment into the office as soon as possible.

Zor Shriner's 2011 Calendar

July		October	
2-7	Imperial Session (2nd is the travel day), Denver	1	Mecca SC Evaluation Clinic, Sparta
9	Directors Staff Mallards Game, Madison	1	UW-La Crosse Football game, La Crosse
17	Mini Car Picnic, Edgerton	7	St Croix SC Potentate Party, St. Croix
23	Bike Run Fundraiser, La Crosse to Madison	8	UW-River Falls Football Game, River Falls
23	Steak Fry, Madison	8	Scottish Rite Fall Reunion, Eau Claire
30	La Crosse Potentate Party, Jansky's Eagle Nest	11	Divan Meeting, Madison
		11	Honored Ladies Lunch, Zor Shrine Center
		11	Quarterly Meeting, Madison
		20-22	SCAFRA, Portland, OR
		22	Scottish Rite Fall Reunion, Eau Claire
August		November	
3-6	MSA Summer session (travel day 2nd), Winnipeg	11	Vet's Appreciation Dinner/ Membership Drive, Zor Shrine Center
15	Heart of WI Potentate Party, Arkdale	11-12	Madison Scottish Rite Reunion, Madison Masonic Center
21	Vernon SC Potentate Party, Viroqua	12	Lefse Bake Day, Zor Shrine Center
September			
17	Potentate Sock Hop, Wausau Holiday Inn		

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ZOR TRIVIA QUESTION

Recently, Potentate Steve Peterson was asked where the word ZOR originated. He knew the answer – do you?

If you don't, find it on page 11.



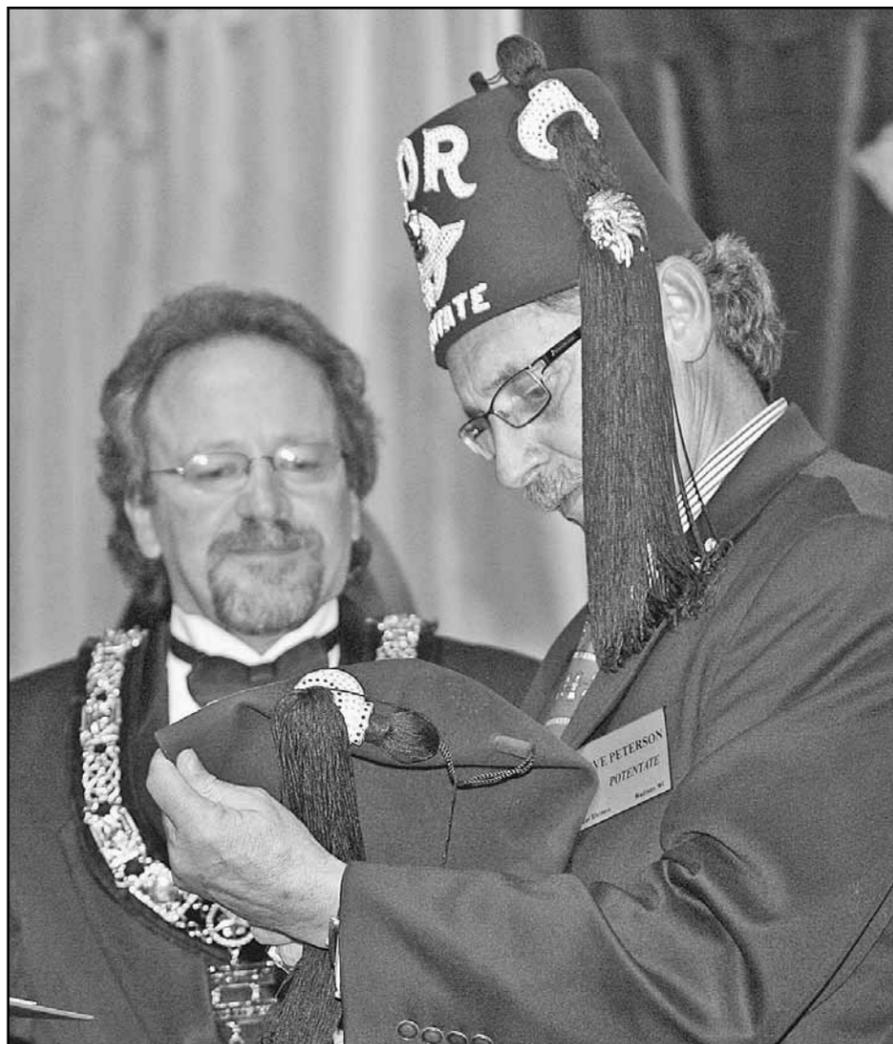
La Crosse Potentate Party at Jansky's Eagles Nest

Nobles and Ladies are welcome to attend this year's annual La Crosse Potentate Party July 30th at Jansky's Eagles Nest on top of the Bluff in La Crescent, MN (just across the mighty Mississippi from La Crosse). The annual afternoon event brings together Nobles and Ladies from all over West Central Wisconsin to one of the most beautiful areas in the state. The view is amazing

as one looks over the river, the lock & dam, and the adjoining bluffs. But this is only part of the fun, as the cooks prepare a delicious steak dinner, with appetizers and refreshments for everyone. \$10 per person. 4pm start time. Bring a toy donation for Lady Mary Ellen's Toy Box project. Please contact Ken Rownd to reserve your spot at the picnic table by calling: 608-788-0585 or 608-498-0827.

Zor Shriners Help Welcome New Grand Master

Photos courtesy of Richard Rygh from the Wisconsin Masonic Journal.



Potentate Steve Peterson presents MWGM Davey White Jr. his official Zor Shriners fez.



June 10 and 11 was the end of one Masonic year and the beginning of another. Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin Harker finished his year with the Annual Communication then passed the collar and gavel to Davey White, Jr. the new MWGM. Zor Shriners showed their support with the presence of Potentate Steve Peterson and the Divan, plus some Past Potentates. Steve presented the new Grand Master with official Zor fez for 2011-2012 at the Installation ceremony. It was a weekend of strong emotions as brothers and Nobles paid tribute to Joe for his hard work this year then offered support and congratulations to Davey for his upcoming year.

"Both Joe and Davey are the most special friends that I've had over the past several years," said Past Potentate Joe Thompson. "To be here, to see Davey and Joe at the same time... was just phenomenal for me. We wish Davey the very best and we'll be right there for him – anything he needs. It was a great session... it was just a fantastic weekend. The Shrine was well represented by the entire Divan."

"Joe had a great year," said High Priest & Prophet Larry Hanson. "He's done some things that will be hard to follow 'cause he has done an absolutely fabulous job. I really commend him for all the work he's done and I hope that future Grand Masters can follow in his footsteps."

"I've known Davey a long time; he was Master of his lodge back when I was Master of my Lodge," said Oriental Guide Monte Steiber, "I think that what we're gonna see from his leadership... is emphasis on the ritual and there will be a lot of good camaraderie between lodges and district as well as in the appendent bodies and with the Grand Lodge officers. To quote Ray Childs: 'I'm proud and pleased' to see him as Grand Master. I appreciate all he's done for the Fraternity and wish him a good year."

Past Potentate John Thorstad shared his thoughts about MWPGM Harker's year: "I thought that Joe did a fantastic job as Grand Master. His commitment to the fraternity and commitment continuing on to the Shrine... he just did a fabulous job with all of it. Now that he's not going to be on the road all year visiting Lodges, it will be nice to have him back at all of our events again."

Outer Guard Wally Trouten hopes to see a lot of the new Grand Master but has a realistic viewpoint: "It's gonna be hard for MWGM Davey to do a whole lot with the Shrine – his schedule is going to be so full! I'd like to see him make the Ceremonials... and some of our Shrine club meetings. I tell you what, beyond that he may not have much time (this year)!"

Potentate Steve Peterson: "I wanna congratulate MWPGM Joe Harker for a

good year. I've seen some real progress, some real growth in the Masonic order. It was a good half year with Joe. He's been so responsive... helping promote events for Zor while he's been traveling around the state. It helped get (brothers) excited about becoming Shriners. He's been a great support to Zor; he's been very supportive of our programs. With MWGM Davey White, I think that he's excited for us to be behind him, especially with the support we gave him today.

Also, once he goes to Imperial Shrine, he can see the bigger picture about what Shrine is all about. Once we have the Grand Master behind us, all we have to do is start hooking them and reeling them in! I'm excited about finishing my year with Davey. It's been a good day (at Grand Lodge) and we're looking forward to another year of growth. If the Masons and the Shriners get out there and work together as a team, we will both benefit - that's the outlook I have."



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Ceremonial Welcomes New Nobles, Spotlights Clubs & Units

Story and photos by Todd Wohlert

Whitewater treated the Zor Shriners to a beautiful campus with blue skies and lots of heat June 4-6. It was a weekend of fun, memories, and new programs.

Friday night started out with a bit of golfing then chilled libation and celebration in the Hospitality room at the Baymont Inn and Suites. Once most of the Nobility (and soon-to-be Nobility) showed up, it was time for a fish fry at Randy's Restaurant, where everyone dined on fried fish, baked fish, baked chicken, and all the fixings. Then the Hospitality room fired up again with chilled beverages and a hearty air conditioner to battle the heat. After an early night (for some), it was time to prepare for a full day of Ceremonial celebration.

Saturday started early with the Clubs and Units setting up their table displays and vehicle displays at Connor University Center on the UW - Whitewater campus. A \$50 prize was up for grabs for the best Unit and Club display. Besides the cash, bragging rights were at stake (especially for the Clown Units). As the candidates rolled in with their Ladies, they were able to get a good look at the fun that we have and many

judges (for the display contest). As we were visiting the different Clubs and Units, we asked them why they should be picked as #1. They may have said 'just because that is how it is' or 'because we do a great job' or 'we get our ladies involved'. Then we had a few attempted bribes. One club offered us \$50 (but we never saw the money). Another unit gave us flowers. Another one made us a beautiful balloon bouquet and put it in a fez box. One gave us stickers and another offered us key chains. So we had a lot of great bribes but none of it helped. (The Ladies cannot be bought!)

"The Toy Box has been overflowing. I'm very pleased and hopefully that will continue. I did check with Lisa at the office and people are certainly welcome to drop off toys there. So far, it's a great success. Keep an eye out for the Toy Box at upcoming events!"

The Nobles paused to enjoy lunch before continuing with the 2nd section of Ceremonial, where the new Nobles received a demonstration on shaving techniques, learned a new way of making salad, and many other valuable lessons about life.

Darrell Smith, Baraboo; Bruce Trimble, Menomonie; & Joseph Vanderburg, Las Cruces, NM. Keep an eye out for their red name tags and be sure to give them a warm greeting when you see them at events.

Following the ceremony and a million photographs, the assembly retired to view the Club and Unit displays one final time and to take a ride in the some of the parade vehicles. Humphrey the camel made an appearance courtesy of the Camel Patrol.

After the displays were packed up and everyone had time to refresh themselves, the Nobility returned for the evening banquet and more fellowship (with much appreciated air conditioning). A fantastic buffet featuring steak and Hawaiian chicken pleased all the palates. Dale Olson from the Sahara SC club was the emcee (and an amazing dancer. Just ask the Divan Ladies. They want him to go pro!) Dale thanked everyone for coming to the event then introduced Potentate Steve, who had the announcement that the Clubs and Unit had been waiting for all day: who won the competition? The winner of the best Unit Display: the Funsters. The winner

Shriners and their Ladies made the trip from Whitewater to Chicago. Ill Sir Steve Peterson and Lady Mary Ellen, High Priest and Prophet Larry Hanson and Lady Jill, Oriental Guide Monte Steiber and Lady Ann, and Outer Guard Wally Trouten and Lady Gayle, hosted the trip for our new Nobles and their ladies. New Nobles attending for the day were Joseph Vanderburg and Lady Beth, Leland Weber and Lady Linda, Brad Schultz and Lady Michelle and Eric Seavey and Lady Jackie.

Potentate Peterson gave this report on the hospital road trip: "Upon arrival at the hospital, the group met PP Earl Buehler with Lady Sue and JP Wiemer then shared a picnic lunch. During the tour, they were able to see the outpatient and inpatient units, along with therapy, surgery, recovery rooms, casting room, etc. Following the tour, they had a short program with patients singing the National Anthem and leading the Pledge of Allegiance. They also honored the first patient to be treated at the Hospital, Eleanor Phillips. Many Shrine patients sang "Happy Birthday" and they headed out to watch "The Shortest Parade," which



Chief of Staff Wayne Henning ran a tight ship and kept everything on time.

activities that we engage in throughout the year and across the state. Once registration was finished, it was time for orientation of the candidates while the finishing touches were taken care of for the Opening of the Temple. The Divan was ready, the Pipes and Drums were ready, and the Ritual Divan was ready. The Past Potentates? They are always ready. At 10 o'clock Wayne Henning got the show on the road - the Temple was opened by the thunderous sounds of the Pipes and Drums as they welcomed the Divan, the Color Guard, the candidates & their Ladies, and special guest Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin Joseph Harker.

Potentate Steve Peterson and Divan welcomed everyone and turned the event over to the Ritual Divan, with all their regalia, color, and ritual. This event's cast was: Potentate - Chet Gabris; Chief Rabban - Todd Wohlert; Asst Rabban - Bob Bradley; High Priest & Prophet - Matt Hughey; Orator - Joseph Howell; Oriental Guide - Miles Bradley; 1st Ceremonial Master - Dale Holmen; 2nd Ceremonial Master - Bruce Ashelman; Marshall - Alan Braders; and Captain of Guard - "Sweet Old" Bill Burkhardt.

While the Ritual Divan finished their presentation, the Ladies took their leave to head off to their luncheon and afternoon program. "It was an awesome day!" said Lady Mary Ellen Peterson. "We had a great Ladies Luncheon; Cheryl Hoffman from the Shriners Hospitals for Children@-Twin Cities Ladies Auxiliary did a wonderful presentation. We had a lot of new Ladies today and it was great to spend time with them. Whitewater has been awesome to work with. Earl and Sue Buehler and Dale Olson did a great job coordinating this.

"The Divan Ladies were chosen as the



New Noble Patrick Free and his lady

After the smoke cleared and the mop bucket was put away, the Nobility took a pause to freshen up and prepare for the Fezzing ceremony.

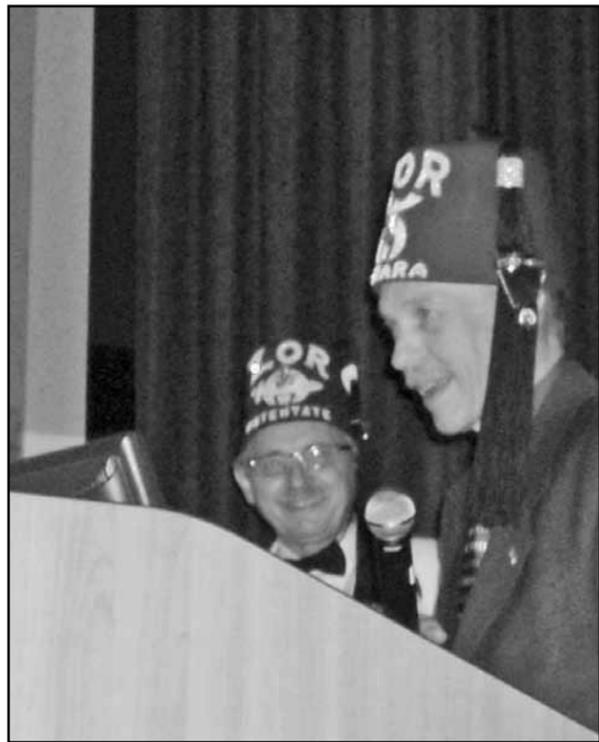
Once everyone had returned to the hall, it was time to FEZ our new Nobles and crown them with our distinctive and honorable adornment. The Past Potentates were escorted in where they introduced themselves and announced their year as Potentate. PP Thorstad read the classic and traditional poem My Old Red Fez. Then the new Nobles came to the front with their Ladies or sponsors and received the signature mark of a Shriner - his fez. Please welcome our new Zor Shriners Nobles: Jerry Carpenter, Darlington; Patrick Free, Madison; Alyn Jones, Whitewater; Lee Murray, WI Dells; Dan Paar, Stoddard; David Renly, Mosinee; Brad Schultz, Whitewater; Erik Seavey, La Crosse;

of the best Club Display: Sahara SC. The winners received a check of \$50.00 each to use at their discretion for an outing for their members. Steve said that his display competition will be continued at the Parade to Glory in December at Chula Vista. Following the banquet, dancing ensued with music from THE SOUND & LIGHT AGENCY. Couples took to the dance floor almost immediately for slow, romantic songs and up tempo fun songs. (They even did the CHICKEN DANCE!) Once the dance had finished, the Nobility retired to the hotel for a bit more fellowship. You could even find some folks hanging out around the pool, dangling their feet in the water. This did not conclude the weekend, however!

Shriners Hospitals for Children@-Chicago celebrated its 85th Anniversary with an open house on Sunday, June 5. To join in the celebration, three vans of ZOR

had a variety of Units and current patients parading. The new Shriners were glad they had the opportunity to see the hospital firsthand and experience how we impact the lives of the children. That evening, they headed back to Whitewater. It was definitely a full fun-filled day and a great way to end the weekend with the new Nobles and their Ladies."

It was a fantastic weekend and the Nobility had a lot to say about the Ceremonial, starting with John Thorstad PP: "It was just a wonderful day! Gotta compliment the University - it was just a fabulous building to use. We had everything very handy, very convenient. The Ritual Divan, of course, did another expert job as they always do. The second section was on time, everything went well, and the candidates had a fantastic time. It's been a great day at Whitewater. I think that having all the Clubs and Units



Dale Olson introducing the Potentate



The Ladies enjoyed a fun day while the boys were at play.



The crowd gathers for the Fezzing Ceremony

here and having displays and the camel was just a great idea by Steve. I think that everyone here had a good time today. The candidates are ready to get involved and have fun. December Ceremonial plans are in the works. We will be at Chula Vista in the Dells again. I think that Earl and Sue Buehler did a great job. Sahara Shrine Club did a great job setting everything up with the University."

"Outstanding," said Outer Guard Wally Trouten, "everything about it. Whether I was on the Divan or not, this is an event I would want to be at and I will be telling that to people in our Shrine Club. You gotta be going to these things; we've got to get you out (to the events). As always, my favorite moment is watching the new candidates get their fezzes. That's a big deal to me. That's a highpoint! More Shriners need to make the effort to get to Ceremonials and I know that it's difficult (to schedule it). We are a fraternity and a big part of a fraternity is having fun. We have a lot of people who don't take advantage of that (opportunity to have fun). We still have our serious side but we need to do the fun things to."

Mark Severson PP: "The day went well. Everything was on time. I had a lot of good comments about everything that happened with the first, second, and third sections (of the Ceremonial Ritual). The guys did a nice job this morning. It was really good."

Oriental Guide Monte Steiber had this to say: "Everything went smooth today. It was well organized. Everybody I talked to had a good time. This is one of the nicer facilities that we've been to for a Ceremonial. I thought that all the displays were good but my personal favorite was having the camel here. I know that took some extra effort. All the Clubs and Units put the extra effort into it and I appreciate that."

Earl Buehler PP: "I thought that the Ceremonial went very well. Everything operated very smoothly. The Director's staff

did a super job on getting their part of it done. The University was spectacular in its cooperation and its effort. The caterer did a heck of good job on the food—everyone has been very positive about that. Everything was pretty much on time. I thought that the whole thing went very smooth. I think that Dale Olson from the Sahara SC did a heck of a job; he knows everyone down here (in Whitewater). I want to thank my wife Sue. She does most of the work as, I think, everybody out there knows. I couldn't have done it without her. I want to thank the ladies who helped her with the decorations. Steve and Mary Ellen were very helpful in guiding us along to where they wanted it to go."

"It was a great Ceremonial," said Assistant Rabban Bob Gorsuch. "Whitewater did a great job; the campus was a super place to do (a Ceremonial). I think that Steve's emphasis on mentorship is really important. We need to work on new membership. Guys should turn out for

these things. It's a good time. To me, the most important thing is the fun you have!"

"Wonderful day," said 2nd Ceremonial Master Dave Bomkamp. "We have some new candidates that are integrating really well with the rest of the group. The ladies are getting really involved. Everyone is getting off on the right foot. It's good to get together; it really is."

"It was a very memorable event," said new Noble Erik Seavey from La Crosse Masonic Lodge #190. "I got to meet a lot of people and experience some things I'm sure I never would have experienced before. ("Or again," chimed in his lady, Jackie, with a laugh.) I enjoyed the pie eating contest. Walking the Hot Sands was good, especially once I was across. It was a great time hanging out in the hospitality room and at the dance." His Lady enjoyed her day as well: "I really enjoyed the Ladies luncheon. I really learned a lot about the Ladies Auxiliary – I thought it was really interesting. I'm really looking forward to the tour (of the hospital)."

High Priest & Prophet Larry and Zor Clown Hanson shared his thoughts: "I think that the day went very well. It was a good Ceremonial, we got 11 new Nobles, and I was very impressed with Whitewater and the facilities. I think that the day went very well over all. I guess that there was a lot of competition between the #1 and #2 (Clown Units) but Madison (Zor Clowns) are still #1."

"It was great," said Marshal Chuck Miller & Funster clown, "the weather was a bit warm but we had a great turnout from the Units and Clubs. We brought a lot of equipment to show everyone and the table displays were great. I hope that we keep doing that. It builds a little completion between the Clubs and the Units. I thought that the Zor Clowns might win the competition with their balloon display but the Funster display was much better overall and that is why we won!"

Chet and Miles, they are just great. They have been doing this for so long. It just comes together and is an incredible amount of fun. It's a blast. Being on the Director's Staff, it's always a personal highlight to help out with second section. The transfer of the toilet paper was probably the peak event of the day. To use the old cliché: a good time was had by all."

"Lot of work but it was a good day—very productive," said 1st Ceremonial Master Bob Giesler. "I worked hard on this Mentor program and we pushed it out today. Our entire class will be assigned Mentors (to guide them through the Shrine). We hope it works and that it is successful for them and us. The candidates has a number of things that we need them to do: attend a quarterly meeting, attend an annual meeting, attend a Club meeting, attend a Unit meeting, go to a parade, visit a hospital, etc. If they do 4 of those within the year, we will present them with a special recognition and a membership pin. It helps maintain progress and keeps them involved. The project now moves over to Membership Chairman Bob Calverley."

New Noble Alyn Jones, member of Janesville Lodge #55, enjoyed the day even though he had one arm in a sling: "This was a great day, it was awesome. I never expected this much fun. It was more than I imagined. Everybody was polite... and made my wife feel very welcome, that makes my life so much easier. Her being part of something really helps. I wish I could have done more of the (second section) but... maybe next time I can come back and do more of the Hot Sands."

As always, the Potentate gets the last word: "I feel that it was a very exciting day. The candidates all had fun. I think that the displays helped because they could see the clowns, the clubs – what they do - and that was a definite plus. The Ritual Divan did a fantastic job. They direct it right to the candidates on a personal level. Chet always



The Divan gave an electrifying performance. Larry was all abuzz.

"It was a fantastic celebration," said Chief Rabban Larry Riemenschneider, "The facilities here at Whitewater were excellent. I like the Clubs and Units displays. It sure gives us Divan members coming up the line something to compete with and we got a lot of ideas today. It was a very successful Ceremonial. It's always fun to watch the Ceremonial Divan; they are very, very good at it. We got a lot of laughs out of the second section. The Director's Staff always come through and do a good job. I think that if there was a Director's Staff competition, they would be #1 overall."

"It was very eye-opening." New Noble Patrick Free from Madison Lodge #5 talked about his experience. "There's so much to learn from the Blue Lodge... but it's kind of shunned against to jump into an appendent body in an early stage. I've been a Master Mason for about a year and a half... but with my personality and who I am, I want to see what it is really all about. I want to see everything. The more I looked into (the Shrine), the more I thought about it: this is a route that I want to go. What the Shriners stand for, the philanthropy... it's a way to enjoy yourself; have fun, but do it for a great cause. This is brotherhood. The Shriners cover all the tenets of Freemasonry in one gallop and that to me is what it is all about. The best part about this whole thing is that they made me feel welcome but they really made my lady feel welcome. She had a really good time."

Matt Hughey, member of Ritual Divan: "I think that it went very, very well. It's amazing the way the guys know their parts.

does it perfect.

"We had all the Clubs and Units; we had competition between the clown units. The Director's Staff had a good time with the candidates. I heard all positives about the Ladies' programs. The facility here was fantastic, as well as the people we worked with. Whatever we needed, we were taken care of. Sue Buehler and Dale Olson, the committee heads, did a fantastic job. The Sahara Shrine Club was vital in making it happen here.

"Also today, we started a mentoring program. I think that's gonna be a positive. I think that the candidates were impressed that we had that much interest in them - that we want them to start participating right away. In my conversations with the candidates, they have shown that they want to get involved. Some of them told the Past Potentates that they want to be Hospital Dads right away. That's good news!

"We had good participation from across Zorland with candidates from La Crosse, Mosinee, Wausau, Baraboo, WI Dells, Whitewater...big area covered. We had a good turnout of the Past Potentates. It's good for our candidates to see that our leaders are still here participating.

"Thank you to Earl and Sue Buehler. Thank you to Sahara SC and Dale Olson. Thank you to the Pipes and Drums. They set the mood this morning. Thank you to the Director's Staff and Ritual Divan. Without them, we wouldn't be a success this weekend. It's a team effort. We work hard, we have fun, and it shows!"



Zor Shriners at Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Chicago

SPRING CEREMONIAL

Story and photos by Todd Wohlert



One of the many detailed displays seen around the Ceremonial.



The Zor Clowns from Madison proudly showing their display.



PGM Joe Harker conversing with Divan.



Be sure to ask these guys the directions to Sludge Lake.



Some of those awards might be bowling trophies.



The #11 clown unit? How many clown units do we have? Might be time to start thinning the herd...



The Boeck boys and Bill Jones



The presentation of the Past Potentates. Very similar to a police lineup.



Some of the many vehicles on display at UW-Whitewater.



Lady Mary Ellen's Toy Box project is already bursting with success!



Potentate Steve pinning New Noble Erik Seavey.



The Bradley boys hard at work!



Firehouse Jester Randy Erickson. Getting in the car is easy; getting out is a different story.



"Everybody is kung fu fighting..."



Karl Gant learning a few dance moves from Divan Diva Tammy Bomkamp.

MSA: BeDazzled in Winnipeg

This premiere event is hosted in Winnipeg by Khartum Shrine August 04-06 and is sandwiched between the two weeks of Folklorama... voted Canada's number one summer festival by the American Bus Association.

MSA 2011 kicks-off August 4th with a parade from the Legislative Buildings grounds to the reviewing stand at the historic Hotel Fort Garry, our headquarters hotel. The balance of the hotels is located within walking distance of the headquarters hotel...one or two exceptions would be the hotels selected by the equestrian units. These would be closer to the horse barns.

Friday's competitions will held in and around the downtown, many within walking distance such as the Forks Market. Competition/Displays: Motorized and Equestrian, Chanters, Comedians, Oriental Bands, Pipe bands, Flag Patrols, & Drum Corps. Our "Horsepower" competitions (motorized and equestrian) will be held at the Red River Exhibition grounds on the western edge of Winnipeg, next to the Assiniboia Downs.

New this year...the Ladies Luncheon

will be open to Honored Ladies without the need for a full registration. (Full registration is required to attend other events)

Shrine-A-Rama will be held at Fort Garry Place, an apartment/banquet facility connected to the headquarters hotel via a 2nd floor enclosed walkway. Shrine-A-Rama promises to be a fun-filled evening modeled after a "Prairie Social"...contests, live music, with a Fifties and Sixties Theme, and plenty of fabulous Manitoba "finger" foods. The venue features several different spaces to relax in ...from a large room for 600 to several smaller areas. All will have bar service and food stations. There is a rooftop patio area for those that enjoy a smoke.

Saturday's parade will be held at Assiniboine Park. Form-up will be in and around the old steam engine and formal gardens (South-East entrance) and step-off will commence at 11am.

The reviewing stand is at the Duck Pond. MSA 2011 will end here around 12 noon with a light, take-away lunch. www.MSA2011.org



LUCILLE BALL, RED SKELTON, ROY ROGERS: GREAT SHOWS OF THE 50's

The Zor Shriners Potentate's Ball to honor Potentate Steve Peterson and Lady Mary Ellen will be Saturday September 17th at the Holiday Inn in Rothschild (suburb of Wausau). Now is the time to dig out your poodle skirts, school letter jackets, saddle shoes, and those cat eyed or wide eye rim glasses as there is no formal wear or fezzes that evening.

The day's activities start with a car show from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. There is no entry fee but there are trophies for the top 3 vehicles, so make sure you spiff up your hot rods and get them entered in the show. Every attendee is requested to bring a picture of themselves from the 50's and 60's era that may be hung

on the bulletin board for display.

Emcee Tom Nelson has announced the social hour will start at 4:30pm, followed by the Grand March at 5:45pm, and dinner at 6:00pm. The String Cheese Band will provide the dancing music after the dinner. The cost is \$45.00 per person (coupon on back page) with a menu choice of chicken piccata, Kabeelo Lodge (pan fried) walleye, or a vegetarian meal on request.

Contact the Holiday Inn to reserve your room for 1 or 2 nights at a Zor Shriners rate of \$79.00 plus tax per night by calling 1-715-355-1111. August 26th is the firm cut-off date for both the meal and hotel room reservations.

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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 and Masonry. Invite a potential Noble or Mason 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: zormidgets@gmail.com

Even if you can't make the ride, buy a ticket! Top raffle prizes are \$1000, \$400, & \$200. Need not to be present to win. Support the ride and you might fatten up the piggy bank!



3rd Annual Masonic, Scottish Rite, Shriners Golf Outing

Thursday, August 25 is a great day to swing some clubs and enjoy the company of brothers and Nobles. Come together for the golf and steak fry at Dodge Point Country Club. This event is open to all male golfers - Master Masons, Scottish Rite Masons, Shriners, and non-masons (bring your friends). \$25 per person includes riding cart and tax. You must reserve a tee time and pay in advance. Shotgun start at 11:30 a.m. You may golf with your own foursome or we will fit you in with a foursome. Golf prizes based on the modified Peoria handicap system and low gross score. (See coupon.)

If you do not play golf, you may come for the meal only - a 5pm steak dinner at the country club: 1771 Cty Hwy YD, Mineral Point, WI, 53565 (Take Hwy 151s to exit YD). \$15 per person includes steak, potato, vegetable, side salad, dessert, tax and gratuity. Advance reservations only. Due by Thursday, August 11. (See coupon.)

Please add \$20 per person for door prize tickets. There will be a raffle beginning at 4 pm for prizes contributed by businesses and individuals. The prizes will consist of golf and non-golf items. All \$20 per person door prize proceeds and any additional contributions will be donated to our Masonic children's charities. Last year, we contributed \$1360 to our two Masonic Children's charities and this year we would like to reach or exceed a goal of \$1500. Additional door prize tickets will be available for purchase. Individual, business, or corporate event sponsorships are available. A gold sponsorship costs \$250, a silver sponsorship costs \$100, and a bronze sponsorship costs \$50. A regular tee sign sponsorship is also available for \$20 per sign. Sponsorship is a great way to increase the contributions to our charities. So please give a sponsorship plan serious consideration. Contact Paul Hallingstad at 608-318-0412 or pdhpar@charter.net for details and questions.

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Hospital Day at Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Twin Cities

Story and photo by J. Kevin Johnson

May 20th brought a large crowd of Nobles and Ladies Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Twin Cities for the Annual Hospital Day. A group of 35 attended from Zorland including Potentate Steve and Lady Mary Ellen Peterson and other members of the Divan. The day opened with breakfast and presentations by Radiology and Child Life. Donald Mattson, Chairman, Board of Governors, welcomed the guests, followed by Imperial Sir Dale W. Strauss. The Womens General Auxiliary and Daughters of the Nile gave presentations followed by stories from current and former patients.

A big hit of the morning was a fun and funny learning session by the Staff and Doctors – a game show called “U R

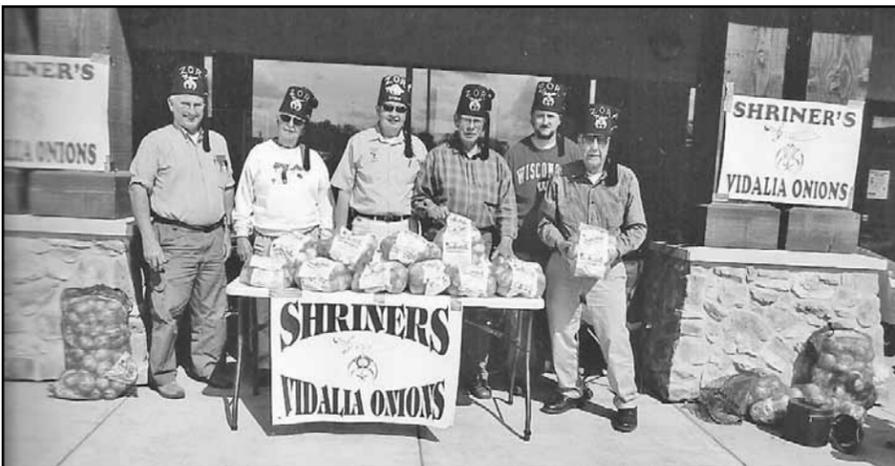
Smarter than a Doktr” hosted by Snidely Whiplash (Hospital Administrator Charlie Lobeck) also known as the THE JUDGE. The staff came dressed for work (see photo) and prepared to give sharp answers. After lunch was more presentations by the staff.

The highlight of the afternoon was the 2010 Rainbow of Hope Awards presented by 3 patients who have been outstanding in community and church services, school academics and activities, and volunteering for and being Ambassadors for Shriners Hospitals for Children®. Recipients were Lavania Beguh, Katya Hawes, and Bethany Keuter. Each received a plaque and a \$1000 check for further education.

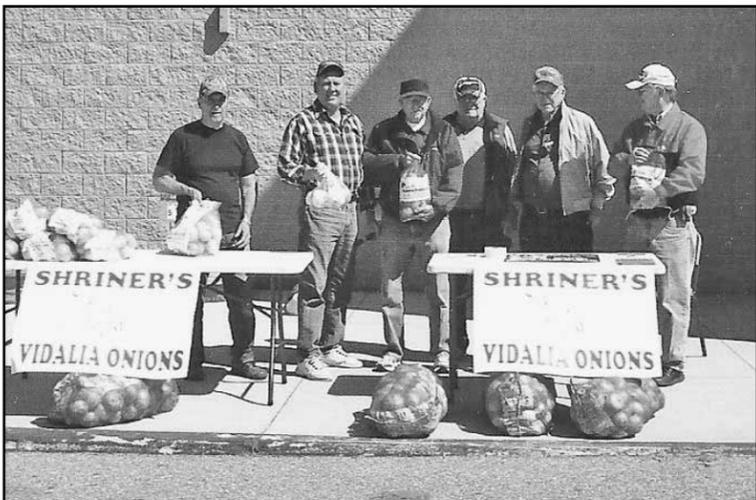


Representing the “Doktr’s” for the game show: (l to r) Kenneth Guidera MD, Chief of Staff Deborah Smith-Wright MD (in duck suit), and Assistant Chief of Staff Cary Mielke MD.

ONIONS! ONIONS! ONIONS!



The Prairie Du Chien Nobles of Southwestern Shrine Club sold 1300 lbs of Vidalia Onions this year. The True Value Hardware store was gracious enough to allow the club to set up in front of their store. The Southwestern Shrine Club sold a total of 7500 lbs this year. Nobles pictured are (l to r): Lowell Ahrens, George Sutton, Monte Steiber, Chuck Dyer, Marc Steiber, and Bob Obmascher.



Mecca Shrine Club set up in front of the Tomah Walmart to sell their onions. Nobles pictures are (l to r): Harry Smith, Dennis Clinard, Hollis Herbison, Mike Sund, Dave Rezsins, & Bob Keene.

Things You Might Like to Know

Hospital Dads Are Doing It for the Kids!

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Drivers and Riders to the Chicago Hospital in May

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Earl Buehler (2)	Al Becker
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Dick Jones	George Christopherson
Gary Krause	Jack Crosby
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Laverne Severson	Judean Everson
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Drivers and Riders to the Twin Cities Hospital in May

Drivers	Riders
Martin Burkhardt (2)	Dave Frogner
Bud Joholski	Roger Hancock
Gary Krause	Richard Neff
Jerry Mattakat	Walter Oravez
Barry Maxfield	Peter Rotter
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Larry Wiegand	



Calendar Raffle Winners

Congratulations to our lucky winners! Help support Zor by buying a calendar. This month had winners from all over the state and beyond. Next month could be YOUR lucky month! Top winners were: Jennifer Staggs, Beloit \$150; Phoebe Christake, Sands Point, NY \$100; William Smith, Belleville \$100; Mary Mackenzie, Oregon \$100; and Lloyd Fredrickson, Cameron \$150.

The \$20 dollar winners were: Sue Kaliebe, Wausau; Lois Engen, Beloit; Kevin Kail, Waterloo; John Hoeft, Omro; John Mather, Madison; John Pake, Wonewoc; Theresa Steinhorst, Oregon; Matt Joseph, River Falls; Karla Rands, Fennimore; Al & Penny Brueggen, Sparta; Marc Steiber, Prairie du Chien; Dave Ritchie, Darlington; Kathy Webb, WI Rapids; Richard Neff, Sparta; Ron Pattera, Tomah; Duane McCrain, Sparta; Ed Thompson, Tomah; Kris Sampson, Prescott; EG Becker, Ft. Atkinson; Bob Phillips, Sparta; Gari Spagnoletti, Menomonie; Elaine Bostad, Sun Prairie; David Finley, Prescott; Rhonda Postler, Webster; & Terri Keene, Camp Douglas.



Potentate's Picnic with the Mini Cars

Unit Captain Dave Dunahee extends an open invitation for all to come to Edgerton on Sunday July 17th for a fun filled day of fellowship. Be in the downtown area at 11:00 am for the Tobacco Days parade featuring several Zor units. Then move to the home of Austin and Connie Tronnes for the annual picnic as the Unit honors Potentate Steve Peterson and Lady Mary Ellen.

As always, this is a free event and no reservations are required. Plenty of food and beverages for all: grilled pork sandwiches, 40 dozen ears of corn, and much more. Come watch as Potentate Steve tries his luck at fishing from the pier...



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MINI CARS

The unit has already completed 5 parades early in the season - Camp Douglas, Albany, Cottage Grove, Orfordville, and Lake Mills. 9 members worked the Variety show on July 11th at the Moose Club in Janesville. Total attendance for the 2 shows was 130 people. Plans are being finalized for the 12 unit members who are traveling to the MSA in Winnipeg. Since our uniform supplier no longer carries the gray dress pants, we are switching to black wrangler jeans. The next unit meeting will be July 28th at the "pond". The 3 remaining meetings will be held at the Edgerton Masonic Lodge building.

Quarterly Meeting and Steak Fry in Madison

Potentate Steve Peterson invites all Nobles to the next Quarterly meeting Saturday July 23 at the Zor Shriners Center in Madison. Meeting starts promptly at 2:00 pm with a Cold Sands at 3:30, then is followed by the steak fry at 5:00 pm (in conjunction with the Zor Midgets Motorcycle & Classic Car Ride). Reservations must be received by July 13. The cost is only \$10 per person. See coupons on page 11! Please contact the Shrine Office at 608-833-6343 or email to zortemp@chorus.net to make your reservation.

Vernon Shrine Club Potentate Party

Viroqua native, Potentate Steve Peterson, will be honored with a Potentate party at Eckhart park in Viroqua, WI hosted by the Vernon Shrine Club Sunday August 21. Social at 4p, then meal at 5p. Menu includes steak plus all of your favorite home-cooked fixings! There may even be some lefse! Steve will have to bring his own lutefisk, though. See coupon for deadlines! Bring a toy donation for Lady Mary Ellen's Toy Box project. Questions? Call Todd at 608-385-1923.

UniTidings

ZOR CLOWNS

Left, the "#1 Clown Unit" in full dress at the Monona Parade. (The term "#1 Clown Unit" is self-designated and not an attempt by the Zephyr Editor to choose sides. Please do not send hate mail. Yes, this means you, Funsters.)



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July Birthdays

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ROAD RUNNERS
 The Shrine members of the Road Runners/St. Croix Valley Shrine Club are shown in front of their trailer just before their appearance in the Roberts, Wisconsin Good Neighbor Days parade on June 5, 2011. Pictured: front row (l

to r) is Dave Vold, Captain Jerry Wilkens of River Falls, Bob Pierson of New Richmond, and Club President Barry Ausen of Star Prairie. Back row (l to r) is Arvid Flanum, Curt Anderson, & John Beebe of New Richmond and Jason Decheine of River Falls.

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Vernon SC Potentate Party

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