



Wausau Potentate Ball "Reelin' & Rockin'"

Story and photos by Todd Wohlert

Saturday September 17 will go down as one of the major highlights of Potentate Steve Peterson and Lady Mary Ellen's year. Music, food, frivolity, and fun abounded while treasured memories were formed as the Zor Shriners Nobility "rocked around the clock". Pink was the color and grease was the word. There were so many poodles skirts around that the event could have passed for a Westminster Kennel Club show.

The party committee put a lot of work into this event. Thanks goes out to John and Debbi Thorstad PP, Tom and Nancy Nelson PP, Mark & Sheri Severson PP, Chuck and Cheryl Porter, and Len and Carol Urban.

The day started early with a Divan meeting and preparation of the ball room and hospitality room. Once the work was done, it was time to play. Nobles and Ladies changed into their 50's and 60's gear while the cars were set up for the classic car show. Nobility were encouraged to bring photos from the time period so others could figure out who was who. Baby pictures were a bit of a challenge but dimpled cheeks and little smirks gave away the identities of more than one Past Potentate.

Everyone loves to play dress up. Some Nobles and their Ladies went for homage, some went for satire, and some went crazy. The pictures from this event will live in infamy. Some Divan members can expect life-size posters to be made and displayed at future events. Cameras were flashing all night, commemorating the fun and fancy costumes that everyone wore.

PP Tom Nelson, the emcee for the event, welcomed everyone and announced the Grand March. The sound of bagpipes filled the ballroom at the Rothschild Holiday Inn as Jack Crosby and Tom Greenhalgh fired up the pipes. Osman Shriners Potentate John Brockman and his lady Cheryl as well as Beja Shriners Potentate Gary Shriver and his lady were escorted in to the room. Next up, the

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Believe or not, summer is over and it's time for Shrine Football Games, Badger and Packer Football, Halloween, and Thanksgiving not to mention X-mas is not far behind.

October has many events that start with Mecca's Evaluation Clinic in Sparta and the UW La Crosse Shrine Football Game on the 1st, St. Croix SC Potentate's Party on the 7th, UW River Falls Shrine Football Game and Parade on the 8th, Eau Claire Scottish Rite Reunion also on the 8th, Honored Ladies Luncheon and Zor's Quarterly meeting at the Shrine Center in Madison on the 11th, Eau Claire Scottish Rite Reunion on the 22nd, and in November the big event is the Vet's Appreciation Dinner and Membership Drive at the Madison Shrine Center on the 11th.

To the Clubs & Units, please keep Selling the 2012 Calendar books and Gun Raffle Tickets as these are both Zor Shriners Fund Raisers which help to keep dues down and operate Zor.

To those 80 some Nobles who have not paid your 2011 dues you will receive a final dues notice this month. Remember your dues include the Imperial \$15.00 per capita tax and the \$5.00 Hospital assessment. Zor has already forwarded the \$15.00 and \$5.00 to Imperial which they required to be paid in the spring of 2011. Your support of our hospitals is needed and the saddest thing is if your dues are not paid Zor does not have a choice and is required to suspend your membership with Zor Shrine as of December 31, 2011. If there is a reason you are unable to pay your dues, please contact the Zor Office to determine if we can help you keep your membership.

The 2012 dues will be \$70.00 up \$2.00 from 2011 which will be reflected in your dues notice.

2012 dues are due and payable by January 1, 2012.



From The Potentate

Steven Peterson



The colors of Autumn are upon us as we head into October. This is the time of year when we start preparing for the colder weather, which means parading slows down, holiday event planning begins, and, of course, football season is in full swing!

On August 21, we traveled to my hometown for the Potentate party by the Vernon Shrine Club of the Viroqua area, which was headed up by Todd Wohlert, ZEPHYR Editor. The Divan was well represented at the picnic with a large number Nobles and their Ladies, several possible new candidates, and six of my brothers and sisters in attendance – definitely a day of great memories.

Mary Ellen and I had a beautiful day to travel to the Magic show in Rice Lake on September 10. We had a nice turnout of Fezs from Indianhead and St. Croix Shrine clubs.

The units of Zorland have been busy parading throughout the state and at this time of year they are doing some of their last parades. I was able to parade in the Fall Festival Parade in Cashton with the Firehouse Jesters clown unit. Shriners working hard always need to take time for some fun, therefore after the parade, Mary Ellen & I traveled to the home of Bob & Pat Giesler with the Jesters to have a picnic and fellowship. Bob sure knows how to grill a mean brat, which we all enjoyed!

I was able to attend the funeral of Jim Childs on September 12 who had devoted his life to the Masonic Fraternity, received his 33rd degree with Scottish Rite, and was an active member of the ZOR Camel Patrol. He will be dearly missed in the Masonic Fraternity, Scottish Rite- Valley of Madison, and ZOR Shriners.

Lady Mary Ellen and I attended the meeting and social outing with the Veteran Patrol Nobles and Ladies at the Maple Tree restaurant in McFarland on September 12. They are in the planning stages of the Veterans Day celebration on 11-11-11. It was good to see a number of nobles attending this meeting as they revitalize their club.

The steak fry on September 13 was another success with the Wranglers unit doing a great job cooking the steaks and serving the Nobles and Ladies. It was

nice to have Klinton McCutchin and Lady Wanda from Dodgeville come to celebrate their 60th Anniversary at the steak fry. This is just another example of how Zor Shriners are like one big family.

The Reelin' & Rockin' in the Fifties Potentate's Ball went on without a hitch on September 17. There was definitely no shortage of poodle skirts, leather jackets, dancing with the String Cheese band, and fun! The committee did a great job planning to ensure it was a huge success. Thanks goes out to the committee, led by John Thorstad PP and Lady Debbi, and included Tom Nelson PP and Lady Nancy, Mark Severson PP and Lady Sheri, Chuck Porter and Lady Cheryl, and Len Urban and Lady Carol. Thank you to Tim Natarus for bringing in three limited edition Thunderbirds from the 60s, which all the guests admired and had their pictures taken with. Steve Livernash shook things up by dressing up as Elvis for the evening. And, we were honored to have Jack Crosby and Tom Greenhalgh from the ZOR Pipers at the event, piping in the Divan and dignitaries from Osman and Beja Shriners. Last but not least, all Nobles and Ladies, family and friends who made this a memorable night for Lady Mary Ellen and I – "Thank You"

to all.

The trips continued in September, attending the social meeting with Pine Valley Shrine Club meeting in Readstown on September 20. This being my first time to meet with this club, I had a great time getting to know more Nobles who all are working to Revitalize, Retain, and Reel-in new members.

I had the opportunity on September 21, with membership chairman Bob Calverley, to do a presentation at the Marshfield Lodge about why we are Shriners. Again, I ask Nobles to participate in your Blue lodges and encourage your Brothers to become Shriners and join us in being Hooked on Helping Kids.

Lastly, I want to encourage you to go online to see ZOR's new web site (www.zorshriners.com). A special "Thank You" goes out to the ZOR Geekz who have worked diligently in getting this new website going. Work is still going on to continue developing the site, and we will need the support from all Clubs and Units to work with the Geekz team in making this the best site in Shrinedom.

Hope this find you well, and isn't it GREAT being a Shriner?!

Peace be with you,
Potentate Steve Peterson



Zor Shriner's 2011 Calendar

October

- 1 Mecca SC Evaluation Clinic, Sparta
- 1 UW-La Crosse Football game, La Crosse
- 6 - 8 SCAFRA, Portland, OR
- 7 St Croix SC Potentate Party, St Croix
- 8 UW-River Falls Football Game, River Falls
- 8 Eau Claire Scottish Rite Reunion, Eau Claire
- 11 Divan Meeting, Madison
- 11 Honored Ladies Lunch, Zor Shriners Center
- 11 Quarterly Meeting, Madison
- 11 Steak Fry, Zor Shriners Center
- 16 Director's Staff Tail Gate party, Zor Shriners Center
- 22 Eau Claire Scottish Rite Reunion, Eau Claire

November

- 11 Vet's Appreciation Dinner/Membership Drive, Zor Shriners Center
- 11-12 Madison Scottish Rite Reunion, Madison Masonic Center
- 12 UW-Whitewater Football Game, Whitewater
- 13 Lefse Bake Day, Zor Shriners Center

December

- 3 Ceremonial & Parade To Glory, Chula Vista - WI Dells
- 11 Lunch with Santa, Zor Shriners Center
- 12 River Falls Variety Show

Zor Shriners Salute Our Veterans

Zor Shriners will be saluting our Veterans this year with a special celebration on Friday November 11 on Veteran's Day. We want to honor all ZOR Veterans, Masonic Veterans, and non-Mason Veterans at ZOR's Shrine Center at 575 ZOR Shrine Place, Madison. The celebration will begin with social time at 5:00 PM with entertainment by Retro Swing band. We encourage all veterans to bring in their pictures, uniforms, and other images to display for the event. If possible, wear your uniform to the evening event. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM featuring grilled steak or grill salmon. You can find the reservation coupon in the back of the Zephyr. Note if you bring a guest veteran, be it Mason or non-mason, they also pay a reduced price of \$10.00. Following the dinner, we will have a short program to honor veterans and why we encourage all veterans to be Shriners and Hooked on Helping Kids.

The Potentate is asking all ZOR Shriners when attending their Blue Lodge meetings in the coming months to talk up this event up and ask those Masonic Veteran brothers to attend the festivities. Once they attend this celebration, they

will be ready to be reeled-in to becoming a ZOR Shriner.

If you are traveling to this event from out of town and need a place to stay, we suggest you call the Hampton Inn & Suites –Madison West location at 608-271-0200 located on 483 Commerce Drive. Mention that you are attending a ZOR Shriner event and you will be given a discounted rate. This hotel is only short distance from the ZOR Center.

You may consider making it a weekend stay in Madison since the Badgers are playing on Saturday or travel with the Divan to the Old Towne Inn in Jefferson for the Sahara Shrine Club raffle drawing at 10:00 AM then onto UW Whitewater for the Shrine game at 1:00 PM. You can complete your weekend by making lefsa at the ZOR Shriners Center on Sunday.

Reminder to send in your coupon for 11-11-11. All ZOR Nobles need to thank our military veterans and those serving currently in the military for their dedication in the freedoms we have today and in the future in America. Make a dedicated effort to attend this ZOR Veterans Day celebration in honor of our veterans. God Bless America!



HELP FILL THE TOY BOX FOR THE CHILDREN

The Toy Box is filling up with toys to be donated to the Children at the Shriners Hospital for Children - Twin Cities. Lady Mary Ellen is pleased with the toy donations that have been made and encourages you to join in this effort and bring a smile to the face of our patients. There is still time to make your donation of new unwrapped toys or Mc Donald gift cards for the Hospital!

The Toy Box will be at the following locations:

Friday & Saturday, October 7-8 - St Croix Valley Shrine Club - River Falls

Tuesday, October 11 - Honored Ladies Luncheon and Steak Fry at the ZOR Shriners Center

If you would like to contribute to Lady Mary Ellen's project, but are not be able to attend these events, feel free to drop the toys or gift cards off at the Zor Shriners office or contact a Divan member to assist with the delivery. We will also accept cash donations and do the shopping for you.

Your help in filling the Toy Box for the Children at the Shriners Hospital for Children is greatly appreciated.

Zor is Hooked on Helping Kids!

Thank You Nobles & Ladies!!

A big thank you to all who donated to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) on my behalf for my 100 mile bicycle ride in LaCrosse. Over 400 riders raised over \$1,000,000 to help in finding a cure!

Thank you from all who suffer this silent disease.

Bob Gorsuch

Antioch Temple Presents Holidays in Style with Daughters of the Nile

On Saturday, October 29, at the Blackhawk Country Club in Madison, ladies from Daughters of the Nile will present a style show featuring fashions from Coldwater Creek, Greenway Station. The style show will be preceded by a Chinese Auction and Social Hour at 11:00 am and a noon luncheon (menu below). All proceeds from this event will go to the Daughters of the Nile Foundation Convalescent Relief Account and will

be used for the children in the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Everyone is welcome, so reserve a table today for you and your friends.

The cost of the event is \$22 per person and the luncheon menu is Chicken and Mushroom Crepes with Wild Rice. It is served with fresh fruit garnish and a salad. Rolls, beverage, and sherbet with raspberry drizzle and cookie are included. See coupon on page 11.



Directors Staff Hosts Annual Packer Tail Gate Party



Watch the Packers take on the St. Louis Rams on October 16. Watch the game on the big screen, enjoy all the great food and refreshments, and be with your Shrine friends and family - what more could you want? The Director's Staff is hosting its annual Packer Tail Gate Party at the Shrine Center on Sunday, October 16th at 11AM. Bring a friend or two as it will be a great time. There will be a trivia contest and door prizes to add some additional excitement to the game.

The traditional tailgate menu will be served featuring hot dogs, chili, chips, snacks and beverages - all this for \$10 per person. Join us by sending in the coupon with your \$10 check made payable to Zor Director's Staff to Mark Severson, 363 S. Main Street, Cottage Grove, WI 53527 by October 7. It will be a great time for everyone. Don't forget to wear your most unique Packer attire - let's see the Green & Gold fill Hankwitz Hall.

AWARD OF MERIT RULES

This award is presented for dedicated and exemplary voluntary service to Zor Shriners and to the Shriner's philanthropy, the Shriners Hospitals for Children®, over a minimum of five years.

Recognition for outstanding service to Shrine Clubs or Units solely shall be the responsibility of those bodies and the nominee shall not be eligible for the Award of Merit recognition as they do not meet the guidelines.

The Award shall preferably be presented to Nobles not otherwise recognized as serving on the Divan or by appointment to prominent positions.

No member of the Zor Divan or past member of the Divan will be eligible for consideration until at least five years following his being on the Divan. Then only for Voluntary Service that is within Zor's sphere of influence.

To nominate your candidate, please provide a nomination letter describing why you feel this Noble is deserving of this award, i.e., what activities he has participated in, what offices has he held with the club/unit, how has he contributed to the shrine philanthropy, how has he been involved with helping children, etc.

Your nomination letter should be forwarded to the Zor Shriners office NO LATER THAN Tuesday, November 1, 2011.



Third Annual Combined Shrine-Scottish Rite Golf/ Dinner Outing

by Paul Hallingstad

The third annual Zor Shriners-Scottish Rite Golf-Dinner Outing was held at Dodge-Point Country Club on Thursday, August 25. A total of 49 golfers and 48 diners thoroughly enjoyed themselves with pleasure and good fellowship on a beautiful summer afternoon. Zor Shriners Potentate Steve Peterson and Commander-in-Chief of the Madison Consistory Jon Grinde provided some words of wisdom for the diners. Noble Keith Krinke was Master of Ceremonies for Humor and Silent Auction Prizes.

Paul Hallingstad won the low gross trophy with a score of 79 and Jim Stelsel made the lowest handicap score and a trophy with a score of 68. Additional golf prizes were awarded to Tom Hildenbrandt and Steve Peterson with a handicap score of 70.

The purpose of the outing was not only to enjoy the game of golf and break bread with friends and brothers but to also make a significant contribution to the Madison Children's Dyslexia Center and Zor Shriners Patient Transportation Fund.

Special thanks go to our Gold Premium Sponsors: Oak Bank - Bob Gorsuch, Bjoin Limestone Inc. - Larry Hanson, and Krinke Enterprises - Keith Krinke; to our Silver Premium Sponsor, Soderholm Wholesale Foods, Inc. - Jim and Jay Soderholm, and Zor Circus Promotions - Bob Sands. Additional thanks go to our regular hole sponsors: Thompson's Top Hat Chimney Cleaning - Joe Thompson; Dodgeville Lodge #119 - John Metcalf; and Billy the Clown - Larry Hanson.

Thanks to all the Brothers, Nobles, and friends who contributed prizes for our silent auction. The total contribution of sponsors and the silent auction added up to \$1935. The Zor Patient Transportation Fund and Madison Children's Dyslexia Center will share the proceeds.

Thanks to Jay, Helen, and Chef Brother Matt Drennan at Dodge-Point Country Club for providing a fun time, great venue, and great meal for our event. Get ready for next year's outing. Watch for the date and put it on your must-do calendar.

December Ceremonial – Reel In Your Candidates!

By Sheri Severson

Potentate Steve Peterson is eager to welcome new Nobles to Zor Shriners at the Fall Ceremonial on December 3 at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Make plans now to attend and enjoy the festivities by bringing in your candidate. Join Potentate Steve and Lady Mary Ellen as they host a visit from Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske and Lady Ann as they return to Zor for the weekend. Imperial Sir Gary became a plural member of Zor in 2007. The committee has also made arrangements for Dr. Ken Guidera, Chief of Staff at the Shriners Hospitals for Children® —Twin Cities, to spend the weekend as our guest speaker.

Come early to enjoy the great atmosphere and the many activities the facility offers. Chula Vista hosts an 80,000 square foot multi-level indoor water park, an arcade, and spa in its newly renovated facility. Rooms can be reserved by contacting Chula Vista directly at 608-254-8366; please mention the Zor Shriners to receive the discounted rate. There are 2 types of rooms available:

a standard room (\$97 + Tax) or a junior condo suite (\$117 + tax). The junior condo rooms include sleeping for up to 6 people, with either 1 king or 2 queen beds and a sofa sleeper. The deadline for reserving rooms is November 14. We have been assured that all rooms will be reserved in the Conference Center section of the hotel so no one will need to walk a long distance to the event.

The activities are plentiful that weekend, beginning on Friday evening with the Hospitality Room open that evening for everyone to socialize and get to know one another (3:30 - 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 - 11:00 p.m.). This is a great time to meet and greet the candidates and their ladies.

Saturday brings much excitement and anticipation for the Candidates, their sponsors, and ladies. The day's activities begin at 7:00 a.m. for the candidates as they register for the activities (see Agenda for complete schedule of events). The men's sessions will be held on the first floor of the Convention Center.

The ladies will be busy during the day as they also participate in the orientation with their Nobles-to-be (everyone is invited to attend the orientation session). Dr. Guidera will be the keynote speaker for the luncheon. During the day, everyone is invited to the Daughter of the Nile Cookie Walk and Craft sale. The Ladies Auxiliary will also have popcorn to purchase. Following lunch, the ladies will join the Nobles for the rest of the Ceremonial Activities on the first floor of the Center.

Following the afternoon activities, dinner will be served so be sure to sign up early to reserve your place. Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske will be our guest speaker for the evening as he is sure to provide us with an energetic and engaging presentation.

Fun follows dinner with dancing to the Kristi B band – soft rock, country and everything in between. Perhaps we can get the Zor songsters on stage to render their version of the "Auctioneer Song"? Music and socializing will be available

for everyone from 8 to 11 pm, so bring your dancing shoes.

Meals will be served to fit almost anyone's taste palette. Starting with Saturday, coffee will be served in the morning and bakery items will be available at the Nile cookie walk for the early morning risers. Lunch menu will include a deli buffet with soup (including beverages) for both ladies and men for only \$15 per person; dinner includes honey glazed chicken and London broil for \$28 per person. One coupon is all you need to sign up for the meals. Meal reservations are due by November 14. Please make checks payable to Zor Shriners and mail to: Zor Shriners, 575 Zor Shrine Place, Madison, WI 53719. Tardiness will be fined \$10 per person for reservations made after the deadline.

This will be a great Ceremonial for everyone – please plan to attend. Bring your family to enjoy the warm and inviting atmosphere of Chula Vista and Zor Shriners.



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Ceremonial Schedule		
Chula Vista Resort – December 3, 2011		
7:00-8:30	Candidate registration	Grand Ball Room Lobby
8am-2pm	Daughters of Nile cookie walk & crafts	Grand Ball Room Lobby
9:00-9:45	Candidate and lady orientation	Convention room H
10:00-10:15	Pipes & Drums (ladies invited)	Convention room H
10:15-10:30	Class enters, Divan & Color Guard Enter	Convention room H
10:30-11:45	Ritualistic Divan 1st section (ladies invited) Ladies excused prior to 3rd section	Convention room H
11:45-12:30	Candidate and noble lunch	Laguna Vista Rm (2nd Floor)
11:00-2:30	Ladies luncheon	North Riverview Rm (LL)
11:30 -11:45	Divan meets with ladies	North Riverview Rm (LL)
12:30-1:00	Candidates report for 2nd section	Convention room B
1:00-2:30	2nd Section	Convention room H
2:30-3:00	Break	
3:00-5:00	Introductions: VIP, PP; Fez talk, Wausauken Indian skit, Samsar awards, 25/50 year recognition, Award of Merit, Fez Ceremony, Parade to Glory	Convention room H
5:00-5:45	Social gathering – cash bar	North Riverview Rm (LL)
6:00-8:00	Dinner, Potentate Remarks, Imperial Sir Remarks	North Riverview Rm (LL)
8:00-11:00	Dance – Kristi B Band	North Riverview Rm (LL)

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Divan and their Ladies were escorted in by the thunderous pipes. Finally, Potentate Steve Peterson and Lady Ellen were guided in by the King of Rock and Roll, Elvis. Yes, Elvis. He's alive and we have him. Masonic secret... shhhhh...

The Nobility settled down to a fantastic meal of chicken piccata, Kabeelo Lodge walleye, or vegetarian fair followed by a make-your-own sundae bar. Some people almost lost fingers because they lingered too long at the hot fudge bowl.

(and took lots of pictures). Right before he loaded up his awards to place on the mantle next to his other awards, he had this to say: "Glad to do it for Steve. Don't get the opportunity to do this for a Potentate every year."

"I like the Potentate's ball," said Earl Buehler PP, "some of the people are really dressed to match the period and some of them are dressed really weird."

"This is a great party," said Marshall Chuck Miller. "50's and 60's - I loved that era! We got into the theme and we're having a great time. (The Funsters) are wearing our outfits from (the M.S.A in Canada but this time I added a tie.)"

1st Ceremonial Master Bob Giesler

couple of this in the last few years, and I just love them. These 50's and 60's parties are fun because that was my era. The cars are beautiful. I get to drive one back to Tim's home tonight!"

"Good times," said committee member Chuck "Squiggy" Porter, as he brandished the tequila bottle he danced with when the song "Tequila" came on. "Gonna save this for breakfast tomorrow."

"The party went very well," said John Thorstad PP. "We had a great committee put this together. We got most of the decorations put up in one day. Everyone had a great time and it was a really good time for Steve and Mary Ellen. The costumes have been fantastic tonight. The theme aspect went well. I could never put a party together like this without the help of my wife."

2nd Ceremonial Master Dave Bomkamp said that he and his wife Tammy had an excellent time. "We had a good time visiting with everyone. We got the new website off the ground today and I feel good about that!"

"What a great idea to have a 50's & 60's party. Of course, I didn't realize that Steve was that old. I know that Mary Ellen isn't so she must have been a child

spent a lot of time helping him fix his little car. I went to school with PP Mark Severson in La Crosse so I have quite a few connections in Zorland. I don't normally wear hippie clothes so this is a treat. Thank you to Steve and Mary Ellen for inviting us. We love the cooperation with get between our two Shrines. We'll see you guys in River Falls for the football game October 8."

"This party was fantastic," said Potentate Steve Peterson. "The committee would not let Mary Ellen and I see the banquet room until it was time for the party. They did a fantastic job of putting together the theme and the records. All the guests that came had different, fun outfits all relating to the 50's and 60's. Everyone having a great time was fun to see."

"I want to thank Tim Natarus for bringing the cars. That was a hit during the afternoon - the pictures and all that. I want to thank Steve Livernash for being Elvis tonight. I want to thank the bagpipers, Jack Crosby and Tom Greenhalgh, for bringing us in for the Grand March. They showed up specifically to help us. The meal was good and the staff here treated us well."



Steve and Mary Ellen showing off their gift from the Divan and their Ladies.

After the meal, the Potentate addressed the assemblage and thanked everyone for coming out for the event. He introduced his daughter and his twin brother who were in town for the event. He introduced visiting in-laws and neighbors, all in costume, who also joined the Nobility for the event. Then emcee Tom turned the mic over to anyone who wished to make presentations. The visiting Potentates each offered a gift and shared warm greetings. On behalf of the Divan and their Ladies, Lady Ann Steiber presented a special gift to Steve and Mary Ellen.

The night was far from over - it was time to dance! The String Cheese band played great oldies and kept the crowd entertained all night long. The hula hoop contest was a sight to see, especially the dance stylings of Elvis. When all was said and swung, the winners were Deb Holmen and the Potentate's daughter, Nicole. More contests and dancing continued on through the night.

A good time was had by all and everyone had something to say about this singular event: "It's been a rock and roll good time," exclaimed Elvis, with a pelvic gyration. "Thank you, thank you very much."

Tim Natarus brought 3 Thunderbirds to the event - one '61 and two 63's - which the Nobility fawned over all day

enjoyed the party: "We had a good turnout... and a good time was had by all. The old cars were really neat."

Outer Guard Wally Trouten enjoyed his first Potentate Ball: "It's a very good time... this is a lot of fun. I always like old cars, that's always a goodie. It's fun with a theme party like this."

"It's been a pretty nice party," said Larry Hanson High Priest Prophet. "The band is good. The theme aspect was really good. The cars were great - it brings back a lot of memories of good times."

"Fantastic!" said Assistant Rabban Bob Gorsuch. "Having Elvis show up was pretty special. My outfit was fun except for the lack of a zipper in the front."

Bob Kaschel PP enjoyed the event and the classic cars, too: "These are the kind of (events) that make all of us get together a little bit more. It's just plain fun."

Oriental Guide and hippie Monte Steiber had a mellow comment: "Good food, good times. The cars were cool. The magic brownies are up in my room 'cause I'm saving them for my lady." (He's kidding. He doesn't have any magic brownies... but you might ask a PP.)

Tom Nelson PP and emcee had a blast! "This was a good party. I've been to a



James Dean looks a little jealous of Elvis.

bride," said Beja Shriners Potentate Gary Shriver with a clever grin. "I had a great time tonight. The meal was excellent, the service was fantastic, and the music is great. My Lady Pam and I are happy that we were invited to come. My father always had Thunderbirds for vehicles and the classic cars here take me back to that. It's great that Elvis was here. I think that he was a personal friend of Steve's."

"We had a very good time," said committee member Lenny Urban. "Everything turned out real good. Everyone had a good time and that's what we wanted - for everyone to have a good time."

"It's been great," said Osman Shriners Potentate John Brockman. "We've gotten to know Steve and Mary Ellen over 10 years. I originally grew up in Mauston; my grandfather was a Zor Shriner. I

"It was nice to have my daughter here from the Minneapolis area. My son couldn't make it but he wished us the best. He and his wife will be blessing us with a grandchild next year and my daughter and her husband will be having another as well. We'll have another busy year of travelling! My twin brother came over as well as Mary Ellen's brother and his wife. Our good friends, our neighbors, joined us tonight as well. Plus, our daughter's in-laws were able to join us for this fun night, too."

"I want to thank my Lady for everything she does for me. She helps things run smoothly and keeps me in line. Thank you to Helen Anklam for joining us tonight. Her husband Bob brought me into the Shrine. Thank you to the committee again for the great work they did."




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Above, Beja Shriners Potentate Gary Shriver making a presentation to the Petersons.



Below left, the Potentate toasting the pipers.

Below right, don't tell anyone but the trunk is full of magic brownies.



Left, the Piper escorting in the Chief Rabban and his Lady.



Zor Shriners were "BeDazzled" in Winnipeg

Story by Todd Wohlert

The MSA got off to an exciting start for Potentate Steve Peterson on Tuesday August 2. He was following the Zor bus with his vehicle when the bus ran over an aluminum ladder that was lying in the road. The wheels of the bus flung the ladder like a missile directly at Steve's vehicle.

"When we saw it flying at our windshield, it was a little scary for Larry (Hanson) and I," said the Potentate, "fortunately, it dropped and we ran over it instead and we made it through. Once we got to Fargo and the hotel, our heart rates finally went down."

After staying overnight in Fargo, the Divan, Nobles, and Ladies returned to the bus, made it through the border, and arrived at Winnipeg. They had most of the day to explore before their first Counterpart event with Divan members from the other Midwest Shrines: Abu Bekr, Khartum, Kem, Aad, El Riad, El Zagal, Ahmed, Zuhrah, Naja, Yelduz, Wa Wa, Beja, & Osman.

Thursday, the rest of the Zor Nobility arrived and started exploring the area, especially the historic Hotel Fort Garry, our headquarters hotel. The marketplace was set up as were a couple of hospitality suites. Smiles were abundant from the locals and visiting Nobility. The first major event was the Thursday night parade starting at the Legislative building then heading down to the Hotel Fort Garry followed by dinner and entertainment. The Zor Host had their own hospitality suite set up in our headquarters, the Place Louis Riel Hotel, a few blocks from Hotel Fort Garry. There were 2 other Shrines sharing our hotel and each had their hospitality suites. After careful examination and research, everyone (including the other Shrines) agreed that ours was the best hospitality room and the best operated. This became obvious when the others closed their rooms early to come down to our room. Such is the burden of success!

Friday was the day that the Units got to strut their stuff! The competitions were held in and around the city, many within walking distance. The "horsepower" competitions (motorized and equestrian) were held at the Red River Exhibition grounds on the western edge of Winnipeg, next to the Assiniboia Downs. The Mini Cars from Edgerton won, of course!

Friday evening, the Shrine-A-Rama was held at Fort Garry Place, with a "Prairie Social"...contests, live music, a 50's and 60's theme, and plenty of fabulous Manitoba "finger" foods, including bison burgers. A lot of people really get into the swing of things by wearing poodle skirts, black leather jackets, and lots of grease in their hair. The Funsters had special outfits made up for their guys and

dolls. The band was fun and they kept people on their feet dancing all night. One highlight was the hula hoop contest featuring all the Potentates. Our guy may not have had the best rhythm but he had the most fun!

Saturday's final parade was held at Assiniboine Park with the Imperial reviewing stand at the Duck Pond. After the parade, all the Nobles and Ladies were presented with a light, take-away lunch and everyone hit the road for home. It was a long weekend with a lot of laughs, a lot of walking, and a lot stories. New friends were created and old friendships were reacquainted. All the Clown Units agreed that we had beautiful weather. After that - end of Clown agreement.

The Divan and their Ladies were constantly on the move and have many tales to tell:

"The ladies that attended MSA were kept busy with various events to enjoy the delightful city of Winnipeg," reported Lady Mary Ellen Peterson. "The ladies were up early Thursday morning to attend a Counterparts brunch, followed by a bus tour of the city and its renowned Legislative Building. At the building, the ladies were entertained by our tour guide, Frank, who was a (good looking) young man, and a proud Mason. Having completed his Thesis on the history and architectural design of the building, which was built using Masonic Principles, we learned a lot on the tour. And, we told our spouses that we now know all the "secrets" of Masonry. Thursday evening, Zor had a great cheering section, to support the ZOR Shrine units and the Divan participating in the parade.

"On Friday, the ladies enjoyed a luncheon, followed with a trendy style show. The week ended with a 50's/60's band on Friday night - a great way to get us primed for the 'Reelin' and Rockin' Potentate's Ball on September 17. Did you know that Winnie the Pooh was originated in Winnipeg. The ladies learned this along with other tidbits of Winnipeg.

"Saturday morning we were up early, packed, and on the bus by 9 a.m. to head for the parade route. Thank you to everyone who took the time to travel to Winnipeg for MSA. Joe Harker did a phenomenal job as our Housing Chair, Dave Dewey allowed us to relax and enjoy the bus ride, and our Hosts provided a welcome mat for ZOR and many other Temples. We are looking forward to Grand Forks, ND next year!"

Marshall Chuck Miller had this to say: "It was a great, great weekend. The weather was perfect. I got picked on a little bit (by the Zor Clowns) on the way here but it was all in good fun. I had a great time. The Elvis impersonator at the

Counterparts dinner Wednesday was a high point. The Funsters came all dressed up for the Shrine-a-rama. Too bad the Zor Clowns didn't..."

"I was a little disappointed of entries (in the clown competition) but I lucked out this year," said Lyle "Foxy" Fox. "I won 1st place in senior clowns, 1st place in multiple balloons, 3rd place in single balloons, and 3rd place in paradability so I was very happy. The Clown party Friday night was good. We had a nice sit-down dinner; they kept it very lively. The emcee, Robo the Clown, did a very good job... had a lot of laughs, lot of door prizes, all in good humor.

"The event was very good," said Bob Calverley, Membership Chairman and Funster. "It's events like this that keep us coming back as Shriners and help to get new members in. The 50's & 60's theme at the Shrine-a-rama was a high point - we'll carry that over to the Potentate Ball in Wausau September 17th. The Funster Ladies all have Pink Lady jackets (from Grease) but they say Lady Funster and the guys all have black jackets to match."

Deputy Chief of Staff Steve Davidson shared this: "The events went very well. It was an excellent time for everyone. This is my first year here and I'm just kind of seeing how things are done. I'm looking forward to the next MSA in Grand Forks, ND."

"We had a great time," said Dave Bomkamp, 2nd Ceremonial Master, "it's a beautiful city. People here are wonderful; we had some very good fellowship and got to meet our Counterparts from other Shrines. There weren't any faux pas on this trip so no one earned any new nicknames this weekend. It's been good and it's a worthwhile experience and I'm glad I came."

Bob Gorsuch, Assistant Rabban, had this to declare: "It's always fun and the camaraderie and the visiting with Shriners from other parts of the Midwest is always special. Getting together with Counterparts is a highpoint; we become better friends each time we get together."

"It was nice to come up to Canada," said Darren Hoepfner, ringleader of the Drum Corps, "but it should have been more organized. All in all, it was a good time."

"It was a great time," said Chief Rabban Larry Riemenscheider, "it's a great city, lots of interesting things to see. It's always fun at MSA's to visit towns you've never been to. You eat too much but you can diet when you get home. I've walked around 3 times as much as I usually do - all that exercise is good for you."

Even Recorder Jim Stelsel had something to say: "This is the 4th time I've been to Winnipeg for MSA session.

Winnipeg is a great place; the people up here are very friendly and helpful. I always enjoy coming here."

"It was another successful MSA; the Canadians treated us very well," said Larry Hanson, High Priest and Prophet and Zor Clown, "I think that everyone enjoyed themselves here. The Clowns had a lot of fun. Foxy won some trophies. We tried to teach Chuck (Miller, Marshall and Funster) how to take notes on the bus but he was having difficulty learning. He's been practicing tracing a rabbit for days now but I think we have him on the right track finally. We thank the Funsters for coming to the Clown competition and cheering on the Zor Clowns."

Of course, the Potentate gets the last word: "Wednesday was a nice relaxing day and we got to check the area out. Then we got to enjoy the evening with the Counterparts. The conversation was good... we got to visit a couple of the hospitality rooms. That's what it is all about: getting out and meeting other Shriners... learning about what's working and not working for them at their Temple.

"The first parade on Thursday was great. The setup area was nice, right around the parking lots of their Legislative building and offices. The parade went off with a bang. The guys walked it well and our Units were well received. We had a nice steak dinner afterwards with musical entertainment by Wa Wa Shrine.

"Friday was competition day. I was able to go to the Motor Corp events and watch the Mini Cars. They gave me the opportunity to get into one of their cars and make a run. The most interesting part is trying to get INTO the car. After that, we went to the Clown competition where Foxy was competing. He always does such a great job... always does great representation for Zor. The other clowns look up to his dedication and precision.

"The Shrine-a-rama Friday night was fun, it was well attended, and the band was fun but I couldn't work a hula hoop like when I was young. I just couldn't seem to get it going, it always seemed to drop. My midsection wasn't helping with that. That's what it is about: getting out there and having some fun.

"The more people that can come to these events, the better it is because you really get to experience what Shrinedom is. It's not just our Temple; it's the team work of all the other Shriners - especially the 14 Shrines in the Midwest Shrine Association. We all have the same cause: help the kids. I found that my trout pin was well received. People liked the fish design and they liked the slogan: 'Hooked On Helping Kids'. That's what we are - we're hooked on helping kids!"

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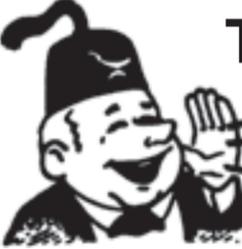
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Vernon Shrine Club Party a Family Reunion for Potentate

Story and photos by Todd Wohlert

Prior to the party, the weather looked a little shaky but, as the Divan rolled into Viroqua, the sun rolled out to brighten the day Sunday August 21. The beautiful Eckhart Park in the center of town played host to the Vernon Shrine Club Potentate party. Over 60 Nobles and their Ladies came from all over the La Crosse and Viroqua area to honor Potentate Steve Peterson and his Lady Mary Ellen. This event was a special treat for the Potentate because this was his hometown and his family came to share the picnic with the Nobility – there was a plethora of Petersons.

After ample time for socializing and hospitality, the Vernon S.C. president welcomed the Potentate, the Divan, and all their Ladies, plus guests, to the event. Steaks came hot off the grill with beans and potato salad and lots of other tasty treats. Following the fantastic meal, the Potentate and his Lady were presented with a personalized rosemaling plate in tribute to their special year.

Next, handmade rugs were given away as door prizes plus the big prize –

a handmade Amish rocking chair. Lady Mary Ellen played “Vanna” by picking out the winning raffle tickets and presenting the gifts.

Afterwards, the Potentate introduced his Lady, the Divan, and his family. He thanked everyone for coming out and thanked the Vernon S.C. for a truly special Potentate Party.

“The Vernon SC party was a huge success with many of Potentate Steve’s family members in attendance and enjoying the Shriner experience with us,” said grill master & 1st Ceremonial Master Bob Giesler. “Everything including the weather was on our side. I personally would like to thank everyone for coming.”

“It is fantastic to see our newer members taking leadership roles in our clubs and units,” said Bob Gorsuch, Assistant Rabban. “The willingness to get rid of that ‘but we have always done it that way’ mentality is evident in how Vernon S.C. is promoting camaraderie amongst Shriners!”

“It was a good turnout and my lady Gayle and I really enjoyed ourselves,”

said Outer Guard Wally Trouten. “We have found this year to be so much fun at the various events meeting new and old friends. This was no exception. Oh, and “The Colonel” did a good job cooking, but needs to continue to practice. Maybe perfection is in his future.”

“I thought the Vernon S.C. Potentate’s Party was a tremendous success,” said Oriental Guide Monte Steiber. “It was well attended by Nobles and their ladies. The food and fellowship was fantastic. It was nice to see such a good turnout in support of the Potentate, especially with several of his family members present.”

The hometown boy gets the final word: “First I want to thank the Vernon Shrine Club for putting on the party for Mary Ellen and I. It was great to see the large number of Nobles and Ladies at the party, with several folks attending that we hadn’t met at previous visits to your club since 2005. This party is always special for us because we are able to visit with some familiar faces and some go back to when I was growing up in the Viroqua area. Arriving at the Eckhart Park brought

back memories of our family and church picnics we use to have during the summer months in the park.

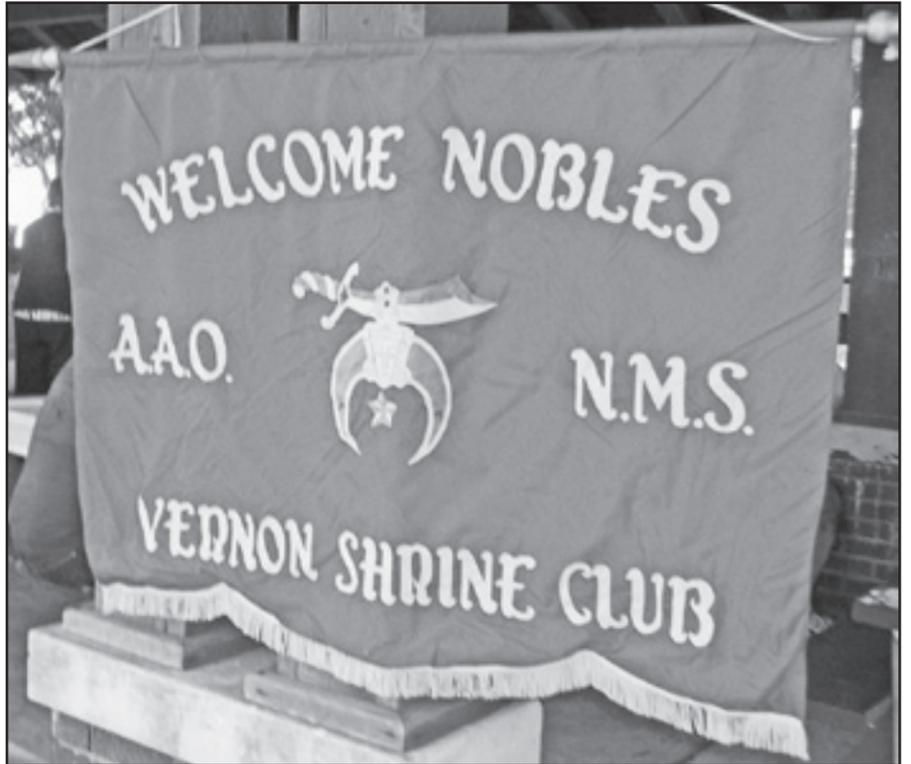
“Speaking of family, I was grateful to have 6 of my 7 living brothers and sisters able to attend the party. They commented on how Mary Ellen & I are blessed to have such a nice extended family of Shriners and understand our excitement in attending these gatherings to grow our friendships even stronger.

“A special thank you to the cooks, Bob Giesler (The Colonel) and Bill Krueger, for grilling the steaks to perfection and to the others that brought more food - it was a great picnic. Also want to thank the Divan in attendance – Bob Gorsuch & Lady Carol, Larry Hanson & Lady Jill, Monte Steiber & Lady Ann, Bob Giesler & Lady Pat, and Wally Trouten & Lady Gayle.”

“I must not forget the special gift of the rosemaling plate that was hand painted by Karen Haakenson, a local artist. We will have memories to cherish from your club - thanks again for your thoughtfulness.”



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