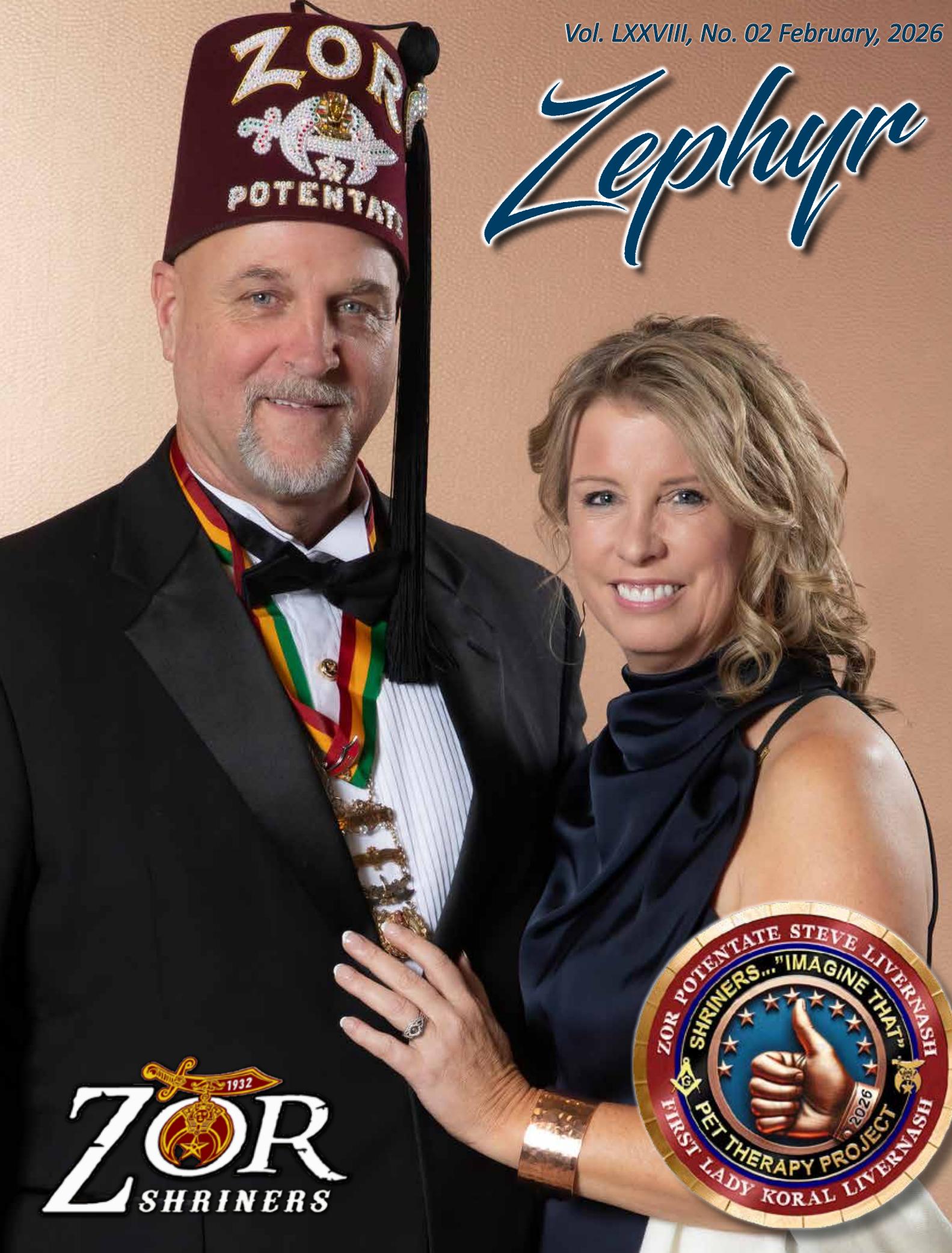


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# Zephyr



**ZOR**  
SHRINERS



From the desk of  
*Illustrious Sir* **STEVE LIVERNASH**

With support for Lady Koral's Project

Nobility,

I am truly humbled and honored to serve as your Potentate for Zor Shriners in 2026. Thank you for the confidence you have placed in me. I am deeply grateful to our Past Potentates and their ladies, whose leadership, vision, and dedication have shaped Zor into the strong, innovative Temple we are today. Because of them, we stand on solid ground, and our organizational structure is ready to move forward with purpose.

Zor Shriners has earned a reputation as a trailblazer in the Shriners organization worldwide. From modern communication tools to creative and energetic marketing, we have shown what is possible when we embrace innovation. As we look to the future, the Divan's vision is to build upon that momentum and help secure a strong and sustainable future for Zor. Our theme for 2026 is "IMAGINE THAT".

Imagine what you can do as a Zor Shriner. Imagine the difference you can make through your time, your ideas, and your involvement. Not to be the best, but to give the best of yourself. Every Noble matters. Every club matters. Every unit matters. I encourage you to build the project that's in your mind and bring that idea to life. When each of us steps forward, the pinball action begins, and creativity flows between all involved.

I lead by example and action, with love and compassion at the core. Concentrating on motivation, energy, and words of inspiration as we move forward together. Our Divan leadership is not just a title. It is service, presence, and purpose, and I am committed to instilling fun and fellowship into our meetings, events, and ceremonies. Wearing our fezzes when we meet makes us relevant to the people around us.

We are fortunate to have a strong and engaged leadership team. Our Divan and senior support staff are aligned with a clear focus this year on membership, fundraising, and marketing the Zor brand. The foundations are in place, the energy is real, and the excitement is growing. Our new interactive role chart is improving communication and accountability, helping leaders better support our clubs and units and strengthening our connection across the Temple.

Imagine growing our membership by sharing the Zor story with pride. Invite a friend to experience the fun, fellowship, and purpose that being a Shriner is special. Fundraising fuels our mission, and through creativity, teamwork, and participation, we can continue to support Shriners Children's in meaningful and lasting ways. Strong, consistent branding and marketing will help tell our story clearly and proudly in our communities.

Fun and fellowship remain at the heart of everything we do. Imagine gatherings filled with laughter, connection, and shared purpose. When we enjoy the journey together, we strengthen our bonds, increase involvement, and expand our ability to help the kids.

The First Ladies Project for 2026 is Lady Koral's Pet Therapy Project, focusing on pet therapy awareness and fundraising in support of the Shriners Children's Twin Cities Pet Therapy Program. I am proud to support Lady Koral as she leads this effort, highlighting the comfort, healing, and hope that pet therapy brings to our patients and their families. Our challenge coins are available through your Divan Rep and online at <https://zorshriners.com/credit-card-payments> the net proceeds support the project.

This year also gives us special moments to celebrate. We will continue honoring 100 years of Shriners Children's Chicago and recognize 250 years of the United States as we proudly represent Zor Shriners at events throughout the year. We have some exciting things planned. Together, let's imagine what is possible and turn vision into reality.

**"IMAGINE THAT"**

Fraternally, **Steve Livernash, Potentate Zor Shriners 2026**

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and First Lady Koral Livernash**



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Appreciation Dinner



Dale Olson and Bob Gorsuch  
Getting a little shut eye before Installation

INSTALLATION WEEKEND  
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# February Calendar

**1** Sun – Feb 1st – Southwest Wisconsin Shrine Club Bi-monthly meeting – 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM - Cottonwood Sports Bar & Supper Club. 4716 Green River Rd, Fennimore, WI 53809

**3** Tue – Feb 3rd – Mehara Shrine Club Meeting – 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM – Mehara Shrine Club, 2625 W Folsom St, Eau Claire, WI

Wed – Feb 4th –

**4** -Director Staff Scheduled Meeting – 5:15 PM – 8:00 PM – Rex's Innkeeper 301 N Century Ave, Waunakee, WI  
-Zor Valley Zanies - Monthly Meeting – 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – 207 Bridge Street, Star Prairie, WI

Sat – Feb 7th –

– Green County Shrine Club – Pancake Breakfast – 6:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Smith Masonic Lodge 1613-1/2 10th Street Monroe, WI

– Yoshi Bowling Outing – 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM –  
Wagner's Lanes 2159 Brackett Avenue, Eau Claire, WI

**9** Mon – Feb 9th – Wausau Shriners Meeting – 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM - Wausau Masonic Center  
3815 Fleet Drive Wausau, WI

**10** Tue – Feb 10th – Clown meeting – 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM - Zor office - 6510 Grand Teton Plaza, Suite 204, Madison, WI

**11** Wed – Sat – Feb 11th – 14th - MSA Winter Session – Grand Forks, ND

**13** Fri – Feb 13th – SCVSC Valentines Day Party – 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM  
Hancock Lodge 229, Ellsworth WI – SCVSC Valentines Day Party Cost: \$20.00

**19** Thu – Feb 19th – Lakeland Shrine Club - Stag Meeting – 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
Maple Tree Supper Club 6010 US-51, McFarland, WI

**21** Sat – Feb 21st

– Divan Meeting – 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM- Zor Office – 6510 Grand Teton Plaza, Madison, WI  
– Clown Potentate/Sweetheart Party – 4:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
The Esquire Supper Club, 1025 N Sherman Ave, Madison, WI

**25** Wed – Feb 25th – Mecca Shrine Club Meeting – 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Pizones, 202 Superior Ave, Tomah, WI

**26** Thu – Feb 26th - Mini Cars – 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM – Winchester Restaurant, 568 Haugen Rd, Edgerton, WI

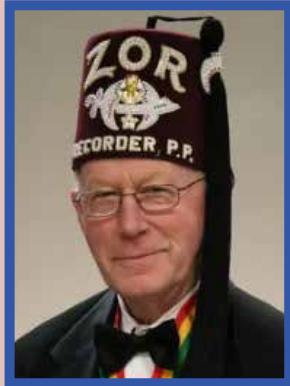
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**19** *Thu – Mar 19th – Lakeland Shrine Club - Stag Meeting – 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
Maple Tree Supper Club 6010 US-51, McFarland, WI*

**20** *Fri – Mar 20th – St Patty's Day Party – 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM  
American Legion 206 S Main St, Woodville, WI 6010 US-51, McFarland, WI*

# RECORDER BOB'S CORNER



- All units are reminded that the Potentate needs to approve your parade schedule for 2026. The schedules can be sent to the office to his attention. 6510 Grand Teton Plaza, Suite 204; Madison, Wi 53719.
- Unit and Club 2025 year-end financial statements are due. If questions, please call office and ask for Pat or hit ext. 3 for me.
- If any Unit or Club disposes or adds to their assets that need insurance, please be sure to let Pat in the office know. (accounting@zorshriners.com)
- The Imperial Potentate has issued a change to General Order No. 1 regarding gaming and raffles. Zor's attorney is now required to review any raffle or gaming activity to be sure that it is planned to be operated lawfully. Effective immediately, all fundraising activities must be approved by Zor's attorney. A Temple Fundraising Activity Approval Form has been added to the Zor website (zorshriners.com). Return the form to the Recorder at the Zor office.
- As of the end of 2025, the average age of members in Zor was 70 years of age, the same average for 6 years in a row. Our total membership at year-end was 836. 31% of our total members are 80 years of age or older. We have 38 members under 40 years old.



Lakeland Shrine Club

On Wednesday, December 17th, Members of Lakeland Shrine Club worked at the Stoughton Culver's Restaurant delivering food to the customers both inside and outside drive up from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and will receive 10% of all sales during that time period.

## FEBRUARY 2026

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# Zephyr Reminder!

Be sure to email your stories to: [zorsubmit@zorshriners.com](mailto:zorsubmit@zorshriners.com)  
by Saturday, January 10th, 2025 for the Zephyr February 2026 issue.

# WHO'S THE CLOWN?

Another year has come and gone and the Zor Clowns from Madison are wondering "Who's The Clown" going to be in 2026. The way to find out is to join us at our annual Potentate/Sweetheart party on February 21, 2026. Esquire Supper Club 1025 N. Sherman Ave. Madison WI.

We will have an exciting buffet dinner including dessert. The social time will begin at 4:30 pm and last until we are served. We WILL eat at 6:00 pm on the dot, so our food will be hot as well as delicious. This year the price will be \$32.00 per person. Reservations need to be made by February 10, 2026 and mailed to :

Zor Shrine Office at 6510 Grand Teton Plaza Suite 204, Madison, WI. 53719.

Or pay on line. <https://zorshriners.com/credit-card-payments>.

For those who have joined us in the past, this will be a repeat of sorts, as we will have our bag draw/door prizes with all the proceeds going to the Shrine Clown Red Sneaker Fund. This is the project of the Shrine Clown Association; funding for the burn centers in our hospitals.

We will also have our parade of Past Potentates with their clown picture from their respective year. Past Potentates, please don't forget to bring it with you! The highlight of the night is the making up of our new clown and finding out just "WHO'S THE CLOWN" this year. This party is open to anyone and everyone, so bring your friends and neighbors so they can see us having fun. We all look forward to seeing you on February 21st to party with some clowns. Remember, everyone is a clown, some of us just dress the part!

A block of rooms at Cambria Hotel Madison East  
at the rate of \$99.00  
Mention Zor Shriners or use code: LZOR



Clown Potentate/Sweetheart Party  
February 21, 2026

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SHRINE UNIT \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$32.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Zor Shrine Office at  
6510 Grand Teton Plaza Suite 204, Madison, WI. 53719.

Reservations due by February 10, 2026

## Zor Shrine Camel Patrol Honors Chief Rabban Steve Livernash

On January 3, 2026, the Zor Shrine Camel Patrol proudly honored Chief Rabban Steve Livernash during a memorable evening at Rex's Innkeeper. The event brought together members and guests for fellowship, celebration, and a delicious meal in a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

A special moment of the evening included a beautiful flower presentation to Lady Koral, recognizing her continued support and dedication. The highlight of the night followed as Chief Rabban Livernash received his ceremonial camel from his Shrine Grandfather, Steve Peterson a meaningful tradition symbolizing leadership, friendship, and service within the Shrine.

The evening was capped off with an incredible and emotional speech by Chief Rabban Livernash. As he held his newest "best buddy," his camel, he shared heartfelt words that resonated with everyone in attendance. His message of gratitude, commitment, and brotherhood truly captured the spirit of the Zor Shrine and the Camel Patrol.

It was an unforgettable night filled with laughter, pride, and camaraderie, a fitting tribute to Chief Rabban Steve Livernash and a wonderful celebration of Shrine tradition.



### Family Friendly Bowling



Join the Yoshi Shriners for Family-Friendly Bowling!!

Come on out to Wagner's Lanes in Eau Claire, WI for an evening of strikes, spares, laughter, and great fellowship! Bring your spouse, kids, grandkids, everyone is welcome at this fun outing. The Mehera Shrine Club has also extended an invitation to use their clubhouse afterwards if our great time spills over into the evening.

\$19 per person – includes 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, pizza, and soda

\$15 per person – bowling & shoes only (no food)

Payment will be collected at the door. Let's fill the lanes with fezzes and smiling faces! Please RSVP to Jeremy Christensen at [jayycmn81@gmail.com](mailto:jayycmn81@gmail.com) so we can reserve enough lanes. We can't wait to see you there — it's going to be a striking good time!



## *Message from the 2026 Chief Rabban*

Greetings from the 2026 Chief Rabban, Ron Malcolm. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Nobles for electing me on January 10, 2026, to serve as Chief Rabban of Zor Shrine. I am truly honored to serve alongside our Potentate, Steve Livernash. I look forward to the year ahead and the leadership and inspiration he brings to our fraternity.

The roles and responsibilities of our Divan members have now been clearly defined, ensuring that each of us understands our duties. As Chief Rabban, my responsibility is to help ensure compliance with the rules and regulations of both Zor Shrine and Shriners International. Throughout the year, I plan to highlight important governance topics in a monthly article within the Zephyr.

In this February edition, I want to focus on Shriners International General Order Number One, which governs gaming and raffles. Recent changes to this order—effective January 1, 2026—were implemented to protect our brand and ensure compliance with state and local laws.

### **Key Requirements:**

- All gaming and raffle events, including 50/50 raffles, must be reviewed by our Temple Attorney, Mark Hazelbaker.
- Clubs and Units must complete the required form and submit it for legal review prior to holding any raffle.
- The form is available on our website under Forms, and a direct link will soon be accessible through the Zor Calendar.
- After legal review and approval, the Potentate will provide final authorization for the event.

Under the Shriners International General Order, it is also necessary that Zor Shrine uses caution to avoid conducting gambling as part of Shrine activities or socializing under the Zor name. This would include NCAA tournament pools, poker games or other gaming. These activities should not be conducted in any manner that could be attributed to the Shrine.

Please note that if an event is intended to raise funds for a Club or Unit rather than Shriners Children's, no mention of Shriners Children's clinics or hospitals may be made in advertising or promotions. Failure to do so will require all proceeds to be directed to the hospital.

If you have any questions, please contact me, the Zor Shrine office, or your Divan representative. We are happy to assist and guide you through the process.

Thank you for all that you do for the fraternity and for Shriners Children's.

# Be Part of the Moment That Matters Most: Join the Ritual Divan



The Directors Staff is on a mission to strengthen the Ritual Divan and we invite dedicated Nobles to step forward. The Ritual Divan is entrusted with the presentation of the most important part of our Ceremonial—the initiation of our newest members.

If you value tradition, precision, and the lasting impact of a well-presented ritual, this is your opportunity to serve in a meaningful way and help shape the future of our Shrine.

Interested in joining or learning more?

Please contact Mark A. Severson, P.P., at (608) 628-2688 or [rugerm55@gmail.com](mailto:rugerm55@gmail.com) to get involved.

## BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE!

### \$1M endowment to support SCC's craniofacial care

A generous donor created a new \$1 million endowment for Shriners Children's Chicago's nationally recognized care program for children with cleft lip and palate, and other craniofacial syndromes and conditions of the head, face and neck. The endowment's donor wishes to remain anonymous, but their impact will make a lasting difference for many families.

Shriners Chicago has earned

distinctions for cleft lip and palate and craniofacial care as an approved team in both from the American Cleft Palate Craniofacial Association. Up to 12 specialists see a child with cleft lip/palate during team visits.

The Chicago location's team of nine pediatric plastic surgeons



performed nearly 400 surgical procedures in 2024. They also manage an annual outreach program in Puerto Rico, performing surgical treatment on the island.



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Membership Experience: Past State Membership Chair for the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA)

ZOR Membership Team: Chad Fonseca and David Chavez

Membership Goal: To have a positive membership growth at the end of the year!

Thoughts: Yes, we have a hill to climb to meet our goal! We typically have about 40 Black Camels a year, last year we had 50. That means we need to replace about 40 new Nobles to start (hopefully not!). Our total ZOR membership at the end of 2025 was 837 Nobles.

We have a membership plan we are putting into place, but we need your help as we get started. In increasing new members, let us practice the "each one, reach one." Ask a Masonic Brother to consider becoming a Shriner. If you have a potential Noble and need help in the recruitment process (costs, Noble application, Cold Sands, etc.) send me an email and our membership team will work with you and your potential Noble to help answer their questions and understand the process to become a Noble.

Final thoughts: Thank you for all you do to make ZOR a great organization! I look forward to working with our Clubs and Units in 2026.

# VISIONEERS TECH TIPS

Noble Chris Williams  
2026-01

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is no longer just the stuff of science fiction. From recommending music to diagnosing diseases in hospitals, AI is rapidly becoming a part of our daily lives. At first glance, AI systems may appear neutral, even objective. AI systems often reflect the biases of their human creators and the data they're trained on, resulting in inaccuracies and bias. The myth of AI impartiality is one of the most dangerous misconceptions of the digital age.

AI now shapes our online experiences, based on our interactions; what you click, what you viewed, and even who you respond to. This changes what news you see, what videos are recommended, or influence your understanding of a topic. Social media platforms use AI to optimize engagement but are not necessarily accurate. As a result, misinformation spreads and extreme points of views could be accentuated. At AI's conception it was hailed as increasing efficiency, personalization and automation. These days, this level of personalization has become manipulation. The more we rely on AI, the more we must ask who controls it, how it operates, and what values are embedded within the results it gives us.

Here are a couple of ways to guard yourself against AI biases and fallacies:

- Consider using online websites that can guide you to authentic content. These verification tools should be used to supplement – not replace – human judgment and traditional verification methods. Tools such as Media Bias detector, Facticity AI or InVID can help you determine the truthfulness of the output.
- Limit personal identification information and be cautious of giving any AI tools access to your computer, personal files or details. Many AI tools can share this information with third parties without notifying users.

This is not to say that artificial intelligence is inherently evil or bad. There are many great use cases and convenience factors from well meaning use of AI but it's up to us as humans to utilize our tools, like AI with caution and restraint. Our best defense is awareness and skepticism. By staying informed about these tactics and verifying unexpected requests, we can protect ourselves and our communities from AI-powered scams and misinformation.



**Regina Fisher, Queen**  
Queen of Antioch Temple No. 113  
Daughters of the Nile, Madison, WI

# Daughters of the Nile

## Hello Zorland!

I can't believe it is 2026 already and so far, it has been an exciting year. My husband, Noble Joe and I just returned from Stevens Point where the new Potentate, Illustrious Sir, Steve Livernash, was installed, along with all the Divan. I want to thank both Steve and Koral for including me in their dignitary introductions. I felt very honored and believe that Daughters of the Nile were well represented as past Queen Jen Vernig and her mother, Beth Schaefer were there too.

We heard from Kelly Miller who is the Director of Philanthropy for Shriners Children's Chicago. She introduced three former patients, who told us how Shriners hospitals changed their lives for the better. Even if they were nervous speaking, they all managed to tell their story with courage. Koral mentioned how friendly this organization is to newcomers, and I remember when I was new to Shrine life, when Lady Alice Smith started a conversation with me. She was so calm and made me feel welcome!

I had a wonderful time at the luncheon with our First Lady, Koral, who is such a caring person. She talked about her project, Pet Therapy, and introduced us to Lola, a therapy dog for Wood County area. It truly is remarkable how petting an animal can calm down a person and help change their mood. Maybe all the new Nobles and Daughter of the Nile ladies can pet therapy dogs on their installation day to help calm their nerves!

In January, we have no session but in case there are ladies out there who are interested in joining our organization, they can call, text or email me.

*Regina Fisher, Queen*  
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## Daughters of the Nile



Kelly Miller, Regina Fisher, Lady Alice and Imperial Sir Jim Smith



Queen Regina Fisher and Past Queen Jen Vernig



Queen Regina Fisher, Ted E. Bear and Past Queen Jen Vernig

# INSTALLATION WEEKEND 2026

## Zor Shriners Celebrate Leadership, Fellowship, and Service in Stevens Point

### Zor Shriners

Zor Shriners gathered in Stevens Point on January 9–10, 2026, for an outstanding Installation Weekend filled with fellowship, tradition, and celebration. Members, families, and guests came together to honor outgoing leadership, welcome newly installed officers, and reflect on the mission and values that continue to guide Zor.

### Friday Kickoff: Meetings, Fellowship, and Gratitude

Installation Weekend officially began Friday afternoon with the Divan Meeting at the Holiday Inn Stevens Point Convention Center. Members then gathered for the a Bourbon Raffle held by the New Unit The Chairman, which created a fun and social atmosphere to start the weekend.

Friday evening concluded with a meaningful Appreciation Luau Dinner honoring Divan, Staff and all those who supported Brian and Linda throughout Brian's year as Potentate. The evening served as a heartfelt thank-you to the many individuals whose dedication, leadership, and behind-the-scenes work helped make the year a success.

### Saturday Luncheons: Inspiration in Action

Saturday's events began with the Ladies and Men's Luncheons.

The Ladies' Lunch, held in the Spruce Room, featured special guest Imperial First Lady Alice Smith (2020), who shared inspiring updates on Shriners Children's Hospital patients and highlighted the life-changing care made possible through the generosity and service of Shriners. Guests also heard from Lieutenant Susanna Wagner, joined by therapy dog Lola, Susanna spoke about the important role therapy dogs play in providing comfort, emotional support, and healing.

The Men's Lunch, held in the Sands Room, offered members time for fellowship and connection as they gathered to share a meal and prepare for the afternoon's events.

### Annual Meeting and Installation

The centerpiece of the weekend took place Saturday with the Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers, marking the official transition of leadership and the beginning of a new year of service for Zor Shriners.

### Appreciation Dinner





## Ladies' Luncheon



Continued on next page



## Installation of Officers



## A Night to Remember: Celebration Banquet Highlights

Following the formal installation, guests enjoyed a banquet and program that created a truly memorable experience. Live music was performed during the dinner portion of the evening, featuring popular songs from the 1970s, bringing back fond memories and creating a warm, nostalgic atmosphere throughout the room.

During the banquet program, Kelly Miller addressed the audience and introduced three former Shriners patients, who shared powerful personal stories about the care and support they received as children at Shriners Hospitals. Their heartfelt messages served as a moving reminder of the impact made possible through the generosity and dedication of Shriners.

### Leadership Vision for 2026

Newly elected Potentate, Illustrious Sir Steve Livernash, shared his vision and aspirations for 2026, along with his official slogan, "Imagine That." He expressed sincere appreciation to the many individuals who supported him throughout his journey and highlighted two major milestones to be celebrated this year:

100 Years of Shriners Children's Chicago  
250 Years of American Independence

His message reinforced Zor's continued commitment to service, innovation, and community involvement.

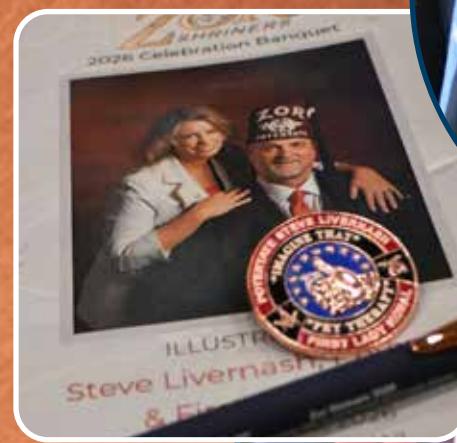
### A Powerful Finale

The evening concluded with an impressive AI-enhanced presentation featuring synchronized video, audio, and lighting that truly wowed the audience and brought the celebration to a dramatic and inspiring close. It was, without a doubt, a night to remember.

### Moving Forward Together

As Installation Weekend came to a close, members departed Stevens Point energized and inspired by the newly installed leadership and the shared mission of Zor Shriners. Through unity, fellowship, and service, Zor continues to make a lasting difference in the lives of children and families.

## Celebration Banquet





Front row couples Left to Right; Dale Brathol and Lady Joan, Merl Steffen and Lady Nancy, Roger Keller, PP and Lady Tammy, Mark Mayry 2026 Oriental Guide and Lady Charlene, Mike Kastens 2026 Assistant Rabban and Lady Susan, Chad Fonseca 2026 Outer Guard and Lady Andrea, Barry Ausen, PP and Lady Becky, Larry Riemenschneider, PP and Lady Julie, Earl Gunderson Senior Grand Warden Wisconsin Grand Lodge and Lady Karen and lastly, Bob Hering Board of Governors at Shriners Children's - Twin Cities.

### St. Croix Valley Attends Zor 2026 Installation By Noble Merl Steffen

Nobles and their lovely ladies from the St. Croix Valley area attended the 2026 Installation of Officers for the Zor Shrine and enjoyed an outstanding evening of ceremony, fellowship, and celebration. The formal installation was followed by a banquet and program that created a truly memorable experience. Guests were entertained by a live performance featuring popular songs from the 1970s, bringing back fond memories for many in attendance.

Newly elected Potentate, Illustrious Sir Steve Livernash, shared his vision and aspirations for 2026, along with his slogan, "Imagine That." He expressed heartfelt appreciation for the many individuals who have supported him throughout his journey. He also highlighted two significant milestones to be celebrated this year: the 100th anniversary of Shriners Children's Chicago and the 250th anniversary of our great nation.

Attendees enjoyed a delicious banquet featuring salmon, chicken, and pork entrées. The evening concluded with an impressive AI-enhanced presentation incorporating video, audio, and lighting that truly wowed the audience. It was, without a doubt, a night to remember.



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Remember, this is an agricultural product so the availability of the onions is all dependent on Mother Nature. Pre-selling onions is easy to do, you can put up a flier at a local business, hospitals, bus garages or local watering hole and they sell themselves. The flier is available on the website under **Onions** in the navigation bar or I can email or send you a flier if you would like one. I do have extra room on each truck for more onions, the trucking has already been paid for, the extra onions you sell are pure profit.

If you have never sold any before and need help, let me know and I can help you out. Remember, when you buy a bag for yourself take 4 more to sell to your friends and neighbors. If you are going to want any recipes go to the Zor website under **Onions** and they are available there. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at:

715-377-3032 or email me at  
[bausen@lakesidefoods.com](mailto:bausen@lakesidefoods.com)  
Thanks again, Barry Ausen Onion Chair



## *Midwest Shrine Association (MSA) 2026*

### *Kem Shriners*

### *Grand Forks, North Dakota*

Zor Potentate Illustrious Sir Steve Livernash has identified those Zor Shriners that will be attending the Midwest Shrine (MSA) Annual Winter Session, which is a stag session, at Kem Shriners in Grand Forks, ND February 12-14, 2026. The Winter Session is primarily the business session of the MSA with breakout meetings covering Membership, Stop Burn Injuries, Summer Lodging among other topics. During these meetings we will learn the cost of registration and lodging. There will be a report covering the session and meetings in the March Zephyr.

Illustrious Sir Steve and 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Koral are hoping that many Zor Nobles and Ladies will attend the MSA 2026 Annual Summer Session **August 12-15, 2026, hosted by Kem Shriners in Grand Forks, ND.** They are hoping that several Zor's Units will travel this year to support Potentate Steve and his Divan, enter competitions, and participate in both parades. Kem Shriners have arranged many fun activities for all to enjoy. You can see that there will be plenty to do by viewing their website [MSA 2026 – Kem Shrine, Grand Forks, ND](http://MSA 2026 – Kem Shrine, Grand Forks, ND)

Kem has secured the Alerus Center in Grand Forks as the primary venue. **Attention ZOR UNITS!!! We will be planning for Zor's summer session lodging during the winter Session.** Please contact Joe Harker MSA Coordinator (jh2010PGM@outlook.com) no later than February 10th with your units anticipated lodging needs.



Honoring John Ambrose  
By: Lexie LaBlanc

John was a Zor Noble for many years. John passed away on January 14, 2026, after many dedicated years as a Shriner. John was an active member of the Zor Mavericks and had a smile so infectious it could make anyone smile. John was an active Mason and Shriner, belonging to Oshkosh Masonic Lodge, the ZOR Mavericks, Mascoutin Shrine Club, and Winnebago Shrine Club, Tripoli Temple, and Beja Temple. John served in Shrine leadership roles throughout his life, including Secretary/Treasurer of the Mavericks, Treasurer of Mascoutin Shrine Club and Treasurer of Winnebago Shrine Club. When John wasn't spending time riding scooters with the Mavericks, he was spending time with his family - spending time with his wife, Jodi, their kids, and grandkids. John could often be found delivering food for The Chalice Restaurant, owned by his son, Joe. John leaves behind his wife Jodi, his children Joe and Stephanie Ambrose, and Jana and Dan Singer, and his 4 grandchildren.

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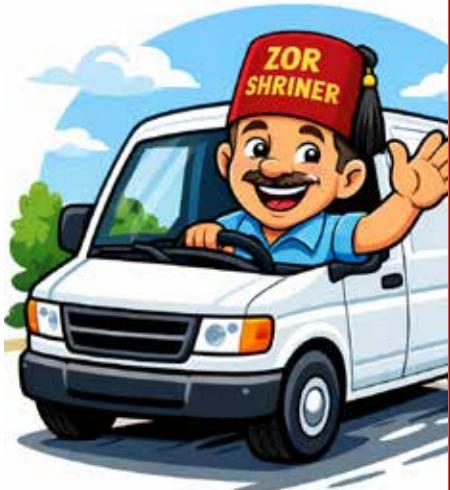
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Feb 3 – Joseph E Roberts

Feb 4 – James A Jewell, Chris Williams

Feb 6 – John Roelli, Howard T Rogers,  
John L Senty, Daryl G Wells

Feb 7 – David L Griep, Chris D Kreul,  
Edward M Mahlum

Feb 8 – Daniel J Linehan

Feb 9 – David Chavez

Feb 10 – Charles D Calhoun,

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Feb 11 – John G Englund

Feb 12 – Allen G Coenen, James J Williams

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Feb 16 – John H Dodge,  
Larry J Riemenschneider, PP

Feb 17 – Daniel C Brylla, James R Cox,  
Michal D Fordney, Merlin J Isaacson,  
Kenneth K Olm, James H Olson, PGM,  
Christopher H Tashjian

Feb 18 – Rodney L Johnson, John W Miller

Feb 19 – John B Van Hollen, PGM

Feb 20 – David C Dull, John D Parkyn

Feb 21 – Wayne L Hamler,

Steven W Livingston,

James L Stelsel Jr, Lee W Zabka

Feb 22 – Ric A Engebretson, Thomas A Punsel

Feb 23 – James A DeVoe, Eugene R Helgoe,  
Bryan L Strommen

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Gerald A Jordan, Edward R Michels,  
James M Swan, Nicholas J Webber

Feb 25 – Larry W Drangstveit

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and ran round the  
block five times. Then  
I got tired, so I picked  
up the block and put  
it back in the toy box.**

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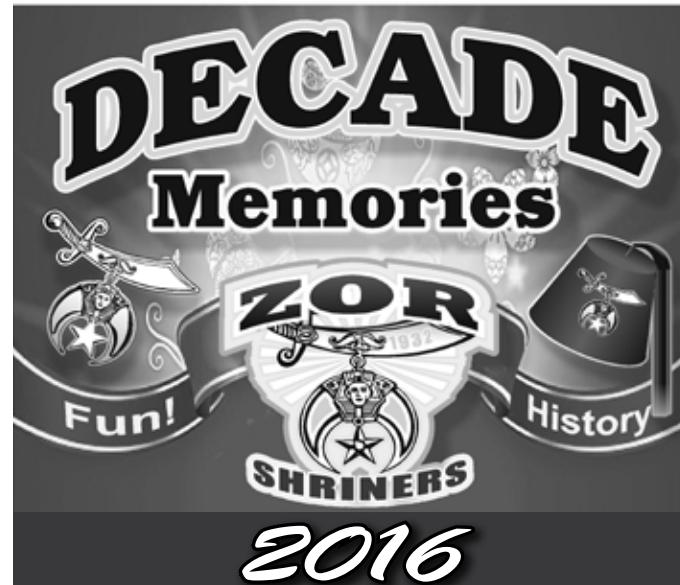
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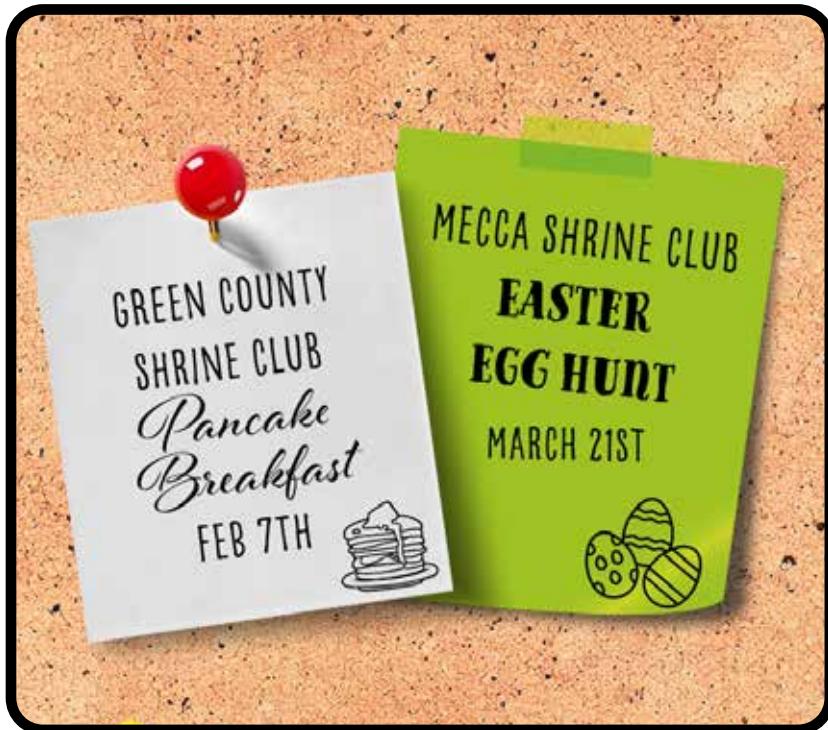
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