

Greetings and Happy Holidays,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Christmas was extra special this year as Tammy and I welcomed our newest granddaughter to the family the week after ceremonial, congratulations Noble Joseph Keller, Lady Samantha, and big sister Iris.

The Ceremonial was once again a fun success. Thank you to everyone who traveled to La Crosse this year to join us.

In case you were wondering, Tammy did reach her goal, and I did have to eat a carrot. There are still some outstanding donations coming in, so as soon as the final numbers are in Tammy will write an article letting everyone exactly know how she did.

I would like to thank Joan Brathol and Julie Swenson for the beautiful centerpieces they put together for us to enjoy at the ceremonial dinner. They set the mood perfectly.

I was happy to hear that everyone enjoyed the carriage rides through the Rotary Lights, along with the hot chocolate bar and outside fire with smores. Seeing everyone happy was my goal.

It has been an honor serving as Potentate of Zor for 2024. Thank you all for your support this year.





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ON THE COVER

Potentate Roger Keller living up to his end of the bargain.







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Most Worshipful Grand Master





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RECORDER BOB'S CORNER



- 2025 dues are now due. Those who have not paid 2024 dues by 12/31/24, will be suspended. We still have 68 Nobles who have not paid their 2024 dues. If you know someone who is having financial difficulties, please contact me at 608-833-6343, ext. 3.
- If any unit or club disposes or adds equipment to their inventory, please be sure to let Pat in the office know. (accounting@zorshriners.com)
- Shriner Trivia: Number of Temples in Canada 12.

UNWAVERING COMMITMENT

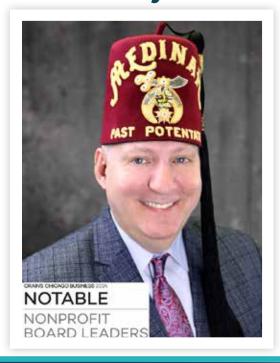
Shriners Children's Chicago BOG Chairman Burcham named a Notable Nonprofit Board Leader by Crain's

We are pleased to announce that Kenneth "Tracy" Burcham, our esteemed Chairman of the Board of Governors, has been selected as a Notable Nonprofit Board Leader by Crain's Chicago Business.

This prestigious recognition highlights outstanding board leadership in the Chicagoland area, with nominees chosen based on their dedication and contributions.

Tracy's unwavering commitment, his friendly leadership style, and generously sharing of his time and resources, have made a lasting impact on our organization, and we are proud to see his efforts celebrated.

Congratulations, Tracy, on this well-deserved honor!





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Zephyr Reminder!

Be sure to email your stories by **Friday, January 10, 2025** for the Zephyr February 2025 issue.





Sat - Jan 4th

Chief Raban / Camel Patrol Party - 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM Rex's Innkeeper, 301 N Century Ave, Waunakee, WI



Wed - Jan 8th

Director Staff - 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Rex's Innkeeper, 301 N Century Ave, Waunakee, WI



Fri - Sun - Jan 10th - 12th

Divan Meeting / Annual Meeting / Installation of Officers The Lismore Hotel, 333 Gibson St, Eau Claire, WI



Thu - Jan 16th

Lakeland S.C. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Maple Tree Supper Club, 6010 US-51, McFarland, WI



Wed - Jan 22nd

Mecca Shrine Club Meeting - 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Pizones, 202 Superior Ave, Tomah, WI



Thu - Jan 23rd

Mini Cars - 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Winchester Restaurant, 568 Haugen Rd, Edgerton, WI



Thu - Sun - Jan 30th - Feb 2nd

East West Shrine Game - Open to all - Frisco, TX

FEBRUARY CALENDAR



Sat - Feb 1st

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



Sat - Feb 15th

Clown Party - 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Esquire Supper Club, 1025 N Sherman Ave, Madison, WI



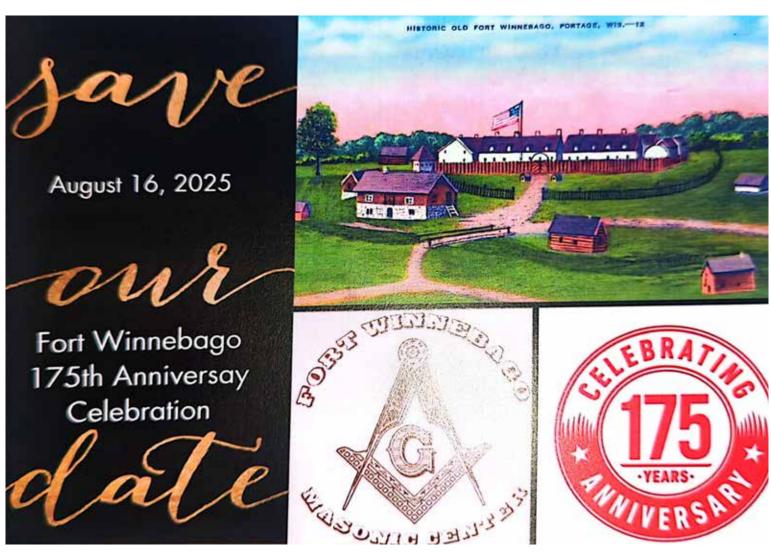
ST. CROIX VALLEY SHRINE CLUB

By Noble Merl Steffen

The Saint Croix Valley Shrine Club had a great achievement at the 2024 Zor Fall Ceremonial! Winning an award for the most new Nobles per club is a notable accomplishment, highlighting the club's active involvement in expanding its membership and supporting the Shriner community.

Zor Fall Ceremonial Saint Croix Valley Shrine Club nobles, left to right; Jeremy Fussy, Barry Ausen, Jay Custer, Ed Swenson, Merl Steffen, Dale Brathol and Bob Hering.





THANK YOU! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!!

Thank You, Zor Shriners Van Drivers!

At the heart of the Zor Shriners lies a powerful mission: making a difference in the lives of children and their families. A shining example of this commitment is the extraordinary dedication of our Zor Shriners van drivers. These selfless individuals go above and beyond to ensure that our patients and their families can safely travel to their vital appointments at the Shriners Children's Twin Cities Clinic in Woodbury, MN and Shriners Children's Hospital in Chicago, IL.

The journey these drivers provide is more than transportation - it's a lifeline for children in need of care and hope. Their steadfast commitment to service embodies the spirit of the Zor Shriners and is deeply appreciated by the families they assist. To each driver who has devoted their time, energy, and heart to this cause, we extend our sincerest gratitude. Your impact is immeasurable, and your dedication does not go unnoticed.

For those inspired by this incredible service, we invite you to join us. Becoming a van driver with the Zor Shriners offers you the unique reward of directly helping children and families during critical times. If you are interested, I, Ron Malcolm, would love to hear from you. Together, we can continue to make a profound difference. We just need you to fill out a Drivers Certification form that you can find on our website, below is a link. Fill that out and send it to me and I will get you in contact with the coordinator in your area.

https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/18a43d33-c39b-4850-966d-95fafcd749fe/downloads/Driver-Certification-Form%204-25-19.pdf?ver=1733783702818

For those who may not be able to drive but still wish to contribute, we encourage donations to the Zor Transportation Fund. This vital fund helps cover the costs of operating this essential service, ensuring that no child goes without the transportation they need. Your financial support enables us to continue offering this lifeline to families in need.

To our van drivers, supporters, and donors, thank you for being the driving force behind our mission. Together, we are changing lives, one mile at a time.

2025 ANNUAL MEETING INSTALLATION OF OFFICER'S SCHEDULE

JANUARY 11, 2025 THE LISMORE HOTEL IN EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN

- 11:30 am...... Lady's luncheon is in Wilson Hall.
- 11:30 am...... Men's luncheon is in Richmond Hall
- 12:30 pm Ladies will enjoy an event. (Time will be provided for ladies to change into their black dresses for installation at 3:30 pm)
- 1:30 pm...... Annual Meeting
- 3:30ish pm.... Installation

*** Photos will be taken immediately following installation for all Divan and their ladies, along with support staff and their ladies.

ALL ATTENDEES ARE INVITED TO GET PHOTOGRAPY.

- 4:30 pm....... Hospitality with hors d'oeuvres will be in the foyer area outside of Wilson Hall
- 5:30 pm...... Dinner in the Ballroom in Wilson Hall
- 7:00 pm..... Entertainment



ANNUAL MEETING AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR

ZOR SHRINE

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING January 11, 2025

Pursuant to Imperial By-laws this notice is to inform the Members of Zor Shriners that we will be holding our Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Officers on January 11, 2025, commencing at 1:00 p.m. This meeting will be held at The Lismore Hotel, 333 Gibson Street, Eau Claire, Wisconsin. All Zor Nobles in good standing are encouraged to attend.

See below the governing rules, as extracted from the current edition of the Shriners International by-laws.

Pertinent Imperial Bylaws

325.11 Election Regulations.

- (a) Electioneering. A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine temple may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a resume' consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, or circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email or other devices, by a unit, club, Noble, or group of Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing, or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited.
- (b) Expenditures prohibited. The expenditure of money for gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited.
- (c) Violation. For any violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the officer's void and order a new election.
- (d) Notice. At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election, the temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert C. Gorsuch, P. P. Recorder

MEHARA SHRINE CLUB

Season's Greetings from Mehara Strine Club!

By Noble Steve Lasure

As I am writing this, Mehara is getting ready for our Christmas party and installation of officers on Saturday Dec 14. ZOR Potentate Roger Keller will be here to install the 2025 officers.

2024 has been a busy year for the Tin Lizzy and Sawdusters plus the remodeling of the kitchen at the clubhouse which I am happy to say came in a little under budget. A big thank you to Mavis Schultz for designing and painting the cabinets, to Paul Aaron for installing them and to everyone else that helped.

In 2025 we hope to do more updates. Just a few of the things we hope to do are paint the front room, get new shades, replace the front door and do some landscaping in front of the building. More things are being discussed and I'll keep everyone posted.

We will be starting our Friday night socials on January 3, 2025, and please bring your favorite appetizer. We also like to start having monthly events, maybe potluck suppers, card game events, etc. Any idea would be appreciated so give me a call, 715-835-6130 or email me at irestore@charter.net.

One other thing that was discussed at the monthly meeting was that we should wear our Fez at all Shrine meetings as is tradition. I personally think that is a great idea, so please from now on bring and wear your Fez to be



on bring and wear your Fez to be in uniform.

We ordered and received new chairs for our hall.

Important Dates to Remember

Dec 31 New Year's Eve Social, 6:30

Jan 3...... Friday Night Social, 6:00

Jan 7..... Mehara Shrine Meeting

Jan 11......Zor's Officer Installation

Jan 20..... Shrine Auxiliary Meeting

Bob Sembach, is happy to be your new Mehara Shrine Club President.





Jenn (Gchaefer) Vernig, Queen

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



DAUGHTERS of the NILE

Greetings Zorland,

As you read this, the 2024 Fall Ceremonial will be in the books. Friends gather, lots of laughs and of course, our funds for our kids are dedicated for the year.

Having our Grandpa Muenich in the Eau Claire drum corps and our dad in the Funsters, there were several years our family traveled to Madison for the December ceremonial that was held at Wisconsin Masonic Center. What a spectacular site to see so many units gathered in the amazing round auditorium for the Parade to Glory. The beautiful sparkle of so many Fez's is a memory I will always cherish.

Daughters of the Nile continues the long tradition of our cookie walk during the December Ceremonial. Our grandpa always enjoyed the homemade cookies with his coffee before the day's events began and it's such a great pleasure, I get to help carry that tradition on for many more years, while helping contribute to our hospitals.

Although the holiday season gets so busy, Antioch took time during our November meeting to make snowflakes and enjoy each other's company. We also plan to take in the Feztival of Trees in Sparta to support our Zor family and enjoy some of the holiday scenes.

Merry Christmas and many blessings to you all,









Proud to be a Daughter of the Nile, Queen (Jenn Schaefer) Vernig

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If this contact information for your unit/club is not correct, please contact the ZOR office to update the information. Also, please ensure that you provide a copy of your updated officers to the office as soon as you are able!



January 2025 Birthdays

Jan 2: David W Huston

Jan 3: Thomas W Boe; James P Weaver

Jan 4: Chester J Gabris; Randy J Turtenwald

Jan 5: Kersten P Rocksvold; Michael Bro

Jan 6: John J Hanson; Gregg B Olson; David Bergerson

Jan 7: Lloyd H Fredrickson; Montie Kramer

Jan 8: Stephen D Willert PP; William O Schmitz; Joey J Semingson

Jan 9: Richard H Coles

Jan 10: Gary S Kiger; Jeff Lichtfuss; Matthew C Mitchell

Jan 11: Gary B Schlosstein, J K Johnson PP

Jany 12: Dean S Lecheler; Joseph O Barlow

Jan 13: Frank F During

Jan 14: Dave Bomkamp

Jan 15: James A Senty

Jan 16: Kenneth A Anderson; Dean I Moon; Chet Melcher; Gregory E Tremelling; Kyle J Bernander

Jan 17: Stephen A Williams; Sherman R Boucher; Joe C Ganske; Kenneth Meyer; Bruce A Hanson

Jan 18: Stanley G Norris; Robert C Solverson; Michael W Anderson

Jan 19: David L Rezin; Marvin G Engelke

Jan 20: William H Lautz; Donald G Lautz; Charles A Tempski

Jan 21: Everett L Ellingson; Douglas Van Natta; Andrew Pendl; Fredrick C Taylor; Theodore W Erickson

Jan 22: Dale F Olson

Jan 23: Allen E Christopherson; Peter J Foss

Jan 24: Le Roy W Hodel; Robert Bischke

Jan 26: Carl A Borine

Jan 27: Roy D Schmidt; William A Collins; Richard R Arnold; Delbert M Dyar

Jan 28: Barry E Diehl; Steven A Peterson PP; Scott C Pedley

Jan 29: Charles T Miller PP

Jan 30: Bruce W Trimble: Bruce D Eshelman: Louie D Wells; Lee R Bushen

Jan 31: Robert G Hills Jr; Ralph C Madden; Donald R Fose; Sean R Kline; Jacob Strangfled

ZOR FALL CEREMONIAL 2024

By: Noble Brad Andrew

It was finally here. The time to celebrate all the hard work everyone had done for the 2024 year in Shrine. All the hard work, the looonngg hours of putting this together, the driving to and from, and so many other things that came with this. Don't forget the sleepless nights that many had.

Yes, at the Radisson Hotel, La Crosse, Wisc. December 6th is where it all was about to begin and end. Friday was an easy day for most. Coming in and unpacking the car. Walking their bags to their rooms for the weekend. Sometimes I wonder if they are moving in for a week or more with the amount of stuff they bring. I for one, do overpack at times.

At first, the front entrance was quiet and empty. As time progressed, the front lobby got busier. The afternoon seemed to go by fast. Before you knew it the lobby was full of women and GREAT men wearing funny looking (to some people) Red Fez's. We as a group know exactly what that Fez means and says about us!!

As the tables in the side lobby were being put up. So was the front registration table. Our friendly greeters, (Monte Steiber, PP and Steve Peterson, PP) were there to welcome us for the weekend.



The evening was coming fast and so were the group dinners. The Past Potentates, Divan and Illustrious Sir Roger Keller and his Beautiful Lady Tammy, hosted a dinner for his team and the support staff. The dinner was served in the lowa room 2nd floor. As all were enjoying each other's company, Ill. Sir Roger stood up and got everyone's attention. He welcomed all to dinner. He mentioned there is a lot of talent in this room, that will continue for a long time. A big thank you went to all for the hard work everyone put in throughout the year. It was a big success this year.

A few more comments were made, and it was time to eat. Karl Gant gave another wonderful prayer to start the evening activities. It's time to eat. Chicken, cut-up potatoes and mixed veggies were on the plate. YES, there were carrots in the mix. Did III. Sir Roger eat them? Not going to tell you. Ask around, you might get an answer.

After another wonderful meal, Ill. Sir Roger handed out some gifts to the men. Lady Tammy handed out gifts to the ladies in the room. A very nice surprise to all. Thank you both for the lovely gifts.

That was pretty much it for the dinner portion of the evening. The rest of the night was on your own. Many or a few found their way to the hospitality room. Randy, our BEST of all time bartender was there to serve whatever you needed. Along with the finger food/snacks on the table next to Randy, all had a good time talking and sharing, life adventures. The love and family setting in the room could not be broken. WE are a very STRONG and loving family.

The evening continued into the night. Not sure how long it lasted, but I'm sure a few may have closed the bar. A few

will know what I mean. Good night to all. Sleep well, for tomorrow will come before you know it. A beautiful night was given to us. I was able to sleep with the windows open.

Saturday came beautifully for us all. The coffee smell was in the air. Breakfast had its own smell filling the air. As we were getting all the things ready for the day. The tables were being filled with things to buy and eat. The welcome / sign-in tables are ready for the day. As most were in the outer area waiting to get seated for the day's event / program. We enjoyed coffee and hot coco as we waited for the doors to open.

It's now 10:07 am, and the doors were open. We all started to fill the room. Illustrious Sir Roger Keller opened the program. The prayer was given by Chaplain Karl Gant. The program was off to a great start. Introductions were made, Candidates and Ladies, the Queen of the Daughters of the Nile, Past Potentates and their Lady's, the Grand Lodge representative, Past Grand Masters, Divan and Ladies, and Past Imperial Potentate Jim Smith.

Brian Dunham gave a wonderful orientation which started off the day. The Ritualistic Divan followed, taking the candidate on their journey. Once that was finished, lunch was ready for the women and men.

During 11:30 - 2:00pm, unit and organizational displays were done. At 1:00 pm the ceremonial is about to begin. It started off with the Knickerbocker Skit followed by the Arch Degree. This was put on by the Director's staff. III. Sir Mark Severson, P.P did a wonderful job on "My Old Fez". Mark Schultz followed up by doing the Fezzing ceremony. Our wonderful III. Sir Joe Thompson, P.P, did the Grand Lodge talk. The clubs and units were introduced and made all their presentations.



The BIGGEST moment was about to begin, the Parade of Glory. All clubs and units made their presentations. After all was said and done. A grand total of over \$400,000 was raised. Well done to all!!!

After the Parade to Glory, a few awards were given out. Others were noticed for their years in the Shrine. We had at least three people celebrating 25 years. We had 3 people enjoying 55 years. 2 people enjoying 60 years. One having 75 years to celebrate. III. Sir Mark Severson's PP dad received a 60-year award. Congrats to all.

Closing comments were made, and the program was over. Just a note, we had over 14 new candidates coming into our Shrinedom Family. Welcome all!!

A small break was in front of all until dinner was served. At 6:00pm dinner was ready to be enjoyed. We all filled the dining hall with our bellies ready for some good food. Radisson always delivers tableside the food they served. Travis, the man behind all that happened for us during the two days was asked to come up to the front and was presented with a gift from the Shrine. Ill. Sir Roger was happy to give this to him. He did a fabulous job in making sure all things went well for us. He worked his tail off for us. Thank you once again Travis.

Closing comments were made and the evening came to an end for the meal. Steve Livernash said it best HIP, HIP, HORRAY. What a GREAT year it has been and looking GREAT into the future. The dining room emptied out fast. Wait the night was not over. We had a little break before it all started to unfold. Most were waiting for the horse drawn carriage rides. In the meantime, we all had the chance to enjoy smore's and Bailey's hot coco.

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The night was beautiful. Hardly any wind at all and the sky was clear. The line was long for the horse ride but worth the wait. The horse-drawn ride took us through the Rotary Lights. It really was a wonderful time. After the ride was done, we were on our own. Taking time to enjoy the lights and being with the one you love. When we were done with this, the outside activity, some came to the Hospitality Room. Our loved Randy, the bartender, was there to greet us all. The man with the smile and a joke now and then.

All in all, we all had a wonderful evening. I would like to put a BIG THANK YOU out to Potentate Roger and Lady Tammy Keller for a wonderful and rewarding year. You two did a wonderful job in everything you did. You have set the bar very high. Your names will be forever implanted in the history of Zor Shrine. I have enjoyed this year too, taking pictures and hopefully doing some good articles. Thank you, Ill. Sir Roger, for giving me that opportunity. Please take care of yourself and others too. I hope the next person that does the pictures and articles enjoys it as much as I did.

Love you all!!













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Brian and Linda Dunham • Dale and Joan Brathol Enjoying the carriage ride through the La Crosse Rotary Christmas Lights.

Lutefisk Tradition



The tradition continues, a lutefisk and lefse meal prior to the Saturday night banquet, Past Potentate Joe Thompson and Past Imperial Potentate Jim Smith are enjoying each bite.

Not pictured: Potentate Roger Keller, Past Potentate's Steve Peterson, and Past Potentate John Thorstad

CHANGES UNDER THE BIG TOP

by: Noble Dale Holmen

It's that time of year again for BIG changes under the BIG top. The Madison Clowns are once again looking to make changes and bring in a new clown to the unit. YES, that means it is time for the annual "Clown Potentate Party" to be held once again at the Esquire Club on Sherman Ave. in Madison. This year the festivities will be on Saturday February 15, 2025. We will be eating at 6:00 PM and social time begins when you arrive.



This is always a fun evening for ALL and ALL are welcome. You

do not have to be a clown, but this will give you a reason to act like one if you wish. Remember, EVERYONE is a clown, some of us just dress the part. We will have a great family style meal, so if you don't get enough to eat it is your own fault. The price this year is \$29.00 per person and reservations can be made by sending the form to: Dale Holmen, 13 St. Albans Ave., Madison, Wi. 53714 by February 2, 2025.

The evening will begin with social time and checking out the different items in the bag drawing. A reminder: ALL proceeds will be sent to the Shrine Red Sneaker Fund which supports burn research at our Shrine Burn Hospitals. This is always a great fundraiser for the Red Sneaker Fund. While that is going on, the true entertainment is bringing the new Potentate front and center so he can show us his true colors as he becomes our newest clown.

This has been a fun tradition for the Madison Clowns over the years and we ask that all past potentates bring their picture from their year, so that we can display them. It is always fun to see how much some of them have changed and in some cases, how much they still look like a clown.

Make your plans to attend and see the CHANGES UNDER THE BIG TOP in February and we will see you under the BIG TOP!

Changes Under the Big Top

ESQUIRE CLUB 1025 N SHERMAN AVE, MADISON, WI February 15, 2025

NAME		
Number Attending	X \$29/person = \$	Unit

Checks made out to Zor Clowns.

Mail to: Dale Holmen, 13 St. Albans Ave, Madison, WI 53714

RESERVATIONS DUE BY FEBRUARY 2, 2025



HOMETOWN HOLIDAY PARADE

New Richmond, WI — This year, members of the Masonic Lodge #195 brought holiday cheer to New Richmond by participating in their annual Hometown Holiday Parade.

The idea came about during a conversation in Zor hospitality when one **Brother** room mentioned Masonic that lodges could utilize a parade float housed by Zor's Misfitz. sounded like great а opportunity to get involved, but like most good ideas, it was easy to pull off. Despite initial delays, a simple phone call to Monte Kramer of Zor Misfitz set the plan in motion. Monte was incredibly helpful. He met us halfway in Eau Claire on a Sunday, around my work schedule, to hand off the float trailer. It was honestly an easy process.

Once the trailer was in hand, the lodge called on its members to help decorate the float. We didn't overcomplicate it. A little creativity, teamwork, and holiday spirit went a long way. The twelve-person float turned out to be something truly special encouraging members





to work together and bring this idea to life.

On parade day, the float, filled with Masons and their families, made its way through the streets of New Richmond. It was amazing to see the community's response, especially for the kids involved. The shouts of greetings and cheer from the community are sure to be remembered longer than how cold it was outside.

Following the parade, Monte again met me halfway to return the float trailer to Wisconsin Rapids. The entire experience, from start to finish, took little time but made a significant impact. This was an easy, straightforward way to engage with each other and the community. I'd highly encourage other lodges to take advantage of the parade trailer and participate in local parades or events. It's a great way to show the community who we are and what we stand for.

-Chad Fonseca SW New Richmond Lodge #195

GIOIA SCHUTTE UPDATE



Gioia Schutte

Hello Shriners!! Happy New Year!!

We made it!! It's 2025!! Another year was well done. Congratulations to Roger for completing his year as Potentate and to Lady Tammy for raising her money to help kids who outgrow the Shriners hospital care.

For sports, I had off on Christmas break, but I have a volleyball tournament on the 4th and 5th. Practice has been going well and I love my team!! Weight room is going well, I've still been going three days a week and still am loving it!!

Sadly, for work, I've been working less due to only being able to work till 7 o'clock and with sports taking over my life. Once track is done, I'll be able to work more shifts during the week, but that won't be until May, which then I will be taking time off in June and July for my big Europe trip with my bestie Méta that I can't wait for!!



The last and final Shriners event that I will be attending is the Installation of the new Potentate. It was a great year working alongside Roger and Tammy. We went to many fun places and events, had great times and I even witnessed Roger eating a carrot cake and a carrot, even though he spit it out (I STILL don't think it counts Roger.) In December at the Shriners Fall Ceremonial, we took horse drawn carriages through Rotary Lights that were just outside our hotel!! It was truly a great time, thank you Roger for putting that together!!

School is going well, but December was a busy month for us. A major project was due, and it stressed me and my friend Bella out a lot, but we got it done!! The same weekend was our choir concert, with the following weekend being finals week. Finals week is interesting. It's stressful, but also an unpopular opinion at our school, I think that it can be quite fun. We have the same amount of class time, but longer passing periods and an even longer lunch where we can go out to eat with friends or chill at school for the whole time. I'm also hoping that the second semester will be as fast as first semester.

Christmas break was a nice refresher, except I was still busy making desserts for most of the Christmas parties that I go to, which I enjoy. Christmas is the time for my famous homemade crumble cookies to shine!!

That's all for January folks!! I'll be back with another update as soon as I can!!

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LAKELAND SHRINE CLUB

by: Ill. Sir John Thorstad, PP

Lakeland Shrine Club President John Thorstad welcomed the 48 people who were attending the annual Christmas party on December 4th at Halverson's Supper Club in Stoughton. After some social time, everyone sat down for a steak / shrimp buffet dinner, followed by dessert.

Following dinner, it was announced that Wava Grinde and Dave Dewey were celebrating birthdays and Wayne and Jan Steinhorst were celebrating their 66th wedding anniversary. In the holiday spirit everyone sang Jingle Bells and Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer.

Thanks to Pete and Vicki Gunderson for the donation of the poinsettia's, silk wreaths and

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flower arrangements. Also, thanks to Ron Jenkins for the gift dispersal to the winners. And a "Tip of the Fez" to Jim Stelsel Jr. for all he does for

In closing, President
John wished everyone
a happy holiday and
safe drive, as the heavy
snow is falling.

Lakeland Shrine Club.











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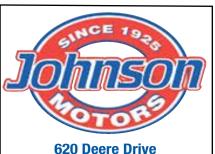
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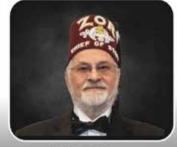
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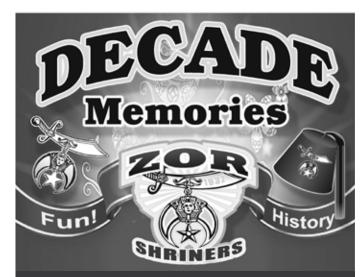
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