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Zephyr

HONORED LADIES LUNCHEON

JEANNE HANSEN,
Founding President of the
Dane County Beekeepers



From the desk of
Illustrious Sir
ROGER KELLER



Greetings and Happy Holidays,

November has flown by, and cooler temps are upon us. As I sit to write one of my last articles, I reflect on how fast this entire year has gone by.

Tammy and I again enjoyed the Yoshi Shrine Club annual meeting in Wisconsin Dells with our children and grandchildren. This weekend was especially nice for us this year, as the miles and events took us away from our family so many times.

As we sat and enjoyed Yoshi this year, we noticed how the club has grown over the last few years, and more members are bringing grandchildren. At times with everyone in the same room, it is loud and chaotic but so much fun. The kids enjoy the water parks and slides, and I enjoy the smiles on everyone's faces as they have fun. Thank you to Past Potentate Barry Ausen for bringing this idea to Zor.

November brought us two Festival of Trees and what a beautiful show these are. The clubs do a wonderful job of setting these up and involving the community.

As we come to the end of 2024, I want to thank the Divan, support staff, committee members, and office staff for all their hard work this year. Without all of you, 2024 would not have been so successful and fun for me.

I especially want to thank Gioia for joining us this year as Zor's Patient Ambassador. She has made the whole year extraordinarily fun and entertaining. She and her entire family are wonderful people, and I am grateful her parents allowed her to do this for Zor.

Just a quick reminder, annual membership dues are due. The Shrine is one of the most fun fraternities you can belong to. If you haven't yet paid your dues please don't hesitate, we strive for a strong membership and want you to be part of it.

Til next month,
CARROT ON!



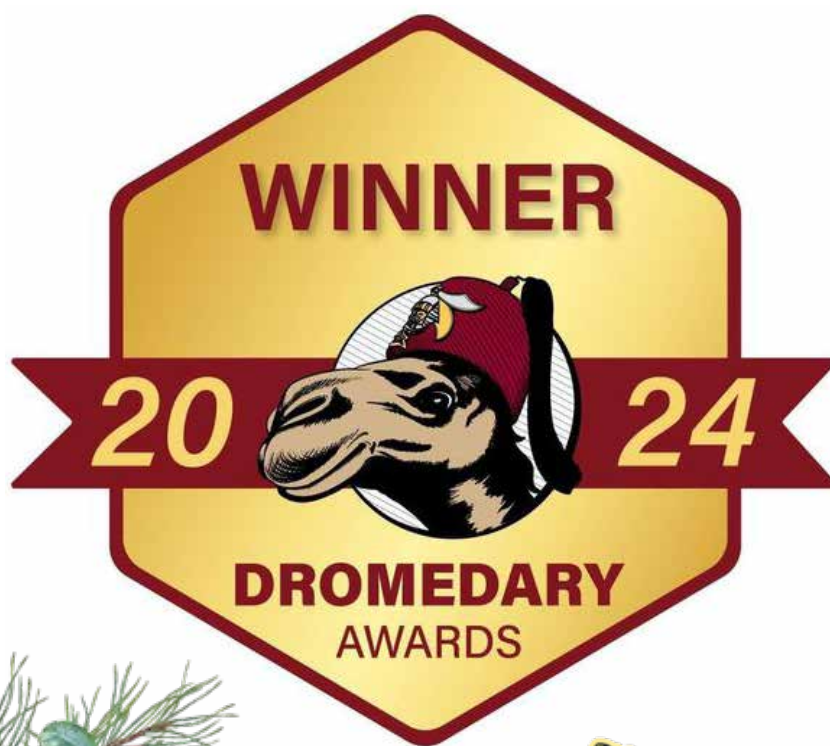
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Dane County Beekeepers
Speaking at the Honored Ladies Luncheon**



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- 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.
- 2025 will soon be here. The names and contact information for all officers elected should be sent to the Zor office as soon as possible, but before December 31. Only Nobles who are in good standing with 2025 dues paid may hold office in either a club or unit.
- The 2025 Zor proposed budget will be presented for member approval on January 11, 2025, at the Zor Annual Meeting in Eau Claire. If you are interested in reviewing the proposal, please feel free to contact me at rgorsuch@oak.bank.
- Shriner Trivia: State with largest Shrine population: Pennsylvania – 11,649.

LIFE-CHANGING CARE!

Rehabilitation and prosthetics help Anita be herself again

A teenager from Georgia is laughing, walking and able to care for herself again thanks to three months of care at Shriners Children's Chicago, nine months total away from home.

Anita, 14, got a random swollen foot on Christmas Day. Emergency room doctors determined her body was actually shutting down due to a combination of strep A and flu B in her bloodstream. She almost died multiple times. The treatment to save her life meant she lost both lower legs.



She came to Shriners Children's Chicago for intensive inpatient rehabilitation, also unable to move her arms either.

Three months later she has her sparkle back and



walks with custom skull design prosthetics from our POPS department. Watch her story by scanning the QR code.



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Zephyr Reminder!

Be sure to email your stories by **Tuesday, December 10, 2024** for the Zephyr January 2025 issue.

DECEMBER CALENDAR



Fri – Sun - Nov 29th - Dec 8th

Funsters FEZtival of Tree's - Wisconsin Rapids Masonic Lodge #128, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

- Fri Nov. 29th, Sat Nov 30th - 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Sun Dec. 1st - 11:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Dec. 2nd - Dec. 6th - (Mon. - Fri) - 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- Dec. 7th (Sat.) 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
- Dec. 8th (Sun) 11:00 am - 4:00 pm



Wed – Dec 4th

Lakeland S.C. Christmas Party - 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Halverson's Supper Club, 1965 Barber Dr., Stoughton, WI



Fri – Dec 6th

Divan meeting - 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM - Radisson Hotel La Crosse

200 Second Street South, La Crosse, WI 54601



Fri – Sun – Dec 6th - 8th

Zor Fall Ceremonial - Radisson Hotel La Crosse,

200 Second Street South, La Crosse, WI



Sun – Dec 15th

Heart of Wisconsin S.C. Xmas party - Social 5:30 pm - Dinner 6:00 pm

Lake Arrowhead, 1195 Apache Ln, Nekoosa, WI



Wed – Dec 25th

Mecca Shrine Club Meeting - 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Pizones, 202 Superior Ave, Tomah, WI

JANUARY CALENDAR



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



Sat – Jan 11th

Annual Meeting / Installation of Officers

The Lismore Hotel, 333 Gibson St, Eau Claire, WI 54701



Thurs – Jan 23rd

Mini Cars - 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Winchester Restaurant, 568 Haugen Rd, Edgerton, WI

SEASONS GREETINGS

Past Potentates

1984 • Roger and Lady Judie Nitzsche, P.P.
1989 • Bill and Lady Julie Johnson, P.P.
1995 • Russel and Lorraine Dunnum, P.P.
1997 • J Kevin and Lady Janet Johnson, P.P.
- Mehara SC & Sawdusters
1998 • Jim and Lady Joan Soderholm, P.P.
2003 • Gerald and Lady Carol Jordon, P.P.
2004 • John and Lady Debbi Thorstad, P.P.
2005 • Jerry and Lady Diane Balschun, P.P.
2007 • Mark and Lady Sheri Severson, P.P. - Directors Staff
2008 • Tom Nelson, P.P.
2010 • Joe and Lady Julie Thompson, P.P.
2011 • Steve and Lady Mary Ellen Peterson, P.P.
- Wausauken Shriners
2012 • Larry and Lady Julianne Riemenschneider, P.P.
2014 • Larry and Lady Jill Hanson, P.P.
2015 • Monte and Lady Ann Steiber, P.P.
2018 • Gary and Lady Judy Cuskey, P.P.
2019 • Wally and Lady Gayle Trouten, P.P.
- SWSC, LaCross SC, Firehouse Jesters
2022 • Rodney and Lady Mary LaBlanc, P.P.
2023 • Al and Lady Penny Brueggen, P.P.

Divan

Roger and Tammy Keller, Potentate
Brian and Linda Dunham, Chief Rabban
Steve and Koral Livernash, Assistant Rabban
Ron and Dawn Malcolm,
High Priest & Prophet - Tin Lizzies
Mike and Susan Kastens, Oriental Guide
Bob and Carol Gorsuch, P.P., 2013 - Recorder
Larry and Jill Hanson, P.P. 2014 - Treasurer
Roger and Diane Amundson, Marshal
Brad and Michelle Schultz, Captain of the Guard
Mark and Charlene Mayry, Outer Guard
Karl Gant, Chaplain

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Lyle Fox	Bob Bradley
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Jason and Jennifer Nelson, Tinsley & Teegan	Jim Stelsel, Jr
Tom and Philayne Chose, Nick & Joe	Tom and Diane Thompson
Don Komplin and Betty Glaaser	Joe and Mary Harker
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Dave Dewey and Karen Owens	Gerald Watson
Trudy Stelsel	Marv and Elaine Engelke
Phil and Mary Lu Anderson	Laverne and Lois Jean Clirton
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	Jerry E. Wilkens
	Charles White

Clubs and Units

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Brent & Nancy Clausius - Pine River Valley Shrine Club
Randy & Kathy Webb - Funsters
John & Gale Hendrickson - Camel Patrol
Dave Stolen - Lakeland Shrine Club
Duke & Marlene Thurs - Indianhead Shrine Club
Tin Lizzies
Larry & Penny Krauss, - Midgets
Daniel Sherry, MD & Ellen Sherry Road Runners
Phil Oren - Lakeland Shrine Club
Arlen & Gloria Christensen - Lakeland Shrine Club
Bill & Peg Jones - Camel Patrol
Justin Thompson - SWSC
Moundview Shrine Club
Sahara Shrine Club
Lakeland Shrine Club
Mini Cars
Larry & Annell Nelson, St Croix Valley Shrine Club
Scout, Lydia, Rhett, Jordy and Tripp Kastens - St Croix Valley Shrine Club
Jim & Alice Smith, Sahara Shrine Club
Bob & Sandy Calverley & Scott, Jodi, Tony - Funsters, Heart of WI Shrine Club
Rod & Judy Rommel, La Crosse Shrine Club
Erik, Paula & Lilly Severson, Clowns
Lance, Amber & Sierra, Cameron Severson, Directors Staff
Jeffrey, Katherine, Tony & Caroline Severson, Directors Staff
Therese Severson, Midgets
Robert & Amy Hering, St Croix Valley Shrine Club
Gary & Nancy Durgin, Mini Cars
Alan and Teresa Brawders, Directors Staff
RoadRunners
Mavericks

YOU ARE HEREBY CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND ON

11 JANUARY, 2025

THE

92ND

ANNUAL MEETING AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR

ZOR SHRINE

LUNCH SERVED AT

11:30 A.M.

ANNUAL MEETING (MEMBERSHIP CARD REQUIRED)

1:30 P.M.

PUBLIC CEREMONY WILL COMMENCE AT APPROXIMATELY

3:30 P.M.

FEZ PARTY AND DINNER TO FOLLOW IN WILSON HALL AT

THE LISMORE HOTEL

333 GIBSON ST EAU CLAIRE, WI, 54701

Please join us Saturday, 11 January, 2025, in Eau Claire, WI.

The Lismore Hotel in Eau Claire will be host for ZOR's 92nd annual meeting, election, installation of the 2025 officers, and our annual FEZ party. In addition to covered parking, this year all events (both men's and women's) will be held at The Lismore Hotel so there should be no need to worry about inclement weather. The ticket cost of \$75 is per person and includes choice of lunch, hors d'oeuvres, choice of dinner, and entertainment. To enjoy a \$5 per person discount, complete registration before 1, December, 2024. The Lismore is offering a reduced nightly rate of \$125. Room reservations must be made PRIOR to 1, December, 2024 for rate eligibility. Following installation there will be hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, pictures and live entertainment by the Dawson Redenius Septet. After dinner we will open a hospitality suite that overlooks the Christmas decorated downtown, Phoenix bridge lit for us in Shri-ner Red, and the Chippewa River. For questions about registration please call Gary Cuskey at 715-520-3052.

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO PROMPTLY REGISTER. FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO
[HTTPS://MSA24.TICKETSPICE.COM/ANNUAL-MEETING-AND-INSTALLATION](https://msa24.ticketspice.com/annual-meeting-and-installation)



2025 ANNUAL MEETING AND 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

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92ND

ANNUAL MEETING AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR

ZOR SHRINE

SAHARA SHRINE CLUB

John Thorstad sold and presented the winning Sahara Shrine Club raffle check worth \$ 1000.00 to MARV ENGELKE.



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

CAMEL PATROL'S CHIEF RABBAN PARTY TO HONOR THE 2025 POTENTATE

Zor's Camel Patrol will hold its annual Chief Rabban Party on Saturday, January 4, 2025, at Rex's Innkeeper in Waunakee. All Nobles, Lady's, and Friends are invited.

Party Chairman Jim Stelsel Jr said that the traditional party to honor the Chief Rabban, Brian Dunham and his lady Linda which is held before Zor's Annual Meeting and Election to honor the Noble who moves up to the post of Potentate on January 11, 2025.

It allows the future Potentate an opportunity to give a preview of some of the events he has planned during his year as Potentate.

Chairman Stelsel said the social hour will begin at 5:30 P. M. with dinner at 7:00 P. M. As in past years there will be a choice of three entrees Tenderloin, Prime Rib and Shrimp all with potato, salad, roll and desert.

The cost for each entrée will include milk, tea, coffee, dessert, tax, and tip.

Due to the choice of entrees all Nobles and Ladies must fill out the accompanying coupon and send it with their preference marked and a check made payable to "Zor Shrine Camel Patrol" for the number of dinners being ordered by December 20th, 2024.

Chairman Stelsel also promised door prizes and great fun and sociability!

Camel Patrol's Chief Rabban Party

SATURDAY JANUARY 4, 2025

Rex's Innkeeper in Waunakee

Cocktails 5:30 P.M.

Dinner 700 P.M.

Tenderloin \$60_____ Prime Rib \$46_____ Shrimp \$36_____

Number of Reservations _____

All prices include tax & tip.

Make Checks payable to the Zor Shrine Camel Patrol. Reservation

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 20TH, 2024

Total amount of check enclosed \$_____

Name _____ Phone # _____

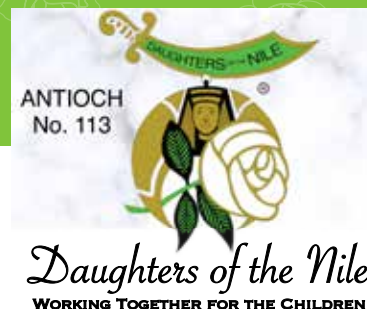
Address _____

Send reservations to: Jim Stelsel Jr, Party Chairman, 1705 Hooker Ave, Madison WI 53704



Jenn (Schaefer) 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 downtown Masonic building. 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 Festival of Trees in Sparta to support our Zor family and enjoy some of the holiday scenes.

Merry Christmas and many blessings to you all,

Queen Jenn (Schaefer) Vernig

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

YOUR CONTACTS



December 2024 Birthdays

Dec 1: Phillip J Johnson
 Dec 2: Bernard O Kahl Jr; Robert J Burgfechtel
 Dec 3: William F Lind
 Dec 4: Andrew J Gavin
 Dec 5: David B Dewey; Daniel T Sedgwick
 Dec 6: Gerald L Berg; William W Wadephul
 Dec 7: Jon M Grinde; Jeremy M Christensen
 Dec 8: Larry W Ryan; Benjamin C Cole
 Dec 9: Walter J Oravez; Kenneth W Claussen
 Dec 10: Alvin W Arnold Jr; Matthew J Brigson
 Dec 11: John R Peirson; Richard A Brommer;
 Harold S Geller; John Hendricks
 Dec 12: Robert C Salisbury; David A Dunahee
 Dec 14: Vernon A Smith; Richard H Indermuehle;
 Brian F Miller
 Dec 15: Roger W Babcock; Larry A Hoyer; Rick L Schnabel
 Dec 16: Donald J Sowle; Darrell R Smith;
 Lawrence L Ganske; Nathaniel T Goehe
 Dec 17: Raymond E Jewell; George R Seybold II
 Dec 20: Joseph H Silverberg; E D Fennie; Jeffrey J Symes;
 William R Cress Jr; Arthur J Lenius
 Dec 21: Jason A Nelson
 Dec 22: R W Felland
 Dec 23: Richard J Rausch
 Dec 24: Lawrence L Myers PGM; Carl H Gaulke;
 Jeffrey J Kuschel
 Dec 25: Joseph M Fleming; Erik L Severson
 Dec 26: Richard Hayden; Wayne D Steinhorst
 Dec 27: Larry D Tronrud; Scott M Smith; Mark Hink;
 Alex Roelli
 Dec 28: Donald Havilcek; Terrance M Mc Shane;
 Bruce A Fransway
 Dec 29: Terry G Boydston; Eric C Roberts;
 David H McCarter Jr; Jacob D Burnitt
 Dec 30: Steven D Dehnert; Kevin W Schulte
 Dec 31: James J Bossingham; John J Warnecke

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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!

Honored Ladies Luncheon (the Bee's Knee's)

By: Noble Brad Andrew



BUZZ, BUZZ, BUZZ getting the **BUZZ** on bees! On October 22nd, an Honored Lady's Luncheon was about to BEE-gin at Rex's Innkeeper Supper Club in Waunakee. Debbi Thorstad hosted a wonderful lunch and program for many to enjoy. Along with Karen Owens, Co-Chair for the afternoon, we also had Tammy Keller helping with the program.

I was told that the name has been changed for the Ladies. It was originally called "The Widow's Luncheon" and now called the Zor Honored Ladies Luncheon. Sometimes change is better.

Debbi stood up and welcomed all that attended. She gave a short briefing on what was about to happen and handed it over to our hard-working Potentate, Roger Keller. But wait! Roger was looking all around the room. What was he looking for? Karl!! He was not there yet. The show must go on. Roger, knowing that Karl would hopefully show up, continued with the program. After the introductions of the Honored Ladies, and the Past Potentates Ladies, Karl walked into the room. Not sparing a minute. Just in time to make the Prayer before lunch. He chose a Prayer that was a 5-year-old prayer that he liked. It was about a "Biscuit". Ask him about that one when you get a chance. Lunch was ready to BEE-gin. What a wonderful family style lunch we had. No reason to walk out hungry.



The afternoon continued with the introduction of Jeanne Hansen. She is the founding President of the Dane County Beekeepers. BEE afraid, BEE very afraid of Bee's. That's what we were told back in the days. They sting and that could Bee bad for some. When we saw a bee, we wanted to swat it or kill it. It was a natural thing to do for what it did to us. It STUNG us. That little Sh*t is going to sting me and it's going to hurt for a long time. Wait, read on a see what happens.

Jeanne Hansen, after being introduced to all in the room, began talking about the many years of working with, and beehives she had. She started back in 2009 and had 12 hives. Today she is only working with 3 hives as a member on the east side of Madison. As my neighbor has bee hives in her yard, I got heavily involved in what she had to say. Listening to everything she had to say about the bees. I wanted to know what my neighbor went through. Being over at her house and wondering if I was going to get stung. I was going to learn something this afternoon.

As a rewarding hobby taking care of the bees, she works all year round with them. As she talks about the bees, she passed around many different pictures of bees, bee hives, honeycombs, and so many other interesting things about bees, I think none of us knew the first thing about bees is they have one thing on their mind and that's about making honey. Not sting you or anyone else. If a bee stings you, it will die. I'm pretty sure they don't want that. The only time a bee will sting you is if you mess with the hive, try to swat it or mess with the Queen Bee. Things not to do around bees, do not wear bright clothing, they might think you are a flower. That is why you see beekeepers in white and Bees don't like carbon monoxide. A couple of things to do to keep bees away from you is to walk in the shade, no bright clothes, and no perfume.

She went on about the different types of bees and the types of honey





they make. Different tasting honey depends on the flowers they collect nectar from. Honey is the one thing that does not spoil, it lasts forever. You may see honey with a settled bottom to it. Just put in some hot water and let it soften up. Mix it up and it's ready to go.

We were informed there are three types of bees. The big Drones, (which apparently don't sting), they are all males. The Workers. (Which are the smallest), they do sting!! And the Queen Bee, the ruler of all!! She is the biggest of all and the only one that lays eggs. The Drone bees take care of the Queen all the time.

She talked about how the bees talk to each other. Overall, all bees play an important part in the hive. The bees will do a circle dance and wiggle their butts. This tells the other bees where to find the nectar. The hive never sleeps. It is always on the go. The temperature in the hive can reach up to 92 degrees. When winter comes around, the hive has saved up enough honey to make it through the winter. They all stay close together to stay warm.

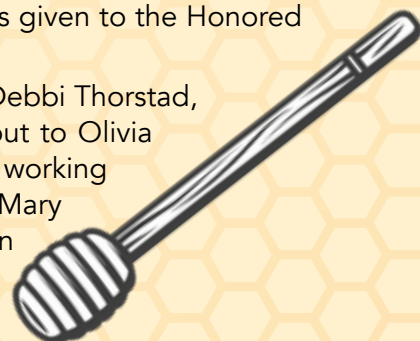
Back in the days, only 10 pounds of honey was used at one point. Now we are pushing out 40 pounds. For the beekeepers that must retrieve the honey, they hit the hive with smoke that puts the bees in a calm state of mind. A high for the bees. Farmers enjoy the bees, because they pollinate their crops. Mice of all things were a hindrance to the bee population at one time. After seeing the importance that bees were, people started to leave them alone. The cities were good for them, the gardens and big groups of farmlands. All places had some kind of "food" for the bees to take home and make honey from. Just a note from the Queen Bee, the first set of bees came over from Europe.

As the speech was going on, 3 different types of honey were passed around. A bunch of pictures showing different bees, hives and honey were passed around. It was finally time for the Queen Bee to fly home to her busy bees. Before she left, she handed out a single piece of honey candy. I hope all enjoyed that. A big round of applause was given to her in a well informative presentation.

The next part was to recognize all Honored Ladies, Past Potentates and their Ladies. Lady Tammy Keller made all the closing remarks. Before all left, a gift bag was handed out to all Honored Ladies. One of the center pieces was given out to the person whose birthday was in May. Each person at a table was able to pick out one handmade flower from a vase that was in the middle of the table. A rose was given to the Honored Ladies.

That ended a very special and well-organized program, a big thank you to Lady Debbi Thorstad, and well done to all that worked so hard to make this work out!! A big shout out to Olivia Johnson (Debbi's granddaughter) for making the center pieces on the tables. She is working two jobs and going to school and yet did a wonderful job!! Also, A big hand for Mary LaBlanc for donating the decorations supplies. We cannot forget Michael Johnson for donating the Mason jars that held the flowers perfectly on the tables.

Once again, a wonderful job by ALL!!



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!



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FLAMBEAU CLOWNS



by: Noble Jesse Tihlarik

The Flambeau Clowns hosted their third successful meat raffle this year at John's 3 Mile Corner Bar in Phillips, WI.

The meat raffles have allowed the Flambeau Clowns to write a check of \$2,000 for the Shriners Children's Twin Cities location. This marks the first significant donation by the Flambeau Clowns in over a decade. There's funny business back in the Northwoods once again.

Pictured on the right (L to R): Noble Tony Budaj, Lady Krystal Tihlarik (Dotty), Maliyah Tihlarik (Stripes), Noble Jesse Tihlarik (Skuff), Lady Rochelle Cummings, Noble Al Cummings, and Bar Owner John Spalding



Third Successful Meat Raffle in Phillips, WI



MOUND VIEW SHRINE CLUB



Mound View Shrine Club held there meeting on November third at The Pointer Cafe in Mineral Point, WI.

Left to Right : Debbi Thorstad, Julie Thompson, Elaine Engelke, Karl Gant, Lois Clifton, LaVerne Clifton, Gerry Watson, Marv Engelke, Joe Thompson, missing is John Thorstad

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Thank you so much!

ZOR OUTDOORSMEN CLUB



by: Noble Ron Chamberlain

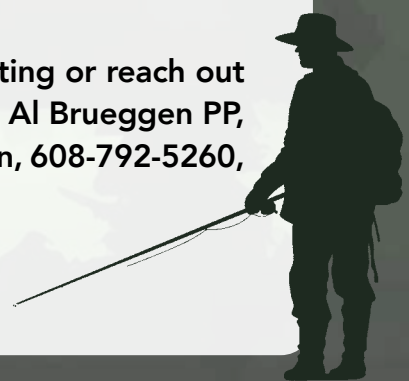
Are you an outdoor enthusiast looking for camaraderie and philanthropy? Are you into hunting that big buck or traveling to get into some good upland bird hunting? Maybe you like to fish for that notorious "fish of 1,000 casts," the musky. Or are you one of those folks who enjoy camping, hiking, or just biking the trails? Perhaps those activities are a bit too slow for you and you prefer the adrenaline rush of an ATV, jet ski, or snowmobile. Or maybe you would be interested in family fun days, enjoying these activities with other Shrine families.

It really doesn't matter what your outdoor flavor is—if you want to have an opportunity to do those activities while still enjoying the fun and fellowship of the Shrine, then the Zor Outdoorsmen club is for you. Join us and contribute to the greatest philanthropic cause there is while indulging in your favorite outdoor pursuits.

The Zor Outdoorsmen club is seeking Nobles who are eager to enjoy their outdoor activities, no matter what they are, with fellow Nobles. Besides club dues, you might wonder how we can achieve our philanthropic goals with such activities. How about participating in trap or sporting clays events, organizing fishing tournaments, or sponsoring a 5k run?

Interested in learning more? Attend an informational meeting or reach out to Nobles Larry Hanson PP, 608-778-0802, hanso@tds.net, Al Brueggen PP, 608-487-1692, brueggenal@gmail.com, or Ron Chamberlain, 608-792-5260, rchamberlain111@gmail.com, for more details.

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ZOR SHRINERS RESPOND

Zor Shriners has contributed \$5,000 to assist the Masons, Shriners, and their families who have been severely impacted by the back-to-back hurricanes, Helene and Milton.

The Grand Masters of North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida have sought disaster assistance from the Masonic Service Association of North America to provide urgently needed financial aid to many families who have lost their homes and possessions due to the forces of wind and water.

Shrine Masons are proud to have the opportunity to come to the relief of their brothers and their families. Zor's response to this need is vitally important to our brothers in those states and satisfies the high calling and obligation that each of us has to respond with fraternal charity.



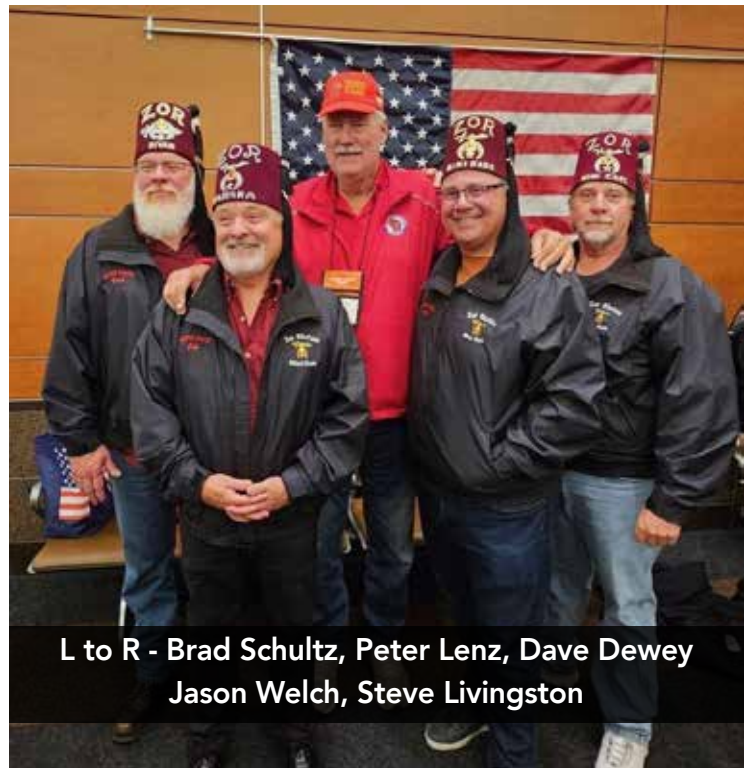
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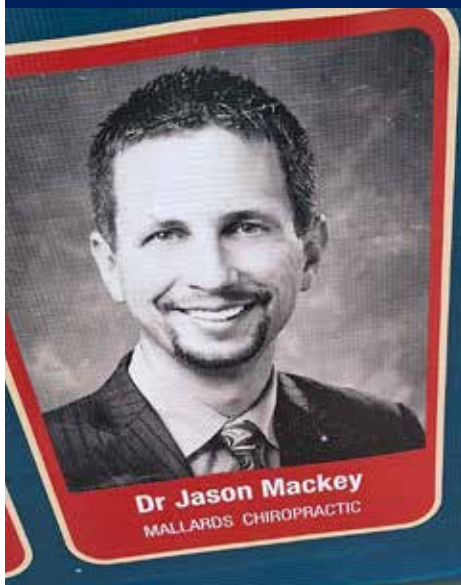


L to R - Brad Schultz, Dave Dewey, Steve Livingston,
Chuck Porter, and John Thorstad



L to R - Brad Schultz, Peter Lenz, Dave Dewey
Jason Welch, Steve Livingston

JASON MACKEY



The Mini Cars salute **JASON MACKEY** when not in his doctor's office, or driving his mini car, he can be found at the Madison Mallards baseball field as the team's chiropractor.

The Mini Cars salute unit member **DEAN HOLMEN** who came from Nashville to Madison on Nov. 9th to play for a food pantry fund raiser at the Cottage Grove Road VFW Club.



DEAN HOLMEN



PATIENT AMBASSADOR

Gioia Schutte

Hello Shriners!!

Christmas time is hereeee!!

It's almost Christmas!! Even though I don't like the cold or the snow, I love the Christmas season and the time off from school. When we get our two weeks off, it is time to relax and hang out with my friends, we already have plans!!

I don't have a lot of new updates; life is still pretty much the same as it was a month ago.😭

Weight room is going well. I've been going three days a week and loving it!! I also have made a volleyball team!! I made the 16 4's and the season is starting up. I can't wait for another great year of club!! It will be busy though, when track season starts up again.

Work is still busy!! They have been putting me on drive-through

for longer shifts now, so some days I come home, and I don't want to talk after using my voice all day.😭

I have attended a few of the Shriner events at the end of October and November, but also my time for hanging out with y'all is coming to an end. The fun part is, I'll get to see Roger eat carrot cake at the end of the year, but I'm hoping that he'll have to eat a carrot too. It's sort of payback for him dumping salad all over my plate at most of the dinners.

School is going great!! I have a few big papers that are due soon and I'm hoping that I will get a good grade on them!! Not only do I have papers due, but I also have our finals of the first semester coming up. We just took our midterm for math in November, and it was not hard, but not easy. I'm hoping that the final will go smoother, as well as all my other subjects!! I have also decided that I will be helping with our school's musical, in the costumes department. I helped with last year's

musical, Elf, which took place in the wintertime because it is a Christmas musical, unlike this year, which is in the spring. I decided not to do costumes for the play because I wanted to get a handle on sophomore year first and I also have a study hall next semester.

That's all for December folks!! Sadly, since my time as Patient Ambassador is ending, I won't be putting lots of updates in the articles, but you will still be hearing from me!!

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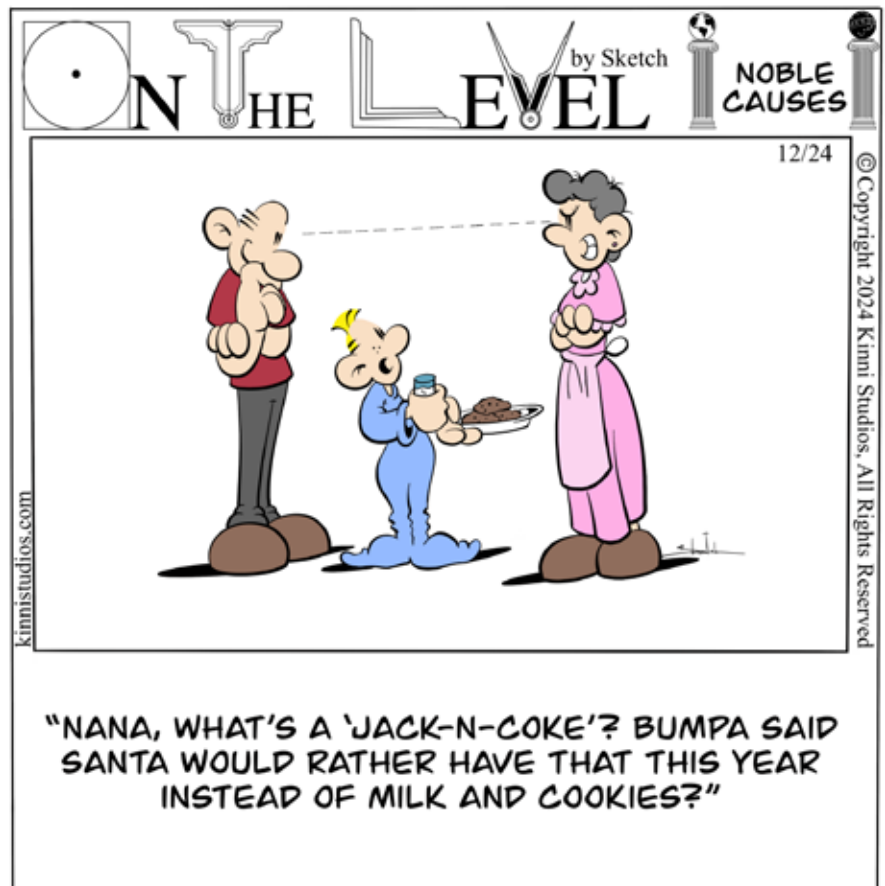
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ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Submitted by: Brenda Gaulke

What is the Order of The Eastern Star

Hello Sisters & Brothers, family and friends,

It seems like it's been a while since I had an article for you to read, truth be told.... life gets busy and I wanted to wait until after our Conference for more news.

Recently we were in Myrtle Beach, SC for the 51st Triennium of the General Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star. Or shall I say our international conference. It was certainly a site to see over 2500 people in attendance, with almost 1000 voting delegates. To hear all the reports from every committee sharing where they were, what they were doing and how they raised funds was certainly inspiring. Our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron instituted new jurisdictions in other countries during their triennium. Wisconsin raised slightly under 400,000.00 for OES Charities! Our newly installed Most Worthy Grand Matron is Billie Bradfield, a Past Grand Matron from Arizona and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Michael Berry is a Past Grand Patron from Kentucky. They have awesome plans for Eastern Star. At the conference, some things were voted on that can make Eastern Star grow. A woman can now join without a direct Masonic relative, but she must have a letter of recommendation from both a sister and a brother. There were lots of other changes as well, including an optional way to perform the ceremony of Installation. This would make the ceremony shorter and have other benefits too. Wisconsin is proud to have 8 Past Grand Matrons or Past Grand Patrons serving as a General Grand Chapter Committee Member:

- Jane Blackwood, Alzheimer's
- Ian Watts, By-Laws
- Joanne Frieman, Disaster Relief
- Laurie Budwick, Community Service
- Laramie Reissner, Credentials
- Terri Hundhausen, Heart
- Brenda Gaulke, Co-Chair, Historical Landmarks International Peace Garden Chapel
- Tammy Hundhausen, Youth

The 52nd Triennium will be held in Phoenix, Arizona August 27 – September 3, 2027. If you would like to know more about the Order, just ask.

Thank you to our Illustrious Sir, Roger Keller for asking me to write this series of articles about Eastern Star for you. As I stated above, if you ever want to know more or join or need a petition.... just ask.

Star Love, Brenda Gaulke



*Here are the 4 who were at Myrtle Beach to be installed into office:
L - R: Laramie Reissner, Terri Hundhausen,
Brenda Gaulke and Tammy Hundhausen.*

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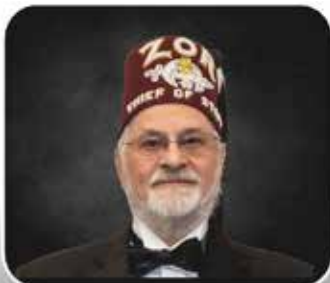
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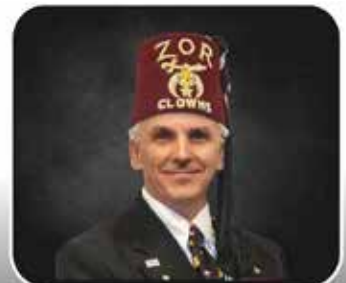
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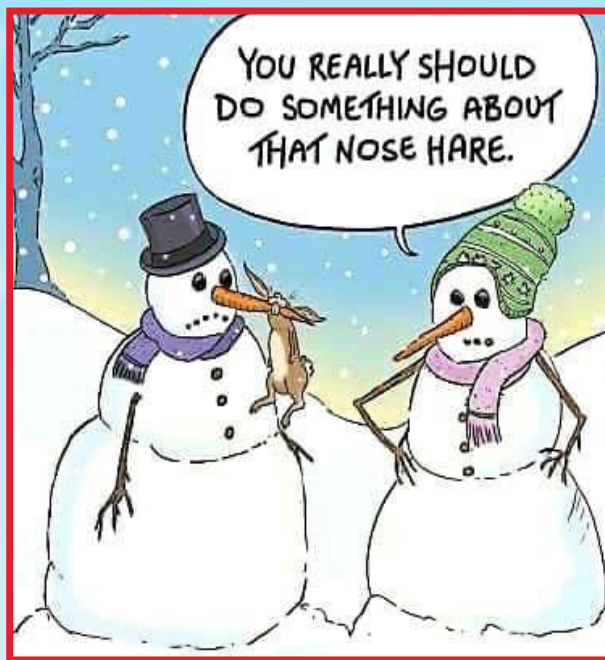
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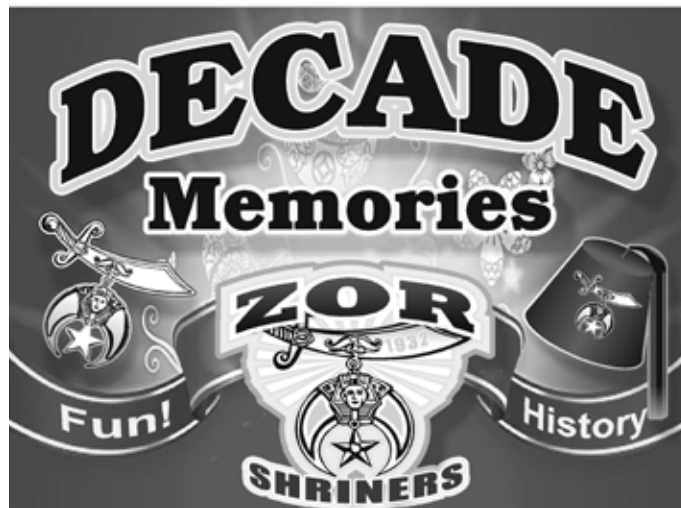
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