Vol. LXXVI, No.04 APRIL, 2024 SHRINERS MSA Elects New President In this Issue:

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Vidalia Onion Season is Upon Zor
Meet "Manny the Clown"



Happy Spring,

MSA Mid-Winter Session was a huge success, thank you to everyone who helped. Congratulations Illustrious Sir Gary Cuskey, the 2024 President of MSA.

Clubs and Units should be making plans to attend and parade during the summer MSA, Aug 7-10.

The St. Croix Valley Shrine Club hosted a St. Patrick's Day party and welcomed a new Shriner into the club.

We attended a Ceremonial at Osman Shrine where they brought in 10 new Shriners.

Feztastic bowling in Eau Claire was amazingly fun as always, bringing in new Shriners as well!

The Wausau Potentate's Dinner is always something we look forward to.

Lady Tammy and I are planning to travel to Abu Bekr for the Potentate's Ball and to attend the Installation of the Queen of Daughter's of the Nile.

Exciting things are happening all over.

Remember, there will be no Spring Ceremonial this year, if anyone has someone who would like to become a Shriner so they can parade with your unit. Let me or a Divan member know so that we can arrange cold sands for them.

Til next month, Carrot on!





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RECORDER BOB'S CORNER



- In order for clubs and units to have proper insurance coverage, all events and parades need to be provided to the Zor Office. Our insurance agent will be informed of the events and be sure proper liability coverage is in force. Just email or call the office with the event/parade information.
- Mark your calendar for the upcoming April 13, 2024, Stated Meeting at the Elks Club in Wausau. The meeting will start at 2:00 p.m.

ADVANCEMENTS IN CARE

Cone Beam CT (CBCT) technology comes to Shriners Children's Chicago

Shriners Children's offers specialized facial and dental imaging for craniofacial conditions at certain times in a child's growth. The painless process helps surgeons and specialists understand each child's unique facial anatomy.

The Chicago hospital's new CBCT installed in early March is a smaller than regular CT machine and uses less radiation. It moves around the child using a coned-shaped X-ray beam. CBCT provides doctors with a 3D image of the child's mouth, jaw, airway, neck, teeth and ears, nose and throat.

"Quality imaging is essential in order to accurately plan and time surgical procedures," said David Morris, MD, medical director of the craniofacial/cleft team in Chicago.



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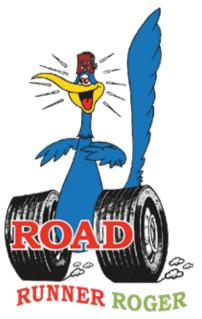
Zephyr Reminder:

Be sure to email your stories by **Wednesday, April 10, 2024** for the Zephyr May 2024 issue.

APRIL CALENDAR

Mon – Apr 1st -**Gun Raffle Ticket Sales Begins** Wed – Apr 3rd -Directors Staff Meeting - 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Rex's Innkeeper, 301 N Century Ave, Waunakee, WI Sat - Apr 6th -6 Valley of Eau Claire Scottish Rite Reunion - 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM Masonic Temple, 616 Graham Ave, Eau Claire, WI Sat – Apr 6th -6 Valley of Madison Scottish Rite Reunion - 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Wisconsin Masonic Center, 301 Wisconsin Ave, Madison, WI Sat – Apr 13th -Wausau Potentate Party Divan Meeting - 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Elks Lodge, 414 Scott St #414, Wausau, WI Ladies Luncheon - 11:15 AM - 12:45 PM Jefferson Street Inn, 201 Jefferson St, Wausau, WI Cold Sands / Quarterly Meeting - 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Elks Lodge, 414 Scott St #414, Wausau, WI Wausauken Shriners Potentate Party - 4:00 pm Social - 5:45 pm Gather for Dinner Hospitality after dinner at the Jefferson Street Inn Sun – Apr 21st -Lakeland S.C. Past President's Night - 4:00 PM - 7:30 PM Maple Tree Supper Club, 6010 US-51, McFarland, WI Mon – Apr 22nd -Heart of Wisconsin S.C. Meeting - Social at 5:30 pm - Dinner at 6:00 pm Kellner International Bar, 1204 80th St S, Wisconsin Rapids, WI Wed - Apr 24th -Mecca Shrine Club Meeting - 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Pizones, 202 Superior Ave, Tomah, WI Thu – Apr 25th -Mini Cars meeting - 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Winchester Restaurant, 568 Haugen Rd, Edgerton, WI Sat – Apr 27th -Valley of Eau Claire Spring Reunion - 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Eau Claire Scottish Rite, 616 Graham Ave, Eau Claire, WI



"MEEP MEEP" HEADING TO WAUSAU TO FIND A ROAD RUNNER!

Make Your Way to Wausau for the **2024 POTENTATE PARTY**Saturday, April 13, 2024

The Wausauken Shriners and their ladies are sponsoring the Wausau Potentate Party to Honor III Sir Roger Keller and Lady Tammy.

This year's party will be held at the Wausau Elks Lodge @ 414 Scott Street, Wausau. We plan to have a Cold Sands followed by a Quarterly Meeting starting at 1:00 at the Elks Lodge. Following the day's activities, we will have a dinner with entertainment and our traditional raffle to follow.

A dinner buffet consisting of: Dinner salad, Dinner rolls, Burgundy Beef Tips with egg noodles and Roasted Rosemary Pork Loin with mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, beverage and dessert. **Complete the attached Coupon on the right.**

For those going to lunch on their own, some local eating places near the downtown area are Jalapeno's Mexican, Townies, The Mint, (Third Street) Erbert & Gebert's, (Fourth Street), Red Eye Brewing Co. (Washington Street).

All ladies are invited to the Honored Ladies Luncheon to honor our ZOR Shrine Widows at the Jefferson Street Inn. *Complete the attached Coupon on the right.*



SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH SCHEDULE:



10:00 am - Divan Meeting at the Elks Lodge

11:15 am - Ladies gather for Luncheon @ Jefferson Street Inn

1:30 pm - Cold Sands – Elks Lodge

2:00 pm - Quarterly Meeting – Elks Lodge

4:00-5:45 pm - Social at the Wausau Elks Lodge

5:45 pm - Gather for dinner at Wausau Elks Lodge

6:00 pm - Dinner with entertainment followed by a raffle and our Hospitality room

A Hospitality room will be at the Jefferson Street Inn on Friday and Saturday evening following dinner.

A block of rooms are reserved at the Jefferson Street Inn @ 210 Jefferson Street, Wausau, WI. Rooms are \$135 plus tax for a queen or King room. Please call the hotel to make your room reservations @ 715-845-6500 option 1. The block of rooms will be held until March 21st.

To view the hotel, please go to www.jeffersonstreetinn.com or the overflow Hotel at: https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.50153.html?groupId=I58FG9X0

For those coming on Friday night, you are invited to join us for a Fish Fry @ 6:00 pm at the Great Dane Pub & Brewing Co., 2305 Sherman St, Wausau. This will be an order off the menu order.

DO NO HARM: HOW CHILD LIFE SPECIALISTS...

By: Audrey Haugen, MS, CCLS, CPST // Shriners Children's Twin Cities

(Author's Note: When using the term "child' or "children," I am referring to all people from birth through age 18.)

Do No Harm. This foundational medical ethic can prove to be rather complex in the provision of health care. The need to make decisions regarding a patient's care and what is in a patient's best interest is commonplace for many healthcare professionals. In ideal scenarios, the health care provided minimizes or heals the physical problem that the patient presented with initially, which is such a testament to medical advancements. However, that very same health care intervention, when focused only on the physical body and its present malady, has the potential to cause unintended damage to other, nonphysical aspects of the patient and family, namely, their psychological, emotional, social, and/or developmental wellbeing.

That is where Certified Child Life Specialists (CCLS) come into play. Informed by years of graduate education, research, and clinical training in evidence-based best practice, and empowered by the commitment to create and maintain psychologically safe healthcare practices, child life specialists today spend our careers advocating for the psychological, emotional, and developmental wellbeing of children and families. Child life specialists are experts in child development and in how stress and trauma impact children and families. We thoughtfully fulfill our unique and vital role in educating and empowering interdisciplinary colleagues in evidence-based techniques for providing least traumatizing, pediatric-friendly health care.

Child life specialists provide care and services directly to patients and families, facilitate support groups and advisory councils, supervise child life students and volunteers, serve on workplace task forces, volunteer with external organizations (local and national), and so much more every day. Here are some highlights of the direct patient care and services provided by a CCLS:

- Procedure/exam preparation and support: Patients who understand what is about to happen to them are more
 willing to cooperate, cope more effectively, and are less likely to develop long-lasting trauma from the experience. Informed by child development research, child life specialists are specifically trained in how to effectively
 support children and families through stressful, painful, and potentially traumatizing experiences.
- 2. Diagnosis and care plan education: Children at different developmental levels have varying abilities to comprehend the human body and its complexities. Child life specialists study children's cognitive development, so we understand that children and families commonly develop misconceptions and confusion when faced with complex or new medical experiences or information. CCLSs are experts in communicating with and educating children and families based on their ages and stages of life.
- 3. Liaising between families and healthcare staff: Child life specialists have a special ability to establish rapport and build trust very quickly with patients and families. As a result, families often share information with us that they may not share with other members of their care team. CCLSs have the privilege of listening to families, asking powerful questions to gather more insights, and then sharing the information learned with the multidisciplinary team.
- 4. **Developmentally supportive play:** Children use play as a way to psychologically process, understand, and make meaning of whatever event just happened. Child life specialists use play and playful engagement as a primary means to build rapport, communicate with a child, assess a child's understanding and developmental abilities, prepare a child for a procedure or test, and more.





MINIMIZE PSYCHOLOGICAL HARM IN HEALTH CARE

5. Therapeutic work with parents/caregivers, siblings, and families: Child life specialists have multifaceted capacities to work with the entire family system: parent coaching, therapeutic dialogue about myriad topics, sibling support, and education for and collaboration with the children's schools and teachers.

The work of a child life specialist is deeper than what may meet the eye. On the outside, it can look like fun and games, toys and books, and camps and parties. In reality, Our interactions are every bit as intentional as a physician's examination or a nurse's assessments. Deeper psychological work is ongoing during every interaction between a child life specialist and child: even when it looks like we are "just playing." Every day, CCLSs strive to balance patient care needs with our many other duties, not the least of which is our collaboration with the multidisciplinary healthcare team. It is CCLS's goal to share our knowledge of evidence-based, effective, cost saving, and safe techniques for health care delivery that attend to a child and family's physical and nonphysical needs. In alignment with healthcare initiatives to provide care that is both physically and psychologically safe, child life specialists collaborate with leaders and all direct care providers to establish excellence in pediatric care techniques and policy. Together we learn and expand our perspectives for the betterment of our patients and families, all with the goal of doing no harm ... of any kind.

Do you have questions about Child Life at Shriners Children's Twin Cities? Email: childlifetc@shrinenet.org

MAKING OF A CLOWN By: Noble Brad Andrews

As my wife sat quietly in the corner doing her crocheting, I walked around and saw where we were going to set things up. A gentleman was working on the sound system for the room. He told me that it was not working and may not get fixed. I told him, "That would be fine, for the voices carry good in here". He kind of laughed and said, "We will get it fixed". I went back to my wife and took a seat with her. I waited and waited. Did I get here that early? Suddenly, somebody came around the corner. More people started to come in, and then I relaxed a bit. Before I knew it, the room was full of people.

I started walking around selling tickets for all the wonderful door prizes we had, and after all was said and done, we collected over \$600.00. That money will go to the "RED SNEAKER" fund. Dale Holmen has done a great job on this for years. Thank you, Dale!

At 6:10, the voice came over the crowd and we were ready to start. Dale and his wife did a great job with a version of the "Pledge of Allegiance" by Red Skelton. The "Clown" prayer followed this. After that opening, we all were wondering what the bottle of wine was doing on each table. Dale announced that whoever had a birthday closest to the new Potentate was the winner of the wine bottle. The wine was donated by Karen Owens. His Birthday is May 9th. Congratulations to all winners!!

As the evening progressed, carrots kept appearing all over the place. I guess we will have to wait and see about those carrots and the story behind them! As laughter and smiles filled the room, dinner started to be served as a family-style dinner. The smell of baked chicken, Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, and carrots filled the air with an aroma that whet the appetite. The best was saved for last, Ice Cream but no one had to scream for it. As dinner was ending, Dale began with the door prizes. At the same time Larry Hanson PP, started putting makeup on the new "Potentate" as Lyle Fox had done for a long time before Larry, did his "Magic". As Dale and Larry did their thing, the love and laughter continued throughout the room.





When all was done with the door prizes and makeup, we had a "New Clown". Let's all welcome Zor's newest Clown "Karrot Top" better known as (Potentate Roger Keller)! Oh, that might explain all the carrots. Larry did a wonderful job once again. Roger "Karrot Top" Keller made his stage presentation. The room cheered and clapped. "Karrot Top" made a few remarks and introduced his new line of officers. It's going to be a great year!!

Suddenly, flashes filled the room. We had a "Star" among us. It may not be "Cary Grant", but he is ours. In the meantime, First Lady Tammy was asking for support for her project fundraiser. It is for Imperial 1st Lady JoLynn Dickins and Women Impacting Care. Lady Tammy has a beautiful little blue bag filled with first-aid items. '24k Care for Kids Zor Shrine filled the front of the bag. So, getting back to all the carrots, a challenge was issued by Roger saying that if Tammy could raise \$20,000 it would be worth him eating a carrot at the fall ceremonial. But since that is a very high goal for any 1st Lady to raise, he set up some steppingstones. If \$10,000 is raised, Roger will eat a slice of carrot cake. If \$15,000 is raised, he will eat a baby carrot. If \$20,000 is raised, he will eat a full-size cooked carrot. Let's make it HAPPEN!!!

To end a wonderful evening, all Past Potentates came down the hallway with their picture as a "Clown" and introduced themselves. They said their real name, and then their "Clown" name. We took a picture of all 11 Past Potentates present. The evening finally came to an end.

I don't think anyone can argue we all had a wonderful evening.



By: Noble Roger Reas

I first became a Mason in 1960, encouraged by my first father-in-law and two uncles. They spoke of the trusting, lasting friendships built within Masonry. Since no metal objects were allowed in any lodge at that time, I gained dispensation for my prosthetic leg for entrance.

That summer allowed me two months to achieve the Masonic degrees while working at the local paper mill and preparing to move to lowa with my family to begin my master's degree. After completing graduate school and returning to Park Falls, my desire to become a Shriner was exemplified by the many opportunities available to assist children who have orthopedic deformities, very similar to mine, and to offer hospital patients financial support through the Shrine's philanthropic goals.

The Zor Flambeau Clowns Unit formed in 1983 with the support of Potentate Bob Cress, and the mentorship in clown etiquette and attire offered by "Mitzie the Clown", Zuhrah Shriners of Minneapolis. I served either as President or Director for 23 plus years. The benefits, pleasures, and friendships I have gained while being Mason and a Shriner, far outweigh any of my participatory contributions. I have sponsored over a dozen patients and proudly accepted three appointments to the Divan by three admired Potentates.

One unique and memorable experience worth sharing happened while crossing the border into Canada. My brother drove the lead truck on our fishing expedition through Canadian customs. He was supposed to stop shortly up the road and wait for me as I had all of the "evening beverages" in my truck. Unfortunately, he did not. Knowing of the alcohol limitations per vehicle allowed into the country, I assumed the worst. I pulled over and began to sweat as the officer approached my truck. Just as I was about to explain my predicament, he glanced at my window sticker and said, "Go ahead, on your way, Brother."

THE ZOR FUNSTERS

The Zor Funsters went on their 1st parade of the year at New (Dublin) London on Saturday, March 16th. Although we had to battle some 30 MPH winds, the temperature was in the 40's which made it warmer than some of the St. Patty's Day parades of the past.



FLAMBEAU CLOWNS MEAT RAFFLE

By: Noble Jesse Tihlarik

On February 25th, the Flambeau Clowns held their 2nd Meat Raffle Fundraiser. Overwhelming support was shown by the Potentate, Divan, and all their ladies by making the long trip and helping out. It was a very successful fundraiser and the crowd thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



ROGER REAS "MANNY THE CLOWN" PHOTO SESSION



After competing in three events in the clown competition at the Midwest Shrine Association Convention in Duluth during the mid-eighties, Roger suggested we take a shortcut to our vehicle so he could remove his make-up before attending dinner. We ventured through the Sears store near the back of the mall leading outside to the lot where we parked our car. Nearing the exit, Roger spotted the photography department and hinted he had no professional shots of "Manny the Clown", and since he was outfitted in appropriate hobo attire and sad-faced make-up, why not inquire if there was any availability.

As we neared the appointment desk, several ladies approached us with excitement and vigor in their voices. Following a brief discussion of the reasoning behind the hobo "get-up", the photographer suggested a photo session with numerous poses for us to choose one or two of our liking. Roger was escorted into a room with several different backdrops and colors schemes. He was positioned in many poses consisting of full-bodied shots, facial close-ups, lying down prone, and several hand positions towards his hat and chin. The crew remained silly with laughter as each camera lens clicked repeatedly. We were escorted towards the appointment desk when the manager suggested we return in one week to view the proofs for any poses we may find pleasing enough for a portrait of our choosing.

As promised, one week later we returned to the Sears store in the mall in Duluth, MN. We were greeted by a much larger crew of enthusiastic young professionals excited to see us and our reactions

to their professional display of "Manny the Clown". And display they did! As we entered an enclosed studio, every wall was completely plastered from ceiling to floor with enlargements of Roger's photos in each of his poses. We were beyond amazed. The photographer and manager asked if the Sears Corporation could secure the rights to use some of these portraits for the Sears Christmas Promotion in their stores along the West Coast in exchange for our choice of free prints including several 8X10's and an 11X14. The picture we presently carry in our wallets consists of one of those poses.

Several years later, Sharon's aunt and uncle visiting us from Tacoma, Washington, had the pleasure of spending some time with "Manny the Clown". Shortly following their return home to Washington, their younger daughter and her family from California came to visit them. Sharon's Aunt and Uncle shared stories of their recent trip to Wisconsin and pulled out a picture of "Manny the Clown". Their daughter



and grandchildren immediately grasped onto the picture while stating that they had seen a picture of that same clown in a Sears store while shopping in the mall not far from their home.



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Antioch (meaning Capital City) Temple No. 113 charter date was January 8, 1955, with a total of 78 members. By January 28, 1966, the membership grew to 285! The original bylaws stated, "The object of the organization shall be: To advance and promote charitable endeavors for children of Shrine hospitals, and to promote friendliness and goodwill between members."

Membership dues were \$3 peryear. Princess Recorder was compensated at a rate of 10 cents per member. The Queen was allowed railroad fair and pullman berth sleeper, by the most direct route, plus registration fee for attending a Supreme Session. Fortunately, Antioch didn't send me out of town on a rail!

Over the years, Antioch had a Euchre Card group, Dance and Scarf group, Flag group, and Sewing group. Since Antioch covers the whole western half of Wisconsin, local groups formed Friendship and Harmony Clubs to provide social interaction and provide the Shriners' children with donations, crafts, tray favors, and smiles. Antioch now has 72 beautiful members that positively impact the Shriners' children, each in their own special way. What a wonderful year I've had being surrounded by a wall of friends. We have an exciting year ahead with Zor. To join Daughters of the Nile and the legacy of helping the Shriners' children, contact Renae Boydston, Queen, Antioch Temple No. 113, by email at renaeboydston@yahoo.com, (262) 215-0088

Antioch No. 113 Calendar 2024

Stated Sessions every third Saturday (except January, June, & July) brunch 9:30, Session 10:30, at Middleton-Ionic Masonic Lodge, 7409 Franklin Ave., Middleton, WI 53562

April 20th - Installation of new Officers and Queen-elect Jennifer Vernig! There will be a feast and Stated Session, contact Queen Renae for further information.













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April 2024 Birthdays

April 1: Owen A Anderson

April 2: Dennis D Donath; Thomas N Gunderson; Roger G Nitzsche PP; Daniel M Burkeland

April 3: William S Mc Corkle; Adam T Witt

April 4: Roger J Amundson; Richard Johnson; Jason A Decheine

April 5: Chris K Clark

April 6: Robert L Witt; Robert L Rush; Glenn P Willliquette; **Christopher L Roberts**

April 7: Errin P Giesler

April 8: Glenn T Bowlin; John C Thorstad PP; Jeremy Fussy

April 9: Alfred C Hunsicker; Richard C Winter; Dennis LJones; Wesley W Hurlburt

April 10: David O Stolen

April 12: Ross E Pollock

April 13: Jerry EThompson; Keith C Creuziger; Steven K Kopp

April 14: Milford M Gavin; Timothy L Janilla; Barry A Maxfield; Gerald A Johnson; Michael G Hedrick

April 15: Ronald L Miller; Anthony Strange

April 16: Daniel J Green

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April 19: Philip Olt IV; Sherwood V Strommen; Richard D Sampson

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April 27: Reid F Horle

April 28: Michael D Meinke

April 29: Steven J Arndt

April 30: Walter F Schar Jr; Donald L Ross; Emmett J Reilly; Thomas L Kunkel; James R Lundeen

MSA CONVENTION

MIDWEST SHRINE ASSOCIATION (MSA) WINTER SESSION

By: Noble Brad Andrews

On February 29th, The Winter Session of the Midwest Shrine Association (MSA) commenced. Winter? It was in the high forties/ low fifties. It felt more like Spring!! We carried on like it was Winter anyway.

At the Radison Hotel and the La Crosse Center, Thursday evening, the hallways started to fill up with Shriners from all over. It was like a Concert was to start. Slowly the line got bigger and bigger at the front desk. The sound of suitcase wheels filled the air. In a very short time, the line was gone, and the room was somewhat quite. Before you knew it, Friday morning came. The buses, vans, trucks and cars that pulled up to the front of the building letting people









off just showed what a great day this was going to be! Barry Ausen and Al Coenen were in the front door with a friendly smile checking all Nobles in for the day.

14 Temples were on the check-in list for the day. A super turn out for all to partake in the activities to come. ZOR, AHMED, El ZAGAL, ABU BEKR, KHARTUM, OSMAN, TRIPOLI, YELDUZ, AAD, KEM, NAJA, BEJA, ZUHRAH, WAWA and EL RIAD were all in attendance for the day. At 7:00am, breakfast was served to all in the hallway before entering the meeting room. At 8:30, the programs and day started. On the 2nd floor South Ballroom of the La Crosse Center, MSA President Larry Norte, called the room to Order! The Shrine Pledge of Allegiance was started by the MSA Secretary/Treasurer followed by all Nobles. Noble Karl Gant, made the Invocation starting the meeting off. All Dignitaries at the head table were introduced. Grand Masters, and Past Grand Masters were introduced. Scott Pedley, and Joe Harker were among them. A wonderful welcome to the city was presented by Mitch Reynolds, the Mayor of La Crosse. Thanking us for all we do for the community. A few other comments were made, and the elections of MSA Officers commenced.

Officers were announced and all received their Jewel of the elected office for the year. Illustrious Sir Gary Cuskey, PP of Zor, our newly installed President of MSA gave his remarks of what he looks forward to the future of our fraternity and his gratitude of where he is now. Bob Keep, Dale Duchscherer, Justin Stoke and Jim Burma gave their remarks by newly elected 4th vice President. Larry Norte, the outgoing President gave his last remarks too all.

Karl Gant gave the list, that no one wants to hear, the passing of all Nobles from 2023. Karl, Zor Chaplain gave a very nice memorial service for each unit that lost members in 2023. Each Temple brought a FEZ up to the front and placed it on a table in front of all.A pyramid of the Fez's where made. As Karl called off a Temple, a member of that unit came up to the table that held all the Fez's and stopped in front of them all. Karl would read off on how many passed and the name of the Temple. That member would then pick up the Fez that belongs to them and take it back to their table. This would happen for all Temples, until the table was empty.

A few announcements from the Secretery/Treasurer were made to all. General Business came to an end. The Installation of MSA Officers was to begin. ILL. Sir Doug Kristensen, Potentate EL Riad Shriners, Sioux Falls South Dakota Installation of MSA Officers and Presentation of Officers Jewels commenced. Gary Cuskey,

MSA CONVENTION





our newly installed MSA President, gave his remarks of what the outlook is to become in the future of the Shrine and his gratitude of being where he is now! Remarks from newly elected four Vice President's, Bob Keep, Dale Duchscherer, Justin Stoke, and Jim Burma. The outgoing President, Larry Norte gave a heartfelt speech, leaving his post.

After lunch, the mid-afternoon presentations, Committees and Association reconvened. Meetings started up right away. Talks on Jurisprudence, Laws, grievances and appeals, Shriners International Financial Overview, Marketing and Communications, standing committee meeting, and Association Meeting, all this was going on in the La Crosse Center 2nd South Ballroom. So much information, so much to learn from. We are going to make Shrine so much better and stronger in the future. As some of these meetings were commencing, other Units had individual meetings.

The meetings and speeches finally came to an end. A well-

deserved break was had by all until dinner. A walk by the river, a drink in the hospitality room, a nap or maybe even a dip in the pool, whatever appealed to you. At 6:00pm, social hour began, thank you EL RAID SHRINE for the hors d'oeuvres.

The dinner bell finally rang. Ill. Sir Gary Cuskey, PP, opened dinner. Karl gave the opening prayer. Two Chanters from two attending temples sang the National Anthems from the Countries of USA and Canada. Gary gave a toast to the office of the "UNITED STATES" and the "KING". Gary made some announcements about his V.I.P table and others. A wonderful dinner was served, and all enjoyed it. After dinner was done, Imperial Sir Matt Sturlaugson, introduced his Imperial officers. He also talked about the Boat Races. A few more comments were made, and the dinner ended.

The evening continued with snacks and refreshments in the Hospitality Rooms. We finally called it a night and were looking forward to the next day. Saturday morning came, and at 8:30 am Karl Gant gave the Invocation. Don Thomson, MSA Sect/Treas., gave the results on the Boat Races. 86 new members, 12

replacements cards. A total of \$1,085.25 dollars was raised for the Twin Cities Hospital last evening. GREAT JOB ALL!!!

A membership push followed. How can we build our membership? Work with Master Masons. The Midwest Shrine Association is #4 in the region, which has the highest percentage of Master Mason Conversion. We have 14,000 Clubs and Units and looking to make more. Great Job by All!

Hope you all had a wonderful time. Safe travels home. Hope to see you all back with your families in August for the Summer session.





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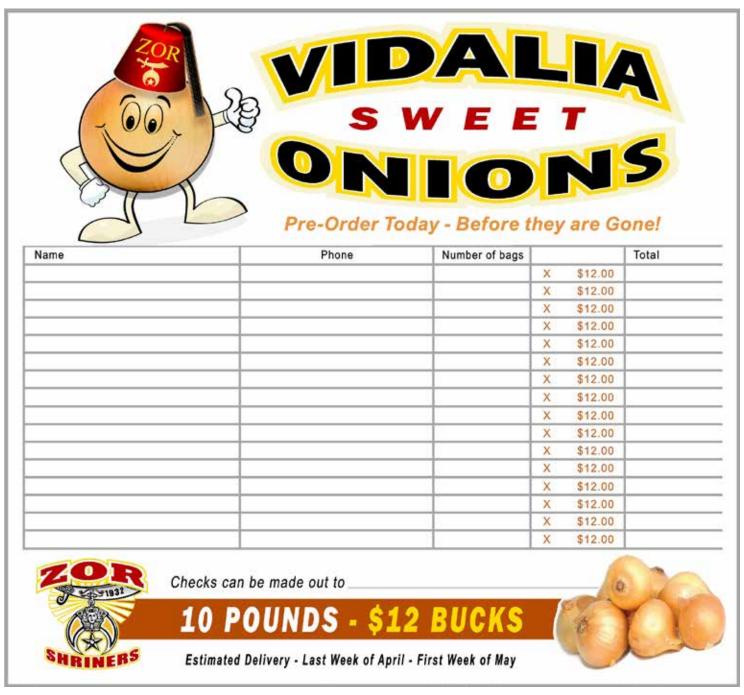
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2024 Camp and Event Schedule

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Watch your email and our Facebook page for more information regarding other upcoming opportunities and special events for patients as they are scheduled. For more information about camps: please email Maureen Johnston at childlifetc@shrinenet.org or call 612-718-2311.

Camp Achieve Downhill Ski Day:

February 4

Kids with limb differences hit the slopes and learn the basics of downhill skiing at Afton Alps. Rentals provided.

Nordic Ski Day:

March 2

A morning of cross country skiing from 9:00 am to Noon with Paralympic Coach BethAnn. All diagnoses ages 5 and up. Learn the basics and just have fun outdoors. Rentals provided.

Baseball/Softball Camp hosted by Nubability:

May 25 - 26

Baseball/softball camp co-hosted by Nubability Athletics and the MN Twins Community Fund held at Neiman Sports Complex in St. Paul. This event is for limb different kids ages 4-17 (and siblings). Registration is open at www.nubability.org. Scholarships are available to anyone that applies; no financial information is needed. Nubability will have their coaches with limb differences alongside the MN Twins kids camp coaches to make a fun and welcoming camp.

Minnesota Diversified Hockey Event:

June 21 - 23

MSHA Annual Summer Skills Camp, Eagan Civic Arena

Camp Achieve Summer:

Ages 5 - 14: June 27 - 29

A three-day day camp for patients who have a limb difference. Campers participate in a variety of adventure activities and fun challenges.

Camp Explore South Dakota:

July 8-11

Ages 7-16. Campers develop an appreciation of nature, curate new leisure interests and experience traditional camp activities. Open to all diagnoses, but must be independent in all self care activities.

Nebraska Sports Day:

July 12

Held at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, this will be a day filled with fun activities. UNL athletes will be leading the activities.

Camp Bravo:

July 22 - 28

A weeklong day camp for patients with any diagnosis ages 5 and up. Campers spend the week practicing lines and choreography leading up to a final performance.

Achieve Adventure:

August 1-5

An overnight camping trip at Apostle Island State Park for patients between the ages of 15 and 20 who have a limb difference. Campers participate in a variety of physically demanding activities including kayaking and hiking.

Breakfast with Santa:

December 7

Enjoy breakfast, fun activities and visit with the guy in red while you get in the spirit of the season.

Events with Dates TBD:

Camp Bravo Meet and Greet/Tryouts Vikings Play 60 event Halloween Party



(Schedule subject to change)



ST. CROIX VALLEY VALENTINE'S DINNER



By Noble Merl Steffen

Club members and their ladies met at the Hancock Lodge in Ellsworth WI on February 9th to have a Valentine's party. Those in attendance enjoyed the meals of Italian meatballs or grilled chicken. It was a lively evening that included a memory or knowledge challenge as three couples played a version of the dating game. This provided great entertainment for all those in attendance.

Tyler Behr started the Saint Croix Valley Shrine Club meeting that included a fellow Noble gifting. Noble Tom White gave our own Illustrious

Sir Roger Keller a new heavy-duty gavel to help him in governing Zor Shrine Meetings. The meeting highlights included an update from the Onion sales representative (Ed Swenson) and comments from Sir Roger Keller, Potentate.

Ed provided informed the group that the onions are growing now and are expected to be delivered late April to early May. He then prompted the nobles to get out and get presale orders.

Roger introduced the Zor 2024 patient ambassador, Gioia Schutte, Gioia's mother, Kim Schutte, and his Lady Tammy. Gioia will be making appearances at many of the Zor events and activities. We are looking forward to seeing her at many Shrine events. then gave updates on Zor outings and expectations for the winter and summer MSAs. He then spoke about the Osman circus coming to Saint Paul and the goal of sending 500 kids to the circus. It was a great evening to get out and have brotherhood with the nobles and their wives.





ZOR PATIENT AMBASSADOR





By Gioia Schutte

Hello Shriners!

I have been more active and busy this month since it is toward the end of my weightlifting and club volleyball season. I competed in weightlifting on March 19. I also went to a sitting volleyball camp in Oklahoma.

Sadly, I have had to miss some Shriners events since I went on spring break and I had a few volleyball tournaments, but the last one that I went to is the St. Croix Valley S.C. Valentines dinner. The food was DELICIOUS, I love a good salad and some bread with a little side pasta. When I went back for seconds on the salad, Roger made fun of me, but a few weeks later he was dressed up as a carrot clown, so it's okay.

I only have two more tournaments in my club volleyball season, with one of them being an all-weekend tournament in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where I'll be able to go with my bestie Meta. As for weightlifting, that is only a summer camp, winter, fall sport at my school, but I am currently doing track and field where I throw shot put and discus, but we spend about an hour and half in the weightroom three days a week.

I also went to my school play with Owen and Meta. The play was "The Mousetrap" by Agatha Christie. I have read some of Agatha Christie and many "thriller/mystery" books, so I ended up guessing the ending, which is something that I tend to do. I love mind puzzles and "detective" games. My friend Olivia and I solved unsolved case files together and it was quite fun!

For spring break, we are going to South Dakota to do some hiking and maybe fishing and horseback riding. Another little thing about me is that I love horseback riding, and I take lessons in the summer. I hope I can continue them this year. I also love baking and have done lots this past month. I have made some protein snacks and three different types of cookie bars. I will have more updates on spring break, club volleyball/ camps, weightlifting and how track is going next month!!

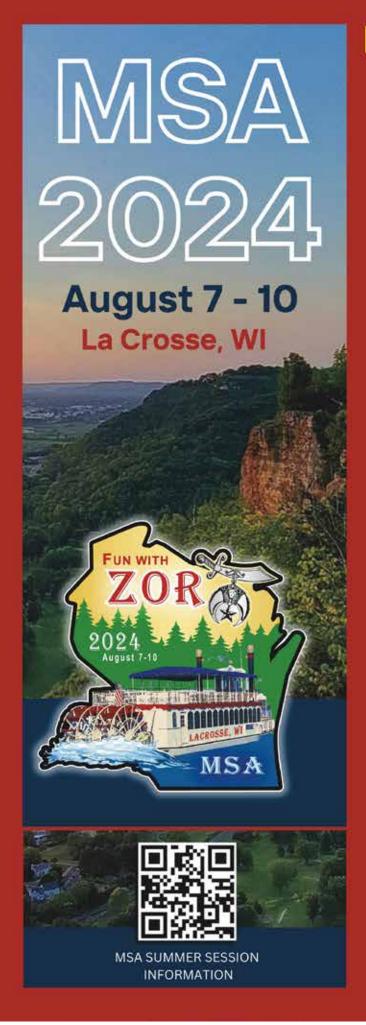
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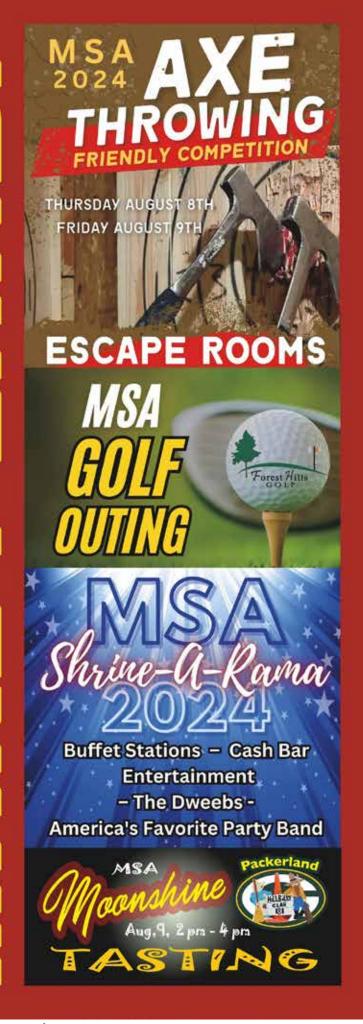
By Noble Merl Steffen

Members of the Saint Croix Valley Shrine Club visited a fellow Shriner recuperating from a recent health issue. Club members visited past Road Runner leader, Jerry Wilkins at the Kinnic Health Nursing Home and Rehab Center for lunch. Those in attendance appreciated the sub sandwich meal, thanks to Illustrious Sir Roger Keller. During lunch many members reminisced about parades they had attended with Jerry leading the pack. These memories provided some comic relief. We all left him in good spirits and hope this brightened Jerry's day.



Picture front bottom left around the table, Lance Van Damme, Illustrious Sir Roger Keller, Larry Nelson, Barry Ausen, Jack Thomas, Larry Wiegand, Susan Robinson (Jerry's daughter), Landon Wilkins (Jerry's grandson), Jerry Wilkins, Merl Steffen, Ed Swenson, Doug Hoffman, Mike Kastens, and Bob Hering. Not included in this picture: Dale Brathol, our camera man.





MSA 2024 Schedule of Events

(Events and times subject to change)

Wednesday, August 7th

Noon - 6 pm Registration

Radisson Hotel - 1st Floor Wisconsin Rooms 1 & 2
After 6 pm and before 8 pm - La Crosse Center Ballroom

Noon - 4 pm Marketplace Set-up - Radisson Hotel - Ballroom

6 pm - 10 pm Welcome Reception

La Crosse Center - South Ballroom (Separate ticket required) "Nobles, Ladies, and Families are encouraged to attend!"

"Counterparts & Past Potentates meet & greet."

6 pm - Social, 7 pm to 8:30 pm - Buffet Dinner

8 pm - Entertainment: Randy Riggle - Comedian / Nostalgia Show

Thursday, August 8th

8 am - 4 pm Registration - Radisson Hotel - 1st Floor Wisconsin Rooms 1 & 2

8 am - 4 pm Marketplace Open - Radisson Hotel - Ballroom

8 am - 1 pm MSA Golf Outing - Forest Hills Golf Course

9 am - 3 pm Motorcoach Ladies Tour Activity - Space Limited (FCFS)

All Day Poker Run - Walk the block to local businesses

11 am - 3 pm Axe Throwing & Escape Rooms - Driftless Axe & Arcade

4 pm Parade Line-up - Onalaska, WI

6 pm Parade Step-off

7 pm - 10 pm Oasis - The Omni Center, Onalaska, WI

"A Wisconsin Tailgate Party"

BBQ Chicken or Pulled Pork, Hosted Beer and Soda - Cash Bar

Entertainment - Joe Cody - Strummin' Guitar Player

Friday, August 9th

8 am - 4 pm Marketplace Open - Radisson Hotel - Ballroom

8 am - ? pm Competition as Established

Clowns - La Crosse Center South Hall, Motor Corps First Free Church, Onalaska, WI., Horse Patrol - TBD, Chanters - TBD

10 am - 2 pm Poker Run - Walk the block to local businesses

11 am - 2 pm Ladies Luncheon - La Crosse Center - South Ballroom

Plated Lunch (Roaring Twenties) – Entertainment – Raffle

11 am - 3 pm Axe Throwing & Escape Rooms - Driftless Axe & Arcade

Noon - 4 pm Badger Smoke-Out (Cigars) Cash Bar

La Crosse Center - Riverside Terrace

2 pm - 4 pm Packerland Hillbilly Clan (Moonshine Tasting)

6 pm - 11 pm MSA 2024 Shrine-a-Rama -

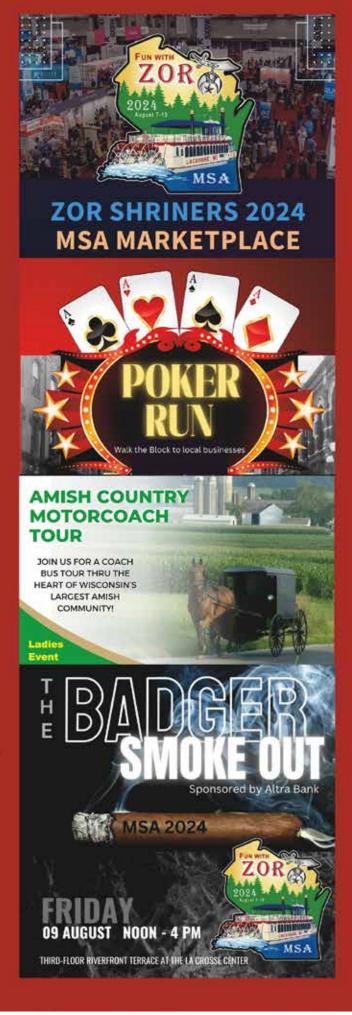
La Crosse Center - South Hall - Buffet Stations

Cash Bar - Entertainment, The Dweebs

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Saturday, August 10th

9 am Parade Line-up – La Crescent, MN 10:30 am Parade Step-off 11 am Grab n Go Lunch, Soda, or Water



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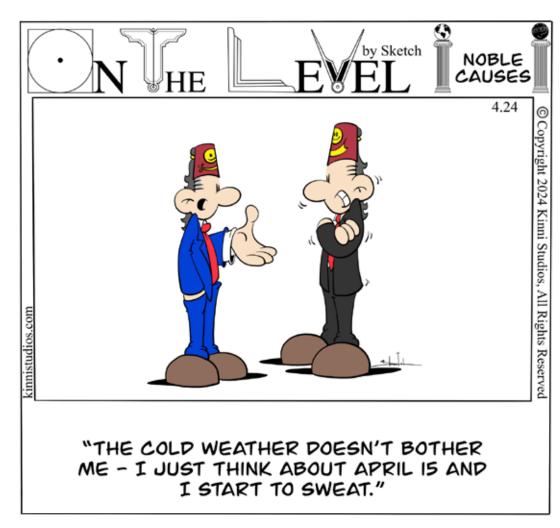
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Submitted by: Brenda Gaulke

A Little History

Most Chapters in Wisconsin started in the 1880's

and they were instituted with 25 people to start a chapter. It goes without saying, but they had to deal with what was available at the time. Maybe it meant no running water, had to chop firewood for heat, had to travel via horse and buggy but they persevered through this, and they continued to gain members. Wisconsin continued to grow and over the years we had as many as 289 chapters! Sadly,



today we have only 35 chapters, so what happened? Chapters grew largely in the 40's & 50's with women not working outside the home. As the work force in America changed so did Eastern Star, membership shifted, people relocated for their employment and soon chapters were changing. Suddenly many opportunities were available to the women who were at the time eligible. Eastern Star was in a place where they had to make some changes to their membership. Even with the best of intentions and opportunities for members many chapters closed, others consolidated and today many are holding steady with a core group.

Where can you find us?

This is a great question, as stated earlier we have 35 chapters, and in Zorland, let's just say we have many.

Clear Lake- Northwest Chapter • Dodgeville-Dodgeville Chapter • Ellsworth-Ellsworth Chapter
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Sparta- Sparta Chapter • Tomah-Lemonweir Chapter • Viroqua-Viroqua Chapter

Wautoma-Wautoma Chapter • Wisconsin Dells-Kilbourn Chapter • Wisconsin Rapids-Rainbow Chapter We are in many communities, and you are always welcome to join in our festivities and fun. Many chapters have exciting ways to serve within their community and just to list a few projects.

Parades: as you are aware there are many parades and OES joins in on some. Brat Stands, Pancake breakfast, Friday Night Fish Fry, Pie sales, bake sales, Pasty sales, craft shows are just some of the places that you might see us. But let's know forget about the BackPack for kids, Coats for Kids, School Supply Collection and distribution, Trunk or Treat, Our Neighbors House or other similar shelters, our county agencies that collect for kids, battered woman or homelessness. We raise money for things within our own communities to, our libraries, fire departments, EMT's high school scholarships and so much more. It is why we believe that we are good people doing good things for good reasons.

At this point I know that you too are very excited about joining, so check us out at an activity, or online at www.wioes.org look under the How to Join tab! Contact our Grand Secretary and she can give you the name of a contact person in our community. Reach out! I personally look forward to having you join our ranks!

FIREHOUSE JESTERS



The Firehouse Jesters opened the 2024 parade season in LaCrosse with the Saint Patrick's Day parade. They met afterwards and discussed the upcoming parade season and a potential list of expected parades.

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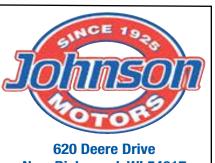
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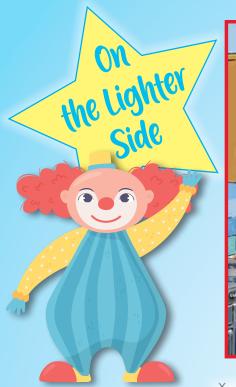
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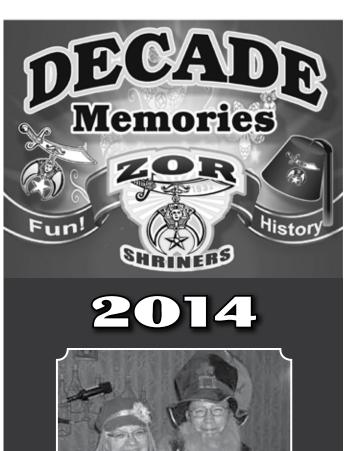
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