



Nobles, Ladies, and families! Over the course of my eight years on the Divan, Lady Penny and I have traveled to all the corners of Zorland. It has been our pleasure to visit all the Clubs and Units as we have countless memories of our times together. We will cherish the memories forever. I want to thank everyone for the support that you have shown us. My intent is to keep this article short as it saddens me to write this last one. Remember, every Club and Unit has a purpose, whether it is a social club, parading unit or a support team and I wish to thank you all for what you do. Zor is very fortunate to have this support to make our Temple thrive.

I remember back, when I was asked to be on the Divan by the late Illustrious Sir Bob Giesler, my first thoughts were "No!". At the time I owned a bar/restaurant, a commercial cleaning company, and Lady Penny worked full time, so how could we ever find the time. After several meetings and conversations with my Divan Dad, the late Bob Giesler (Colonel), I finally agreed. Bob said "great, give it a try for one year and if you don't like it you can get off". Well, I apparently enjoyed it as here I am eight years later and completing my term as Potentate 2023. Thank you, Illustrious Sir Bob and Lady Pat, for your inspiration and your confidence. For the short time we had together, it was amazing what I learned from Bob about life as a Zor Shriners leader! So, where did we find the time? After making great friends in Zor and with other Association Temples members, we made the time. Being involved is like attending a family reunion every time we get together. Oh, what fun we've had!

As this is my last article as Potentate, I am proud to say that in 2023 we made 24 new Nobles. I hope that number will continue to grow. On the flip side, the black camel has visited us way too many times and we have had to say goodbye to many of our older friends/Nobles. Although they are gone, they are not forgotten. Thank you to the widows of these men, the Ladies Auxiliary, the Daughters of the Nile and the ladies and families of all of our Nobles for your continued support and involvement with the Shriners!

The places we have traveled, the people we have met, and the great things we've done for Shriner kids is endless and I wouldn't change a thing if I had it to do all over again. It has been an outstanding year for Lady Penny and I and for that we are grateful. Thank You Friends!

Be Humble and Kind! Alan J. Brueggen Zor Potentate 2023

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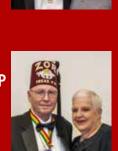
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RECORDER BOB'S CORNER

Annual Meeting

To vote on any matters at the Zor Annual Meeting on January 13, 2024, your 2024 dues must be paid. All attending Nobles will be asked to show their membership card.

Hospital Dads

Van drivers over the age of 64: If you have not completed a Drivers Certification Form, you should not be driving a hospital van. If in doubt, you can check with your van coordinator or me.

Annual Clown Potentate Party

The annual Clown Potentate Party will be held on February 24, 2024, at the ESQUIRE CLUB 1025 N. SHERMAN AVE, MADISON, WI. Watch for reservation information in this Zephyr.

FLAMBEAU CLOWNS UNIT





The Northwoods can be quiet at night. During the day you can now hear a whisper. The hum is the revitalization of the Flambeau Clowns and the new logo in the Phillips area. A sound that has Zorland ringing loudly with excitement. From Left to Right: Noble Jesse Tihlarik, Noble James "Al" Cummings, & Noble Tony Budaj.

DUES ARE DUE!

IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR 2023 DUES, PLEASE PAY NOW. If you are unsure of your status, simply call the Zor Office at 608-833-6343 ext. 1. We want you to remain a Noble of the Shrine. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact Recorder Bob Gorsuch at rgorsuch@oak.bank. We can work out a plan.

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

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ZOR'S ANNUAL MEETING & FEZ PARTY JANUARY 13, 2024, AT THE RADISSON HOTEL, LA CROSSE, WI

Zor Shriner's annual meeting and election of officers will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2024, in La Crosse, Wisconsin at the Radisson Hotel (200 Harborview Plaza).

ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON:

The ladies' and men's luncheons will be held in separate rooms with different main menus, but with similar sides. The ladies will have the All-American BBQ Memphis Pulled Pork sandwich, and the men will have the All-American BBQ Grilled Angus Burger. The side items for each luncheon consists of pasta salad, smokehouse potato salad, house chips, bakery fresh rolls, assorted sliced cheeses, the usual condiments (mayonnaise, BBQ Sauce, ketchup, & mustard), fresh toppings (lettuce, tomato, onion, & pickle slices), plus cookies and brownies for dessert. The kid's lunch menu (12 & under) is a Grilled Cheese Sandwich. The ladies lunch starts at 11:30 am and will be held at the Radisson Hotel 1st floor in the Wisconsin Room followed by a program which will be completed in time to attend the installation at 3:00 pm.

The men's lunch starts at 11:30 am and will be held on the 2nd floor in the Minnesota Room.

The meal coupon must be completed and submitted to Monte Steiber for your meals.

Deadline for meal reservations is December 29, 2023.

All late meal reservations will require a \$20 late fee per person.

ANNUAL FEZ PARTY:

The annual celebration to present the newly elected Potentate his official Fez will follow the annual meeting and installation on Saturday, January 13, 2024, at the Radisson Hotel in La Crosse. Following the installation, a social hour starts at 4:30 pm with appetizers and a cash bar in the hotel foyer. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm in the hotel ballroom followed by a program and entertainment after dinner. Following the entertainment, the rest of the evening will be held in the Zor Hospitality Room #823.

Saturday Evening Dinner Choices are:

- Pan Seared Chicken Breast with Sun-Dried Tomato Cream Sauce
- Smoked Pork Loin with Wild Mushroom Jus
- Broiled Haddock with Champagne Beurre Blanc

Each Plated Dinner includes:

- Caesar SaladDinner Bread
- Steamed VegetablesAu Gratin Potatoes
- White Chocolate Raspberry Layer Cake
 - Ice Water & Decaf Coffee

Carrot Cake

Kids = Fruit Cup, Chicken Tenders, Veggies, Fries, Dessert

ZOR'S ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE January 13, 2024 • Radisson in La Crosse Wisconsin

- 10:00 am Practice Divan and Ladies in the Ballroom
- 11:30 am Men's Luncheon in the Minnesota room 2nd floor
- 11:30 am Ladies Luncheon in the Wisconsin room on the 1st floor
- 1:00 pm Annual meeting and election of officers in the ballroom
- 3:00 pm Installation ceremony in the ballroom
- 4:00 pm Divan and Support staff pictures in the entry outside the ballroom
- 4:30 pm Social hour in the entry outside the ballroom with hors d'oeuvres
- 6:00 pm Dinner in the ballroom
- 7:00 pm Entertainment in the ballroom

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ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY BRUNCH - SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

La Crosse Masonic Center • 118 8th St. • South Serving from 7am - 9:30am. • \$10 per person Coffee, juice, milk, pancakes, sausage, bacon, egg bake, & sweet pastries

Pay at the door. RESERVATIONS MANDATORY!!

Please RSVP with Todd Wohlert at djtodd22@hotmail.com or 608-385-1923 by Friday Jan 12.



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JANUARY CALENDAR



Sat – Jan 6th–

Beja Shrine Installation - 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM - Beja Shriners, 1950 Bond St, Green Bay, WI

Sat – Jan 6th–

Camel Patrol's Chief Rabban Party - Social at 5:30 PM - Dinner at 6:30 PM Rex's Innkeeper, 301 N Century Ave, Waunakee, WI



Fri – Jan 12th –

- Divan meeting 1:00 PM 3:00 PM Radisson Hotel La Crosse, 200 Second Street South, La Crosse, WI
- Appreciation Dinner Invite only 5:00 PM 7:00 PM Radisson Hotel La Crosse, 200 Second Street South, La Crosse, WI



Sat - Jan 13th –

Annual meeting and Installation - 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM Radisson Hotel La Crosse, 200 Second Street South, , La Crosse, WI



Sun – Jan 14th –

- Sunday Brunch 7:00 AM 9:30 AM La Crosse Masonic Center, 116 8th St S, La Crosse, WI
- 2024 Divan Kick off meeting 9:30 AM 11:30 AM La Crosse Masonic Center, 116 8th St S, La Crosse, WI



Wed – Jan 24th –

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

Thu – Jan 25th –

Mini Cars meeting - 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM - Winchester Restaurant, 568 Haugen Rd, Edgerton, WI

FEBRUARY CALENDAR



Thu – Feb 1st – East West Shrine Game - Open to all - Frisco, TX

Sat – Feb 3rd – Green Lake S.C. Pancake Breakfast - 6:00 AM - 12:00 PM Smith Masonic Lodge #031, 1613-1/2 10th Street, Monroe WI,

Fri – Feb 9th –

St. Croix Valley S.C. Valentine's Dinner - Time is yet to be determined Hancock Masonic Lodge #0229, 400 High Point Drive, Ellsworth WI



In preparation to be the Potentate's Lady in 2023, I executed research on what my Lady's Project would be for Shriners Children's Clinic – Twin Cities. After learning the objectives of Camp Achieve and the activities provided to the Shrine Children, I made the decision to do my project for Camp Achieve, which is a camp for children with limb deficiencies. The program was founded in 2012 with the collaboration of the rehabilitation departments of Shriners Children's. The Camp Achieve program is funded solely through donations. It provides participants with a chance to participate in challenging activities that push their limits both physically and mentally and do it with confidence. Objectives for Camp Achieve are to have fun, build camaraderie and make new friends. To build confidence and to empower a child to attempt new



challenges and become successful in a variety of activities, and to create a place for campers to share their perspectives and to learn from other's experiences and to build strength and gain perspective. All these things are important to me and are things I wish for kids.

With the parameters of the Camp Achieve Program, it was an easy decision for me to choose Camp Achieve for my Lady's Project. It wasn't just the parameters of the program and what it provides, but also the privilege of knowing a family from Sparta who has a son that falls into the categories that Camp Achieve caters to. Al and I are honored to know and keep in contact with Luke and his family. Luke helps us with the Annual Feztival of Trees event as he loves to attend the event and share stories with Shriners. He is the "patient" behind the scenes who draws the lucky tree winners at the end of the event. Luke attended the Camp Achieve Trout Fishing event this summer in Star Prairie with Al and I and had a great time, even catching a fish he named "Bob". Our relationship with Luke has certainly grown over the years, as I remember back to the first time we met him, he was so shy he hid under the table, so he wasn't in site. Luke is certainly an inspiration and I'm grateful to be able to help support a program like Camp Achieve that benefits both Luke and other Shrine kids like him.

After deciding on my project, I had to establish a plan as to how to raise the money to support the program. As my story has gone throughout 2023, I wanted to incorporate the help of Amish in our community as several utilize Shriners Children's for their children's care. I'm honored that so many of my Amish friends and other Amish in the community were on board and willing to do anything they could to "give back". I decided to recruit an Amish friend who without hesitation agreed to make the quilt I raffled off as her way of giving back. Tickets for the quilt were sold by all the Divan ladies, friends, and family. I'm so grateful to all who supported me and my project and made it a success. The quilt winner was drawn on December 2, 2023, at Ceremonial in La Crosse. Congratulations to Paula Bloor who was the lucky winner. Paula is from Ontario, Wisconsin. Making it more exciting is that Paula's father was a driver for the Zor Shriners Midgets for many years.

I'm happy to report that with the sale of tickets for the quilt, two generous donations from both the Yoshi and Mehara Shrine Clubs, along with donations given by Divan members failing to wear their Amish hats when designated and other generous donors of my project I made a total of \$3,555.00. The donation has been sent to Camp Achieve at Shriners Childrens - Twin Cities.

Penny Brueggen Potentate Lady 2023

FEZTIVAL OF TREES ZOR MIDGETS



By Lady Penny Brueggen

Three years ago, the Zor Shriners Midgets Parade Unit found it necessary to raise funds to pay for much needed new parade vehicles; thus, the beginning of Feztival of Trees – Sparta. This has been a very successful fundraiser for the Midgets Parade Unit and something the community looks forward to every year. This year was the Third Annual Feztival of Trees and was held November 13 - 18, 2023. It is a weeklong occasion and is held the week prior to Thanks-giving each year.

The event is held at Valley Lodge #60 Masonic Lodge, in Sparta, which is beautifully decorated for the occasion. After the initial decorating is completed by the Committee, tree sponsors come in with their trees and get them decorated and ready for display. Feztival of Trees is a great start to the holiday season with the Christmas smells and music that radiates through the building while the community enjoys the festivities. Those viewing the trees are provided warm beverages and snacks to enhance their viewing pleasure. This year the Zor Midgets hosted a total of 21 decorated sponsor trees with several others showing interest to participate in 2024.

Some exciting things that we have on site for the event are one of the parade vehicles for kids and even adults to get into for a photo opportunity, Santa Claus, the Grinch and Cindy Lou Who, and even a mini donut truck who serves up a variety of warm mini donuts with plenty of deliciousness.

Sparta has a shrine patient that attends the annual Feztival of Trees throughout the week and then helps with the event by drawing the winning tickets for each sponsored tree. He enjoys helping the Shriners and loves the Feztival of Trees. Drawing the winner's names is something he looks forward to every year.

The Sparta Feztival of Trees Committee helped the Wisconsin Rapids area Feztival of Trees get off the ground this year and they were also able to host a very successful event. If there are any Clubs or Units in Zor that would like to start a Feztival of Trees in the future, we would be happy to work with you.



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FEZTIVAL OF TREES ZOR FUNSTERS creates relevance for Zor Shriners Units & Freemasonry

Organizing community events that bring in fundraising for Shriners or their affiliated units is a significant endeavor. It requires making a puzzle, a marketing plan with pieces, and execution with communications. While profit is often viewed as the first piece in the ultimate goal of the finished puzzle, the true success of an event includes all pieces of the endeavor to complete the picture. The "Feztival of Trees" goes beyond just a fundraiser, in addition, the impact has been found in pure relevancy.

The Zor Shriners Feztival of Trees in Sparta has thrived over the past few years, pioneered by the Zor Midgets, proving to be a successful Shrine unit initiative. Similarly, the inaugural year of the Zor Shriners Feztival of Trees in Wisconsin Rapids, organized by the Zor Funsters unit, has been remarkably successful as well. Thanks to the shared information between the two units and other Shriners hosting similar events nationwide.

This event has made a great impact on both Freemasonry and Shriners. Using local Masonic centers as the event venues has significantly increased awareness. As the public strolls through these landmark buildings, marveling at history & the beautiful decorations, they gain a deeper understanding of Freemasonry and Shrine.

Key highlights from the "Feztival of Trees" events underscore its relevance beyond monetary gain:

- The event created an avenue of participation & community service for Freemasons, Shriners, and the general public.
- Charitable contributions from attendees in the form of non-perishable food donations highlighted Freemasonry's commitment to social causes.
- The event garnered media attention via a press release to newspapers, TV stations, and free radio ads. Amplifying relevance and audience reach.
- A strong presence on social media generated substantial awareness with thousands of impressions & considerations.
- Digital, physical media, and word of mouth created a buzz to attend and turned considerations into conversions by purchasing raffle tickets.
- Advertisements consistently mentioned the Masonic Center location, connecting Freemasonry with the Shriner event and fostering awareness that Shriners are indeed Masons.
- Local businesses and families actively participated in tree decoration, fostering team building, family, and friendship bonding.
- Local dignitaries such as the Mayor, Sheriff, Chief of Police, Fire Chief, and Zor Potentate attended and showed event support.
- The event saw inactive Mason/Shriners proudly wearing their fezzes, for other Shriners a rekindling of their significance within the lodge room.
- The transformation of the Masonic Center during the holidays, from plain curb appeal to a vibrant, inviting atmosphere, became an outdoor/indoor showcase of holiday spirit.
- Families enjoyed meeting Santa, sparking joyful conversations, and encouraging return visits.
- Many photos were taken of the event with prop advertising and shared with friends and family.
- Boy's and Girl's Club, Assisted Living, and Opportunity Development Centers found engaging group activities through this event.
- The handout of requested petitions, by attendees, may foster new membership.
- A subsequent Santa's Special Christmas event evolved from the decorated space. Catered to special needs kids, and sponsored by the Lodge.
- Decorations continue to adorn the Lodge for meetings and events creating a warm feel. Big decorations were loaned to the local community auditorium with credit to the Freemasons and Zor Shriners.

Indeed, this event serves as a wonderful platform that unites communities, adding relevance to the identities for both Wisconsin Freemasonry and Zor Shriners. Together, the local communities felt and appreciated the good these events created. When the puzzle picture is completed, the pieces of relevance have set the stage for the last piece, profit.

Respectively submitted by Steve Livernash & Jim Giese



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Renae Boydston, Queen

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

Thank you to the multitude of people that supported Antioch with our shoe drive and cookie walk fundraisers! The shoes have been picked up and our cookie walk was a great success. Our second Initiation of new members will be in February, we look forward to welcoming new members into our sisterhood with a great purpose, the Shriners children!

Renae Boydston, Queen of Antioch Temple No. 113, renaeboydston@yahoo.com, (262) 215-0088

Antioch No. 113 Calendar 2024

Stated Sessions at Middleton-Ionic Masonic Lodge, 7409 Franklin Ave., Middleton, WI 53562

January 2024 - No Stated Session (dark January, June, July).

- January 13th Zor Annual Meeting & Fez Party in La Crosse, WI
- February 17th Brunch 9:30, Stated Session 10:30 Second Ceremonial of the year. We hope to welcome new members!
- March 16th Brunch 9:30, Stated Session 10:30 Elections, Memorial Service, Officers wear black skirts and white tops. Queen-elect sets Installation date and time.
- April 20th Brunch 9:30, Stated Session 10:30 with new Queen!

Antioch out for brunch at Hubbard Avenue Diner



ANTIOCH No. 113 Daughters of the Nile

SHTERS --- NILE

WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE CHILDREN

Shoes are gone! Friend of Antioch, Diego Ortega-Campa and Noble Terry Boydston loading the shoe truck.





Noble Alan Brawders, Noble Terry Boydston, Queen Renae Boydston, Noble Brad Schultz, and Noble Josh "Timmy" Therrian at the Zor Fall Ceremonial



Antioch Temple No. 113 cookie walk fundraiser at the Zor Fall Ceremonial

First Lady Penny and Queen Renae at the Zor Fall Ceremonial Ladies Luncheon

Proud to be a Daughter of the Nile, Queen, Renae Boydston (262) 215-0088 | renaeboydston@yahoo.com

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January 2024 Birthdays

January 2: David W Huston January 3: Thomas W Boe; James P Weaver January 4: Chester J Gabris; Randy J Turtenwald January 5: Kersten P Rocksvold January 6: John J Hanson; Gregg B Olson January 7: Lloyd H Fredrickson; Montie Kramer January 8: Stephen D Willert PP; William O Schmitz Joey J Semingson January 9: Richard H Coles January 10: Gary S Kiger; Jeff Lichtfuss; Matthew C Mitchell January 11: Gary B Schlosstein; J K Johnson PP January 12: Willard R Knott; Dean S Lecheler; William Ratzburg; Joseph O Barlow January 13: Lind B Knudson; Frank F During January 14: Dave Bomkamp January 15: Robert L Severson; James A Senty January 16: Kenneth A Anderson; Dean I Moon; John D Shaeffer; Chet Melcher; Gregory ETremelling; Kyle J Bernander January 17: Stephen A Williams; Sherman R Boucher; Joe C Ganske; Kenneth Meyer; Bruce A Hanson January 18: Stanley G Norris; Robert C Solverson; Michael W Anderson January 19: David L Rezin; Marvin G Engelke January 20: William H Lautz; Donald G Lautz January 21: Everett L Ellingson; Douglas Van Natta; Andrew Pendl; Fredrick CTaylor; Theodore W Erickson January 22: Dale F Olson January 23: Allen E Christopherson; James D Kielley; Peter J Foss January 24: Le Roy W Hodel; Robert Bischke January 25: Jonathan K Beighley

January 26: Carl A Borine

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

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

January 29: Charles T Miller PP

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

January 31: Robert G Hills Jr; Ralph C Madden; Daniel R Fose; Sean R Kline

By: Brad Andrew

It's hard to believe that the 2023 Zor Winter How the time flies! Ceremonial is over! The Ceremonial weekend fun started on Friday night, December 2 with a beautiful Appreciation Dinner hosted by Illustrious Sir Al and Lady Penny for the Divan and support staff. While dinner was in the air, Worshipful Grand Master of Wisconsin Dave Ritchie gave a few remarks. Following dinner, the Potentate and Lady Penny distributed appreciation gifts to the Divan and support staff. On behalf of the Divan and support staff, Roger and Tammy Keller presented Al and Penny with beautiful rose bouquets. Steve Livernash said a few words and gave out a big HIP, HIP, HURRAY to Potentate Al and Lady Penny.

Saturday morning came and the fun started with registration. The aroma of coffee filled the air while we all moved from spot to spot waiting to have the doors open for the Temple Opening. Venders were busy setting up their booths to sell their wares. The doors finally opened, and the 2023 Winter Ceremonial and Parade to Glory began!! Illustrious Sir Al Brueggen started the day with the introduction of eleven new Nobles, followed

by introductions

of the Divan and support staff, Past Potentates the Worshipful Grand Master of Wisconsin and two past Grand Masters of Wisconsin.

Assistant Rabban, Brian Dunham delivered a speech about being a Shriner and what we do including the history of the Shrine, both on how it began and how it is moving forward!

Following a short break, the bang of the drums rang in the air. The ceremony was about to begin. The Ritualistic Potentate comes in and all rises as he directs the Ritualistic Divan to prepare the Nobles as the Sons of the Dessert. At 11:30 am,

65 year Shriner John Senty



Saturday Morning Registration





Grand Master Dave Ritchie



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everyone was adjourned to have

their lunch. At 1:00 pm Ceremonial commenced by starting with the Knickerbocker skit with five men sitting at a table, talking about how the Shriner organization came to be and what it is today. The skit included a man who came upon two men and asked if they could help his child as he had no money and no means to pay. The two men said, they could help, and his child was helped.

A short video was shown about the journey of a "HERO" who takes the time to drive Shrine patients from home to the hospital and back home in a day. Great job Steve Livernash on the video!

Kelly Miller from the Office of Philanthropy from Shriners Children's – Chicago was introduced and talked about the development and philanthropy of the Chicago Hospital. Kelly told everyone in the room they were the "unsung heroes" because they work so hard to keep things always running smoothly. Kelly spoke both as an employee of Shriners Children's – Chicago and as a parent with a son who is a Shrine patient. Kelly reported that Shriners has been chosen for the 4-star award in charity efforts.

After the "Fezzing" of all new Nobles, pictures were taken with the Arch. Units and Clubs all lined up to present checks to Illustrious Sir Al Brueggen for the Parade to Glory. More than a "MILLION" dollars were donated. Congratulations to all the Clubs and Units for making this possible through all their efforts! It is a great accomplishment!

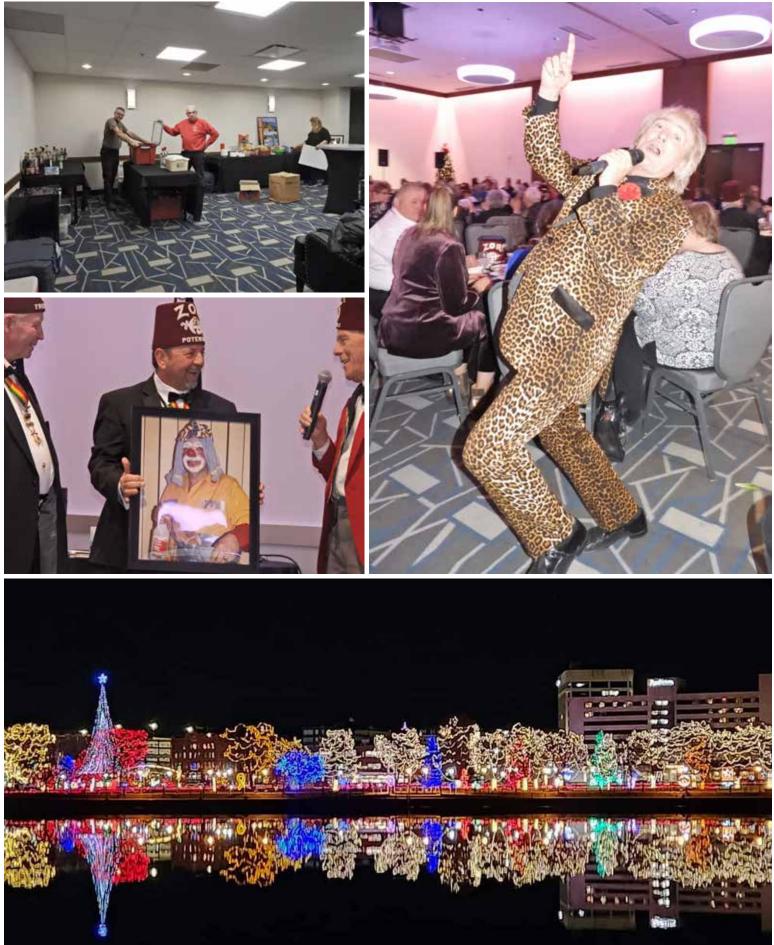
At the close of the Ceremonial and Parade to Glory it was time for a break and to prepare for dinner and entertainment. Headlining the evening's entertainment was the one and only "ROD STEWART" (tribute artist - Steve Bobbitt). He rocked the night away. It was another wonderful weekend. I want to send a BIG shout out to all those putting this together, as you all did a wonderful job!







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It's time for Judy Collins to "Send in The Clowns"! The Madison Clowns are "CALLING ALL CLOWNS" to join us on Saturday, February 24th as we bring in a new clown. Our new Potentate will have HIS name added to the long line of Zor Potentate Clowns.

We would like to see all Clowns at the Esquire Club in Madison, on February 24th for the unveiling of our new Potentate Clown. Dinner is family style, beginning at 6:00 pm with social time beginning whenever you arrive. The cost is \$28.00 per person and checks are payable to Zor Clowns. Reservations can be mailed to Dale Holmen, 13 St. Albans Ave, Madison WI 53714 along with the coupon below.

This is a fun event for all to be part of. We will have our bag drawing as usual with all the proceeds going to the International Shrine Red Sneaker Fund to support our burn hospitals. There is also the past Potentate Clown review of pictures, so we ask again for ALL past Potentates to remember to bring their picture and remember your name.

The evening would not be complete without the making up of our new Potentate and revealing his true name. You don't want to miss this. Remember, we are ALL clowns at heart, some of us just dress the part. So, CALLING ALL CLOWNS to join us on February 24th.

Please use the coupon provided below.

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Zor Shriners will host the Midwest Shrine Association (MSA) Annual Winter and Summer Sessions. The Winter session is March 1st and 2nd, and the Summer Session is August 7-10, 2024, both in La Crosse, WI. The winter session is primarily a business session planning for the Summer Session. Zor normally sends their elected Divan and a couple of the Support Staff to the winter session. However, this year, being that we are the host, there will be additional activities and duties that Zor is responsible for. The entire Divan, Support Staff and many MSA 2024 committee members will attend.

The Summer Session is for all of Zor and families to attend. There will be many activities for Nobles and their Ladies to participate in. General planning for the event has been going on for the past four years and now it's 'crunch' time with final touches and details being worked out. Events will begin Wednesday evening with a "Welcome Party" dinner and Entertainment by Comedian Randy Riggle and his Nostalgia Show at the La Crosse Center in the South Ballroom. Thursday there will be optional activities available during the day plus the usual Thursday evening parade in Onalaska followed by a Shrine Oasis at the Omni Center with food and entertainment provided by Joe Cody the Strumin' Guitar Player. On Friday there will be Unit and individual competitions in the morning, Ladies Luncheon, and other optional activities available. Friday will conclude with the Shrine-A-Rama at the La Crosse Center in the evening with eats and headline entertainment by The Dweebs (www.thedweebs.com). The session will conclude on Saturday morning with a Shrine Parade in La Cresent, MN and a Grab-n-Go snack.

Zor Noble Joe Harker, PGM along with Deputy Director General Monte Steiber, PP and Todd Wohlert, have been busy identifying all the puzzle pieces and putting them together. We also have had many other Zor Shriners and Ladies involved in the preliminary planning with much progress being made. A larger committee has met on several occasions to discuss the current planning for several of the events and activities. They have already put significant time and energy into the planning but there is still a long way to go before we can say we are 'Ready to Go'! We are extremely grateful for the work that continues to be done planning this event. There will be more and more information placed on the MSA 2024 Webpage as it becomes available. As we get closer to the actual event it will be necessary to enlist the help of many Shriners and Ladies to help with the several events, activities, and other jobs that are part of this monumental occasion.

On the Zor Website, under the heading of 'MSA 2024' there is an initial schedule of events, (which is still somewhat tentative and subject to change), listing the events and activities being planned. Look at this and see if there is something there that interests you and which you would be willing to help. If you have any ideas of something not listed, it may not be too late to possibly add an activity or event. Please let us know as soon as possible of your idea(s). A lot of help is going to be needed to successfully host this event so please let us know your willingness to help by contacting Joe at jbh2010PGM@outlook.com.

Thank you, Gary Cuskey, PP MSA 1st Vice President Zor MSA Representative

Joe Harker, PGM MSA 2024 Director General

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MEHARA S.C. TIN LIZZIES INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

By: Noble Ron Malcolm

On Saturday, December 9th, the Mehara Shrine Club and the Tin Lizzies came together for a joint Christmas Party and Installation of officers for 2024 at Houligans Steak and Seafood Pub in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. The evening started with a social hour at 5:00, and followed with a Cold Sands for our newest member Dean Cynor.

Our 2023 Potentate Alan Brueggen assisted by Chief Rabban Roger Keller and Assistant Rabban Brian Dunham installed the 2024 officers for the Mehara Shrine Club and the Tin Lizzy unit. The following officers were then installed for Mehara Shrine for 2024, Keith Foulk President, Mark Hink, Vice President, Bob Sembach Second Vice, Steve Lasure Secretary, and Ian Matson, Treasurer.

Installed for the Tin Lizzies for 2024 was Rodney Schultz as Captain, Ron Malcolm, 1st Lieutenant, Steve Lasure, 2nd Lieutenant, Don Schwartz, Quartermaster, and Larry Sturz as Secretary/Treasurer.

The Tin Lizzy 2023 Captain, Ed Michels, presented four Tin Lizzy members with Tin Lizzy of the Year awards they are Greg O'Reilly, Mike McCracken, Don Schwartz and Rod Schultz. Larry Sturz presented Ed Michels a plaque and awarded him as Capitan Emeritus for his 10 plus years serving as President of the Tin Lizzies and being one of the founding members of the group way back in 1991. We thank these Nobles for their service to the Unit and the kids.



We then finished out the evening with a great meal. There was a total of 15 Tin Lizzy members and their guests with a total in attendance of 53 Nobles and guests.



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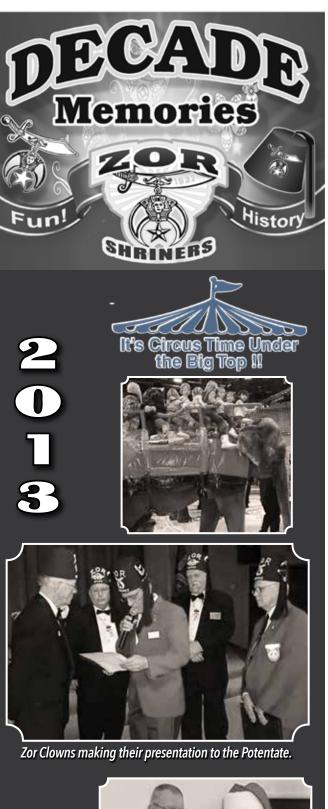
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