

Green County Shrine Event Brings in New Shriner



This month Lady Tammy and I found ourselves traveling to Minneapolis for the Zuhrah Potentate's Ball and enjoying spending time with our counterparts from Osman and Tripoli celebrating along with Zuhrah.

We spent some time in Monroe enjoying some delicious pancakes and making a new Shriner all in the same morning. Green County Shrine Club knows how to draw a crowd for breakfast!

St. Croix Valley Shrine Club hosted a wonderful Valentine's Day dinner. Gioia Schutte, Zor's 2024 patient ambassador joined us for a fun evening of fellowship and a round of the Newly Wed game. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Noble Tom White who presented me with a beautifully handmade engraved gavel.

Speaking of making new Shriners, if you know anyone who would like to join the Shrine let's do a cold sands. With the absence of a Spring Ceremonial this year I will happily do a cold sands anywhere, any time. Just let me know.

Make plans to join us at the Feztastic bowling in Eau Claire and the Tomah Easter Egg hunt. These events are always a fun family time. If you have not already made reservations to join us in Wausau for the Potentate's Party, make sure you do, Lady Tammy has confirmed a special guest entertainer for us.

Til next month, Carrot on!







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# **ON THE COVER**

#### OUR NEW NOBLE RICHARD WATMAN



PATIENT AMBASSADOR
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Winner of ten First Place Dromedary Awards for Shrine Newspapers and seven Honorable Mentions.

Zor Editor: Zor Imagineers

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# RECORDER BOB'S CORNER



- All units are reminded that they should be getting approval for their 2024 parades from the Potentate.
- If you have not paid your 2024 dues, now is the time. Remember, you cannot vote on any Zor matters if your 2024 dues are not paid.
- No reference in any materials or advertising can be made to anything that might imply that any funds being raised by any Shriner group are for our kids or the hospitals/clinics. We need to constantly communicate this. Any wrongful marketing of any kind could lead to our hospitals losing their 501(c)3 status which would be devasting to the

financial situation at the hospitals/clinics. Of course, if all the funds will go to Shriners Children's and the event has been approved by the Imperial Potentate and Chairman of Shriners Children's, materials could reference the hospitals/clinics.

• If anyone ever has a negative experience with Zor paid staff, please communicate that experience, either to me, the Recorder, or to another member of the Divan.

# **SPEEDING TOWARD SUCCESS**

#### Shriners Children's Chicago helps Brady drive toward his racing dreams

The work of the Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services (POPS) team allows patients like Brady to pursue their passions regardless of obstacles along the way.

Brady, 20, can be seen racing three nights a week in stock car #64. In most ways, Brady is just like any other young adult. But when he was 3, Brady was involved in a lawnmower injury and lost part of his foot. He came to Shriners Children's Chicago as a young teen with a very bowed leg and a foot prosthesis.

Brady had surgery in 2017 when he was 13. They were able to fit Brady with a slightly larger, below-knee prosthetic, which gave him more functional options for a prosthetic foot, allowing him to do the things he enjoys, like racing.



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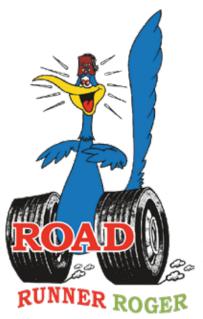
Be sure to email your stories by **Sunday, March 10, 2024** for the Zephyr April 2024 issue.

# MARCH CALENDAR

- Thu Sun Mar 21st 24th Osman Shrine Circus Minnesota State Fair Grounds, 1784 Judson Ave, St Paul, MN
- Thu Mar 21st -Lakeland S.C. meeting - 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Maple Tree Supper Club, 6010 US-51, McFarland, WI
- Sat Mar 23rd Divan Meeting 10:00 AM 11:30 AM
  Mehara Shrine Club, 2625 W Folsom St, Eau Claire, WI
- Sat Mar 23rd Mehara S.C. Bowling Open to all 12:00 PM 3:00 PM
  Wagner's Lanes & The Complex, 2159 Brackett Ave, Eau Claire, WI
- Wed Mar 27th -Valley of Madison Scottish Rite Reunion - 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Wisconsin Masonic Center, 301 Wisconsin Ave, Madison, WI 53703, USA
- Wed Mar 27th Mecca Shrine Club Meeting 6:00 PM 8:00 PM
  Pizones, 202 Superior Ave, Tomah, WI
- Thu Mar 28th Mini Cars meeting 6:30 PM 8:30 PM
  Winchester Restaurant, 568 Haugen Rd, Edgerton, WI
- Sat Mar 30th Easter Egg Hunt & Party 1:00 PM 3:00 PM
  Tomah Masonic Lodge, 520 E Saratoga St, Tomah, WI

# APPIL 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 Valley of Eau Claire Scottish Rite Reunion 7:30 AM 4:00 PM
  Masonic Temple, 616 Graham Ave, Eau Claire, WI
- Sat Apr 6th Valley of Madison Scottish Rite Reunion 5:00 PM 8:00 PM
  Wisconsin Masonic Center, 301 Wisconsin Ave, Madison, 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 is reserved at the Jefferson Street Inn @ 210 Jefferson Street, Wausau

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

For those coming on Friday night, you are invited to join us for a Fish Fry @ 6:00 at the Great Dane Pub & Brewing Co., 2305 Sherman St, Wausau. Please RSVP on the coupon on page 9 for the number attending so we can notify the restaurant. This will be an order off the menu order.

# ZOR HONORED LADIES LUNCHEON You're Tea-rific and You Are Invited!

On Saturday, April 13th, Lady Tammy Keller and the Wausauken Shriner Ladies invite you to a Ladies Luncheon at the Jefferson Street Inn, Wausau.

We will meet in the Char Grillhouse @11:15 and lunch will be served @11:30.

All ZOR Shrine Ladies are invited to attend as we honor our ZOR Shrine Widows.

### Our Luncheon will consist of a Soup and Salad Buffet:

Spring mix with an array of accompaniments

Two Selected Soups

Two Selected Salads

Assorted Bread and Rolls

Fresh Fruit, Beverages and Dessert

A child menu is also available for those (age 10 and under) consisting of: Chicken Tenders, French Fries and Fresh Fruit

#### The cost is \$25.00 for Ladies and \$12.00 for Children

Please complete the coupon on page 9 along with the Potentate Party coupon and mail to: Steve Peterson, 1817 Roosevelt Street, Wausau, WI 54403

#### Please RSVP by April 1st

You are invited to enjoy a day in Wausau and join us at the Potentate's Dinner Party in the evening.

Please call Mary Ellen Peterson @ 715-573-4009 for any dietary needs so we may accommodate your requests.

# 2024 HONORED LADIES LUNCHEON AND WAUSAU POTENTATE PARTY

# HONORED LADIES LUNCHEON

SATURDAY APRIL 13, 2024

Jefferson Street Inn 201 Jefferson Street, Wausau

Name:					
Phone #:					
Please Reserve the following Meals:					
Number of Ladies Attending	@ \$25 Total \$				
Number of Child(ren) Attending	(under age 10) @ \$12 Total \$				



# **WAUSAU POTENTATE PARTY** SATURDAY APRIL 13, 2024

Wausau Elk's Lodge **414 Scott Street** 

Social 4:00-5:45 pm

Dinner 5:45 pm

Name(s):				
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Number of Child Dinner(s)		@ \$12 Total \$		
Please	make checks payable to:	Wausauken Shri	iners	
Send c	heck with coupon to:	Steve Peterson,	1817 Roosevelt Street, Wausau, WI 54403	
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# attending Friday night fish fry \_\_\_\_\_ order off menu Any dietary needs contact Steve Peterson @ 715-573-4059

# THE 1ST LADY'S PROJECT



First Aid Kit Sales To Raise Money

By: 1st Lady Tammy Keller

As many of you know, our Shrine patients have complicated needs and have received the best care possible from Shriners. However, they are only able to continue receiving care until they age out of our system. After this, they are left to navigate the healthcare system on their own. Hoping to find the right physician who can continue caring for them the way they have become accustomed to. This can be very challenging for a young person.

I have seen this firsthand, as a Personal Care Assistant (PCA) I oversaw a group home where adults with disabilities lived. Taking them to the doctor was difficult. The "regular" doctor was just not equipped to help them with the complexity of their needs. I was therefore tested to find doctors who specialized in certain areas of healthcare to assist with their care.

Imperial 1st Lady JoLynn recognized a need to ensure Shrine kids can get the same level of care for their complex needs after they age out of the Shrine

Healthcare system. Her project this year inspired me, and along with Roger's slogan being '24K Care for Kids, it made sense for me to support this year's Women Impacting Care project.

During the flight home from Imperial Session last July, Roger and I hammered out the details of how this was going to work. We decided that since I work in healthcare, we would put together a first aid kit to sell to raise money for this project.

While we were talking with some of our friends one evening about my project, Illustrious Sir Roger said in front of these witnesses that if I could raise \$20,000 for my project, he would eat a carrot. OK! challenge accepted!

Almost all of you know how much he despises carrots; this is no secret. However, since there were witnesses to his statement, he is now locked in. This challenge is large, and after we talked some more about it, he decided to set some terms up for the challenge.

Here are his conditions for this challenge. If we reach \$10,000, he will eat a piece of carrot cake, if we reach \$15,000, he will eat a baby carrot and if we reach \$20,000, he will eat a full-sized cooked carrot.

So, if you want to see him live up to his end of this challenge at the December Ceremonial, find a Divan Lady and purchase your first aid kit to support my project.

### **VIDALIA SWEET ONION SALES**

Pre-orders open now! The club and unit bag deadline is April 1st Contact Barry Ausen PP • (715) 377-3032

#### 10# BAG FOR JUST \$12

Zor Shrine is promoting the sale of the "World Famous Vidalia Sweet Onions."

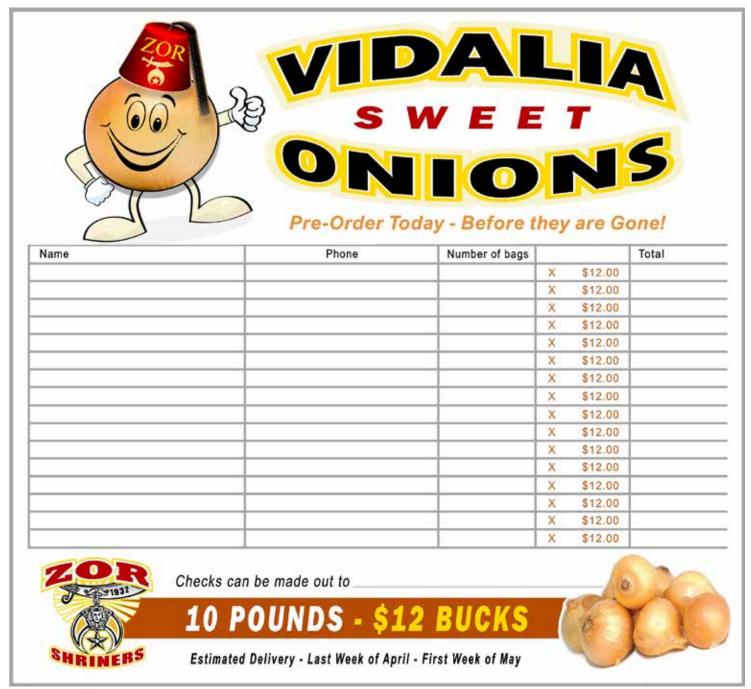
It takes eight months to grow these onions, and therefore, only one crop is produced each year.

The supply is normally sold out in a six-week period between the end of April to May.

These true Vidalia Sweet Onions will be shipped "Fresh from the Farm" directly to the Shrine about the last week of April to the first week of May.

The Vidalia Sweet Onion is as sweeter than a Valencia Orange, and the natural sugar content is 12.5%.

These unique characteristics combine to make it a gourmet delight.





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Spring is around the corner and Antioch has an exciting year ahead with Zor. Join Daughters of the Nile, we laugh, take care of each other, and play a major role in the legacy of helping the Shriners' children Contact Renae Boydston, Queen, Antioch Temple No. 113, renaeboydston@yahoo.com, (262) 215-0088



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March 16th - Election of new Officers and Queen

**April 20th -** Installation of new Officers and Queen-elect, Feast, Stated Session, times TBD















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Derrick Hable

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March 13: Joshua T Sudbrink

March 14: Robert L Edwards: Thomas J White: Tommy L Uptagraw; Benjamin E LaBlanc

March 15: David A Zien; Rocky Emler; Justin Thompson; Michael D Trickel

March 16: Raymond B Norsted; Loren I Barnes; Phillip F Gudgeon

March 17: Anthony R Ring; Sherwin Newman

March 18: Robert E Preston

March 19: Charles B Deadman; Brian L Bredlau

March 20: Louis L Chicquette; Gerald D Thurs; James O Foss; Kenneth E Berg

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March 23: Laurel A Humphrey

March 24: Norman J Mrdutt; Gary D Hooverson; Michael S Kachel

March 25: Scott D Brehm: Eric J Dunham

March 26: Herbert D Bloomer Sr: Owen R Demo

March 27: Larry A Hawthorn; John A Wiggert; Rodney K Schultz

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March 29: Robert C Dietz; Eugene Bonnes; John C Metcalf; Jenaro Melendez

March 30: Lyle O Fox; Thomas J Hildebrandt; David M Reynolds; Randall J Massey; John M Tempski

March 31: Alvin E Henry; Brian A Uphoff; Alan J Boeck

# **GREEN COUNTY SHRINE CLUB...**

By: Brad Andrew

On February 3rd, 2024, The Green County Shrine Club put on their 56th Annual Pancake Day for the Shriners Childrens. This was an all-you-can-eat breakfast of pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk, and chocolate milk that filled the hungry customers that morning. As the room was filled with noise, and tables were covered with food and elbows, we all knew that the money raised, (100%) proceeds, went to Shriners Children!!

There was "NO" end to having your plate full of food. They were walking around and handing out more and more. It seemed they all enjoyed their breakfast! With all the goings on in the dining area, the "REAL" magic was happening behind the scenes. The Monroe Rural Fire Department was hard at work flipping pancakes and cooking up sausages. The Boy Scouts Troop101 was busy running around helping customers and cleaning off tables. Mr. Larry Hawthorn, a long-time cooking expert in the pancake field, was







# ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

celebrating his 46th year of mixing the batter by hand. Way to go!! Just when you think you have seen it all, Nick Baker got caught flipping a pancake. Only if he did a backflip along with it!

The crew did a great job keeping up with the long line that was at the front door. After a little wait, two customers finally got to the front of the line to receive their breakfast. With food in hand, they were confronted by two friendly and lovely ladies with a choice of beverage. Time to enjoy! A great big thanks to Nick Baker (Master of Smith Lodge #31), Colin Nack, and Ron Boeck for organizing this event!! A wonderful job done! As breakfast was still going on, a few Shriners

As breakfast was still going on, a few Shriners headed upstairs to conduct a "Cold Sands". Congratulations to Mr. Richard Watman, who became our newest member of the Mystic Shrine! Illustrious Sir Roger Keller welcomed him along with Chief Rabban Brain Dunham, and Marshal Roger Amundson. This is Illustrious Sir Roger's first, but not last, new member to bring into a wonderful family! Afterward, we all went back downstairs and enjoyed the rest of the morning. Until next time, enjoy and safe travels to all!









### DODGEVILLE MASONIC LODGE DONATION



By John Thorstad, PP

Dodgeville Masonic Lodge determined that the proceeds from the February Pasty sale would be ear-marked for the Chicago Shrine Hospital. Members from the Mound View Shrine Club pitched in to help on Jan. 30 and Jan. 31, Feb. 1, with the final day on Feb. 3rd.

Club members Karl Gant, Joe Harker, Joe and Julie Thompson, Marv Engelke, and John Thorstad, were all assigned a job over the 4 days. Be sure to read the article on page 20 of the Wisconsin Masonic Journal about Pasty making. A donation was made through the club of \$1,054.00.

### **HEART OF WISCONSIN S.C.**

# NOBLE RECEIVES HIS **55 YEAR CERTIFICATE**

Congratulations to Noble Tom Voight on receiving his award for being a Shriner for 55 years! Noble Tom received his award at the February Heart of Wisconsin meeting, presented by HOW President Ken Olm and Assistant Rabban Steve Livernash.



## WHY I BECAME A SHRINER.

By Noble Jeremy Christensen

To make a long story short, I became a Mason and Shriner to become something bigger than myself.

While living in North Carolina, a co-worker mentioned multiple times that he had to go to a lodge meeting. After a while, I asked him what these lodge meetings were all about. I did some research and instantly knew I wanted to be a part of the Masonic organization. Unforeseen circumstances brought me back to Minnesota and I did not have the chance to join as originally planned.



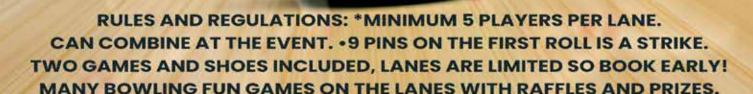
Years later, I met Al Brueggen, PP, and told him of my previous plans. A couple of weeks later, I was raised to Master Mason through Day of Light in Eau Claire. One month later, I was brought into Zor Shrine.

The work done by the Masons and Shriners is humbling and allows me to give back.

The Mehara Shrine Club Presents:

# THE FEZTASTIC FAMILY 9 PIN TAP

11:00 am Registration SATURDAY, 12:00 pm Bowling Begins MARCH 23, 2024



# Wagner's Lanes

2159 Brackett Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54701

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO BRUCE FRANZWAS@GMAIL.COM

\$15 PER PERSON OR \$20 AT THE DOOR



### A MEMORABLE JOURNEY:



# WITNESSING THE GRAND INSTALLATION OF ILLUSTRIOUS SIR DARRELL ROSTEK

By: Noble Mike Kastens

A Weekend of camaraderie, tradition, and unforgettable moments.

On the crisp Saturday morning of January 27, 2024, Lady Susan and I embarked on a remarkable journey as honored guests of the Khartum Shrine Temple. The occasion? The installation of Illustrious Sir Darrell Rostek as the 2024 Potentate.

This was not merely an event; it was a privilege, an honor, and a representation of ZOR Shrine's commitment to camaraderie and tradition.

Our expedition commenced on Friday, January 26, 2024, with a drive shrouded in thick fog from our residence to the vibrant city of Winnipeg, Canada. Navigating through the mystical fog, our journey became an adventure in itself, with the traffic mirroring the ebb and flow of the fog banks. The anticipation grew as we approached the Canadian border, a place we hadn't visited in over three decades. Surprisingly, we sailed through without a hitch, adding a touch of nostalgia to our memorable journey. Upon reaching Winnipeg, we were graciously welcomed by Illustrious Sir Darrell Rostek, accompanied by his family – Lady Lisa and their son Dean. Darrell's warm hospitality extended an invitation to attend the stated meeting on Friday night, a gracious offer that I readily accepted.

The meeting, though initially hindered by internet service issues, proceeded seamlessly once resolved. Clubs from Brandon, Dauphin, and Thompson joined the proceedings via Zoom, fostering a sense of unity and shared purpose. The two-hour meeting was filled with discussions, decisions, and the camaraderie that defines these gatherings.

Saturday morning unfolded with a hearty breakfast at the Rostek residence, setting the stage for a day brimming with activities. Pictures were taken, and preparations for the installation ceremony took place at the Temple. The ceremony, distinct in its Canadian flair, featured bagpipers piping in Illustrious Sir Darrell as he assumed his esteemed role. Goals for the year 2024 were outlined, and amidst this, Lady Susan and I had the honor of presenting gifts from ZOR, creating lasting memories of this special occasion.

Post-installation, a procession led by the Divan and appointed staff, piped into the reception room, marking the beginning of a joyous celebration. The Regimental Band provided musical enchantment, playing tunes from the regiments Illustrious Sir Darrell served with, adding a personal touch to the festivities.

The climax of the weekend was a private dinner at Pony Corral Restaurant, hosted by the Rostek family. The atmosphere was filled with laughter, camaraderie, and the comedic flair of Chief of Staff Kevin Davis, creating an unforgettable evening for all.

As Sunday morning dawned, Lady Susan and I bid farewell, sharing a final breakfast with the Rostek family. The return home may have been uneventful, but the cherished memories and newfound friendships forged over the weekend will undoubtedly endure for years to come.

### **ZOR PATIENT AMBASSADOR**





#### By Gioia Schutte

Hello Shriners!! First, I just wanted to thank you SO SO much for this opportunity to be the first Zor Shriners Patient Ambassador.

Volleyball and the weight room have kept me busy. Even though the school volleyball season is over, I joined a club team for volleyball to help me improve and get better. It is fun but also challenging. Weight room is a fun thing I get to do after school with friends, but it also helps me improve my physical condition, which is a bonus. It's a time to hang out with friends while getting stronger and helping me to improve in volleyball.

Aside from school and sports, I hang out with friends and attend Shriners events. The Shriners events that I have attended these past few months were the East/West Shrine football game, the Installation dinner, and the Camp Achieve Ski Day at Afton Alps. The Football dinner was a great first event to attend. It was fun and easy; the only thing was that it was hot outside. The installation dinner was FABULOUS, everyone did such a great job at putting things together, and meeting all the Shriners was a great way to kick off my year of being the Patient Ambassador. Ski Day is an event that I look forward to, it's a great way to hang out with my friends that I only get to see during these camps. It's also a fun way to spend a day in Minnesota, up in the hills, hanging out with friends.

Besides my Shriners family, I have spent time with a group of four friends. We basically do everything together, hang out, watch movies, go to the mall, get lost on park trails for an hour, hang out at school, and go to games and bonfires together. Not only is this group fun to hang out with, but my bestie Méta and my boyfriend Owen are in it so I can hang out with my two favorite people at the same time.

# **CAMP ACHIEVE - Winter Fun Day**

I had the opportunity to represent the Indian Head Shrine Club and be invited by Noble Bob Hering to the Camp Achieve Winter Fun Day Downhill Skiing for Zor Shriners children. The event was on Sunday February 4th at Afton Alps in Afton MN.

The day started off with orientation with Maureen Johnston. There were 52 Shriner children and 48 volunteers. I was paired with four young ladies who were treated at the Shriners Children's Twin Cities. One young lady is the Patient Ambassador, Gioia Schutte. The others were Sophie, Hollan, and Ramona.

The young men and women were fitted for boots, skis, helmets and off we went skiing.



For lunch, we had pizzas and we skied in 48-degree weather. It was a bluebird day to ski, blue skies, and lots of sunshine. We skied from 8:30 am to 3:00pm

When I was invited, I thought I was going to be instructing Shriners Children to ski. However, I was wrong. They taught me how well they could ski, even with missing an arm, a leg, or with other disabilities. Everyone was simply amazing. The day was topped off with a visit by Fezzy Bear.

This was an eye-opening experience for me. As for all the other Shriner skiers this is an opportunity you should not miss next year.

See you next year, Harlan Dodge, President: Indianhead Shrine Club, Rice Lake, WI



# Midwest Shrine Association 2024



# Save the Date

Well ZOR Nobles and Ladies, Midwest Shrine Assoc. (MSA) Winter Session is history! Representatives of the 15 Shrine Temples which make up MSA convened in La Crosse, WI on February 29th, and March 1st & 2nd to conduct business, elect new officers, and receive reports on the status of those Temples. Zor's very own Gary J. Cuskey, PP was elected President of the Association and will preside for the upcoming year. Also elected were Robert Keep, PP Wawa Shriners 1st VP, Dale Duchscherer, PP Kem Shriners 2nd VP, Justin Stokke, PP Aad Shriners 3rd VP, James Burma Jr, PP El Riad Shriners 4th VP and Don Thomson, PP Khartum Shriners Sect./Treas.

In less than 6 months it will be Zor Shriner's big opportunity to host this year's Annual Midwest Shrine Association Annual Summer Session in La Crosse. It has been more than 15 years since Zor last hosted MSA. It is our time to show the rest of MSA what GREAT hosts we are! There will be a multitude of activities for all Nobles, Ladies, and families to enjoy. 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.

The session will begin with the "Welcome Party" with entertainment at the La Crosse Center South Ball-room on Wednesday evening. 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 a great buffet and Entertainment. Friday morning will be the usual competitions in the morning, Ladies Luncheon over the noon hour, and other optional activities available. Friday will wrap up with the Shrine-A-Rama at the LaCrosse Center including buffet stations and featuring entertainment by "The Dweebs", "America's Favorite Party Band". Saturday morning will feature yet another Big Shrine Parade in La Cresent, MN, and a Grab-n-Go snack.

Zor Nobles Gary Cuskey, Joe Harker, Monte Steiber, and Todd Wohlert have been busy identifying all the puzzle pieces and putting them together. Other Zor Shriners and Ladies are busy planning specific events, and progress has been made. We are extremely grateful for the work that continues in planning this event. As we get closer to the actual event it will be necessary to enlist the help of Shriners, their Ladies, and La Crosse area Masons to help with the several events, activities, and other jobs that will be a part of this undertaking.

On the Zor Website, under the heading of 'MSA 2024' there is an initial schedule of events, (which continues to be updated), listing the events and activities being planned. Look at this and see if there is an event or activity that interests you and which you would be willing to help. A lot of help is going to be needed to successfully host this event so please let us know of your willingness to help by contacting Joe at <a href="mailto:jbh2010PGM@outlook.com">jbh2010PGM@outlook.com</a> or one of the other members listed above.

See Website <a href="https://zorshriners.com/msa-2024">https://zorshriners.com/msa-2024</a>

Thank you,

Gary Cuskey, PP MSA President Joe Harker, PGM

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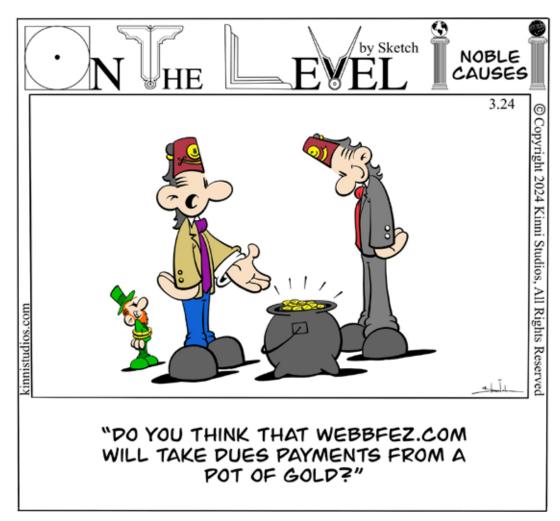
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# Who are our officers and what do they do?

Let's continue with learning more about our order. Each chapter has 18 Officers, and they are (with explanation) the following.

Worthy Matron, she is the top officer and presides over all meetings. As the leader, she should exhibit fairness to all, and include all in discussions and decisions. Not be a dictator or be of a closed mind.



Worthy Patron, he is the one on her left. Making sure that the officers are proficient in their work, he presides over the ceremony of initiation and over our flag ceremony.

Associate Matron, she is to assist the Worthy Matron in her duties and preside over meetings during her absence.

Associate Patron, he is to assist the Worthy Patron in his duties and preside with the Worthy Matron in the absence of the Worthy Patron.

Secretary, keeps the records of the meetings and works with the Grand Secretary to have all necessary paperwork filed by the required dates. Conducts and receives all correspondence. Receives all invoices and works with the Treasurer to see that payment is made.

Treasurer, keeper of the monies, and sees that all bills are paid in a timely fashion.

Conductress, is the leader of our floor work for all ceremonies.

Associate Conductress, is her assistant and together they conduct the floor work.

Chaplain, goes without explanation.... they offer prayer.

Marshal, are there to assist you if you forget a line or word in your work.

Organist, another easy one...they provide the music during our meetings and ceremonies.

Star Points, these are the five ladies that represent our emblematic star. They tell of story of the heroine they represent.

Warder and Sentinel, they are our inside and outside guards of the doors. They work together in the performance of their duties.

Trustees, each chapter has three, elected by the membership. They audit the books, review the finances, and make suggestions for investment opportunities.

At the State level, the word Grand is added before each station, except with our top four, the Associate Conductress. For these stations the word "Grand" is between their station: for example: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, and Associate Grand Conductress. We also have a Grand Lecturer at the state level. In Wisconsin she must be a Past Grand Matron, she serves as the teacher of the Grand Officers, who in turn teach our members.

Stay tuned to learn more about the Order of Eastern Star.

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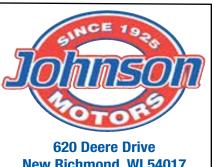
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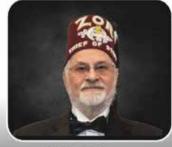
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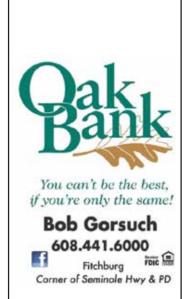


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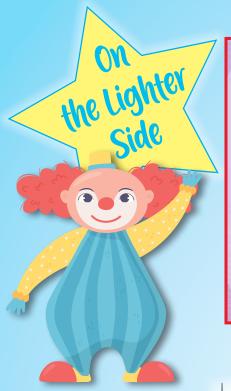
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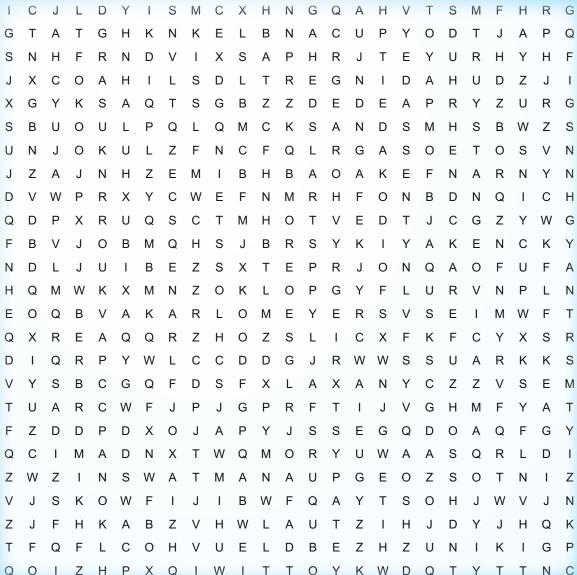
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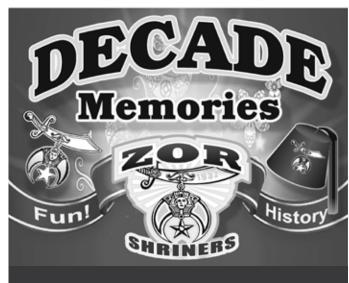
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