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Patient Ambassador Story - Vidalia Onions - Wausau Potentate Party



From the desk of
Illustrious Sir
ROGER KELLER

Hello Nobles and Ladies,

Parade season is quickly approaching, please ensure you have gotten your parade lineup to the office for approval. I have signed off on several so far, the season looks great for ZorLand.

We have been busy preparing for MSA summer session, registration is live on the website, and we are ready to find out who will be joining us this year in La Crosse! It promises to be a fun-filled couple of days.

As usual the Wausau Potentate dinner did not disappoint, there were 100+ Nobles and Ladies in attendance. Thank you, Steve Peterson PP and Mary Ellen for your hard work putting that all together.

Those that were there got to meet the 2024 Zor Patient Ambassador along with 2 patients from the Twin Cities clinic who performed for us.

I would like to thank all the Past Potentates who got together and donated to Lady Tammy's project in Wausau. The current total donated that night was \$725.

Gun raffle tickets are available for the 40-gun raffle, get ahold of your Divan rep. to get your tickets. Sell, Sell, Sell. Let's try to have a sell-out this year.

Congratulations to Rodney La Blanc PP on being elected Imperial Motor Corps Sargent at Arms. What an amazing honor.

Til next month,

Carrot on!



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RECORDER BOB'S CORNER



- I think everyone knows we sold our Zor Shriner property in Madison to a developer. Eventually, there will be 3 apartment buildings on our former property. The first building is expected to open on Memorial Day weekend. All Zor Shriners are invited to their grand opening event on Saturday, June 8. Food, beverages, and entertainment will be provided. Mark your calendars for June 8.

- In an increasingly digital world, fraudsters are becoming more creative in attempting to steal sensitive information. In future Zephyrs, we will explore several ways that scammers will try to access your personal information and ways you can prevent it. Here's number one! Zor Shriners will never ask for personal information over an unsolicited phone call, text, email, or online chat. Never share your credit card information, PIN, username/password, or one-time password.

- Anyone using their personal vehicle to transport patients to a hospital does not have insurance coverage through Zor.
- For those interested in seeing what the buyers of our Zor property are about ready to open, go to: <https://revelryliving.com/> and be sure to take the tour. This is an impressive development and one we can be proud to be part of.
- Mascoutin Shrine Club has gone inactive.

ZOR SHRINERS HOLDS SPECIAL STATED MEETING

Zor Shriners will be holding a Special Stated Meeting on May 14th at 2:30 PM at the Mehara Shrine Club, 2625 W Folsom St, Eau Claire, WI. The only point of business that day will be to elect a representative for the 2024 Shrine Imperial Session in Reno from June 28th thru July 4th. Please take note and be present if you can.

FLAMBEAU LAND SHRINE CLUB

The Children's Dyslexia Center of Upper Wisconsin is very grateful for the generous, life changing donation of \$2,500 from the Flambeau Land Shriners and Mystic Tie Masonic Lodge. Another great example of a Masonic act of kindness and of Shriners helping kids!

Pictured in the photo: PGM Frank Struble, Board of Governors member of Children's Dyslexia Centers of Upper WI, Bob Grunseth, Flambeau Land Shrine Club and Senior Warden Mystic Tie Lodge #280, PGM Arby Humphrey, Vice President, Children's Dyslexia Centers, Inc., and PGM Gary Stang, Wisconsin Benevolent Activities Board Member.



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Zephyr Reminder!

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

MAY CALENDAR

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Tue – May 14th –

- Divan Meeting - 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Mehara Shrine Club, 2625 W Folsom St, Eau Claire, WI
- Mehara Honored Ladies Dinner - 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Mehara Shrine Club, 2625 W Folsom St, Eau Claire, WI

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Thu – May 16th

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

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Mon - Thu – May 20th – 24th

The Order of Eastern Star WI Grand Chapter Annual Meeting
Holiday Inn Stevens Point - Convention Ctr
1001 Amber Ave, Stevens Point, WI

- Mon – Installation Practice.
- Tues – Flag Ceremony – Pages, Tellers, and Ushers meeting.
- Wed – Opening Session – Election of Officers.
- Thu – Closing of Grand Session – Installation of Officers.

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Wed – May 22nd

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

JUNE CALENDAR

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Sun – Jun 2nd

Funsters - Eleva Parade - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Eleva, WI

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Thu – Sat – Jun 6th - 8th

Grand Lodge - Wisconsin Masonic Center
301 Wisconsin Ave, Madison, WI

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Sat – Jun 8th - Funsters - Appleton Parade - 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Appleton, WI

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Sun – Jun 9th - Funsters - Spencer Parade - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Spencer, WI

OHANA BY LADY LINDA DUNHAM



Ohana is a Hawaiian word that refers to a person's extended family, which can include friends and other social groups they may be a part of.

Brian and I have had several "Ohana" moments during our time in Shriners.

This past weekend was quite impactful for us both and was a gentle reminder of just how strong of a bond we all share.

It is so incredible to me that we can travel anywhere and have the confidence that we are surrounded by good humans. From Wisconsin to Fargo to Omaha along with so many other cities, states, and countries in between.

Recently, we traveled to Fargo to move my mother into an assisted living facility. A difficult and emotional time for all of us, especially my mom. 88 years old and entering into a new routine and environment can be exhausting. Brian and I dedicated our time in Fargo to showering her with love, pampering her, and making new memories.

Before and during our visit, I reached out to a very special Shrine Lady to gather information on all the best restaurants, places to see, and moving company referrals. She has lived and worked in that area for many years and was an irreplaceable resource for us.

Thank you, Mandii!

After leaving Fargo, we ventured to Omaha to honor Brian's grandma at her memorial service. Tangier Shrine was part of our planned stops, as that is the place Shrine began for Brian, some 40 years ago. Grandpa Charlie was also a Shriner in Omaha.

Brian recalls numerous visits to the club with his Grandpa Charlie; playing pull tabs, and socializing with the wonderful men who devoted time to Tangier.

After the memorial service, Brian, his Father, and Brother stopped into the club to drop off Grandpa Charlie's fez. He fondly remembers that building and the people. The memories were abundant.

We truly are one big Family.

As part of the Shrine, we share something beyond our fundraisers and meetings. Far beyond the luncheons and parades. We share a Love for Children and a deep desire to do more in this world.

I just wanted to share HOW grateful we are to be a part of something so AMAZING.

Thank you all for being our "Ohana" and for showing up at the most perfect times.



Midwest Shrine Association 2024



Save the Date

ZOR Shriners and Midwest Shrine Assoc. Officers presented an outstanding MSA 2024 Winter Session in La Crosse on March 1st & 2nd. More than 250 nobles were in attendance to hear the many reports and information seminars that were presented. Early in the session, Zor's Past Potentate Gary J. Cuskey was elected Midwest Shrine Assoc. (MSA) President.

Zor Shriners are now on the clock to present a GREAT "MSA 2024 Summer Session" August 7th – 10th once again in La Crosse and the surrounding area. By the time you read this message it will be less than 5 months. 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.

Activities have been described in previous issues of the Zephyr. A Zor member and/or his Lady will be leading each of these activities. **Zor needs your HELP!!!** These team leaders need volunteers. We will need greeters at several hotels to welcome our guests and provide directions, attendant at registration, greeters at the different events to take admissions, attendants at the Oasis to provide assistance, parade set-up workers and intersection attendants, and yet to be determined workers for unknown. See Zor's MSA website <https://zorshriners.com/msa-2024> Click on a link to see who the leader of that activity is and contact them to volunteer or <https://forms.gle/iCoVLxUvtopc5def6> or contact Zor Nobles Joe Harker, Monte Steiber, or Todd Wohlert. We will also be reaching out to La Crosse area Lodges to request assistance from them.

On the Zor Website, under the heading of 'MSA 2024' there is an initial schedule of events, 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 any of those named above or Joe at jbh2010PGM@outlook.com

Thank you,

Gary Cuskey, PP
MSA President

Joe Harker, PGM
MSA 2024 Director General

ATTENTION ALL CLUBS AND UNITS

Since Zor is sponsoring the MSA this year, we will be making a Zor Zephyr Official Activities Guide for the Midwest Shrine Association Summer Session to give away to all out guests. This will be the same size and quality as our Zor Zephyr and approx. 16 – 20 pages.

We are looking for your support. For a donation, your Club or Unit will be listed in the magazine as a MSA supporter. If you would like to put an Ad in the magazine, please contact Wally Trouten, PP at 608-642-0276, and he will be able to assist you.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Midwest Shrine Association (MSA) ZOR MEMBER ATTENDANCE

Zor Shriners, for many years, has underwritten some of each unit member's expenses to attend and participate in the Midwest Shrine Association's Summer Session. The way these expenses were credited to the members was through a hotel room cost adjustment before the session and a refund to the member's unit following the session for those members who attended and participated.

This year a new online MSA registration system is being utilized. What that means is that each attending member must register online and then work through his unit leadership to obtain a hotel room reservation. Historically, Zor has refunded to the participating unit, half of the unit member's registration fee and a mileage allowance based upon the unit's home base. Again this was historically done following the session. This year we will be making this registration adjustment at the time the member registers. This will be done by placing a "Coupon Code" in the appropriate field near the end of the registration process.

To register go to: <https://zorshriners.com/msa-2024>

Coupon Code: ZORNOBLE24



We're fixin to have us a **HILLBILLY PARTY & DEGREE**

WHEN: Saturday, July 20, 2024

WHERE: TomAh mAsonic Lodge
520 EaSt Saratoga StReet, ToMaH, WI

TIME: 1 pm Will be GRuB and 2:00 pm for HillBilLy DEgRee

GRUB: 1/2 ChiCkeN, PulLeD PoRk & CoWboy Beans
EVERYONE IS ASKED TO BRING A DISH TO PASS

COST: \$10.00 pEr peRsoN

WHOM: OpEn to all ShriNers, their laDies and FamiliY memBers wisHing to beCoMe a HillBilLy AND Anyone wHo is alReaDY a meMber of the ClaN

EVENT ATTIRE: Hillbilly Get-Up

**COST FOR A LIFE-TIME MEMBERSHIP IS:
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SHRINERS CHILDREN'S - TWIN CITIES



Pictured are some of the ladies at Shriners Children's, Twin Cities that make the appointments and set up the transportation for patients so that everything goes smoothly.

Thank you ladies!

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Tailgate Party and Game

Sun June 2, 2024

American Family Field

Cost: \$50 includes Ticket
& Tailgate Party

Burgers 🍔 Brats 🌭 Beer 🍺 Soda 🥤 Sides
at the Tripoli Shrine Center 11-12:45pm

Loge Bleacher Seat
Section 205

Bus Transportation to the Game provided



Nobles, Families and Guests are invited to attend.

Sponsored by the Tripoli Red Fez Unit

Please call Patrick Jackson 414-467-3669

TICKETS



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tripolishrine.com



Jen (Schaefer) Vernig, Queen

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



Greetings Zor-Land.

It is an honor and pleasure to be the Queen elect of Daughters of the Nile, Antioch Temple 113 in Madison for the upcoming year.

Our now Past Queen Renae Boydston did an amazing job leading us this past year. She brings so much energy, enthusiasm, and brilliance, that she leaves very large shoes to fill. Having her to lean on and help guide me through this year is a comfort for my huge case of nerves.



I'm also very lucky and a bit unique in that I have a "Queen Mum". My mother, Past Queen Beth Schaefer, has been a member of Daughters of the Nile for a long time and served as Queen twice. Her support and knowledge will be key for me.



My twin sister Jamie and I have known Zor our whole lives, with our granddad, Harold Muenich, playing in the Eau Claire Drum Corps for as long as we can remember and our dad joining the Funsters when we were in junior high. Our grandma Muenich was always making some sort of craft for a Shrine bazaar. She would be blown away by the activities that now help raise money, NASCAR races, golf outings, and a float in the Rose Parade! With this Shrine's history, the mission of supporting Shriners Children's has always been an awareness. When I joined Daughters of the Nile 10 years ago, my level of understanding of what the Shrine support means to hospitals grew and was followed by a desire to be more active in fundraising for our amazing philanthropy.

As I take the lead of Antioch, I'm excited to partner with Ill. Sir Roger and 1st Lady Tammy on as many adventures as I can. I also hope to grow Daughter of the Nile to further our contributions and the awareness of our hospitals.

Happy spring and I hope to see many of you at Shrine events over the next year.

Queen Jenn (Schaefer) Vernig



1st Lady Tammy Keller, Queen Jen (Schaefer) Vernig, and Ill. Sir Roger Keller, Potentate

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

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May 2024 Birthdays

- May 1: Reginald G Hansen
- May 2: Williard H Reck; Richard A Rygh; Eric A Ott
- May 3: William J Mathe; Larry W Johnson; David G Peterson
- May 4: William E Boaman; Henry R Schultz; John C Torpy
- May 5: Larry M Johnson; Jeffrey C Goff
- May 6: Harold K Fowler; James L Esswein MD; James R Rausch
- May 7: Michael L Gentz; Mark D Jerdee PP
- May 8: Donn M West; Randy E Ellifson; Christopher I Armstrong
- May 9: Stuart K Graham; Roger L Keller
- May 10: James W Hines
- May 11: Thomas J Dunham
- May 12: Thomas J Wilson; Robert L Odell
- May 13: John E Gorder; Richard E Wilhelm; William F Ladue; Glenn M Sales Jr; Gene H Dodge
- May 14: Alan Hiatt
- May 15: Jarrett Mc Donald
- May 16: David A Acheson; Anthony J Bell
- May 17: David D Mahoney
- May 18: Larry D Nelson; Lawrence Crone; Kevin J Severson; Brad A Andrew; Brett M LeAnna
- May 19: Steven W Marshall; Randall C Webb; John LaRue
- May 20: James W Trowbridge; Ronald D Sempf; Timothy P Mott
- May 21: Stanley J Johnson; Allen T Trapp; David H Bartlett MD
- May 22: Thomas C Pearson; Lawrence P Wiegand; Daniel J Hagerty
- May 23: Jerald E Larsen; Gregory L O'Reilly; William Pickett Jr
- May 24: Donald L Preisler; Gary K Larson; Daniel T Stoppenbach; James M Kent; Keith Foulk
- May 25: Schelley K Schoville; John K Pecotte; Richard K Plouffe; Richard A Stoker; Douglas Henry
- May 26: William G Wenberg; Ronnie C Jaacks; Kenn A Beauchaine
- May 27: Ronald F Outhouse; Charles W Porter Jr
- May 28: John E Hoffman; Terrence A Rieck; Gary J Bergenske
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- May 30: Donald C Roldt; Nicholas G Baker; Donald K Mickelson
- May 31: Gerald R Watson; Kenneth Lokken; Robert L Rands; Martin D Leum

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WAUSAUKEN POTENTATE PARTY

By: Noble Brad Andrews

On April 13th, the Zor Shriners gathered for another eventful and exciting weekend. The Zor Potentate Party got underway at the Wausau Elks Lodge.

It all started Friday night at the "Great Dane" Restaurant. They must have known we were there before because they put all of us in the backroom. Maybe we were a little too loud on our past visits. All in all, we were there for a good time. The laughter and smiles filled each and everyone's hearts. The jokes and stories that filled the room that evening was "PRICELESS". It is amazing the LOVE we all have for each other! As we sat around and talked and had a wonderful dinner, a voice came over the crowd. "Can I have your attention"! Noble Brian Dunham, brought to our attention that someone had climbed to the top ranking of the NCAA Brackets (March Madness). The room got very still and quiet.

Brian said that this person was coming from the bottom of the pile, and at the last stretch of the run. Ran the numbers to rise to the top of the leadership board at a very short and fast pace. Who could it be?! Larry Hanson's name was called. The crowd went wild (maybe a little). Larry was asked to come up to the front of the crowd. Noble Dunham was making a few remarks about the points spread, when Larry arrived to the front. After a few words from Brian, Larry was presented with a wonderful trophy for his award. The crowd clapped and went wild. Ok, maybe not that wild. Larry was very happy and proud to get his trophy.

Ill. Sir Roger Keller, Potentate took the stand. Roger said a few words and asked Mike Kasten to come up to the front. Roger talked for a little and then pulled out a bag. Noble Kasten was to reach in a pull out whatever that was in it. The suspense was eating at us all. Mike reached into the bag and pulled out a BRIGHT PINK handbag. It was a traveling bag. Noble Kasten was to always carry this bag with him. He was to get as many signatures as possible from people that he talks to. He must also get as many things as possible in his bag that can fit. With all said, everything that is put in the bag MUST stay in the bag and always carried with him. Mike started getting signatures right away. Not sure if he had anything put in the bag. The night continued with food, drinks, and friendship. Not sure how long the evening lasted. All seemed to have a GREAT time!

As the evening went on, a few of us called it a night and retreated to the hotels that we were at.

Saturday morning came fast for some of us a little too early. A beautiful morning was coming our way. At 9:45am the Divan started their meeting. Karl Gant gave a nice prayer to start the days meeting off. Separate lunches were set for the ladies and men to enjoy. The afternoon activities started at 1:40pm.



WAUSAUKEN POTENTATE PARTY

We all celebrated 4 new members into the Family of Shrinedom! Nobles Raymond Brown, Jacob Strangfeld, Chris Williams and Tony Fondell. Welcome to the FAMILY!



A few speeches were made, and other announcements were made. Joe Harker had ties from 2020 Past Imperial Potentate Jim Smith, he was selling for \$10.00. A report on deaths for 2023 and present was made. Treasurer's report, and many activities coming up was discussed. Larry Hanson talked about a Gun Raffle. Twin Cities had a report too. Over 38,000,000 miles have been driven between the Twin Cities and Chicago. Recorder Bob Gorsuch, PP, gave a report on the sale of the old Shrine building.

Noble Joe Harker, PGM brought to the floor new business, Midwest MSA, updates and making it better for the up-and-coming year. New and more exciting things for all. We have 15 temples in the MSA. Zor is sponsoring this up and coming one in August. We need to show our STRENGTH and all be on board for this one! For a little fun, Ill. Sir Steve Peterson, PP, and Noble Kevin Sorenson had Ill. Sir Rodney LaBlanc, PP come to front. I'm not sure if he knew what was going on, but he was Crowned with a feather headdress and given the name 'Chief Rebel'. Ill. Sir Al Brueggen, PP, was also called up front and crowned with a feather headdress. He was branded 'Chief Little Man'! This was done by the Wausauken Shriners.

After all the fun we had during the day, dinner was ready to be served. Kevin Sorenson welcomed everyone in the room. Karl Gant gave the prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Fred Beyer PP of Beja Shrine was our dinner entertainment. He did a great job playing the electric piano. Table by table we all went up to enjoy a wonderful meal. Matt and Jasmine came up front and did a gender reveal! It is a GIRL!! We had a wonderful time being entertained by Ruth-Evelyn and Lyndzi, both patients of the Twin Cities. They did a fabulous job! Thank you ladies! There were heartfelt stories by our Patient Ambassador Gioia. She can deadlift 215

pounds and plays volleyball. Craig McGhee, the Market Administrator from Shriners Childrens Chicago, was next to our speaker podium. We all enjoy hearing how all our volunteering helps the patients. As time went on, Potentate Roger Keller and 1st Lady Tammy were called to the front of the room, and each received a gift from Ill. Sir Steve Peterson and Lady Mary Ellen. Door prizes, one of the last events of the night, was held, and everyone was looking forward to it. Ill. Sir Roger got teased about how he was going to have to eat a carrot sooner than he thinks. If you are wondering, ask Lady Tammy what that is all about and how you can help her get Ill. Sir Roger to eat a carrot.

After our gathering some people returned to the hotel to enjoy the hospitality room. Others retired to their rooms early after a long enjoyable day.

Safe travels, until we meet again.

Chicago Hospital Connection



‘Luke Can Do It All’

Lucas was just 3 when he was diagnosed with quadriplegic dystonic cerebral palsy. He became a patient in 2018 when his physician, Sue Mukherjee, M.D., moved to Shriners Children’s pediatric rehabilitation.

“Right after the first appointment, I knew we were in good hands. Everyone at Shriners Children’s really listens to you. You are not in a rush and you feel heard and cared for,” said his mom, Lisa.

The 14 year old’s type of cerebral palsy limits his ability to move his arms and legs like a typical kid. But this does not stop Luke from his true passion, which is sports. He is on the cross-country, baseball, and soccer teams at school. He also manages a travel sports team.

He has received therapy at the hospital, and braces from the in-house pediatric orthotic and prosthetic team, to help him live as independently as possible and enjoy golfing.

Despite some difficulties, such as not being able to write on his own, Lucas is the embodiment of putting his mind to something and achieving his goals.

The family recently said they learned Shriners is in his roots. Luke’s great grandfather was the first chief of staff at Shriners Children’s Salt Lake City.



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2024 Camp and Event Schedule

At Shriners Children's Twin Cities, our care extends far beyond the physical walls. We provide camp opportunities for current patients at no cost to their families. Email invitations regarding camps and registration are sent prior to each camp. (Make sure that your email is up to date in your chart so that you receive this important information).

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)



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ST. CROIX VALLEY ST PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

By Noble Merl Steffen

Club members and their ladies met at Junior's Restaurant and Tap House in River Falls on March 15th for a Saint Patrick's Day party. Those in attendance enjoyed a delicious family-style meal.

Before our meeting, Roger Keller led a Cold Sands ceremony for our newest Zor Shiner, Noble Mike Bro. Hitting the ground running, Mike later volunteered to be the onion sales contact for the Clear Lake area, thanks, Mike.

Tyler Behr hosted the Saint Croix Valley Shrine Club meeting which included a presentation from Audrey Haugen, Certified Child Life Specialist (CCLS) from Shriners Children's Twin Cities (Woodbury) Shriner Clinic. Audrey informed the group of the need to provide treatment based on a holistic health perspective. She explained that patient experiences (procedures, exams, diagnosis, etc.) may cause unintended stress and trauma to the patient or their family. Alleviating these stressors can allow patients to recover both mind and body faster.

It was a great evening for brotherhood with the nobles and their wives and to learn more about wonderful things occurring through Shriner care.



*Audrey Haugen, MS, CCLS, CPST
from Shriners Children's Twin Cities*



*Front row L – R; Tyler Behr, Tom White, Mike Bro, Chad Fonseca, and Illustrious Sir Roger Keller
Back row L – R; Mark Mayry, Warren Lynch, Merl Steffen, Ed Swenson, Bob Hering,
Jim Wolfe, Jack Thomas, and Larry Nelson*

ZOR PATIENT AMBASSADOR



By Gioia Schutte

Hello Shriners!! I have been keeping active and busy since it is the end of one sports season and the beginning of another. I was also present at the Shriners Ladies luncheon and Potentate dinner on April 13.

As I mentioned in my last letter, I went to a sitting volleyball camp, a weightlifting competition, Sioux Falls for a volleyball tournament, and South Dakota for spring break.

The weightlifting competition was amazing! If any of you heard at the Potentate dinner, I maxed out on squat with a grand total of 215lbs! My overall weight was 395lbs and I placed 4th overall.

The sitting volleyball camp was definitely different and unique, but it wasn't my thing, even though meeting other people was awesome! Our layover flight ended up getting delayed on the way home because of how hard the snow was coming down. My mom and I got home at 3:00 am and I basically woke up a few hours later, did my laundry, packed, and left for my spring break trip.

My family and I went on a very long road trip. We first drove to my grandparents to stay the night there since they are closer to the South Dakota border to wait out the worst of the night snowstorms. The next day we drove to Deadwood, which was a ten-hour drive. We stayed there for a few nights and visited Devils Tower, did a few little hikes, and visited the small-town part of Deadwood while we were there. We then drove to visit Mount Rushmore and stayed at a hotel near there.

On our way home, we stopped at this place called Wall Drug Store. It was a place where you could sit down, and eat lunch, and had lots of souvenir stores! After that, we drove to my Grandparent's house to spend Easter with them, cousins, aunts, and uncles.

I had school off on Easter Monday, so my first week back at school, we had four complete days of school. Spring break was a great break from school, but it was so hard to go back and get homework. It was really nice to see my friends and boyfriend again after not seeing them for a long time since I had to skip a day of school for my sitting volleyball camp.

Saturday after spring break, I had to go back to Sioux Falls for a volleyball tournament. The tournament was a fun time, I played the best I have all season! I had fun with my club team, they are definitely a great team to travel around and play with, even if we don't do well. The tournament lasted until late on Sunday, so I didn't get home till around 9:00 pm. My bestie and I even ended up stopping at the same gas station and saw each other, which was pretty funny.

I had a busy first week back at school, we had our first track meet on April 9th, and we have more upcoming. Not only is April busy for sports, but it is also my birthday month! I hope to get together with some people and have fun with them since we haven't had much time to hang out with sports and school being so busy.

That's all for this month, I'll be back in June for more updates!

CUTEST LITTLE READER

Here is a very cute candid shoot of Elaine Randall, daughter of Noble Nathan Randall, proving that Zor Zephyr readers come in all ages and sizes.



ZOR FUNDRAISING NOTICE - 2024

DE MINIMIS DONATIONS OF FRATERNAL FUNDS

It is permissible for a Temple or Club, with the approval of the Potentate, to make a deminimis donation of fraternal funds to a charity or community organization other than Shriners Hospitals for Children or Shriners International Education Foundation. A donation is "de minimis" if it and all other such donations from that Temple or Club do not annually exceed \$1,000.00. (U.S.D.)

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Strict attention must be given to all fundraising activities, including but not limited to circuses, gaming, bingo and raffles, to make certain that such activities are authorized and comply with the law of the land. In addition, because it is natural to associate the fez with Shriners Hospitals for Children it is essential that a contributor is not led to believe that his money will be used for the Hospitals when all or a portion thereof will be used otherwise. Advertising for all fundraisers must clearly indicate the entity for whom the funds are being raised. The integrity of our charity and of our fraternity must remain above reproach.

Your specific attention is called to the following fraternal and charitable bylaws:

§335.3 Use of Name "Shriners Hospitals For Children." The use of the name "Shriners Hospitals for Children" or reference to the Hospitals in connection with any fundraising activity by a temple or Noble without the written consent of the Imperial Potentate and the chairman of the board of trustees of the Hospitals is prohibited.

§503.11 Commercial Use of Name. The use of the name "Shriners Hospitals for Children" or reference to the hospitals in connection with any commercial product or business enterprise is prohibited unless the written consent of the boards of directors and trustees has been first obtained.

Now, therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Fundraising for Fraternal Purposes:

- (a) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner). club. unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations, shall engage in any fundraising activity without the express written consent of the Potentate of the temple having jurisdiction thereof.
- (b) There can be no representation. express or implied, that the proceeds will be for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children.
- (c) The temple Potentate shall carefully examine all phases of the advertising, promotion and solicitation to determine that it complies with §335.3 and §503.11 of the fraternal and charitable bylaws and that there is no representation, expressed or implied, that would lead a reasonably prudent person to believe that the proceeds will be for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children. If the Potentate is in doubt, he must receive the opinion of the Imperial Potentate who, after consultation with the Director of Temple Accounting, shall make the final determination.
- (d) The temple Potentate must approve the terms and provisions of any contract for a fundraising activity after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, and, additionally, as may be required by the temple bylaws.
- (e) A copy of the temple Potentate's written consent shall be sent to the Director of Temple Accounting, Shriners International. Further. such written material pertaining to the fundraising activity. as requested by the Director of Temple Accounting, Shriners International, shall be promptly sent to him.

2. Fundraising for Charitable Purposes:

- (a) No Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner), club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations shall engage in any charitable fundraising activity other than for Shriners Hospitals for Children. A request to fundraise for Shriners Hospitals for Children is now initiated through a module in WebFez. The temple recorder and/or designated staff are required to take online training to gain access to the module. See updated Charitable Fundraising - Approval and Reporting on page 44 of this publication. Permission therefor must be first obtained in writing or via electronic authorization from the temple Potentate. The temple Potentate must then obtain written permission from the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees. This request for written permission shall be sent to templeaccounting@shrinenet.org. *No charitable fundraising activity shall be held in the jurisdiction of another temple without the written permission of the Potentate of that temple.*
 - (i) A joint charitable fundraising activity with another 501 (c)(3) charity maybe authorized, provided that a minimum of 50% of the net proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children, and the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees determine. on a case by case basis. that it is in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children and they grant their written permission for the activity.
 - (ii) A charitable fundraising activity conducted by a temple located outside of the U.S.A. may be authorized for other charities, provided that the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees determine. on a case by case basis, that it is in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children and they grant their written permission for the activity.
- (b) All Shrine temples and their units, Shrine clubs, Shrine Associations and their units and Imperial Sessions of Shriners International are prohibited from engaging telemarketing firms and direct mail firms to assist with fundraising for Shriners Hospitals for Children. No new contracts are permitted without first obtaining written permission from the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees.
- (c) 100% of net proceeds (as defined in the Charitable Fundraising-Approval And Reporting provisions of this General Order) from charitable fundraising must be given to Shriners Hospitals for Children except for such portion thereof as may be permitted to be retained for the temple Shrine Hospital Patient Transportation Fund, pursuant to the Special

FUNDRAISING NOTICE CONT.

Purpose Funds provisions of any General Order. Provided, however, if the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees determine for good cause shown, that the law of the land requires that a portion of the net proceeds must be distributed locally, then they may, if they determine it to be in the best interest of Shriners Hospitals for Children, grant their written permission for such distribution. The remaining net proceeds from charitable fundraising must be given to Shriners Hospitals for Children and may not be designated or restricted in any way other than for research at one or all of our hospitals.

- (d) The temple shall report the result of each charitable fund raising activity within sixty days of the activity, pursuant to the Charitable Fundraising-Approval And Reporting provisions of any General Order.
- (e) This section shall not apply to activities exempt under §335.4(b) of the bylaws of Shriners International.
- (f) Each independent corporation or entity that receives the permission of the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees to raise moneys for Shriners Hospitals for Children, and which does not have its financial statements reviewed pursuant to §§334.6 & 337.8 of the bylaws of Shriners International, shall have its financial statements audited by a certified, chartered or licensed public accountant and shall submit such audit report to Shriners International within 120 days of the activity.

3. **Statement of Purpose and Disclosure:**

(a) Every fundraising activity must contain factual information on its solicitation material, tickets, programs and documents, including all electronically transmitted material, regarding the use of the proceeds.

Examples: "Proceeds are for the benefit of (Shriners) (Shrine club) activities."

"Proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children,"

(b) Every fundraising activity which is not entirely for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children shall prominently state on all solicitation material, including tickets, programs, documents and electronically transmitted material, that "payments are not deductible as charitable contributions."

(c) There must be compliance with the Revenue Act of 1987 provision of any general order by U.S. temples.

4. **Compliance with Applicable Laws:** It is the responsibility of the temple Potentate, after receiving the advice of the temple attorney, to determine that there is compliance with all applicable laws in its jurisdiction for the temple's fundraising activities.

5. **Financial Records:**

(a) The temple shall maintain detailed financial records pertaining to all fundraising activities involving Nobles, clubs, units, organizations of Nobles and affiliated and appendant corporations. Details of all revenues and expenditures shall be maintained in such financial records.

(b) The temple must retain such detailed financial records for a period of seven (7) years.

(c) There must be compliance with Financial Reporting on Charitable Funds and Activities provision of any General Order.

6. **Notification to Nobility:** A copy of the Fundraising Activities provisions of this General Order shall be printed in the temple publication at least once every calendar year. If there is no temple publication, then a copy shall be sent to each Noble in the temple not later than the last day in March of each calendar year.

7. **Prior Permission:** Every Noble (in his capacity as a Shriner). club, unit, temple. organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant corporations is prohibited from entering into any telemarketing agreement or contract to raise money for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children without first obtaining written permission from the chairmen of the boards of directors and trustees. This request for written permission shall be sent to the Executive Vice President. Shriners International. P. O. Box 31_356, Tampa. Florida 33631-3356.

8. **Discipline:** Any officer, Noble or temple which violates a provision of Fundraising Activities is subject to discipline pursuant to the bylaws of Shriners International.

9. **Shriners International Education Foundation:** Notwithstanding the previous provisions of FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES stated above. Nobles may contribute. encourage other Nobles to contribute and engage in charitable fundraising activities directly to Nobles and their families for the benefit of the Shriners International Education Foundation.

SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDS

In as much as Shriners Hospitals for Children are the primary charitable concern of the Order. it is necessary that Shriners International exert every effort to ensure that Shriners Hospitals for Children are financially stable and have adequate funding for operational needs. The reports of the Special Purpose Funds Committee have indicated to the Imperial Potentate and the board of directors that some temples. either directly or through Special Purpose Funds, have accumulated charitable funds and assets that are in excess of amounts reasonably needed for transportation of patients and could be better utilized for our orthopaedic and burns hospitals if they were administered together with other endowment funds and accounts of Shriners Hospitals for Children. Now, therefore, by virtue of the authority in me vested by §206.5(a)(4) of the bylaws of Shriners International, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. **Sole Charity.** Neither the temples and their Shrine clubs. their units, nor their membership shall solicit charitable gifts or bequests for any purpose, organizations, or charities other than Shriners Hospitals for Children. except as may be allowed by §335.4(b) of the bylaws of Shriners International and the provisions of paragraphs 2(a)(l) and 9 of FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES herein.

2. **Restricted Fund.** A temple shall maintain a separate bank account or accounts.



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Submitted by: Brenda Gaulke

What is the Order of Eastern Star?

Here's a look at who we are!

Each year in April we have an Announcement Party, this is where and when the members find out who the new Grand Family will be, or shall I say the Appointed ten. Our Annual Convention takes place on the 3rd Tuesday of May and will run through Thursday. We hold our convention in Stevens Point, WI at the Holiday Inn, and Convention Center.

A New Family will be announced on April 20th and installed on May 23rd. See you soon!



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WAUSAKEN SHRINERS



Wausaken Shriners club president Stephen Britton presents Lt. Mike Rebman of the Riverside Fire District in Rothschild, WI with Shriners children's burn prevention materials. The storybooks present burn prevention messages in an age-appropriate manner for younger and older children and will help the district in its community education mission.

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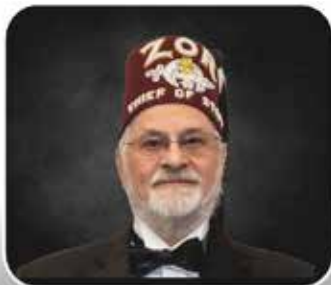
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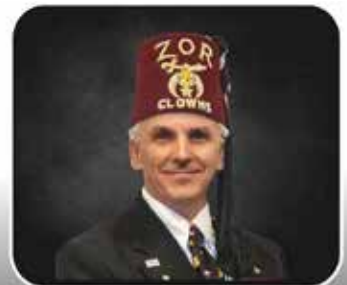
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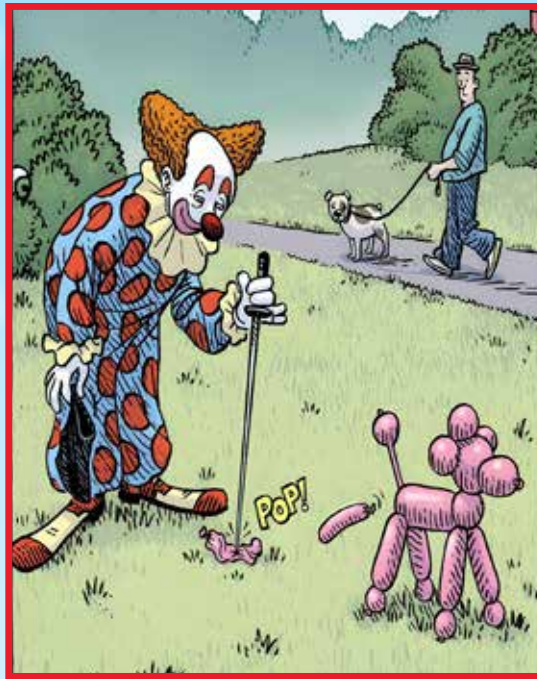
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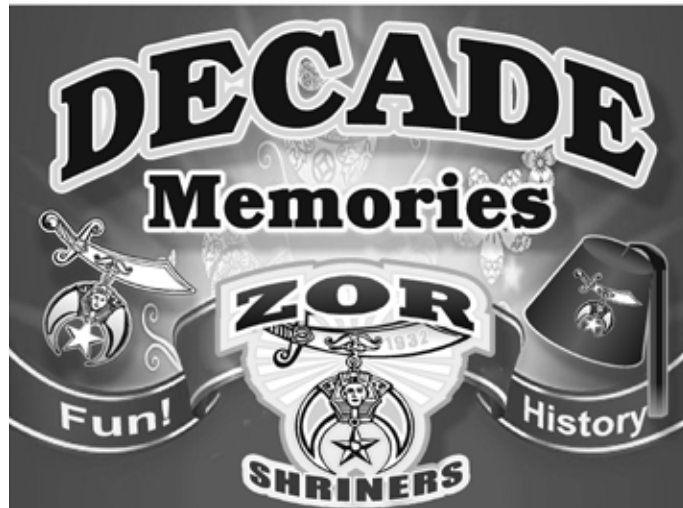
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