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*Zephyr*



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**MSA 2024**



From the desk of  
*Illustrious Sir*  
**ROGER KELLER**



Hello Nobles and Ladies,

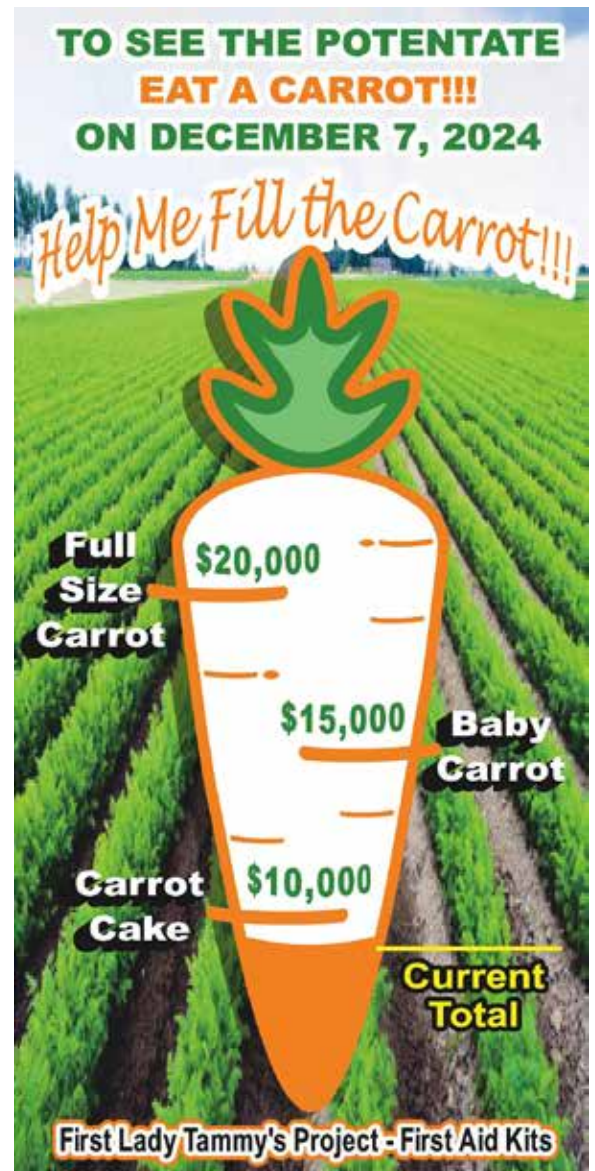
MSA 2024 was a huge success! Tammy and I want to say thank you to everyone who was there and jumped in and helped where needed. Without each and every one of you working behind the scenes Zor would not have been able to pull off this enormous endeavor.

The Grillin' and Chillin' event on September 28th is our way to say thank you to everyone for working so hard planning and pulling together to make MSA the fun event that it was. This event is for ALL Nobles, Ladies and kids in Zorland. Details are in the Zephyr for hotel and dinner reservations. This dinner will be FREE to all who attend!

Don't forget to get out and sell the gun raffle tickets. If you need more contact Larry Hanson PP, he is always ready to hand out more raffle tickets. The Sportsman's Raffle and Banquet is Sept 14, at Milford Hills in Johnson Creek, please see the Zephyr for details.

The Hayward Musky Shrine Club is sponsoring an ATV/UTV ride that is always fun, the trails are beautiful. If you have an ATV/UTV consider joining them for the poker run on Sept 14. These details are also in the Zephyr.

Til next month,  
**CARROT ON!**





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Zor Assistant Rabban Steve Livernash chauffeuring our 2020-2021 Imperial Potentate Jim Smith during the MSA Onalaska parade. Inspired by Jim's slogan, "Let's Get Back to Fun & Fellowship," Steve designed an interactive 1872 Steampunk-themed rail carriage.



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AMBASSADOR**  
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SHRINE UNIT**  
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2025 dues are now due. By now you should have received notice of this. After you pay, you will receive a personalized postcard attesting that you are a member in good standing. You can then choose the option that is most convenient for you, either digitally by downloading the MyFezCard Viewer to your mobile device to display your digital membership card, or by presenting your gold-colored membership hard card – either of which has a QR Code that the Temple can scan. Dues stickers will not be mailed. The Temple Office will have a limited number of stickers if exceptions rise. But again, we will only have a few. This will be the final year that stickers will be provided. Going forward, a Noble's dues status should be determined by the Temple exclusively by using the QR Code.

We still have 87 Zor Nobles who have not paid their 2024 dues. They will be dropped from membership if not paid by 12/31/24. If hardship has fallen on a Noble, please notify a member of the Divan or me. Remember, if your 2025 dues are not paid by 12/31/24, you are not entitled to vote on any Zor matters in 2025 until they are paid.

**SECURITY ITEM: Protect yourself from Phishing:**

- Do not answer the phone if you don't recognize the number and let it go to voicemail. Most ID's can be faked.
- Do not respond to any questions if you pick up a call and think it's Vishing. Instead, hang up and block the number.
- Never provide personal information that you wouldn't give a stranger.

## MSA 2024: HUGE THANK YOU!

I would like to thank all ZOR Shriners for their hard work and commitment to the MSA 2024 Summer Session. Also, a special 'Thank You' to my Lady Judy for all her help and support over the past several years, especially as it relates to this event. The efforts and organization of our Director General, Joe Harker, PGM, was key to making everything run very smoothly. Also, the efforts of our Deputy Director General, Monte Steiber, PP, was key in making the fine details as well as many other things, work flawlessly, and Assistant Deputy Director General Todd Wohlert was instrumental in setting up parade routes and local venues and local promotion. Overall, the session ended up being a huge success with many compliments received from attendees for such good organization, communications, food quality, and plenty of activities for 'MSA goers. All of this would never have happened without the tremendous efforts made by the chairpersons of all committees as well as all the committee members, and other members at large. I couldn't be prouder to be a small part of such a great organization and this wonderful event which has, (in my opinion), set Zor Shriners apart as a shining example in all Shrinedom. As we move forward let us all remember that when we pull together and work together setting high standards, we certainly can achieve anything that we sincerely set out to accomplish.

Again, Brothers and Sisters, THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart for all your efforts and for letting me represent Zor Shriners as one of the MSA Officers over the past five (5) years. It has certainly been a great challenge and a wonderful privilege.

Gary Cuskey, PP, Pres. Midwest Shrine Association

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## Zephyr Reminder!

Be sure to email your stories by **Tuesday, September 10, 2024** for the Zephyr October 2024 issue.



# SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

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**Mon – Sep 2nd**

Tin Lizzies Ridgeland Parade - Leave bldg. - 11:00 am - Parade Starts - 1:00 pm - Ridgeland, WI

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**Sat – Sep 7th**

- Fall Picnic - Starts at Noon - N3795 Co Rd F, Montello, WI
- Tin Lizzies Colfax Parade - Leave bldg. - 10:30 am - Parade starts - 12:00 pm - Colfax, WI

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**Sun – Sep 8th**

Mini-Cars Mazomanie Parade - 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM - Mazomanie, WI

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**Sat – Sep 14th**

- Hayward Musky Patrol UTV Ride - 9:00 am Ride - 4:00 pm Dinner  
Wolf Point Bar & Grill, 4186 Co Hwy F, Springbrook, WI
- Sportsman's Banquet - Gun Raffle Drawing - 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Milford Hills, W5670 French Rd, Johnson Creek, WI

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**Sun – Sep 15th**

- Funsters Wisconsin Dells Parade - Leave funeral home - 10:00 am - Parade starts - 1:30 pm  
Wisconsin Dells, WI
- Tin Lizzies Blair Parade - Leave bldg. - 10:45 am - Parade starts - 1:00 pm - Blair, WI
- Mini-Cars Jefferson Parade - 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM - Jefferson, WI
- Mavericks WI Dells Parade - 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM - Wisconsin Dells, WI
- Lakeland S.C. Ladies Night - 4:00 PM - 7:30 PM  
Maple Tree Supper Club, 6010 US-51, McFarland, WI

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**Wed – Sep 25th**

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

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**Fri – Sun – Sep 27th - 29th**

Zor Appreciation Event 'Chillin & Grillin'

Saturday - Sept. 28th - Social - 5:00 pm - Dinner - 6:00 pm - Dancing - 7:00 pm

Stoney Creek Hotel La Crosse - Onalaska, 3060 S Kinney Coulee Rd, Onalaska, WI

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**Sun – Sep 29th**

Mini-Cars McFarland Parade - 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM - McFarland, WI

## OCTOBER CALENDAR

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**Wed – Oct 2nd**

St. Croix S.C. Falcon Football Team Dinner  
River Falls American Legion, 701 N Main St, River Falls, WI

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**Fri – Oct 4th**

St. Croix S.C. Potentate Dinner - Social - 6:00 pm - Dinner - 7:00 pm  
River Falls Golf Club & Events, 2120 E Division St, River Falls, WI

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**Sat – Oct 5th**

- UW River Falls Home Coming Parade - 8:00 am  
Meet up - 9:00 am - Line up - 10:00 am - Step off  
1:00 pm Kick off River Falls American Legion  
701 N Main St, River Falls, WI
- Road Runners - River Falls Homecoming Parade  
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM – River Falls, WI







# Grillin & Chillin

with the best team!

Illustrious Sir Roger and Lady Tammy  
wish to Thank everyone for their assistance and support in 2024.

Join us on September 28, 2024



Social at 5:00 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm,  
Dancing at 7:00pm

STONEY CREEK HOTEL  
3060 S Kinney Coulee Rd,  
Onalaska, WI



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## SAINT CROIX VALLEY SHRINE CLUB

# *2024 Potentate's Party*

## AND LITTLE EAST-WEST SHRINE GAME

*Friday, October 4, 2024*

6:00pm Social Hour and Hors d'Oeuvres  
7:00 pm Dinner

*River Falls Golf Club*

2120 E Division St, River Falls, WI 54022

*Choice of: Beef Brisket or Champagne Chicken*

Served with Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes and Green Bean Almondine

*\$40 Per Person*

RSVP to: Tyler Behr (call or text) 612-581-4667 or email: [badbehr@hotmail.com](mailto:badbehr@hotmail.com)  
(Please specify dinner choice)



# MIDWEST SHRINE MOTORCORPS ASSOC.

The Midwest Shrine MotorCorps Association (MSMCA) held its competition the First Free Church in Onalaska during our Summer MSA Session. Hosting at the church turned out to be a GREAT decision. The parking lots were large enough, and level! The large multi-purpose room worked great for our meetings and awards banquet. It was all around a great facility!

Thursday morning started with the setup of competition fields. We were thankful to have 40+ people show up to volunteer with setup. The setup went smoothly and we were done in about 2 hours. Many hands make light work. Thank you to those who helped.

After set-up, 16 members from MSMCA, representing 7 different temples joined us on a scenic motorcycle ride along the Mississippi River, where we traveled to Fountain City and stopped for lunch at The Golden Frog Saloon. Our return trip to LaCrosse found us on the Minnesota side of the Mighty Mississippi, enjoying great views, good times, fun, and fellowship. We ended our ride in Onalaska at First Free Church for the Captains Meeting and Judges Meeting. Thursday night found more fun and fellowship as we participated in the parade and enjoyed the oasis in Onalaska.

Friday morning found us rolling into the church parking lot at 6:30 am to finish setting up competition fields and the inspection area. We had a slight rain delay, but the rest of the morning went off without a hitch and competitions continued as scheduled. We had a lot of great help with judges, timekeepers, and event scorers. 13 different units were competing in various drill field and obstacle course exercises, and the Diva Derby had 12 ladies competing for the title of 1st place. Kessa LaBlanc brought home 1st place for the 3rd year in a row and Lexie LaBlanc brought home 2nd place. MotorCorps competitions were all done and all equipment was picked up and packed away by 11 am.

Friday afternoon festivities started at 2:30 pm when we hosted our awards banquet and installation of officers at First Free Church.



Friday



Thursday Motorcycle Fun Ride



7 Shrine Temples Represented





# MIDWEST SHRINE MOTORCORPS ASSOC.



Thank you Past Imperial Potentate Jim Smith and Imperial Captain of the Guard David Hamm for conducting the installation of officers for the ensuing year. We had a delicious meal catered by Black Tie Catering out of LaCrosse with 95 people in attendance! After lunch came the good part – trophy presentations to the winning teams and units. Congratulations to all who competed and walked away with some hardware!

A special thank you to PGM Scott Pedley and PP Mark Jerdee for serving as our judges for inspections. A special thank you to PP Mark Jerdee for providing 24-hour security for all trailers and motorized units that were parked at the church for the duration of MSA. Thank you to the ZOR Mavericks for continuous participation in MSMCA competitions for 30+ years.



*Fun & Fellowship*





# MIDWEST SHRINE MOTORCORPS CONT.



MSMCA Banquet!



Friday



One final THANK YOU to my family for all of the support and help over the last 5 years as we prepared for this big event. Without them, this would not have been possible.

For additional MSMCA pictures, please visit our MSMCA Website or our MSMCA Facebook.

In Memory of Ryan Colligan, Rochester Cycle Corp.

Keep Scootin'!

Past MSMCA President

Rodney LaBlanc

# ZOR HONORED LADIES LUNCHEON

## You Are Invited!

***It's the Bee's Knee's here in Zor Land!***

Honoring our Widows with a Luncheon on

***Tuesday, October 22nd, 2024.***

Come join our Potentate Roger Keller and his lady Tammy  
at the Honored Ladies Luncheon held at

Rex's Innkeeper Supper Club 301 N. Century Ave. Waunakee, WI 53597

All Honored Ladies are guests of Zor. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Social Hour at 11 am and the luncheon at 12 pm

The luncheon is family style with Baked Chicken, Ham, Au gratin Potatoes, Corn, Fruit, Rolls,  
and Dessert along with Milk and or Coffee all at the cost of \$30.00 per person.

***We will learn all about Our Friends the Honeybees from the Founding President  
of the Dane County Beekeepers Association, Jeanne Hansen.***

Reservations and payment are due NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 7TH, 2024.

**NO MONEY WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE LUNCHEON.**

Please send coupon below to Debbi Thorstad

7318 Longmeadow Rd. Madison, WI 53717 Any questions call Debbi at 608-444-3481

## Honored Ladies Luncheon

***Tuesday, October 22nd, 2024***

Rex's Innkeeper Supper Club in Waunakee

Social Hour 11:00 am Luncheon 12:00 pm

Name of Honored Lady and/or Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_ total

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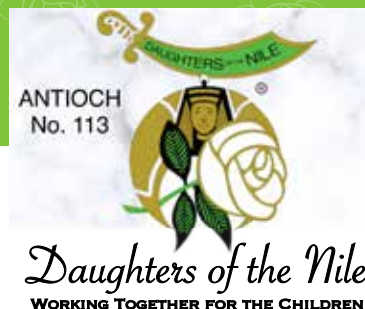
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*Jen (Schaefer) Vernig, Queen*

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



# DAUGHTERS *of the* NILE

I'm writing on the heels of MSA in LaCrosse.

Congratulations to our Illustrious Sir Roger Keller, Potentate and 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Tammy, what a great celebration for hundreds of Shriners from the MidWest Shrine Association!

Two parades were filled with music, horses, motorcycles and mini cars of many sizes and colors and of course the clowns!

Illustrious Sir Roger was kind enough to include me in the Thursday

evening parade! It was so fun and such an honor to be included!

Antioch was allowed a spot in the marketplace for a Daughters of the Nile (DON) cookie walk, special edition. We sold SO many cookies! Thank you to all who enjoyed a home baked treat from our ladies. This was a great fundraising opportunity and a chance for us to be out talking about the Nile. This was just one of many events Sir Roger and First Lady Tammy have included the DON in over the summer!



My right hand "man", Past Queen Renae Boydston, made a sign for our parade appearances that says Shriners and DON, working together for the children. Well said! We all work for the same cause, Shriners Children's! Seems like a great slogan to grab on to for both Shriners and Daughters of the Nile.

Having fun together, raising awareness as well as funds for our Shriners Children seems like a win-win for all of us. And who knows, there may be potential new members out there on a parade route, at a picnic or a cookie sale that will want to join us after seeing us out there having fun.

Although the end of summer is quickly approaching, there are a lot of events still to enjoy with more parades and picnics and our Antioch golf outing on September 15th. See poster with QR code for sign up.

Antioch hosted our Supreme Queen August 17th. It's exciting (and a bit nerve racking) to share her company. We will have a ceremonial to initiate a new member during her visit. We're so excited to have a new member to add ideas for fellowship and enthusiasm for supporting our hospitals.

We look forward to more laughter and fun with all of you as we support our kids!

Nile Love,

*Queen Jenn (Schaefer) Vernig*



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



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## September 2024 Birthdays

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- Sept 4: Ryan L Rands
- Sept 5: Ronald H Wirth; Harold A Smith
- Sept 6: Steven A Larson; David R Wright; James F Burke; Timothy R Gould; Ronald R Jenkins
- Sept 7: Gerald W Schroeder; Derek Henze
- Sept 8: Glen A Boeck; Joseph M Fisher; Michael K Karas; Benjamin W Schulte
- Sept 9: Austin D Tronnes
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- Sept 13: Kevin Gruber
- Sept 14: James L Szydel; William F Swannack; D Peter M Hulke; Steven M Uphoff
- Sept 15: Michael L Hunter; Lance R Severson
- Sept 16: Harry C Gordee; William C Glass; James H Karlson
- Sept 17: Phillip P Anderson; Bruce A Harvey; Richard Knechtel; Ray Gustafson
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# MIDWEST SHRINE ASSOCIATION

By: Noble Brad Andrews

Can you hear it? Can you really hear it? If not, there is something wrong! It's the sound of all ZOR People that came to the MidWest Shrine Association (MSA) 2024 that ZOR sponsored. HIP, HIP, HOORAY. HIP, HIP, HOORAY. HIP, HIP, HOORAY. Noble Steve Livernash, the Master of the CHEER, did a wonderful job at stirring up the group during events.

It all started on Monday at 6:10pm on Channel 1, when our Zor Potentate, Ill Sir Roger Keller did an interview about what was about to happen and what Zor was all about. A cool and collective Ill. Sir Roger did a wonderful job on TV.

A lot of work went on before this event even started. On Tuesday, there was a group of people who arrived and stuffed gift bags for most of the day. Thanks to all that helped, Mary, Jill, Tammy, Joe, Brian and several others all did a super job! A total of 16 people were on hand to help. Around 2:00 pm a few people gathered in the lobby to take a walk through the La Crosse Center to see where the events were taking place. After the walk, we went back and finished filling the gift bags. We all deserved a small break after that. Finally, 5:00 pm was here and we all met back in the hospitality room, where we spent most of the day in, for some pizza. Noble Brian Dunham gave us a small informational talk on how our new registration system was going to work to save us all time checking people into the many activities schedule for the week. Most of the work was going to be done by our phones. Just a touch on a button to get all the info you needed. What would we do without our phones now days? A note on how many people signed up for the week, 750+ people, and out of that 170 were from ZOR.

At the end of all the information that was given out, Steve Livernash gave a HIP, HIP, HOORAY to start off everything this week. Randy Webb, our master bar person, was offering Happy Hour to those who stayed around and talked. Along the way, somehow ice cream came along too. That surely was the best of the evening! The night slowly came to an end, and we all called it a night. Sleep well all!

The fog hanging over the river and a calm wind started the new day on Wednesday and more people started pulling into the parking lot to start the fun activities. Signs were being put up; floor decals were being laid down. The dollies were full of boxes and suitcases coming through the front door. The vendors were starting to bring their goods in to set up for the week. Every morning that came, the smell of coffee would awaken the inner child in all of us to get the day started. It was truly going to be a beautiful day for us all. Things were starting to gear up. The lobby was filling up with people. Our two beautiful ladies, Dawn Malcolm and Kelly Smithburg, were at the front door setting up for the Poker Run. Diane Amundson headed up the registration table for Zor. Andrea Fonseca and Susan Kastens were the official greeters at the







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Radisson Hotel. The day stayed busy as more vendors came in. We had several ZOR members ready and willing to help unload cars as needed. We would load up carts and take their goods to where they needed to be. After a while, it was finally time to close everything down.

The WELCOME DINNER PARTY was about to begin. Over in the La Crosse Center we all started to file in. While everyone was waiting for the doors to open, Gary Cuskey, PP, MSA President, gave an interview out in the hallway on why we are here and about the Shrine itself. This was broadcast on Channel 8, La Crosse. There was a photo booth in the lobby for couples or whoever wanted a picture taken. As many were waiting for the doors to open for dinner area. At 6:25pm, a voice came over the crowd, "Let's start going in" the smell of food filled the air. When all were seated, our wonderful Chaplain Karl Gant gave a prayer for the opening dinner. Noble Brian Dunham, Chief Rabban, was our host, came up to the podium and made a few remarks and released tables for dinner.

When dinner came to an end, Brian introduced his lovely Lady Linda and Ill. Sir Roger Keller, Potentate, and his lovely wife Tammy. The MSA Patient Ambassador, Gioia Schutte was introduced. She is a weightlifting enthusiast and a role model for all. Special thanks went out to Joe Harker, Monte Steiber and Todd Wohlert. Other speakers and announcements of long-term members of 50 years and more.

Up next was Randy Riggle to entertain the crowd. Randy is a fellow Shriner and has performed on all national networks and a vast variety of venues. The night finally ended for most.

A beautiful and cool day blessed us for Thursday. I had to take a walk over to the Hampton Hotel to see a picture that Emma made up behind the front counter. When I ask her about the picture and why she did it, her response was, "I looked up on the Zor website and saw pictures." She thought it would be a great thing to honor us.

Morning had a few important people among us. Lonnie Albers V.S.P., Bill Thompson Passed Commander, Dan Winter, Senior Director of Chicago area, Tereasa Barlow, Stewardship coordinator of the Twin Cities. Throughout the day many events took place. Brian Dunham, just returned from a wonderful round of golf. No golf balls were lost, none ended up in the pond, and not once did he have to yell "FORE"! To that point he played a wonderful round of golf. At the other part of the road, the axe throwing competition was going on, Ill. Sir Roger and Patient Ambassador Gioia, were battling it out to win. At the end, victory would be hers.

As different things proceeded throughout the day, Ill. Sir Roger gave another interview on Channel 19. He mentioned what was coming up for the week and why we were here doing this. He talked about the hospitals and what they do for our kids.



# MIDWEST SHRINE ASSOCIATION

As time passed on, it was time for our parade. Over 50 units were signed up to partake. The parade has been taking place over 43 years. It was a nice little walk. A well-deserved meal awaited us after the parade. There was a good meal along with live entertainment. The day slowly came to an end. Tomorrow is going to be a better and brighter day for all. Good night to all.

Friday morning came with the smell of coffee and a cool breeze in the air. Another beautiful day was going to bless us. So many things going on at the same time, it was hard to be at everything at the same time. Clown competition, Motor Corp competition, Horse competition, Moonshine tasting, Axe throwing, Escape room, Camel Herder degree and let's not forget the Chanters performance. Kem were first in line, then Yelduz, and last was the EL Riad. At the end, all three groups came together and sang, Unchained Melody, Tell My Father, Sing Your Way Home, Angels Among Us, Why We Sing, Blades of Grass and Pure White Stone. The concert ended with the song made famous by Lee Greenwood "God Bless the USA". All stood during the last verse or two of the song! There were 7 different competitions going on at the same time. It was a very busy day for all.

With all events going on Lady Judy Cuskey and 1st Lady Tammy Keller put on a wonderful and glamorous luncheon for the ladies. The theme of the luncheon was the Roaring 20's, with that style dress. The ladies all glamoured up in their beautiful dresses. It was a wonderful and well put together affair. Along with the lunch, there were 26 different door prizes to be won. Overall, the ladies' luncheon was a big hit.

It was time for the Camel Herders to start their degree. Mike Nehm is the Master Chief Camel Herder. 25 years plus he has been doing this. A big thanks to Osman director staff that puts this on. An Elephant Trainer is a separate program among them as well.

The Badger Smoke-out took place with the help of Brian Dunham. This first-time event was "SOLD OUT". More than 60 people visited the terrace overlooking a beautiful site of the river.

It finally came, the Moonshine tasting class. Brenda Vander Zanden with 10 years under her belt, gave a little history on Moonshine and how it came to be named. With 9 different glasses to try, I am sure all who partook enjoyed every drop. (a cigar would have been nice with this one) hint, hint Brian.

Other things went on during the day, but the biggest part of the day was about to begin! Shrine-A-Rama was about to get underway. The tables were all set up with food, and the dance floor was waiting for happy feet to dance on it. Three different tables of food were offered to all. A slider table, steak burgers and toppings, a taco table, cumin spiced beef and toppings, and a pasta table, marinated veggies pasta salad and alfredo sauce and grilled chicken. Oh yes, can't forget the desserts.







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As dinner was winding down, prizes were being announced on the axe throwing and a few others contest. To start the nighttime entertainment, glowsticks and glow balls were being handed out to all. Oh yes, cheese curds made it to the floor too.

The "DWEEBES" finally took the stage. They were the hit of the night. Some of our Shrine Men even got to perform on stage. It was nice to see that all was able to participate in this fun and entertaining way. The band took a break for a bit. An announcement that 124 people took part in the Poker Run. The 1st place winner Nancy Steffen donated the winnings to 1st Lady Tammy's project. The band came back on stage and the floor was full of "HAPPYFEET" dancing into the night. At the end, all Zor Shrine Directors and Gioia came on stage to take a picture.

The evening finally came to an end. Zor made the winning touchdown in the MSA Event planning! We are the BEST! Thanks to Ill. Sir Roger and 1st Lady Tammy, and all that worked so very hard to make this happen. You all deserve a big round of applause. Take care, and safe travels.





# MIDWEST SHRINE ASSOCIATION







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# Tin Lizzies

By Noble Ron Malcolm

The 5-6-5 Parade? We started at five drivers for the parade. But Brother Don Fennie offered to drive the van and "Hollywood" Bruce Fransway offered to drive a TL to make it a six-pack. Until we got to the main section of the parade and the "Godfather" Rod Anderson's TL (#5) decided it did not want to shift anymore, so we went back to five Tin Lizzies (TL) to finish the parade.

It was a great parade. The crowd downtown was packed, enthusiastic, and the weather was great! Of course, we stopped by for lunch and pie social afterward. Brothers Steve Lasure and Rod Anderson stated the blueberry pie was the best they ever had.

Thank you, "Fearless" Tin Lizzies drivers Mark Hink, Steve Lasure, Rod Anderson, Bruce Fransway, Bryce Fransway for your precision TL driving today! Special thanks to our van drivers Bruce Fransway and Don Fennie!

Thanks,

**C-Rod**





## PATIENT AMBASSADOR Gioia Schutte

Hello Shriners!! It is officially the end of summer for me.

School is officially in session, and it seems like life is going too fast. Another great summer has come to an end. I'm officially a sophomore and oh boy, are my parents in for a ride. On my first day of school, I was telling my dad on the car ride there that next year at this time I would start looking for colleges and going on tours.

Speaking of car rides, I have been driving more and more, and I have to say, I'm not that bad of a driver 🤔.

Sadly, I did not make a volleyball team, but I still plan to play for the club in the fall. Hopefully, I can but the rosters are somewhat full. If fall doesn't work out, I will still play in the winter/spring and try out again for school next August!! Weightlifting is going great!! Sadly, they didn't let us max out during the summer weight room, but my best friend and I went to a different gym and maxed out there. I got 95 on the bench and 225 on the squat!!

I have also mentioned this last month, but I am SOOOO excited to go on my trip to Europe!! It's going to be a BLAST and I'm so excited I can hardly wait!

I still have my job at Culver's, and I plan on working during the school year. I love my job. Many people have told me that Culvers is a great first job and they were right! I couldn't have asked for a better one.

As I mentioned in August, I attended Camp Achieve at the Apostle Islands, it was another great year!! This year was probably my favorite, we had such an amazing group!! Camp Achieve is the perfect way to spend it with my friends that I will only see once or twice a year. Sadly, it was Maureen's last year. If you guys don't know who Maureen is, she is an amazing person who has touched many kids' lives and helped them be able to spend time with more kids like themselves through camps.

One of the things that I enjoyed was watching the Olympics. I can't believe that Team USA got first place for the most gold (even though we tied with China) and the most overall. We had 126!! I'm also really excited to watch the Paralympics!! I have a friend who plays sitting volleyball, and she is a really amazing player!! She is also super nice and sweet.

That's all that I have for this month folks!! I'll be back with more adventures in October!!







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# INNER REFLECTIONS FROM THE OUTER GUARD

By Noble Mark Mayry

When I was appointed to the position of Outer Guard for ZOR, I was somewhat anxious not knowing what was expected of me as a representative of this great organization. I am slowly finding out what it means to be a Divan member but more importantly on a personal level what it means to be a Shriner.

Over the last several months I have had the opportunity to visit Shriners Children's Hospital of Chicago and Shriners Children's Hospital of Northern California and have been able to see and experience through presentations by physicians and patients what tremendous care these facilities offer to children from all over the world. From maxillo-facial reconstruction to spinal scoliosis correction, burn care, intra-uterine spina bifida surgery, treatment of limb deficiencies and even intestinal and bowel surgeries Shriners Children's is on the cutting edge of developing treatment modalities for all of these conditions and more. In addition to this research Shriners Children's is also educating physicians, nurses, physical therapists, and other health care professionals in the treatment of children with special needs.

Having said all of this, how has this made me realize what being a Shriner means? Having attended the 2024 Chicago Hospital Leadership Conference where nobles from 15 different Shrine Temples were in attendance and the Imperial Shrine Convention in Reno where thousands of nobles from around the world were in attendance I have a deeper understanding of what it means to be a Shriner.



Reflecting on one of the Tenets set forth in the Entered Apprentice degree "TO RELIEVE THE DISTRESSED IS A DUTY INCUMBENT ON ALL MEN, BUT MORE PARTICULARLY ON MASONS, WHO ARE LINKED TOGETHER BY AN INDISSOLUABLE CHAIN OF SINCERE AFFECTION." This is the feeling I get when attending a mass meeting of nobles, I feel a linkage with like-minded brothers coming together in Brotherly Love and striving to relieve the distressed. What a great feeling to know I am a Freemason and a Shriner. So mote it be.



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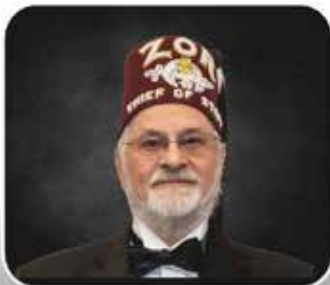
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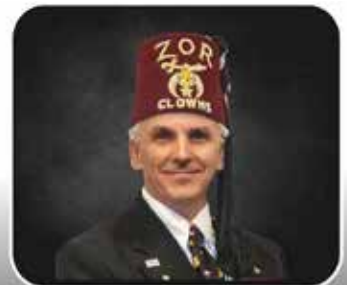
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1. Recognition for outstanding service to Shriner Clubs or Units solely shall be the responsibility of those bodies and the nominee shall not be eligible for the Award of Merit recognition as they do not meet the guidelines.
2. The Award shall preferably be presented to Nobles not otherwise recognized as serving on the Divan or by appointment to prominent positions.
3. No member of Zor Divan or past member of the Divan shall be eligible for consideration until at least five years following being on the Divan; then only for voluntary service that is within Zor's sphere of influence.
4. Nomination can be made by a nomination letter describing why the Noble is deserving of this award, i.e., what activities he has participated in; what offices has he held with the club/unit nominating him; how he has contributed to the shrine philanthropy; how has he been involved with helping children.
5. Normally we request the letters be forwarded to the Zor Shriner office no later than November 1. While a woman has never received this award, the Potentate encourages such a nomination if a club or unit feels it is warranted.

The awardee is selected solely by the Potentate.

## LAKELAND SHRINE CLUB LADIES' NIGHT

When: Sunday, September 15, 2024

Where: Maple Tree Supper Club, McFarland, WI

Time: 4:00 pm SOCIAL HOUR – 5:30 pm DINNER

Menu: Tenderloin Steak Or Shrimp Dinner

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