ZOR





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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ZOR POTENTATE

Greetings fellow Nobles,

We have had quite a cold spell starting off 2021. But this hasn't kept Lady Sharon and me from "Having Fun in '21". The Annual Meeting was held at the LaCrosse Masonic Center. Special thanks to the Firehouse Jesters and the LaCrosse Shrine Club for hosting and facilitating the meeting. A special tip of the Fez to Lady Faye Kielley and her Noble Jim for preparing the lunch, and to Noble Todd Wohlert for using his best "cat herding skills" have the facilities staffed and ready for the meeting.

On Jan. 23rd we were joined by Chief Rabban Rod LaBlanc and Lady Mary attending the Rice Lake Snow and Dirt Club's 26th annual "Pledge Ride Event" for Shriners Hospitals for Children. Even though there wasn't enough snow for the ride they raised \$9,410. Illustrious Sir Barry and Lady Becky Ausen did the accounting work for the Shrine club. The event was cosponsored by the Indianhead Shrine Club. Afterwards we had a fun and fellowship with Barry & Becky, Rod & Mary at a local restaurant. We even ran into someone who knew Gary Cuskey!

On February 13th there was a virtual Midwest Shrine Association meeting. Eight of us gathered at the Mehara Shrine Club from 9A-12P. I had the honor for presenting Illustrious Sir Gary Cuskey with his jewel after being elected 3rd vice-president of the Association. The summer session in Sioux City is going full steam ahead.



On February 14th Lady Sharon and I went to the Belvedere Supper Club for Valentine's fundraiser for the Zor Funsters and the Shriners Children's Twin Cities. After a great brunch we were entertained by Steve Bobbitt who is a **Rod Stewart Tribute Artist** and Geoff Landon who was singing Buddy Holly songs when we had to leave for our next event a Valentine's Dinner with the St. Croix Valley Shrine Club and the Next Door Café in New Richmond. All in all. it was a fun filled day of fellowship and fun!

Our next adventure was to attend the Vacationland Shrine Club meeting at February 21st in Baraboo. There was a great turnout of Nobles and Ladies. After enjoying a wonderful meal and a short meeting. We held a Cold Sands for two new members. Congratulation to Nobles Shawn Fahrenkamp and Ryan Ramnarace.

March 5th took us back to New Richmond for the St. Croix Valley Shrine Club meeting. After a business meeting, we conducted a Cold Sands and welcomed Daniel Boerboon as a new Noble. Cornhole practice ensued. Noble Jack Thomas and his Lady Diane crafted and donated a set of Cornhole boards to the club.

There are plenty events coming up and we hope to see you all soon.

Mark Jerdee, Potentate

# \*\*\*ZEPHYR REMINDER\*\*\*

Be sure to email your stories by Wednesday, May 10th. Include information for the months of June and July 2021.

- June/July 2021

  Deadline: May 10th
- Oct./Nov. 2021
  Deadline: Sept. 10th
- Aug./Sept. 2021
  Deadline: July 10th
- Dec./Jan. 2021
  Deadline: Nov. 10th

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Noble Rodney LaBlanc, Zor Chief Rabban, presenting Imperial Sir Jim Smith his Zor Imperial Potentate Fez.









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# **ZOR COMMUNICATIONS**

Greetings All,

As I look around, the world seems to be coming alive again. More and more people are getting the Vaccine and are starting to socialize again. I know, Linda and I have only gotten our first shot, but by the time you read this we will have had our second one. We are social people and over the last year, we have missed the interactions with all of you. I am seeing more and more social functions showing up on the calendar. Being a Funster, I see that the parade schedule is coming back alive.

In the Zephyr, I try to keep you informed of the functions as they are coming up. I use what is in the Zor Calendar for my source. I have a few Clubs and Units adding their events to the Zor Calendar, if you would like your events added to the calendar, please send them to zorsubmit@gmail.com and I will ensure they get added to the calendar.



Chris Peters MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS CHAIRMAN & ZOR IMAGINEER'S PRESIDENT

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When was the last time you looked at the Zor Website (https://zorshriners.com/)? The Zor website has so much valuable information available to you at any given time. Did you know that most of the information you may be looking for can be found under one of these tabs:

• HOME, ABOUT, REFER A PATIENT, BECOME A SHRINER, CALENDAR, ZEPHYR, MSA 2024, FORMS, MEMBERSHIP, 2021 SPORTSMAN BANQUET, SOCIAL, GRAPHICS, STORE (Pay your Dues), GALLERY, ONIONS, VIDEOS, HISTORY, CLUBS, UNITS, OFFICERS, GROUPS, BURN SAFETY, SUBMIT MEDIA, HOSPITAL DADS, LINKS, and CONTACT.

The next time you get a chance, take a look at the Zor Website and if you would like to see something added, please let us know.

I hope everyone has a very enjoyable and Happy Easter.

See you next edition, **Chris Peters, Chairman Zor Marketing and Communications** 











# Zor Meme Teme - A Heartfelt Story of Fellowship

by Noble Steve Livernash, 1st Ceremonial Master

This meme illustrates that the Shriner family is about more than Philanthropy and Fun, it is also about Fellowship.

As I lay in my 4th floor hospital "cell", after 3 days with bed alarms ringing, no visitors, and no diagnoses for my 20 symptoms, I yearned for hope, a friendly face, and answers. Instead, I experienced extremely vivid dreams and spent my waking hours in a medically-induced haze. But out of that came a most powerful experience that I just had to re-create for you...this "view" from my hospital bed.

It started out as a little dot, barely visible outside my window getting closer and closer. I thought to myself that it couldn't be a bird or a plane. As the object gracefully approached, I could see the friendly smile of Imperial Jim Smith's face in a Jetson-like spacecraft. Hovering in front of my window, Jimmy's thumb came up and I could read his lips, as he said, "Brother, You got this!" Though it was science fiction, his was the only familiar face I "saw" while in the hospital. It came to me in a dream and brought hope in a time of great darkness.

The meme is a re-creation of the inspiration that I received. From the scimitar to my thumb, I can feel the rays and support and well wishes from each of you in Shrinedom, bringing me tearful encouragement during a time of darkness and isolation.

I finally received a diagnosis of an incurable, but manageable autoimmune disease (GPA). The love and support from my beautiful lady, Koral, and from family and friends has been overwhelming. Appreciation of humbleness.

Shriners love for children is fact and always present, but this fictional message of hand-delivered fellowship and friendship is also true and will always be treasured by me.

The road to recovery is promising! "Zor Batman Returns" Imperial Session - Houston, Texas 2021,

Warm Regards, Zor Noble Steve Livernash

Granulomatosis with polyangiitis (GPA) Formally known as Wegener's, is a type of vasculitis or swelling (inflammation) of the blood vessels. This rare disease can cause swelling of the blood vessels anywhere in the body but mainly impacts the sinuses, nose, trachea (windpipe), lungs, and kidneys. The swelling can limit the flow of blood to these body parts, causing damage. Symptoms of the disease can include sinus pain, recurrent respiratory infections, joint pain, tiredness (fatigue), and skin lesions.

The exact cause of GPA is unknown and incurable. GPA is a type of autoimmune disease. The immune system, which is responsible for protecting the body from infection, mistakenly attacks tissues of the body. Diagnosis of GPA can be made with laboratory tests such as a blood test, biopsy of affected areas, and imaging of the lungs.

Untreated GPA typically has a poor prognosis, with up to 90 percent of patients dying within two years, usually of renal failure and sepsis.

Treated with modern medical advancements in the last 3 years prognosis is encouraging. Treatment for GPA patients often includes medications such as glucocorticoids and immunosuppressants. Advancement in GPA Infusion therapy has proven a high remission rate with patients. Today, GPA with monitoring can lead to a full life expectancy.



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# SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2021 EAU CLAIRE MASONIC CENTER 616 GRAHAM AVENUE EAU CLAIRE, WI 54701

4:30 – 5:00 PM Registration 5:00 – 6:15 PM – Raffles, Games & Walk Around Drawings 6:30 PM - Dinner 7:00 PM All Raffles Awarded

The Shriners Annual Sportsman's Drawing will also be held at 7:00 PM.

Tickets for this raffle will be available prior to the drawing.

## **DINNER INCLUDES:**

Pork Chops, Potatoes, Beans, Apple Salad, Dinner Roll and Dessert

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Includes a table for 8 attendees, meal and soft drinks, chance to win a meal ticket prize and other door prizes

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# **Dinner Ticket Options:**

Dinner Ticket \$50.00

Includes: Meal, a soft drink, chance to win door prizes Adult refreshments will be available for purchase

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# Zor Shriners Sportsman's Banquet

# October 16th 2021

Eau Claire Masonic Center

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4:30 - 5:00 Registration

5:00 - 6:30 PM - Raffles

6:30 PM - Dinner

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# The Limitless Resource of Love

by Noble Mark Hazelbaker

Those of us who have not served in war have probably not experienced anything like the COVID pandemic of the last year. Many times as hospitals reached capacity, testing centers were full, food pantries were strained, we have heard of burnout and fatigue. It's hardly a surprise. The body can endure only so much.

With more than a half million deaths; trillions in economic damage; isolation for more than a year; all the heartbreaking events we have seen, think about the most amazing thing of all: we may be bowed, but we are not broken. We may be wounded but we are not incapacitated. We may be hurt, but we yet remain true and steadfast. We continue, resiliently, to hold to our love for one another, our dedication to our communities and nation, and our faith in God. How is that possible?

Throughout these dark days, we have believed in the power of love and compassion to sustain us and carry us through anything. Some of us have been sorely ill, but we have not hesitated to come to the aid of these, our brothers and sisters, their widows or orphans. Some of us have died, and we know in our deepest well of faith that they have been called home to the loving embrace of their Creator God, to whose repose we all shall eventually return. Our communities have suffered joblessness, poverty, family tensions and even disorders. But we refuse to abandon allegiance to our certainty that we are one nation, under God, striving ever to form a more perfect union.

What underlies all of these resolutions and animates us on a daily basis through these adversities is the bedrock of our existence – love.

It is the love which drew Masons divided by Civil War and fighting in the inferno of Gettysburg to come together to comfort each other in their suffering.,

It is the love which brings our Masonic community to come forward to contribute what we may have toward the relief of others in distress.

It is the love which leads us to place a phone call to a friend, send an email to an acquaintance and do a video chat with others



to perpetuate those mystic chords of friendship and brotherly love which have always bound us and will ever sustain us.

It is the realization that in this shared experience of horrible suffering and deprivation, we have been humbly shown that all of us are united in the fragility of our brief existence on this planet, and in our ability to do whatever within our scant capacity to relieve the pain of another.

It is, in the end, the realization that disasters, pain, suffering and death are part of a world which is overwhelmingly wonderful, lovely and joyous, and that the best part of us will always triumph because we can always tap into the endless energy with which this vale of tears was created, in Love by He who presides over us all, who measures our days and will one day welcome us into his bosom, the Lord God.

With 10 words of Love, God summoned the World into existence. His creation, the universe, then became our responsibility to renew, repair and rebuild. The true purpose of our being is our calling to care for those less fortunate, to share of ourselves that they may know that this is a world of Love and life.

Shortly, we shall have passed through this trial to a new world in which we have been humbled by the power which a virus, the smallest of things, has wielded over the works we thought so mighty. As we think back and recall how in the face of horrible suffering and exhausting demands, our people courageously did their duty to care for others. Let us remember that though many things failed us in these difficult days, the power and endless renewing force of love never failed. Let us take from that the lesson that love is our greatest strength and most boundless gift.



Ill. Sir Mark Jerdee presents Noble John Hanson with his 25 year certificate at the Mecca Shrine Club meeting in Tomah.

# **Zor Relocation Committee Seeks Noble Input**

Nobles, the Relocation Committee seeks your input for the future of Zor!

The Relocation Committee has been given the task of helping the Divan determine the near and long term direction Zor may take once the existing Temple is sold.

What are your feelings that are in the best interest of serving the Nobility?

A questionnaire (see below) has been developed to aid in the task of helping the Divan view the many various options available to Zor.

The Relocation Committee will attempt to personally contact all the various Clubs and Units for first hand input. In case you are not currently involved with a Club/Unit, or would like to individually submit comments, and would be willing to help us, there is a copy of the questionnaire that can be completed and sent in.

# Please respond by April 30th

Your response should be sent to:

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Nobles – this is YOUR Temple...and time is of the essence!

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Noble/Club/Unit:	(optional) Date
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- 1. Have you (club or unit members) visited ZOR headquarters in Madison during the past three years? If so, why did you go there?
- 2. What do you like about the current headquarters location?
- 3. What don't you like about the location?
- 4. What do you like about the building?
- 5. What don't you like about the building?
- 6. If you resided closer to the Temple would you visit more often? (Why or why not).
- 7. Is it important for you that ZOR should have a high visibility office? Should we locate near the interstate?
- 8. How important is it for you that ZOR build a new building, buy existing space, lease or share space with other organizations? Who would be a good partner? Is there a need for a building especially with advancement in electronics?
- 9. How important for you is it to have ZOR hold membership meetings and activities at an office location? How should the building be used?
- 10. If the temple was relocated outside of Madison, how do you feel that would impact membership? How would membership be impacted by a central location?
- 11. Should ZOR change its charter to reflect its physical location or list the counties of the designated service area?
- 12. What outcome do you expect from your ZOR Relocation Committee?

# IN MEMORIAM

Robert A Kartman • 12.31.20 • Neshkoro, WI James M Horsfall • 02.20.21 • Madison, WI Thomas E Hemstock • 02.24.21 • Sparta, WI Samuel C Retallick • 03.01.21 • Eau Claire, WI Don L Harper • 03.29.20 • Spooner, WI





# 1st Lady **Sharon's Project**

WOW! Due to some very generous donations and duck buyers, we are already at \$450.00 raised for Camp Splash! And the gatherings are just beginning! That is ten children being able to attend the camp! Thank you all for your donations, and looking forward to many more and sending even more kids to camp. To all of you Irish out there, Happy Saint Patrick's day, and a blessed Easter to all, and to any fellow Norwegians, Happy Syttende Mai!!



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**DIRECTORS STAFF MEETING** Maple Tree Supper Club, 6010 US-51, McFarland, WI 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

April 1

**SHRINERS MASONS AND FRIENDS GET TOGETHER** 

Ok, now for something fun! There will be a get together at the Tomah Lodge. There will be live music. Tomah Masonic Lodge 520 E. Saratoga St. Tomah, WI 11:00 AM Eating at 1:00 PM

April 19<sup>th</sup>

**ZOR TRUSTEE MEETING** 

Zor Temple, 575 Zor Shrine Pl, Madison, WI 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM

April 22<sup>nd</sup>

MINI CARS MEETING

Winchester Restaurant 568 Haugen Rd. Edgerton, WI 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

April 23rd

DIVAN MEETING

Holiday Inn & Suites Wausau-Rothschild 1000 Imperial Ave, Rothschild, WI 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

April 24<sup>th</sup>

WAUSAU POTENTATE PARTY

Holiday Inn & Suites Wausau-Rothschild 1000 Imperial Ave, Rothschild, WI ALL DAY

Saturday May 8th WINE, BEER AND SPIRIT TASTING

Foxhole Pub, 1215 Angelo Rd, Sparta, WI 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Monday May 10th **ZEPHYR DEADLINE** 

Tuesday May 18th PINE RIVER VALLEY SC MEETING Country Kitchen 1450 Veterans Dr.

Richland Center, WI 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup> **DIVAN MEETING** Valley 60 Masonic Lodge

603 N Court St, Sparta, WI 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

**VALLEY 60 LODGE STEAK FRY & HAUNTED HOUSE TOUR** 

Steak fry at III. Sir Mark's home lodge. Tour of the "House of Shadows" the Boys & Girls Club Haunted House. Reported to be haunted by the WI Ghost Investigators, It is located in the former infirmary of the "State Public School for Dependent and Neglected Children" 603 N Court St, Sparta, WI 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

WI GRAND LODGE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Wisconsin Masonic Center 301 Wisconsin Ave, Madison, WI

# **Meet Zor's Newest Noble**

Daniel E. Boerboon received his Cold Sands at the St. Croix Valley Shrine Club meeting. Ill. Sir Mark Jerdee presided over the ceremony with the help of his Divan members that were present. Daniel is married to his Lady Leslie. Let's welcome them to Zor the next time you see them.



From left to right: Ill. Sir Mark Jerdee, Potentate, Ill. Sir Barry Ausen, PP, Daniel E. Boerboon, Noble Mike Kastens, and Noble Roger Keller.



Daniel being Fez'd by Noble Roger Keller as III. Sir Barry Ausen, PP assists.



From left to right: Ill. Sir Barry Ausen, PP, Noble Mike Kastens, Noble Daniel Boerboon, Noble Roger Keller, and Ill. Sir Mark Jerdee, Potentate





March 10, 2021

# **Greetings Nobles:**

2020 was an especially hard year for businesses and families as well as Zor Shriners. In March, Madison and Dane County went into a COVID-19 shutdown. As a result, although we were able to have the 2020 Madison Circus, the shutdown was expanded throughout the State, and all our fund-raising events were cancelled. The cancellations have continued into 2021 with the Madison Circus being cancelled. Events for 2021 will be conducted on a case-by-case basis until we get the "all clear".

So why am I giving you all this bad news. Well Nobles, expenses continue with no revenue from fund-raising events. Yes, we have money in our investments for emergencies. We would like not to be taking money from our investments, if possible. The Divan has reduced the budgeted expenses as much as possible. The budget was approved at our Annual Meeting held in La Crosse in January. No revenue, other than dues, is budgeted for 2021. But we still have fixed expenses to cover.

I am asking the Nobles of Zor to consider a donation that will assist in closing the deficit gap. Whatever you feel is appropriate will be greatly appreciated! These are unusually hard times for many. But if you can, please help.

Please make your checks payable to Zor Shriners and on the Memo line of the check, indicate it is for the Budget Donation. Donations can be mailed to the Temple at:

Zor Shriners 575 Zor Shrine Place Madison, WI 53719

You can call and have your donation put on your credit/debit card as well. 608-833-6343 Ext 1.

Thank you for any assistance you can give!

Fraternally.

Mark Jerdee Potentate

575 Zor Shrine Place • Madison, Wisconsin 53719 • (608) 833-6343 • (608) 833-6348 Fax



# A MINUTE WITH MILT

# He Lives A Masonic Life

What does that quote from Chuck Stene of the Indianhead Shrine Club mean when he talks about Past Potentate Larry Riemenschneider of Amery? It means just what he says, because PP Larry gives the craft his all. His passion for Masonry and Shrine is very evident for this outgoing gentleman.



Milt Helmer, Zephyr Correspondent

Larry first became a Mason at New Richmond Lodge #195 at the urging of his employer, Curtiss Anderson of Johnson Motor Sales in New Richmond. Curt was not only a Mason, but also an active Shriner. 'Riemo" became a Master Mason in 1997 and went on to join the Shrine in July 2001 at Stevens Point.

There were some tickets on Curt's desk and Larry asked about them. Curt gave them to him and told him to go out and sell. He came back with \$400. Larry took the money and his youngest son, Scott to the Little East West Shrine game in River Falls and stopped at the Oasis. Larry asked who should get the money and was introduced to prominent Shriner Rod Rommel. His fundraising career was officially launched.

Being a salesman at heart, Riemo got some business cards and some thank you cards printed at Clear Choice Printing in Amery. The owners of the printing company have a child who was a patient at Shriners in the Twin Cities. Larry is passionate about helping kids have a better life through assistance within the clinics and hospitals of the Shrine.

He "hits up" area businesses on behalf of Shrine drives and causes, often seeking out new businesses that have not participated in programs run by the Shrine.

In those early years he would have a trunk full of brochures explaining the good work done by the Shrine and never hesitated to share them with everyone he called on. He even had custom printed foldover cards showing all the services provided by the Shrine Hospitals and Clinics. Riemenschneider called on businesses in Amery as well as Deer Park, Star Prairie, St. Croix Falls, Clayton and even Richardson, where the owners of a restaurant had a son who was a Shrine patient. He sends each one of his donors a specially signed thank you card for their donation.

Now in his early 80s, Larry has had to slow down a bit, but he still works 4 hours a day at a local Kwik Trip. Recently he had to take a month off to deal with the Covid virus, but he is back to work now and is feeling fine; however, saying "it just takes me a little longer to get my strength back".

Riemo and his close friend Bob Hering would attend area Masonic Lodges and deliver the message of Zor and Shrine in general. They would show videos and pass out petitions. He also would mail letters to brothers along with petitions. This effort resulted in raising 49 new Shrine members one year; an achievement that has never been matched to this day. As Larry said "We went all over the place!"

In 2012, when he was Potentate of Zor Shrine, he kept up the fundraising membership drives for the St. Croix Valley Shrine Club. Zor Shrine earned a Bronze award for membership that year.

He is quick to give credit for his success as Potentate to his wife Julie. "She encouraged and helped me and attended events with me and still does."

On the Shrine side, Larry belongs to the Indianhead Shrine Club as well as the St. Croix Valley Shrine Club and is very active in both.

He is active in the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, New Richmond Masonic Lodge #195, Council of Royal and Select Masters and Commandery of Knights Templar, and Willow River Chapter #37 Order of the Eastern Star.



Left to right are Shrine Auxiliary members Amy Hering and Tammy Keller. Bob Hering, fellow fundraiser and membership leader, Pearl Christensen, Auxiliary fundraiser chair, Gary Kruger, veteran auctioneer, Auxiliary member Diane Thomas and PP Larry Riemenschneider.



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# HEADING TO HOUSTON IN JULY?

# Thinking of heading to Houston in July for the 2021 Imperial Session? Here's a quick rundown of the schedule:

GRB = George R Brown Convention Center

Registration for Representatives: Friday, July 2 – 2-5pm; Saturday, July 3 – 8:30-5pm; Sunday, July 4 – 9-5pm. Marriott-Sugarland

Marketplace: Sunday, July 4 – 12-6pm; Monday, July 5 – 9-5pm; Tuesday, July 6 – 9-4pm; Wednesday, July 6 – 9-6pm; Thursday,

July 7 - 9-12pm GRB - Hall A

Church Service: Sunday, July 4, 1-2pm, GRB-General Assembly A

Public Opening: Sunday, July 4, 3-5pm, GRB-Hall B3

Imperial Sessions: (Nobles Only) Monday, July 5, 8:30am, GRB-Hall B3, Tuesday, July 6, time TBD; Thursday, July 8, time TBD

Parade: Tuesday, July 6 - 6:30pm

Cornhole Tournament: Sunday, July 4, 12-5pm; Monday, July 5, 12-5pm; Wednesday, July 7, 6:30-7pm finals

Nobility Party: Sunday, July 4, 6-9pm

Pageant for New Imperial Potentate: Wednesday, July 7, GRB-Hall B3, time TBD



# FUN IN 21

# Wondering what else you might see or do when you have free time or before or after the Imperial Session? Here's a few ideas:

- **1. Houston Visitor Center** near the corner of Dallas and Caroline Streets (Downtown, 1302 Dallas St. or 1001 Avienda de las Americas) www.downtownhouston.org
- **2. Downtown Aquarium –** (410 Bagby St) includes a restaurant surrounded by the aquarium www.houstonaquariumtx.com
- **3. Downtown Tunnel System** 20 feet below the main street and 7.5 miles long www.downtownhouston.org
- **4. Arabia Shrine Temple** (10510 Harwin Drive) Home of the Arabia Shrine, a beautiful Temple www.arabiashriners.org
- **5. Battleship Texas** (3527 Independence Parkway, South LaPorte) www.tpwd.texas.gov May still be closed for renovations, but still worth the walk-around
- **6. San Jacinto Monument and Museum** (One Monument Circle, LaPorte) A large amount of Masonic history can be found here. www.sanjacinto-museum.org
- **7. NASA Johnson Space Center** (2101 NASA Parkway) www. nasa.gov
- **8. Sam Houston Ship Channel Bridge** Carries 4 lanes of Beltway 8 over the Houston Ship Channel with a clearance of 175 feet! www.shipchannelbridge.org
- 9. Holocaust Museum (5401 Caroline St) www.hmh.org
- **10. National Museum of Funeral History** this is actually pretty interesting! (415 Barren Springs Drive) www.nmfh.org
- **11.** The **1940** Air Terminal Museum (8325 Travelair Street) www.1940airterminal.org
- **12.** American Cowboy Museum (11822 Almeda Road) www.theamericancowboymuseum.org
- **13. Buffalo Soldiers National Museum** (3816 Caroline St) www. buffalosoldiermuseum.com
- **14. Minute Maid Stadium** (501 Crawford St.) Home of the Astros www.mlb.com
- **15. Galveston** (approximately 50 miles from GRB) including: Shriners Children's Texas (815 Market St.) www. shrinershospitalsforchildren.org, (currently closed to the public due to Covid restrictions), the Bishop's Palace; Pleasure Pier, Moody Gardens, the Sea Wall and Boardwalk
- **16. Cavendars Boot City** if you're looking for a pair of Cowboy Boots

## **Restaurants close to the George R Brown Convention Center:**

- 1. Biggios Sports Bar, diagonal from the George R. Brown
- 2. Pappas Brothers Steak House McKinney Street3
- 3. House of Blues Music Hall and Food 1204 Caroline Street
- **4. Texas Grill Sports Bar** Corner of Lamar and San Jacinto Streets
- **5. Morton Steakhouse** 1001 McKinney Street
- **6. Guadalajara Mexican Restaurant** Corner of Dallas and San Jacinto Streets
- 7. Shake Shack 702 Main St

If you are driving: be sure to check out a Buc-ees Travel stop (www.buc-ees.com) a What-a-Burger, chicken and burgers fast food restaurant and a local Bar-b-que restaurant (ie Spring Creek BBQ or many others). Many stores and restaurants – something for everyone.

A number of highways around Houston are toll roads, you will want to get a toll pass prior to traveling (www.hctra.org) or pay on-line afterwards.

Although Texas' Covid-19 restrictions may be less stringent than Wisconsin's – you may want to check with local businesses and sites before going.

Whether you are driving or flying, let us know your travel plans. If you have questions about the best way to get to Houston or how to maneuver the 12 lanes of traffic in Houston or the Imperial Session feel free to ask.

Watch for more information and a Houston Scavenger Hunt!

Having Fun in '21! Rodney and Mary LaBlanc



Downtown Aquarium

**Downtown Tunnel System** 



Battleship Texas

House of Blues



# Zor Shriner's Outdoor Spring Ceremonial

When: Saturday May 15, 2021

Location: 26077 Midway Ave. Wilton, WI

Registration Starts at 9:00 AM with Coffee and Carbs

Ceremonial Starts at 10:00 AM

Lunch: Brats, hot dogs chips, soda and water provided. \$10 per person

After lunch there will be an opportunity to go through the Hillbilly Degree and become a cuz'n in the Glacier Ridge #132 Clan and/or participate in the Zorski Degree with The Yoshi Shriners.

Dress is very casual, blue jeans, bib overalls are perfectly accept and of shrine shirt if you'd like and shrine bring your Fez!

Please RSVP by May 1st with Amy at the Zor Temple or with your Potentate Mark Jerdee at jerdeem@hotmail.com or 608-343-1318. So we can get enough vittles! Bring a lawn chair for your comfort.



# Can't You Just Taste Those SWEET VIDALIA ONIONS?







Looks like a good crop this year. Ill. Sir Barry Ausen, PP went to Georgia to check on them himself. The pictures tell the story. Please use the form below and get out and sell some onions, not being able to get them last year, people will be hungry for them. Remember, this is a good fund raiser for your Club or Unit.







# Pre-Order Today - Before they are Gone!

Name	Phone	Number of bags		Total
			X \$10.00	
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10 POUNDS - \$10 BUCKS

Delivery - Last Week of April - First Week of May





# SWINGING FOR A CURE Friday, July 9, 2021 HICKORY HILLS GOLF COURSE

E4080 Hickory Rd (off Hwy 93) Eau Claire, WI 54701

The 11th annual Swinging for a Cure Golf Outing will be hosted by Hot Country B95, Z-100, and Franzwas, at Hickory Hills Golf Course. This 18-hole golf event unites golfers of all skill levels who like to make an impact in the lives of children. Your support of the Swinging for a Cure Golf Outing will help provide funding for the Boys and Girls Club of Eau Claire and the Zor Shriners, Madison.

To Sign-up or for any question, Please Contact:
Bruce Fransway at 715-225-6983 or franzwas@gmail.com

### **DAY OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDES:**

18 Holes of Golf and Cart (10am registration, shotgun start at 11:30am) Raffles & Games- throughout the day Boxed Lunch

# **SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES:**

**HOLE SPONSOR** 

Cost: \$500 if paid before June 28, 2021 or \$600 if paid after June 28, 2021

\*Hole sponsors are asked to provide a hole prize(s) for the day of the event.

Sponsorship includes:

- Logo placement and sponsor recognition at one prominent hole on course
  - Radio promos on Hot Country B95 and Z100
- Opportunity to showcase your promotional merchandise at your designated hole.
  - Foursome of golf including golf cart and golf gift, and boxed lunch.

## **GOLF OPPORTUNITY:**

- Foursome of golfers including cart \$320.
- Single golfer \$80 (will be placed with a team)
  - Golf gift Boxed Lunch



### **Tabs**

From the time Janet Johnson, wife of J. Kevin Johnson, PP, started the tab project around 1990 we have had many folks who stepped up and did a great job of collecting and sorting tabs. One individual really stands out above the rest, his name is Duane Sturz of Eau Claire. Today we picked up and delivered to the Mehara Center over 340,000 [yes he counts them] and this now brings his total collected, for our kids, to over 1,800,000 tabs! I'm not sure what that amounts to in pounds or dollars but he is a shinning example of someone who care. If you know Duane be sure to say thank you.



# **Nobles Receive 25 Year Certificates**

Past Potentate / Divan Rep. Larry Hanson presented 25 year membership certificates to Bob and Miles Bradley at the Mini Car meeting on January 28th. The Mini cars wish to thank a patriot trucker who anonymously paid for all our meals that night. We were told by another patron that when we were reciting the pledge of allegiance, he removed his cap and placed his hand over his heart.



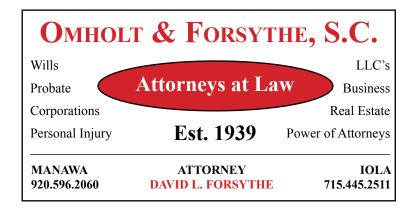


# **Thomas Family Creates Cornhole Boards For Contest**

Jack and Diane Thomas of River Falls are shown with specialty created Shriners cornhole boards that will be used during the Zor Cornhole Championship. The Thomases constructed the boards and will be used on May 8th, 2021 during the Shriners Uncorked event at the Foxhole Pub at 1215 Angelo Rd in Sparta, WI.

The tournament starts at 1pm. The entry fee is \$45 per team. The teams will be determined by a local elimination and the final winners will win a trip to the 147th Imperial Session of Shriners International in Houston, Tx. They will represent Zor Shrine in the Cornhole Tournament. Zor will furnish transportation and a two night 3 day stay and entry fee for the tournament.

Photo by Milt Helmer





# Zor Cornhole Championship May 8, 2021 during the Shriners Uncorked Event

The winning team will win a trip to the 147th Imperial Session of Shriners International In Houston, Tx. They will represent Zor Shrine in the Cornhole Tournament. Zor will furnish transportation and a two night 3 day stay and entry fee for the tournament.

As a reminder a team can be two Nobles or a Noble and Lady.

Location: Foxhole Pub 1215 Angelo Rd, Sparta, WI

Warm-up starts at noon.

Tournament Starts at 1PM

Entry fee \$45 per team.

Contact Ron at rpmalcolm6546@gmail.com or Mark at 608-343-1318 or jerdeem@hotmail.com to register



Proceeds are for the benefit of Zor Shriners and payments are not deductible as a charitable donation

# **2021 POTENTATE TRIP**

# **Branson Show Extravaganza**



# **INCREDIBLE PRICE INCLUDES:**

- ◆ Motorcoach transportation
- ♦ 5 nights lodging including 3 consecutive nights in the Branson area
- ◆ 8 meals: 5 breakfasts and 3 dinners
- ◆ Admission to 7 Fabulous Branson Shows! Including:
- ◆ Three Morning Shows: ALL HANDS ON DECK, THE DUBLIN TENORS, & DOUG GABRIEL
- ◆ Three Evening Shows: JESUS Show at the Sight & Sound® Theatre, PRESLEYS' COUNTRY JUBILEE, & THE HUGHES SHOW
- One Dinner Show: SHOWBOAT BRANSON BELLE and much more

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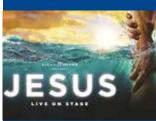
6 DAYS 5 NIGHTS

PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

(Mon - Sat)

October

18 - 23, 2021



**JESUS Show at the Sight** & Sound® Theatre







**ALL HANDS ON DECK** 



**DUBLIN'S IRISH TENORS** & THE CELTIC LADIES

# Departure: Madison, WI @ 8 am

Day 1: Board your spacious, video and restroom equipped Motorcoach and set off for the "Live Music Show Capital of the World" - Branson, Missouri . This evening, you'll check into an en route hotel for a good night's rest. Day 2: Start your day with Continental Breakfast before departing for Branson. Later you will check into your Branson area hotel for a three night stay. After enjoying Dinner at a local restaurant, get ready for the fun to begin because tonight you'll experience THE HUGHES SHOW, with their incredible award-winning harmony, hilarious antics, energetic dance and lively instruments.

Day 3: Today, after a Continental Breakfast, you'll start your day with DUBLIN'S IRISH TENORS and special guests, THE CELTIC LADIES. With great looks and incredible voices, this hugely talented group of Ireland's finest singers perform some of the best music of the 20th Century. Next, you'll visit HISTORIC DOWNTOWN BRANSON, with oldfashioned charm, novelty shops, and restaurants. Later, you'll sit down to a three-course meal onboard the famous SHOWBOAT BRANSON BELLE, where you will be treated to a spectacular show as you cruise on the pristine waters of Table Rock Lake. Then, take in the PRESLEYS' COUNTRY JUBILEE SHOW. This is one of Branson's original performing families. Nearly 50 years after they started, the Presleys' remain one of the most requested shows in Branson. Day 4: Enjoy a Continental Breakfast and then start your day with the DOUG GABRIEL MORNING SHOW. This good, clean, family show has lots of variety. It has a talented cast, rib-tickling comedy and a terrific ensemble of musicians. Plus, Doug plays his World Famous Mufftar (a guitar made out of a 1969 Thunderbird muffler)!!! Then, you will go to BRANSON LANDING and discover waterfront shopping, dining, and attractions on Lake Taneycomo's beautiful waterfront. After Dinner, you'll marvel at the JESUS Show at the Sight & Sound® Theatre. The greatest rescue story of all time! Jesus is the action-packed musical stage adventure that takes you on a miraculous journey alongside the most famous person to ever walk the earth, and the everyday people whose lives he changed forever. Day 5: After enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you'll experience the ALL HANDS ON DECK Show. An All-Singing, All-Dancing, All-American 1942 Roadshow & Radio Broadcast reproduction filled with songs, dances and laughs that America has loved for 70 years! Later, you will depart and check into your en route hotel for a good night's rest. Day 6: Today, after enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you will depart for home... a perfect time to chat with your friends about all the fun things you've done, the great sights you've seen, and where your next group trip will take

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\$75 Due Upon Signing. \*Price per person, based on double occupancy. Add \$179 for single occupancy. Final Payment Due: 8/11/2021

**FOR INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS CONTACT:** 

Jeff King @ (920) 988-6145

Tour#:1825758 Form ID: 1000-7A1105 WM

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**Weather** that causes your common carrier to cease operations for at least 48 hours

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# Havin' Fun In 2021 at Wausau

# **ZOR Shriners will gather on Saturday, April 24th** as HAVIN' FUN IN 2021 at WAUSAU

The Wausauken Shriners and their ladies are sponsoring the Wausau Potentate Party to Honor III. Sir Mark Jerdee and Lady Sharon.

This year's party will be held at the Holiday Inn & Suites @ 1000 Imperial Ave, Rothschild (same location as last year) with the Honored Ladies Luncheon, Quarterly Meeting and Cold Sands during the day. Following the days activities we will have a sit down dinner with entertainment and our traditional raffle to follow (following COVID-19 guidelines).

For those going to lunch on their own, some local eating places near the Holiday Inn are: Culver's, Subway, The Bar, Denny's or Arby's.

All ladies are invited to the Honored Ladies Luncheon to honor our ZOR Shrine widows.

This will be at The Bar at 10302 Market St., Rothschild (approx. 2 blocks from the Holiday Inn) with Social at 11:00 and lunch at 11:30. Please complete the attached coupon.

On Saturday morning at 9:30, Wausau Forest Lodge #130 is inviting all ZOR Shriners and ladies to tour the new Masonic Center and its history.

The coupons for the Honored Ladies Luncheon, the Potentate dinner, and details for the day are listed below.

A block of rooms are being held at the Holiday Inn & Suites @ 1000 Imperial Ave, Rothschild. Rooms are \$99.00 plus tax for a double gueen or if you desire a King the cost would be \$109.00. Please call the hotel to make your hotel reservations @715-355-1111. To view the site go to www. holidayinn/Rothschild/Holiday Inn. Any questions, contact Steve Peterson @ 715-573-4059.

## The Nobles & Ladies day's festivities are as follows:

- 9:30 Leave Holiday Inn for Wausau's Forest Lodge New Masonic Center (optional) Address - 3815 Fleet Drive, Wausau 54401
- 11:00 Social for the Honored **Ladies Luncheon**
- 11:30 Honored Ladies Luncheon
- 11:30 Nobles Lunch On your own (see options in ZEPHYR)
- 1:00 3:00 Nobles Cold Sands & **Quarterly Meeting**
- Ladies meet at the Holiday Inn 1:30 go shopping downtown Wausau/ Rib Mountain (see options in the ZEPHYR), this is optional event
- 4:30 Social hour-cash bar
- 5:30 **Entertainment starts**
- 5:45 Gather for dinner and introductions
- 6:00 Dinner followed by a program and entertainment

Hospitality Room will be open after dinner.

# Wausau Potentate Party 2021

Saturday, April 24 - Social 4:30 PM • Dinner 5:45 PM

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites • 1000 Imperial Ave, Rothschild, WI 54474

Name:
Address:
Phone:
Dinner Tickets:@ \$27.00 = Total \$
Plated Dinner Choices:

\_ Walleye - Lightly seasoned and pan fried Apple Brandy Pork Loin - Seasoned, roasted, sliced, & topped with an apple Brandy sauce

Herb Roasted Eye of Round and Tender medallions with a herb brown sauce

Served with Garden Salad, Dinner rolls, Potatoes, Green beans almondine, Dessert and Coffee or Milk. Call Steve @ 715-573-4059 to let him know of any special dietary needs, so we may accommodate your request.

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: WAUSAUKEN SHRINERS

RSVP by Friday, April 16, 2021

**PLEASE MAIL COUPON TO:** 

Steve Peterson 1817 Roosevelt Street Wausau, WI 54403



# **Honored Ladies Luncheon**

On Saturday, April 24th, ZOR's Potentate's Lady Sharon Jerdee and the ladies of the Wausaukan Shriners invite you to a Ladies luncheon in Wausau. We will gather at The Bar 10302 Market Street, Rothschild for Social Time at 11:00 and lunch will be served at 11:30.

All ZOR Shrine ladies are invited to attend as we honor our ZOR Shrine widows and be entertained by "Elvis". Our luncheon will consist of a Cranberry Pecan Salad with grilled chicken, dinner roll, dessert and coffee or Iced Tea.

You are also invited to enjoy the day in Wausau and join us for the Potentate party in the evening.

If you have any dietary needs or need transportation, please let us know.

Please complete the coupon and return by Friday, April 16th to: Steve Peterson, 1817 Roosevelt Street, Wausau, WI. 54403 Any questions please call Mary Ellen Peterson @ 715-573-4009

We look forward to seeing you in Wausau.

# **Honored Ladies Lunch 2021**

(All Ladies are invited)

Saturday, April 24 - Social 11:00 PM • Lunch 11:30 AM

The Bar • 10302 Market Street, Rothschild

Name:		 	
Address:			
Phone:		·	
Lunch Tickets:	@ \$15.00 = Total \$		

Cranberry Chicken Salad with candied Pecans with dinner roll, dessert, and Coffee or Iced Tea.

Please let us know of any dietary needs so we may accommodate your request.

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: WAUSAUKEN SHRINERS

RSVP by Friday, April 16, 2021



## **PLEASE MAIL COUPON TO:**

Steve Peterson 1817 Roosevelt Street Wausau, WI 54403

# **Success follows this Assistant Rabban**

by Milt Helmer

This year's Assistant Rabban is Alan Brueggen. He grew up in Sparta, Wisconsin, the youngest of seven children. After graduating from Sparta Senior High School he began his 34 year employment with the Federal Government working on Army lodging at Fort McCoy, retiring in 2013. In 1981 Al married the girl next door, Penny.



Official photo of Al and his lady Penny when he joined the Divan.

Al started his own commercial cleaning business in 1983 and has made it a very successful company that he still owns and operates to this day.

He and Penny have two daughters, Jessica and Paige. The couple have two grandchildren Xya and Fenyx and Al really enjoys spending time with them.

In 1994 Al joined the Masons at Valley Lodge # 60 becoming worshipful Master in 1997. He also served as Area Administrator. While being involved in numerous organizations through the years, Al's passion was becoming a Shriner. Al was enamored by those little parade cars, the Midgets. He confesses to wanting to join the Shrine just to drive those cute little cars in parades and still does so in up to 17 area parades every Summer. Al loves the comradery of his fellow Shriners.

Al was asked to join the Divan by Past Potentate Bob Giesler in 2016 and he is enjoying his time on the Divan. In 2012 Al and

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Penny purchased the Foxhole Pub in Sparta. They had tried to sell the going concern until Covid hit. He says there may be increased interest from buyers this summer as regulations loosen up.

Al says his most memorable moment was marrying the girl next door. Both he and Penny shared that they did not like each other in school, but that sure did change. His greatest success was in the janitorial business and in Military Army Lodging. It was the time of the Cuban Refugee Crisis in 1980. Al took an army program on the hospitality industry from Penn State. He traveled the country setting up barracks for soldiers and for Fort McCoy. He retired in 2013 but misses it. He won the Commander's award for "Supervisor of the Year" in 2002 and 2007. He competed with other units around the world.



Bobbi Gudis made and donated 36 blankets to the Shriners Children's Clinic in Woodbury. Dora Johnston, Zor Driver, and a member of the Mehara Shrine Club is pictured with one as she delivers the to the Shriners Health Clinic.



These are 51 blankets donated by Roberta Gudis in memory of her husband Don. Pictured is president, Noble Randy Johnston, Merhara Shrine Club and with him is Roberta.



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# **2021 VALENTINE'S DINNER**

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit the community of New Richmond in 2020, nobody thought it would linger on into 2021. So, Mike and Michelle Klintworth, owners of the Next Door Café came up with an idea to get the members of the community out and about along with helping Shriners Health Care for Children.

The idea was a simple one; have a Valentine's Day Dinner with a portion of the proceeds being donated to the Shriners Health Care for Children. There was a lot of work to get done along with some obstacles to overcome; deciding the menu, getting the needed items to make the evening a special event, designing the flyers along with getting the information out to the public. Members of the St Croix Valley Shrine Club Mike Kastens and Roger Keller worked with the Klintworth's in obtaining the licensing needed to hold the event.

On Sunday, February 14, 2021, the Klintworth's along with staff members turned the inside from a café into a beautiful sit down restaurant. There were white linen tablecloths, red linen napkins and a red candle lit at each table. The doors opened at 5:00 pm and guests were greeted by Server Tayler Larson and Michelle Klintworth.

The guests enjoyed a choice of a steak dinner with garlic mashed potatoes, green beans, choice of soup or a salad. The second option was chicken parmesan with spaghetti, choice of soup or a salad. The dessert choices were hard to choose from as the guests could have either chocolate cake with chocolate gnash frosting with fresh raspberries or a berry tiramisu.

The following members of Zor Shrine were present: Illustrious Sir Mark Jerdee and his Lady Sharon; Chief Rabban Rod LaBlanc and his Lady Mary; High Priest and Prophet Roger Keller and his Lady Tammy; Captain of the Guard Mike Kastens and his Lady Susan; Chief of Staff Bruce Fransway and his Lady Loretta; Past Potentate Barry Ausen and his Lady Becky; Past Potentate Larry Riemenschneider and his Lady Julie. Other guests included: Ken and Pamela Grover; Jim and Sandi Thompson; Randy and Sarah Zezza. The night was filled with fun, laughter and fellowship! Nobles Mike Kastens and Roger Keller presented a long stem rose and candy to all the ladies attending.

Roses were also presented to both Michelle Klintworth and Tayler Larson for their outstanding service to our group.

Approximately 92 people were served for this event; Mike and Michelle were pleased with the outcome and thanked the Nobles who were able to attend. They are planning on having this event again next year!







from left to right: Michelle Klintworth - co-owner of the Next Door Cafe, Tayler Larson - server.



from left to right Mike Kastens - St Croix Valley Shrine Club, Mike Klintworth - co-owner of the Next Door Cafe, Roger Keller - St Croix Valley Shrine Club.

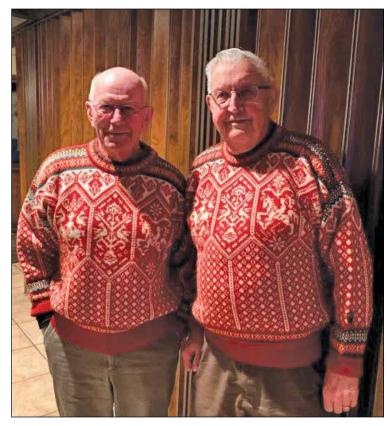
# Daughters of the Nile Antioch Temple No. 113

Antioch has been meeting monthly via Zoom. By this means we have been able to conduct business. In anticipation of the sale of the Zor Center, Antioch has conducted a survey of the membership. Then we held a vote to move to the Doric Masonic Center on the East side of Madison. Stay tuned for further session dates, and time, and place, dependent on Government rules about meeting sizes.

If you are interested in joining Antioch, please contact one of our members or Barb Englund P.Q. Membership chair. **608-201-5554 or barbkente@charter.net** 



At the Lakeland Shrine Club meeting held on February 18th. Club President, Dave Dewey presented Dave Stolen with his 50 year member certificate.



At the Lakeland Shrine Club meeting held on February 18th, Past Potentates' Bob Gorsuch and Roger Nitzsche showed up wearing the same sweater. Talk about an awkward moment.





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It had great food, but no atmosphere. Q: What do dentists call their x-rays?

A: Tooth pics!

Did you hear about the two peanuts walking in the alley late last night?

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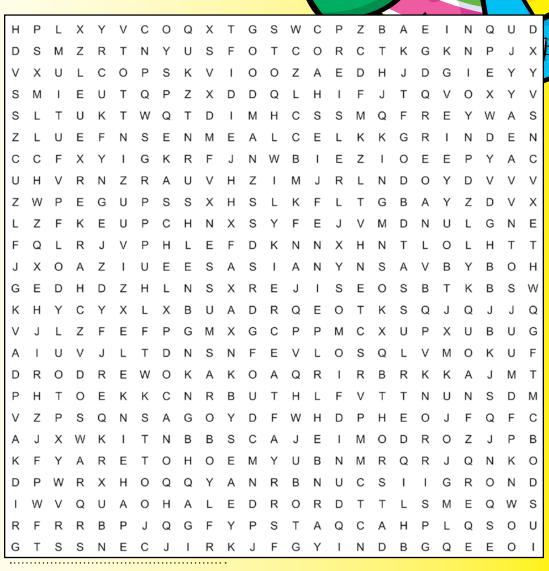
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# MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS

Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

Well, I think we have finally turned the corner on Winter with the nice weather that we have experienced in the first of March! I know there is always a possibility of a snowstorm in April, but at least the snow will not last long!

I hope that everyone had a great St Patrick's Day and got your fill of corned beef and cabbage. St Patrick's Day in Wisconsin is where everyone wants to be Irish to enjoy the day.

Now that Spring is here, I hope that we will be able to start having some gatherings where we can promote our great fraternity to those brothers who may have an interest in becoming a Noble. We need to really look for those brothers who would make a great Shriner as if we do not our fraternity will cease to exist as we know it today. Since the first of the year, we have lost a few Nobles to the black camel and we have gained three new Nobles. So, we are staying just above our total membership for 2021.

I also know several Nobles have not paid their 2021 dues if you have not paid your dues please do so as soon as possible. The last thing you need is to be rushing to pay your dues at the end of the year to avoid being suspended for nonpayment. As I have wrote before, we do have the auto-payment system available to you to assist with paying your dues. This system is very easy to use, with it starting by contacting Pat or Amy in the office at telephone number: 608-833-6343 and they will help you with getting setup in the program. You have some choices as to how you want to pay. One option is to pay the entire amount due at one time. Second option



Mike Kastens, **New Richmond** 

is to pay the amount in four payments. Third option is to pay the amount over the entire year. Fourth option is to pay the amount in two payments. These options use either your checking account, savings account, or credit card to make the payments.

I also have seen that we have several Nobles who have been a Shriner for several years if not many decades! I want to thank you for your continued years as

a member of ZOR Shrine! These individuals show just how important the Shrine is to be making one's life better along with helping kids through out the many years of being a Shriner!

Here are the names of a few Nobles and their years of being a Shriner:

Robert H. Lauck - 77 years; H.G. Wells - 72 years; Raymond A. Larson, Jr. – 69 years; Robert L. Witt – 68 years; Anton S. Arneson, Jr – 67 years; Thomas C. Pearson – 65 years.

It is truly amazing as I look at the longevity these Nobles have in our great fraternity! I am sure they have some great stories to tell about their membership in the fraternity as well.

In closing, I wish each and everyone of you great health! Remember everyday is a great day to be a Shriner!

> Fraternally yours, ~ Mike Kastens 2021 Membership Chair



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# A WORD FROM YOUR CHIEF OF STAFF

Greetings Nobles & Ladies!

Hopefully, everyone had a Great Valentine's Day and were able to spend it with the one they Love.

The Valentine's parties the Belvedere Supper Club, in Marshfield and also at the Next-Door Café, in New Richmond were Great, and everyone enjoyed fun & fellowship in 2021.

Know that things are starting to warm up. It's great to be getting outside to take in some of that sunshine. It's also nice to see some bruce@franzwas.com parades starting to be scheduled

for the summer for many clubs & Units. I hope everyone had a great St Patrick's Day! Having time for some corn beef & Cabbage as well a couple of green beers

We are also trying a New fundraiser this year for Zor in case you missed it in the Zephyr Its working at Country Fest & Rock Fest in Cadott Wisconsin check back in Zephyr for article about volunteering many times open as well as jobs in which many hands make light work. And all the details in this Zephyr.



**Bruce Fransway CHIEF OF STAFF** 

Also start Marking your Calendars for many of the upcoming events for this summer that are listed at the Zor website calendar.

## **April Events:**

Saturday April 17th Shriners, Masons and Friends get together at Tomah Lodge.

Saturday April 24th Wausau Potentates Party and Quarterly Meeting. Sportsman's raffle tickets handed out.

May events: Everyone mark your calendars!

August 11-14th - Midwest Shrine Association in Sioux city, IA

Check Zor website for more details.

Thank you!

~ Bruce Fransway, Zor Chief of Staff



# HOSPITAL DADS

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# Divan enjoys St. Pat's party at St. Croix Valley Shrine Club

Members of the Zor Shrine Divan made a stop at the St. Croix Valley Shrine Club at their St. Patrick's Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner on Saturday March 13 at the New Richmond American Legion. The Divan members making the trip are (LR) Bruce Fransway, Chief of Staff, Mike Kastens Capt. of the Outer Guard, Al Brueggen, Assistant Rabban, Mark Jerdee, Potentate, Rodney LaBlanc, Chief Rabban, Al Coenen, Marshal and Roger Keller, High Priest and Prophet.

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# MSA Summer Session Sioux City, IA August 11th - 14th

Nobles and Ladies,

The Midwest Shrine Association 2021 summer session will be held at Sioux City, IA on August 11th-14th.

Packets with maps & schedules will be handed out when you arrive.

### MSA Parades are as follows:

- 1. Thursday August 12th 2021 Evening Parade @ 6:00 P.M. Moville IA, 15 miles East of Sioux City, IA on Hwy 20.
- 2. Saturday August 14th @ 9:30 A.M South Sioux City, IA

All Nobles from Zor Clubs & units who participate in both parades and/or competition, will receive milage of .10 cents a mile and 25% per day of the Hotel room rate paid by Zor with the proper paperwork filled out.

So, if your club or Unit is going, please contact Bruce@franzwas.com along with a list of the Nobles names and number of rooms needed.

Rooms are running from \$119.00 - \$139.00.

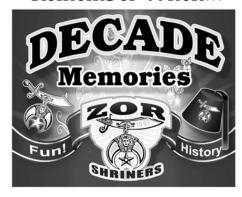
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Also please keep checking the web site, https://www.msa2021.com/regrisration, and http://www.abubekr.com/, for up-to-date information from Abu Bekr Shriners.

You can also go to https://zorshriners.com/msa-2024 and select Abu Bekr from the list.

Thank you, Bruce Fransway, Zor Chief of Staff

# Remember When...





Mehara Shrine Club honored Potentate Steve Peterson and Lady Mary Ellen



Our Vidalia onion grower, Shad Dasher, and Richard Winter in the Vidalia onion field in mid-March 2011. Taken in Glennville, Georgia. The onions are looking good!

