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From the desk of

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years, we had a good time. The food was great and they once again sold all the tickets. On Sunday, we traveled down to Eau Claire to help them set up the Christmas trees for the Divan and Divan Ladies along with St Croix Valley Shrine Club for the Mehara Feztival of Trees. I had the honor to be invited to attend on behalf of the St. Croix Valley Shrine Club as they bought a table at Osman's Hufli Dinner. They bring out a whole turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, gravy, vegetable, coleslaw, cranberries, rolls,

and a whole pumpkin pie for the table. Even though they said the crowd was down this year, everyone had fun.

As I am writing my final article for the Zephyr as your Potentate, it does not seem it should be over so soon. Even with all the shutdowns, this year seemed to fly by. For all the Nobles that went out and did your civic duty and voted in November, thank you, we know some are happy while the other half are sad. Just remember your Masonic code, do not talk politics in your Lodge. Remember you were a Mason before you were a Shriner.

Thanks for all that attended the barn dance, we would like to say thank you for attending. Everyone had a good time, the food was great and so was the music. We were able to show some non-Masons what Shriners are about and introduce them to our great fraternity. I had several comments on how impressive everything was and had heard about our fundraising and thought while they were there we would be trying to sell them something. We did have over a hundred people attend along with my counterparts from Osman and Zuhrah.

Becky and I have had the pleasure of traveling around and seeing and meeting new Nobles. We were able to attend the Osman Gala held in Rochester and partake in some fun with our Nobles from across the river. We traveled to Arnott and attended the Funsters, Holiday Spirits Craft, Vendor, and Music event. What a great event that has grown into over the years. It seems like it keeps on getting better every year and the crowds were good for what I saw this year.

This past weekend was a busy weekend as I traveled down to Jefferson with Mark Jerdee and Al & Penny Brueggen to the Sahara raffle. Even though the crowd was down from other

I am starting to form a committee for the Temple future and possible relocation committee. This committee will meet and talk about what is the best for our Fraternity. They will be going out and visiting the clubs and units to get feedback from the nobles, what they want to see us at for the future of Zor. Hopefully, you will receive this before the Winter Ceremonial. We are hoping that you will be able to come down to La Crosse for this great event. We are hoping you will bring down some new candidates and will make them Nobles that day. With the restriction still in place in Madison we had to make the decision to move the annual meeting to La Crosse. The event will take place in the La Crosse Masonic Center and the party at the Radisson. We have also received information that the 2021 Circus has been canceled. Becky and I hope every one of you have a great Thanksgiving, joyous Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

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

**Be sure to email your stories by Sunday, January 10th. Include information for the months of February AND March 2021.**

- **Feb./Mar. 2021**  
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- **June/July 2021**  
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**TO: Club & Unit Presidents and Secretaries**

**FROM: Bob Gorsuch, Recorder – Zor Shriners**

**SUBJECT: Club And Unit Elections And Reports**

It is important that temple leaders and Shriners International have a current and accurate list of club and unit leaders. However, the trajectory of the Coronavirus pandemic, as well as laws and Grand Lodge edicts, may prevent those club and unit elections from being held on or before October 31. If that is the case, it is not a violation of General Order No. 1 to postpone those club and unit elections to a date where they can lawfully be held.

If your bylaws do not permit existing officers to serve until successors are elected, the Zor Potentate has the authority to amend club or unit bylaws to provide "Term of Office. All officers shall serve for a term of one year or until their successors are elected."

In summary, if club and unit elections can be held, they should be held. If it is not proper to hold the elections, they should be postponed until those elections can properly be held. In the meantime, current officers should continue to serve until their successors are elected.

If elections are held, the names and contact information for the newly elected officers should be immediately entered into WebFez or provided to the Temple Recorder and the updated list of club/unit members for the ensuing year should be entered into WebFez or provided to the Temple Recorder.

**CANCELLATIONS**

- Chief Rabban Party has been postponed, new date yet to be determined.
- The 2021 Zor Shrine Circus has been canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions set by Dane County. The Alliant Energy Center has canceled all shows thru March 2021.

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Greetings All,

What a year we have had this year and what would we have done without our electronics. Zoom has really paid off for Zor. It allowed the Divan, Clubs, Units and Committees to meet virtually, staying safe and staying healthy.

Shriners and their families are known to be very social individuals. With all the problems in the world today we have been forced to stay home, stay safe, and not allowed to do the things we do best, which are, be with our friends, soon to be friends, and take care of the children we love so much. Hopefully, this will not last much longer, and they will have enough vaccine to go around and allow us to get back to business as usual. Until then, we will stay in contact via our electronics.

Zor has two Zoom Host Channels allowing us to have two meetings at the same time. If your Club, Unit, or Committee need to meet virtually, please contact me at [zorcommunication2019@gmail.com](mailto:zorcommunication2019@gmail.com) or Cell: 715-630-9143 and I would be happy to set one up for you and answer any questions you may have about Zoom. If you have any new ways of communicating, I would like to hear those ideas, too.



My Lady Linda and I would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Years.



**Chris Peters**

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Greetings Nobles,

By the time you receive this issue of the Zephyr, we will have had our Fall Ceremonial. So, let us take the time to introduce ourselves to our newest Nobles and welcome them to the Fraternity!

Speaking of our new Nobles when they return to their respective clubs and units please take the time to include them in the activities of your respective clubs and units. If we get them interested and include them in the clubs and units' activities, they are more inclined to remain an active member of your clubs and units.

I felt the Fall Ceremonial was a memorable event for the candidates and their ladies. This year we attempted to have the day to not only welcome the candidates and their ladies into our great Fraternity, but they also were able to see the fun side of being a Shriner! If you were unable to attend the Fall Ceremonial, you missed out on a completely different Fall Ceremonial!

If you have not paid your dues, please remember you need to have them paid by December 31, 2020. As I discussed in the last issue of the Zephyr, this year we have started a payment system using your checking account deduction or commonly known as "Auto Pay" where you can setup several different types of dues payment plans; such as monthly, every 6 months, or annual payment. You also can elect to charge your dues payment using a credit card. If you decide to use



**Mike Kastens,  
New Richmond**

one of these payment options, please contact Pat at the temple at 608-833-6343 ext. 1. Her office hours are Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, with the office being closed on Fridays. You can also email her at [zortemp@chorus.net](mailto:zortemp@chorus.net) and request her to call you.

I am looking forward to 2021 and hoping that it will be a better year than 2020 has been. With the COVID-19 pandemic we have had to cancel several membership events, which has placed a hardship on recruiting new Nobles. Along with the COVID-19

pandemic, the all too familiar black camel has also taken its toll on our membership. Our Lodges have also been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic having been closed, which also affected our ability to recruit new Nobles.

If you know someone who might be interested in joining our Fraternity, please direct them to the new recruiting website [beashrinernow.com](http://beashrinernow.com). It is a very easy method of submitting the candidate's information and it will be sent to the proper Shrine Temple so they can act on the information.

In closing, my Lady Susan and I would like to wish each of you and your families a very Happy Holiday Season! As we move into the new year, we also wish each of you a prosperous new year!

*Fraternally yours,  
~ Mike Kastens  
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This year's Holiday Spirit Craft, Vendor, and Music Show was a great success. Temperatures were much higher this year which brought in bigger crowds. More baskets to raffle off which brought in a bigger donation for Shriners Healthcare – Twin Cities.

The music was great, we had the Blue's Brothers, Elvis, and Rod Stewart tribute artist along with some great country artists and Geoff Landon, which is not only a great musician, set up all the sound for us.

A great day was had by all that attended, and another sizable donation was made to help our kids. Thank you all.



## IN MEMORIAM

- Norman H Allen, P.P. • 10.12.20 • Adams, WI
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- Ralph W Thompson • 10.20.20 • Baldwin, WI
- Russell C Hale • 10.18.20 • Mauston, WI
- Alan I "Al" Wright • 10.11.20 • Sparta, WI
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## NOVEMBER MEETING

The Directors Staff held their November meeting at the Zor office. Members present were, L to R: P.P.s Wally Trouten, Mark Severson, Bob Gorsuch, and Nobles Chuck Porter, Bob Ott, and Alan Brawders and the empty chair PP John Thorstad. Business items included: ceremonial, parade to glory, and election of officers. The next meeting will be January 6th at the Maple Tree Restaurant.

# SHRINE FUTURE

As a Noble, have you ever thought about where you would like to see yourself in 3 to 5 years as a Shriner? If you're active in your local Shrine Club or Unit have you ever thought of becoming an officer for your Club or Unit? If you're not currently in a Club or Unit but are interested in joining one, let a few members of the group know you're interested. Clubs and Units typically elect their officers in October.

Might you be interested in starting a new Club or Unit but not sure how to get started? Starting a new Club or Unit could be as easy as finding three of your fellow Nobles that have the same interest and then contacting the Zor Office or a Divan member to assist you in getting through the process. Once the details of a potential new Club or Unit are received the Divan vote on the request for initiation.

Zor is always looking for new fundraisers. Do you have an idea for a good fundraiser? If so, someone from your Club or Unit and/or Divan would be open to any suggestions or ideas you might have. Remember, there are two types of fundraising; there is the fraternal fundraising which is for Clubs and Units and the Charitable fundraising for the hospitals. Clubs and/or Units are able to use the income from a Fraternal event to support that Club or Unit. Charitable (Hospital) fundraising, all the monies raised after expenses must go to the hospitals

There are those Nobles who ask about getting more involved on the board level and would like to become active with the Divan. Members of the Divan are always looking for up-and-coming leaders. They are looking for Nobles who are active in their Club or Unit and who are taking on responsibilities and trying new things as well as giving that extra effort on fundraisers and/or starting new fundraisers through their ideas.

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**If you are looking for a way to relax and unwind, join the Zor Shrine.**

And for Masons in the upper Midwest you will have a Spring Membership Ceremonial close to home in New Richmond - That's right in the backyard of our Potentate Barry Ausen!

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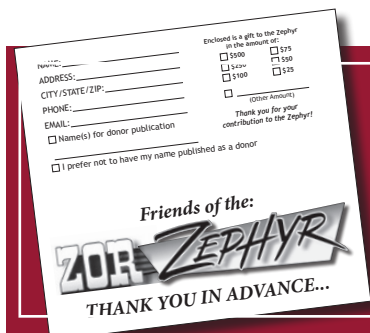
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# ZOR SHRINE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday

**Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>**

## DIVAN MEETING

Radisson Hotel, La Crosse, 200 Second Street  
South, 200 Harborview Plaza, La Crosse, WI  
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Saturday

**Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>**

## ZOR FALL CEREMONIAL

Radisson Hotel, La Crosse, 200 Second Street  
South, 200 Harborview Plaza, La Crosse, WI  
8:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Friday

**Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>**

## ST. CROIX VALLEY SHRINE CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday

**Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>**

## DIRECTOR'S STAFF JANUARY MEETING

Maple Tree Supper Club,  
6010 US-51, McFarland, WI

Saturday

**Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>**

## ZOR ANNUAL MEETING AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

La Crosse Masonic Center,  
116 8th St S, La Crosse, WI  
9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

## FEZ PARTY BANQUET

Radisson Hotel La Crosse, 200 Second Street  
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6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

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Zor Potentate's

# Barn Dance and Pig Roast

It was a cool crisp October night when a group of Nobles descended onto a barn owned by Noble Arvid Flanum for some Fun and Fellowship. The night was Saturday October 3, 2020, this group of Nobles were attending the annual Potentate's Ball, this year it was a barn dance and pig roast.

Approximately 100 Nobles from Zor, Osman, Zuhrah temples and guests. They started the evening with some fellowship and roasted pig dinners. As the night went on, the band, Trigger Happy, provided an evening of music and dancing. The music and libation continued well into the night with everyone having a great time!

Ill. Sir Barry and his Lady Becky were greeted by the following visiting Potentate's Ill. Sir Verl Raap and his Lady Jeanna from Zuhrah Shrine Temple and Ill. Sir Larry Norte and his Lady Audrey from Osman Shrine Temple. Other guests were several of Ill. Sir Barry's farmers and seed suppliers from his employer at Lakeside Foods.

Based on the compliments received from those attending, the barn dance theme was a huge success! Most of the attendees enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere along with the food and drinks that were served! There were many who expressed the desire to possibly have this event become an annual event here in western Wisconsin.

Ill. Sir Barry and his Lady Becky thanked all who attended, along with the Nobles for all their hard work in setting up and taking down of the tents, tables, and chairs. A special thank you to the St Croix Valley Shrine Club Ladies Auxiliary for providing all the wonderful desserts.



*Pictured, from left to right: Zuhrah Potentate, Ill. Sir Verl Raap and Lady Jeanna, Zor Potentate, Ill. Sir Barry Ausen and Lady Becky, and Osman Potentate, Ill. Sir Larry Norte and Lady Audrey*



*Noble Mark and Lady Sharon Jerdee*



*Noble Rodney and Lady Mary LaBlanc*



**NEWEST NOBLES RECEIVE THEIR FEZ**

*At the Hayward Shrine Club meeting, the Club presented Fez's to our newest Nobles, Chuck May and Bruce Kilburn. Pictured are from left to right, Lady (Dr.) Deanna and Noble Chuck May, Club President Mike Sawyer, and Noble Bruce Kilburn and Lady Calisa.*

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## Annual Fez Party

Saturday, January 9, 2021 • 6:00 PM • Radisson Hotel, La Crosse

*All Dinners Accompanied with a mixed Greens Garden Salad, also with steamed vegetable blend, Rolls, Dessert Spiced cake or Chocolate cake.*

- Grilled Tenderloin of Beef** with wild mushroom sauce,  
Garlic Mashed potatoes: \_\_\_\_\_@ \$35.00 per person
- Hand-Breaded Walleye** with Lemon, Tartar, and Herbed Butter,  
Garlic Mashed Potatoes: \_\_\_\_\_@ \$35.00 per person
- \*Vegan\* Marinated Grilled Portobella Mushroom**  
with Roasted Zucchini & Cauliflower, Rice Pilaf  
and a Lemon Herb Olive Oil : \_\_\_\_\_@ \$25.00 per person

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La Crosse SC  
118 8th St. South  
La Crosse, WI 54601

**Deadline: December 24, 2020**

# Zor Shriners Annual Meeting and Installation of 2021 Officers

The Zor Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers will be held on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at the LaCrosse Masonic Center located at 116 8th Street South, LaCrosse.

The Annual meeting will be called to order at 1:00 PM and the Installation of Officers should start at 3:30 PM.

The Fez Party and Banquet will be at the LaCrosse Radisson, located at 200 Second Street south, Harborview Plaza La Crosse, WI 54601 and will begin at 6:00 PM. Accommodations are available at the Radisson Hotel; rooms are \$ 99.00 plus tax & fees. There is a block of rooms set up for ZOR

Deadline for the rooms is December 28, 2020.

## Zor Officers Installations Ladies Luncheon

The Ladies Luncheon this year will be at a place called The 4 Sisters. I will need a head count of how many women might be going so I can call the restaurant and tell them how many will be coming. If you plan on attending, please contact Sharon Jerdee at 608-343-0902 or sharonj419@yahoo.com and let her know by no-later-than January 1, 2021.

## Zor Shriners Annual Meeting Lunch

Saturday, January 9, 2021  
11:45am • La Crosse Masonic Center

### Nobles and Ladies welcome

*All you can eat – BBQ pork sandwiches, turkey sandwiches, soup, cheese, crackers, soda, coffee, bottled water, cookies, and bars*

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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No. Attending: \_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00/person

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Membership in the Zor Shrine means taking a break from work and the same old routine to mix with Brothers who know how to have a good time. Sure, you provide top notch healthcare to children worldwide, but you also have fun in the process of doing good! Thanks to the Zor Imagineers, Zor Shriners are always looking at better ways to communicate and enjoy good fellowship.

**If you are looking for a way to relax and unwind, join the Zor Shrine.**

And for Masons in the upper Midwest you will have a Spring Membership Ceremonial close to home in New Richmond - That's right in the backyard of our Potentate Barry Ausen!

Joining is easy...go on line at: [beashrinernow.com](http://beashrinernow.com)

If interested contact Mike Kastens, membership chair at [zormembership@gmail.com](mailto:zormembership@gmail.com) or call 715-497-7527

**JOIN US NOW!**



## 2020 MEMBERSHIP EFFORTS!

Check out the resources in [shrinersvillage.com](http://shrinersvillage.com). Order membership brochures, pocket petitions, wallet cards, decals, magnets and more!



# Seasons Greetings

## ✿ *ZorDwan*

Barry & Becky Ausen, Potentate  
Mark & Sharon Jerdee, Chief Rabban  
Al & Penny Brueggen,  
High Priest & Prophet  
Roger & Tammy Keller, Oriental Guide  
Karl Gant, Chaplain

## ✿ *Past Potentates*

Roger & Judie Nitzsche (PP 1984)  
Bill & Julie Johnson (PP 1989)  
Dick & Karen Jones (PP 1991)  
Russell & Lorraine Dunnun (PP 1995)  
J. Kevin & Janet Johnson (PP 1997)  
Jim & Joan Soderholm (PP 1998)  
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John & Debbi Thorstad (PP 2004)  
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## ✿ *Nobles, Ladies & Friends*

Roger & Diane Amundson, Joseph  
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St. Croix Valley Women's Auxiliary  
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Phillip Oren, Wranglers  
Jerry Wilkens & Carla Weaver,  
Zor Road Runners



Prior to the raffle drawing, a vote was taken by the Divan and members of Sahara Shrine club, raise your hand if you want Dale Olson to stop talking.

## Game cancelled but raffle goes on!



Sahara Shrine Club held their annual Zor / UW Whitewater raffle on Saturday, November 7th under the leadership of Dale Olson. Although the Warhawks football game was not held, it was voted on to continue with the raffle.

- Art Lenius • \$1,000.00
- Chris Peters • \$100.00
- Jordan Truttschel • \$40.00
- MaryAnn Schacht • \$40.00
- Brad Kuenzi • \$80.00
- Jim Yurs • \$100.00
- Heather Hansen • \$80.00
- Jean Kwapil • \$40.00
- Rod E Johnson • \$40.00
- Scott Largent • \$80.00
- Rod E Johnson • \$200.00
- Willa LaBlanc • \$100.00
- Dor Johnston • \$40.00
- Trudy Stelsel • \$40.00
- Jason Jones • \$80.00
- Lisa Delvauz • \$100.00
- Monte Steiber • \$80.00
- Anne Fellows • \$40.00
- Trudy Stelsel • \$40.00
- Tim Schultz • \$80.00
- Michelle Jones • \$200.00
- Aurelieo Callope • \$100.00
- Shawn Fahrenkampf • \$40.00
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- Justin Covey • \$80.00
- Deb Olson • \$100.00

- Richard Haney • \$80.00
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- John Jensen • \$80.00
- Karl Gant • \$200.00
- Richard Haney • \$100.00
- Emma Olson • \$40.00
- Richard Haney • \$40.00
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- Steve Schluter • \$80.00
- Diana Johnson • \$40.00
- Phil Ristow • \$40.00
- Anne Fellows • \$80.00
- Tony Meyers • \$200.00
- Jim Yurs • \$100.00
- Penny Brueggen • \$40.00
- Karen Christian • \$40.00
- Joe Harker • \$80.00
- Art Lenius • \$100.00
- Chris Nash • \$80.00
- Lee Cushman • \$40.00
- Glenn Manke • \$40.00
- Trudy Stelsel • \$80.00
- Steve Livernash • \$200.00

# WHAT IS WITH THE RED SNEAKER?



The Red Sneaker Fund has been mentioned many times in articles in our Zephyr over the years. I am sure that at some point the question has been asked, what is with the Red Sneaker Fund? The Red Sneaker Fund was established by the Northeast Shrine Clown Association in 1973 for the purpose of purchasing sneakers for patients at the Boston Shriners Hospital. This was because they wanted to help and asked the doctors what they needed. Doctors recommended that patients with burn injuries wear sneakers because of the comfort and sturdiness they provide. Everyone knows that Clowns wear big colorful shoes so they use a large red sneaker to promote this program.

Because of the strides made in both research and clinical care since 1960's a burned child's chance of survival has more than doubled. The sneaker fund contributes thousands of dollars each year to the vital research. For the past two years as the U.S. Red Sneaker Fund Chairman, I am happy to report that the Red Sneaker Fund has passed onto the Shriners International over \$150,000.00. This year has been a real down year as everyone can expect with so many fund raising options and Shrine parade events being canceled all over the country. Donations are still coming in which is a great testament to the workings of Shriners all over the country.

Now you know a little more about the Red Sneaker. If you should be interested in making a donation just find one of your local clowns and they can help you out by accepting it or directing you where you can make your donation. You can also always look for a red sneaker and any Shrine event.

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# A MINUTE WITH MILT

## There is merit in what you say

Early in my publishing career one of most enduring lessons I ever learned was how to deal with someone who was wrong. Most people just cannot wait to tell someone they are totally wrong. When they correct them, they make the corrected party hostile and deeply hurt. They also cement their position even firmer. Nobody wins.

What I learned was how to deal with people with a strong opinion by simply saying "There is merit to what you say," and proceeding to ask some questions to clarify the other person's position. I found that using this approach does two things. First, you save the other person's feelings and keep them from digging their feet in and defending their position. Secondly, you admit there may be merit in their opinion even though deep down you know they are wrong. It does open up a whole new discussion because you choose not to debate the issue.

I have found that the person who has a strong position often softens and often reconsiders their position.

In today's climate, wouldn't we be better off following this line of thinking?

I will leave you with this pearl of wisdom from one of my favorite humorists, Will Rogers. "It takes a great country to stand a thing like an election hitting it every four years."



**Milt Helmer,**  
Zephyr  
Correspondent

# Congratulations Barry!



We are all so proud of you for a successful year as Potentate for the Zor Shrine during a very challenging time.

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I was wondering  
why the ball kept  
getting bigger  
and bigger,

and then  
it hit me.

**ON THE  
LIGHTER  
SIDE**

I was  
addicted to the  
hokey pokey...  
but thankfully,  
I turned myself  
around.



Light travels faster than  
sound. This is why some  
people appear bright until  
you hear them speak.



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| HOWARD <b>ANUNSON JR</b>   | 1983           |
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## A WORD FROM YOUR CHIEF OF STAFF

*Greetings Nobles & Ladies*

Hopefully everyone is staying safe and healthy!

There was a nice turn out of Nobles and Ladies at the Potentate's Barn Dance on October 3rd with food, fun and fellowship.

The Zor Gun Raffle had a good year selling more tickets than last year. Great job!

It seems like winter is fast approaching us which could be very interesting this year between the Covid-19 pandemic and flu season.

But, as of now, everything is still a go for the Ceremonial in La Crosse on December 5th. The Radisson is doing everything to keep the social distancing and disinfecting for all of us and also keeping in close contact with the State of Wisconsin & local Health Department to keep us all safe. So



**Bruce Fransway**  
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please let's also do our part with mask as well abide with everything the Radisson is doing to keep us all safe. It should be a fun & fellowship filled day of events.

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, giving thanks for our health, family, friends, and our great fraternity. Be kind to others, especially our Brothers.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all my Brothers, Nobles and Ladies.

The Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 9th will be held at the Masonic Lodge in La Crosse this year along with the Installation of Officers. All the lodging and Fez Party Banquet will be held at the Radisson Hotel.

Thank you,

*~ Bruce Fransway, Zor Chief of Staff*

## Looking For A New Clown

We are rounding the corner of another year and that will bring a number of changes both in our lives and the Shrine.

It has been a long tradition within the Madison Clown unit that we hold a Clown Potentate party each year in February. It has been labeled many different ways. It has been called a Valentine's Day party, Sweethearts party and the Clown Potentate party. The one consistent thing is it has always been held in February. THIS IS NOT A NORMAL YEAR ANY MORE.

Due to the health concerns for our member and the community as a whole we are going to POSTPONE the Clown party until a later date in the year. We want to make this a fun event for all concerned but most of all make it event that our new Potentate (if elected in January) will remember. So Mark stay tuned...your day will come!

The tradition within the Madison Clown has been to entertain those present with the making of a new clown by putting the Potentate up front and give him a new Clown face and name. Every year at the Parade to Glory he is then presented a picture from



this night. Another part of this evening has been our door prize drawings with all the proceeds going to the Red Sneaker Fund. This fund is run by the International Shrine Clown Association to raise money for the Shrine Burn Hospitals. Over the years we have been able to raise close to \$10,000.00 with your help. A big Thank You needs to go out to all that have attended this event in the past and hope that you will be able to attend again when we can find a safe date and time for all of us.

Until then stay safe and always remember it a great day to be a Shrine Clown.



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### FIRST SHRINE PATIENT TRIP

*Sam Gomez a Zor Shriner and member of the Southwest Wisconsin Shrine Club made his first Shrine patient trip on 8/18/2020. This was a tag team trip as the patient was heading to Chicago for surgery the following day so we "tag-teamed" with the guys from Janesville. Though only a Zor member for just over a year he was excited about this his first trip and is looking forward to trips to both the Twin Cities and Chicago facilities. Pictured are Sam Gomez and Wally Troutn, PP.*

When we think of our membership in the Daughters of the Nile, many sweet things come to mind, friendship, fun social times, our beautiful and meaningful ritualistic work, and a common purpose for the support of the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Daughters of the Nile was founded in 1913 for character building among women, social interaction, and service to others. The ideals led to our work for the special patients of Shriners Hospitals for Children (SHC). To become a member of the Daughters of the Nile you must be a woman, 18 years of age or older, who are related by birth or marriage to a Shriner, Master Mason, Daughter of the Nile, or a member in good standing of a Masonic-related organization for girls, or who was a patient at a Shriners Hospital for Children, may apply.



Daughters of the Nile adopted Shriners Hospital for Children as its sole philanthropy in 1925 and has donated **over \$2 Million Dollars each year**. Bake sales, craft sales, and raffles are some of the fund-raising activities. We also make tray favors for the SHC and donate blankets, shirts, games, disposable cameras, and many other items.

Antioch Temple in Madison is the local organization. Meetings are held the 3rd Saturday of the month. For more information, please contact a member of the Daughters or Pass Queen (PQ) Barb Englund, membership chairperson, at 608-201-5554.

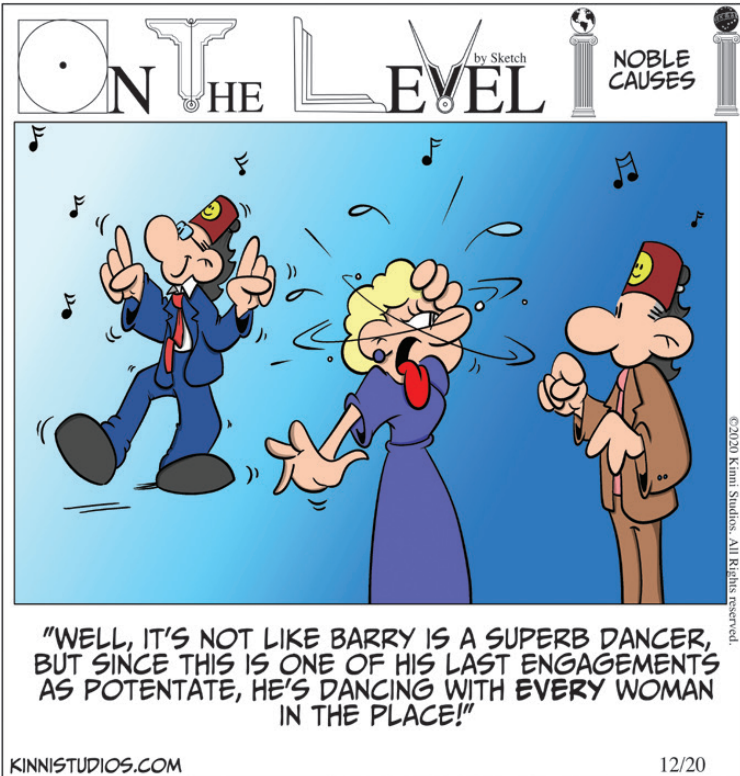
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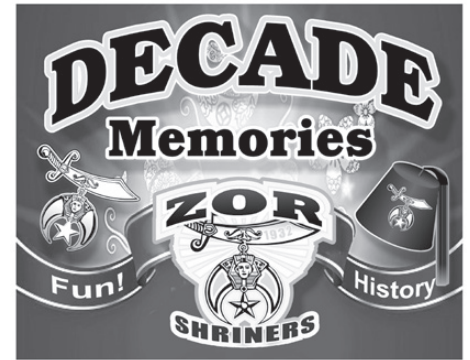


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*L to R, John Thorstad PP, Chief Rabban Steve Peterson, \_ Mark Severson PP discuss the success of the bicycle giveaway and show off the 1st check from the Sahara.*



*PP Tom Nelson and his duet partner.*

## 2020 Zor Gun Raffle Winners

- Andy Fincutter • Henry H004V Golden Boy - 17HMR  
Marilyn Pierce • Ruger 10/22 Takedown - 22LR  
Montie Kramer • Ruger PC Carbine - 9MM  
Mark Jerdee • Browning A-Bolt III Hunter - 270WSM  
Wayne Ausin • Remington 783 - 7MM REM MAG  
Nathan Behlke • Savage Arms Inc 110 Engage Hntr XP - 243WIN  
Tim Boldt • Mossberg Patriot-Vortex Pkg - 30-06 SPRG  
Justin Dassow • Winchester SXP Waterfowl - 12GA  
Brandon Clements • Ruger Guns Amer Predator - 308WIN  
Gene Reese • Henry H001 Classic Lever - 22S/L/LR  
Sherm Boucher • Savage 93R17 GVXP - 17HMR  
Dan Pauli • Winchester XPR Hunter Strata - 350 Legend  
Ken Olm • Remington 700 BDL - 270WIN  
Andy Fincutter • Stevens 555 Deluxe - 12GA  
Brad Pastorius • Savage Arms Inc 110 Tactical - 8.5 Creedmore  
Michelle Klintworth • Savage 220-Slug - 20GA  
Chuck May • Winchester SXP Trap - 12GA  
Elli Carpenter • Stoeger Coach Supreme - 12GA  
Tim Johnson • Franch/Benelli Affinity 3.0 - 12GA  
Tony Moyess • Winchester SXP-Longbeard - 12GA  
Bruce Fransway • Henry H002B-US Survival - 22LR  
Al Brueggen • Maverick by Mossberg 88 - 12GA  
Floyd Herschberger • Mossberg 500-Combo - 20GA  
Floyd Herschberger • Browning Bar MK2 Safari - 370WIN  
Andy Honeywell • CZ-USA CZ457 Training - 22LR  
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Bob Wolf • Ruger America-Predator - 22-250 REM  
Bill Tile • Ruger 10/22 Delux - 22LR  
John Lincicum • Tikka-Beretta USA Corp T2X Lite - 270WIN  
Larry Krauss • Browning A-Bolt III Comp Stalker - 270WIN  
Jeff Kendall • Mossberg Patriot - 270WIN  
Christian Davila • Remington 870 Wingmaster - 12GA  
Jason Jones • Henry H006-Big Boy - 44MAG/SPL  
Laverne Lehmuru • Winchester SXP Black Shadow - 12GA

### MINI CARS

Fifteen members attended the final business meeting on October 28th at Rays Family Restaurant in Edgerton. The agenda included: re-election of the 2010 officers, Parade to Glory donations, recap of the 20 parades, circus bicycle purchase, 3 events at Camp Randall Stadium, and a farewell to the snowbirds. Captain Dave Dunahee announced the annual Christmas Party will be held on December 18th at Emigails Roadhouse in Newville. Each member is asked to bring an unwrapped gift that will go to the Chicago Hospital.



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