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*Spring Ceremonial*



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Zor is a finalist in the Fun & Fellowship competition

From the desk of

# Illustrious Sir Rodney LaBlanc



## THOUGHTS From Behind the Wheel

### Hello again to our ZOR Shrine Family!

Our Zor Mavericks Unit is working on our scooters to get them ready for the upcoming parade season. So far, we have approximately 20 parades scheduled, plus the Imperial Motorcorps Competition and Parade.

The Imperial Shrine Unit Competition is on Saturday, July 2nd at 9am at Zuhrah Shrine Center in Minnetonka, MN. If your unit is wanting to compete in the drill or obstacle course, you will need to register your unit with IASMC (Imperial Association of Shrine Motor Corp). All sign up forms and dues are on their website at [www.iasmc.org](http://www.iasmc.org). If you have questions, feel free to call me.

The Imperial Session parade is on Tuesday, July 5th at 6pm. The parade is being held close to the Minneapolis Convention Center. Line up will be starting at 4:30pm. I hope to see a lot of ZOR units come to parade with us!

Our travels this month have taken us to the Camel Patrol Spring Fling at the Esquire Club in Madison. There is always great fellowship to be had with ZOR Nobles and Ladies of this

once, very unique and active unit, that has now transformed into a strictly social club.

April 27th was the Sahara Shrine Club Spring Fling in Whitewater. Very well attended with great presentations by Kelly Miller and Dan Winter from the Chicago Hospital Donor Development. Kelly shared her personal story about her son Connor and his surgeries and life at Shriners Children's Chicago. Dan shared some history of the Hospitals and how Shriners can help support them and how donations are used.

May 1st was the Mound View Shrine Club lunch and meeting in Mineral Point. Dodgeville Masonic Lodge #119 holds Pasty sales 6 times a year. Each sale is to benefit a charity. The March sale was to benefit the Chicago Hospital. Mound View Shrine Club members helped to make the March production. Dodgeville Lodge donated \$1159 to the club to be forwarded to Shriners Chicago.

May 1st was also the first delivery of our delicious Vidalia onions that we sell throughout the state as a fraternal fundraiser. Check the ZOR Shrine website for a few recipes using

Vidalia Onions.

The ZOR property in Madison is now scheduled to be officially sold the 3rd week of July. The appointed committee has been interviewing financial advisors to assist in the investment of sale proceeds, when we get them. The Divan's goal after the sale is to invest properly and according to our investment policy. This will insure ZOR's future financial stability.

**I look forward to seeing many of you at various Club and Unit functions and parades, as we "Scoot Thru '22!"**



## Zephyr Reminder!!

### June 2022

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Be sure to email your stories by **Friday, June 10th.** Include information for the month of May 2022

**July 2022**  
Deadline: June 10th



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## 2022 Spring Ceremonial



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# Noble Leonard Picket III



L to R back row-  
Nina, Jennifer, Leonard IV,  
Isabella and William  
front row -  
Leonard III and Joseph



Noble Leonard Pickett III is the 2022 Zor Outer Guard. Leonard was raised a Master Mason on May 3, 1995 at Baraboo Masonic Lodge. He comes from a long lineage of Freemasons, including Father, Grandfather, Great Great Grandfather and many uncles' cousins and brothers. Leonard joined Zor Shriners in December of 2016 at the Fall Ceremonial in LaCrosse WI. He has been President of Vacationland Shrine Club since 2018, a hospital dad since joining the Shriners and is Past Master of the Baraboo Masonic Lodge in 2020 and 2021.

Leonard has been married to Lady Jennifer since 1996 and has been blessed with four children, Leonard, William, Isabella,

and Joseph. Daughter in-law Nina and son in-law Israel Smith. He is the third-generation owner of Pickett's Paving and is presently working with his sons in anticipation that they take over one day.

Leonard has a couple of hobbies that include collecting, shooting guns, and also loves to cook. He is passionate about lifting weights, eating healthy and maintaining a healthy lifestyle, which includes training Brazilian Jiu-jitsu, in which he has trained for nine years and currently holds a purple belt. But with all that being said his true loves are God and his family.

# Potentates Fall Tour

OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup> - 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

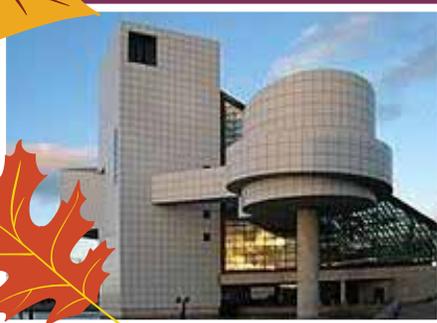


## Day 1: Wednesday Oct 19<sup>th</sup>

Travel to Shipshewana, IN

**Amish Country Dinner and Show**

*(Dear Soldier Boy) at Blue Gate Theater*



## Day 2: Thursday Oct 20<sup>th</sup>

Breakfast included at hotel

**Travel to Niagara Falls with a stop at the Rock N Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, OH**



## Day 3: Friday Oct 21<sup>st</sup>

Breakfast included at hotel

**Sightseeing in Niagara Falls, Buffalo Botanical Gardens and travel to Hershey, PA**



## Day 4: Saturday Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>

Breakfast included at hotel

**Everything Chocolate Tour at Hershey World, Trolley Ride around Hershey to learn about the history of Chocolate lunch on your own at the Hershey World Food Court & some shopping time. Travel to Lancaster and Bird In Hand, PA. View film on Jacob's Choice, Countryside Tour with Step-on Guide & Dinner in an Amish Home with time to visit with the family.**



## Tour Includes:

Seven Breakfasts, Two Dinners, One Lunch, Lodging for Seven Nights, Motorcoach Transportation

*\*Driver gratuity is not included*

Price per Adult (40 - 50): Quad - \$1,045.00, Triple - \$1130.00, Double - \$1,295.00, Single - \$1,790.00

Price per Adult (32 - 38): Quad - \$1,095.00, Triple - \$1180.00, Double - \$1,345.00, Single - \$1,840.00

*Optional Trip Insurance Available - Please call our office at 715-659-4391*

## Day 5: Sunday Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>

Breakfast included at hotel. Travel to Strasburg, PA to enjoy a ride on the Strasburg Railroad through Lancaster County followed by an included lunch at Casey Jone's Restaurant that happens to be in a railroad car. After lunch we will travel to Gettysburg. Depending on our arrival time we may do the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum which includes a Film and Cyclorama late this afternoon.



## Day 6: Monday Oct 24<sup>th</sup>



Breakfast included at hotel  
Gettysburg Battlefield tour with a Step-on Guide. Travel to the Flight 93 Memorial in Stoystown, PA. on our way to Canton, OH.

## Day 7: Tuesday Oct 25<sup>th</sup>



Breakfast included at hotel

Visit the Football Hall of Fame and travel to Cincinnati.

For our last evening together, enjoy a Captain's Dinner Cruise onboard the BB Riverboat in Newport, KY.

## Day 8: Wednesday Oct 26<sup>th</sup>

Breakfast included at hotel Travel day heading back home to Madison, WI

Registration and 1st payment of \$500 is due by July 10th. Final payment is due by Sept. 4th.

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# JUNE CALENDER OF EVENTS

**2<sup>ND</sup> - 4<sup>TH</sup>**  
Thurs - Sat

**Grand Lodge**  
Wisconsin Masonic Center  
301 Wisconsin Ave • Madison, WI

**Lakeland S.C. Stag Meeting**  
5 PM Social, 6 PM Dinner  
*Maple Tree Supper Club*  
6010 US-51 • McFarland, WI

**9<sup>TH</sup>**  
Thursday

**15<sup>TH</sup>**  
Wednesday

**Due Date!** for MSA Registration  
Please ensure that Joe Harker has your MSA Summer Session registration. Any questions call Joe Harker at 414.531.3286

**Mehara Shrine Club Circus**  
2PM - 4:30PM & 7PM - 9:30PM  
*Carson Park*  
100 Carson Park Dr • Eau Claire, WI

**18<sup>TH</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup>**  
Saturday - Monday

**Sunday 4:30PM - 6:30PM & 7PM - 9:30PM**

**20<sup>TH</sup>**  
Monday

**Heart of Wisconsin S.C.**  
5 PM 7:30 PM  
Kellner International Bar (KI)  
1204 80th St. S • Wisconsin Rapids, WI

**Flambeau land S.C. Raffle Drawing**  
5 PM - 10 PM  
*Arnold Bar & Grill*  
33278 County Rd. M • Sheldon, WI

**22<sup>ND</sup>**  
Wednesday

**25<sup>TH</sup> Saturday**

**Beja Potentates Ball**

5:30 PM - 11 PM  
Backstage  
101 S Washington St, Green Bay, WI

Roaring 20's Gangsters & Flappers Theme.  
RSVP by June 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 to Ann @ Beja 920.498.2752  
We cannot accept late additions for the meal so... PLEASE REPLY ON TIME!

# JULY

**1<sup>ST</sup> - 7<sup>TH</sup>**

FRIDAY - THURSDAY

**Imperial Shrine Convention**  
Minneapolis, MN

**2<sup>ND</sup>**

Saturday

**Imperial MotoCorp Competitions**  
7 AM - 2 PM  
Minneapolis, MN

**5<sup>TH</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup>**

TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY

**Imperial Parade**  
4 PM - 6 PM  
Minneapolis, MN

## St Croix Valley Shrine Club honors widows

The active St. Croix Valley Shrine Club met on Tuesday, April 26th at Pearson's Greenhouse in River Falls to pick flowers for the widows of Shrine members



L to R: Brenda Gaulke, PWGM of Eastern Star, Nobles Milt Helmer, Larry Wiegand, Ed Swenson, Carl Gaulke, Club President, Barry Ausen, PP and Dan Sherry.

Photo by Joan Toland of Pearsons



## St. Croix Valley Shrine Club Onions Sales

Thanks to the dedicated Nobles and Ladies of our club, the sweet Vidalia onion sales were exceptional this year. Lady Donna Swenson is shown here giving Lolene Mitchell of Ellsworth her onions. Donna and the Shrine Ladies sold over a ton of onions in just a couple days. Donna even drove to Polk County to get more onions. Thanks Donna!!

Photo by Milt Helmer



Shriners International Fun and Fellowship Competition

Zor Shriners Virtual Trivia Bracketology

## Your Daily Vote makes a difference!

Remember back to 2020 when the pandemic first started, we were all trapped in our homes and couldn't go anywhere? Our 2020 Potentate, Ill. Sir Barry Ausen, PP came up with an idea of a virtual game that we all could play on Zoom. The Game was named the Virtual Trivia Bracketology, and had 4 editions to the game. We had many members log into Zoom to play along including Nobles and Ladies from other States as well as other Countries. It was a lot of fun and Zor has been selected to be one of the ten finalists in the Shriners International Fun and Fellowship Competition.



This is where we need your Help. The voting has started, and everyone is allowed to vote Once-Per-Day - Per-Video.

please vote for the ones you like the best. Follow the instructions below and click on the link and vote daily. **Bookmark or save to favorites on your device.**

Who can vote: Anyone! – We particularly encourage Shriners, Ladies, Friends, Families and Members of Masonic and Ladies Organizations to participate. (Please do not use any auto voting Aps as Zor will be disqualified).

- How to vote: Watch videos of all ten finalists and vote for your favorite.
- Voting period: May 16 - June 24 Go to our [website Zorshriners.com](http://www.Zorshriners.com) or [scan this QR code](#).
- How many times can I vote?: Anyone can vote one time per video per day through June 24.
- Please share this with your friends: To share a particular video, click on the share button on the YouTube video you want to promote.
- When will the winners be announced?: The winners will be announced during 2022 Imperial Session in Minneapolis.
- Questions: Contact us at [membership@shrinenet.org](mailto:membership@shrinenet.org) or 813-281-0300.

[bit.ly/Zor-Shriners](http://bit.ly/Zor-Shriners)



# MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS

Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

I think we have finally turned the corner on Winter and Spring seems to be on the horizon! Summer will be upon us before we know it!

In last month's Zephyr, I talked about how we as Nobles of the ZOR Shrine need to be out there recruiting new Nobles for our great fraternity. On May 14, 2022 we had the Spring Ceremonial and Potentate's Ball in Mauston, Wisconsin. There were ten plus new Nobles brought into our fraternity!

Now with these ten plus new Nobles, we need to make each of those Nobles feel welcomed and make sure we include them in our club and unit activities, because if we do not, we will certainly lose them as

members of our fraternity. By doing so, this is called "Retainment" which is the job of all Nobles of the ZOR Shrine Temple. So, if you have not attended a club or unit function in a while, what better way for you to get involved by asking the new Noble if he and his lady would like to attend a club function!

Retainment is nothing more than keeping the members we already have in ZOR Shrine, our clubs, and our units. If we do not work hard on keeping the members interested in our clubs and units, they will stop being active members. They may also start to wonder why I even bothered to join this fraternity in the first place if all I am is a number within the temple, club, and unit. We worked hard to find this new member and now we need to work even harder to retain this member. It all comes down to keeping the new member informed, active, and inspired that this is a premier organization for him!



MIKE KASTENS • NEW RICHMOND

## Here are a few ideas for keeping the new member informed:

1. Have someone in your club or unit contact the new member and welcome him to your club or unit.
2. Go over or obtain his primary information, such as correct mailing address; correct or current telephone number, make sure if he has an email address that it is correct; obtain his lady's information such as birthdate and their anniversary.
3. When the next club event happens, not only mail or email the information to the new member but call him as a means of checking that he has received the event information.
4. Offer to pick-up the new member and his lady to take them to the event.

## Here are a few ideas for keeping the new member active:

1. If a few of your club members meet during a day during the week for some socializing, check with the new member to see if he is available and if he would like to participate in the socializing event with you. There is a not a better way for the new member to meet members of the club or unit by socializing with a small group of members.
2. Offer to give the new member a ride to a socializing event.
3. Offer the new member to join your unit what ever that is.
4. If there is not a unit within your club the new member is interested in joining, ask him what he is interested in, and you could be surprised there maybe other members within your club that have similar interests; there is a new unit that can be formed!

## Here are a few ideas for keeping the new member inspired:

1. Make him feel welcomed to be part of your club or unit!
2. Introduce the new member at you club's event and have him tell a little about himself and his lady.
3. Reward and thank him for choosing to join Shriners and especially your club or unit. The reward does not have to be something of value but encouraging words for something he has done to help the club or unit. Remember everyone likes to have something positive said about us!

If you use the above information or have something you do to keep the new member interested in remaining a member of the Shrine which is what our goal is with our new members!

Our next two big events happening this year, is the Imperial Session is in Minneapolis Minnesota and the Summer Midwest Shrine Association Event will be in Green Bay Wisconsin. The Imperial Session will be July 2-6, 2022. The Imperial Parade will be on Tuesday July 5, 2022. The Summer Midwest Shrine Association Event will be August 17-20, 2022.

A recruiting reminder if someone tells you they are interested in becoming a Shriner, do not tell that perspective member that you will take his name and phone number to pass on to the Membership Chairman or the Membership Committee. Direct that perspective member to beashrinernow.com website to complete an e-petition to join the Shrine. When a perspective member completes an e-petition, it is received at ZOR and responded to by the Recorder or Membership Chair within a few hours or days.

Either Recorder or Membership Chair will direct the prospective member to join a Masonic Lodge if he is not already a Master Mason. If he is a Master Mason, we will then take the steps necessary for him to become a Noble within our Fraternity. Just think how easy it is to take the perspective member and turn him into a Noble within our Fraternity!

With this being our 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Shrine and the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Shrine Hospital system, it is an exciting time to be out in the public recruiting new members!

There will be an informational survey emailed to the members, who I have email addresses for, to gauge the interest in our Temple. I will be looking for suggestions and ideas from you, the members of this Temple as it is YOUR Temple not the Potentate's or Divan's temple. So, if you have an email address and it is not listed in your member profile on Web Fez, please email it to me. My email address is mrkastens@gmail.com.

In closing, I hope everyone is in good health and spirits. Remember it is always great to be a Shriner! I look forward to seeing you at our functions!

Fraternally yours,

Mike Kastens  
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May 10, 2022	Beginning Membership on January 1, 2022:	1020
	Associate Membership on January 1, 2022:	12
	Total Membership including Associates:	1032
	Creations:	4
	Affiliations:	0
Membership Information Current as of:	Restorations:	5
	Associates:	1
	Associates Dropped:	0
	Expulsions:	0
	Demits:	-2
	Deaths:	-11
	Resignations:	-2
	Suspensions:	0
	Change in Membership:	-5
	Total Membership including Associates:	1027

The information in this graph is from WebFez. It does not include the new Nobles initiated at the Spring Ceremonial on May 14, 2022.



**VACATIONLAND SHRINE CLUB**

*All you can eat shrimp boil for \$20*

**JUNE 19TH 12 PM - 2 PM**  
**AT HASKINS PARK**  
**155 SHAW ST., BARABOO, WI 53913**



## Margaritaville Themed Potentate Party

Zor's Chief Rabban, Al Brueggan and Lady Penny traveled to Yelduz Shriners Temple in Aberdeen SD on May 7th 2022 to participate in the Temples Potentate party. The party was themed Margaritaville and was well attended by members of the Temple and other guests. Plenty of food, beverages and entertainment by the Yelduz Chanters and standup comedians was enjoyed by all.



*Pictured from L - R  
Yelduz Chief Rabban Dave Jarvis, Yelduz Potentate III.  
Sir Steve Gehring and Zor Chief Rabban Al Brueggan*



## Daughters of the Nile



**My name is Michele "Mitch" Behlke.** I was installed as Queen of Antioch Temple No. 113 on April 10, 2022. I am very proud to represent our Temple, Daughters of the Nile. Let me introduce myself and give you a little of my history.

I married into an active Masonic family 51 plus years ago. Noble Ralph and I are blessed with 3 children and 8 awesome grandchildren. I have been active in Eastern Star for 47 years and served as Worthy Matron 9 times and presently am secretary for 12 years. I am a retired nurse while Ralph continues to work at a Farm Coop., delivering petroleum products.

Ralph and I were pleased to attend Potentate Rodney's installation on January 8th and he and Lady Mary attended my Installation as well. I attended the Potentate's Gala on May 14th in Mauston. I am excited to be attending the 106th Annual Supreme Session Daughters of the Nile in Dallas, Texas on June 12-16, 2022. Past Queens Barb Englund and Beth Schaefer will be accompanying me as well. I know I will be making many new friends from around the country and Canada, and I plan on having

lots of fun! Our Supreme Queen, Vickie Hill, from Texas, will be visiting our Temple on Friday, July 8th. Our Ceremonial is at 2 pm with the banquet at 5 pm. You are all invited to attend the Banquet. More information to be coming with the details and reservations.

Promoting our order and increasing our membership seems to be an on-going event and it will continue with me. I have several fun and fundraising events planned throughout the year. I will be sending out more information on that. Our organization does such great things for the children with your support of the Shriner's Hospitals for Children - Chicago and Shriner's Healthcare for Children - Twin Cities. We must keep moving forward to provide the care and support for those children and families. I appreciate all the support I have received and look forward to this year and working together.

I encourage all to search for new members who are looking for fun and an exciting group to be involved with.

Remember, "Life is Short, Never regret anything that made you smile".

Nile Love,  
Mitch Behlke, Queen  
One of Vickie's Wildflowers 2022



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# Midwest Shrine Association 2022 Summer Session August 17-20

**Beja Shriners, Green Bay, WI**  
**\$300 INCENTIVE Available to all Zor Nobles! That is Correct!!!**

Zor Nobles will be credited up to \$ 100 per night for up to a three (3) night stay for the hotel while attending the 2022 Midwest Shrine Association Summer Session in Green Bay. We will be staying at the Radisson Hotel and Suites at the airport. This hotel is connected to the Casino. To take advantage of this offer you must contact Joe Harker prior to Wednesday June 15th.

If you have never been to a Midwest Shrine Association Summer Session WHAT an opportunity you have to attend this year. Illustrious Sir Rod and 1st Lady Mary have traveled extensively within the Midwest Shrine association and nationally attending shrine events and he is hoping more ZOR members will travel and enjoy what shrine offers to all members.

This is a family fun event for all Nobles, their Ladies and Families. The events begin on Wednesday evening August 17th and ends at noon on Saturday August 20th. Special parties on Wednesday and Friday nights are celebrating 150 years of Shriners International and 100 years for Shriners Hospitals for Children. There will be two parades, one on Thursday late afternoon and one on Saturday morning. There will be various competitions on Friday. A wonderful marketplace with local, regional, and national vendors in attendance for your shopping pleasures. Information concerning lodging and registration has been provided to all Divan members to be distributed to their different unit and shrine club members. If you wish to attend and have not received this

information, contact your Divan Rep or Joe Harker. Most importantly, to participate in ANY of the events, you MUST be registered for the MSA session. Our host hotel is the Radisson Conference Center where most of the events will be held.

You are strongly encouraged to visit the following web site now and often as the host temple is continuing to update the site. <https://bejashriners.com/msa-2022> However DO NOT use the forms found there to make your registration and Lodging.

There will be monthly updates in Zor Zephyrs, but if you have any questions, please contact Zor Noble Joe Harker, MSA 2022 Coordinator at [jbh2010PGM@outlook.com](mailto:jbh2010PGM@outlook.com) or mobile number 414 531 3286.



There are 15 Temples that make up the Midwest Shrine Association. Each of those temples have the usual clown, motorcycles, and musical units but some have very unique parade units. Pictured here are a couple of those units.





## Fun Before the Ceremonial

Numerous Shrine Counterparts, ZOR Nobles, Ladies and guests arrived in Mauston on Thursday and Friday morning in anticipation of the weekend's events. For those who arrived early, available options for Friday included: golf or exploring the Wisconsin Dells area.

A dozen Nobles joined forces at the Castle Rock Golf Course. Ten of them golfed and two road along to give advice (thanks Jim and John!). A good time was had by all, despite the loss of a number of golf balls! A number of Ladies enjoyed learning some local history of the Wisconsin Dells area when they rode the Original Wisconsin Dells Ducks. Several of the Ladies were first-timers and were surprised at the information shared by the Duck Driver. A few Ladies spent some time exploring the Downtown Shops. All Ladies enjoyed a great lunch at the Moosejaw Restaurant. Evening activities included dinner at a variety of restaurants followed by great laughs and stories in the Hospitality Room or around the campfire!



## Spring Ceremonial Candidates



From Left to Right: Illustrious Sir Rodney LaBlanc, Cody Bennington, Wayne Pearce, Jeff Little, Merl Steffen, Ryan Ramnarace, Shawn Fahrenkamp, Thomas McDermott, Modukpe Arnaud Houndegla, Ken Walter, William McClain

# Zor Spring Ceremonial



Zor Past Potentates & their Lady's



Visiting Dignitaries





Zor Spring Ceremonial was held on Saturday, May 14th, 2022 at The Lodge Conference Center in Mauston. The Temple was opened by Zor Potentate Rodney LaBlanc. The Emcee for the day was PGM Joe Harker. LaBlanc introduced the 2022 Divan and their Ladies, Past Potentates and their Ladies and Visiting Dignitaries, including:

**Past Potentates**

- Roger Nitzsche and Lady Judy, 1984 • John Thorstad and Lady Debbi, 2004
- Steve Willett and Lady Mary, 2009 • Joe Thompson and Lady Julie, 2010
- Steve Peterson and Lady Mary Ellen, 2011 • Larry Riemenschneider, 2012
- Robert Gorsuch and Lady Carol, 2013 • Larry Hanson and Lady Jill, 2014
- Montie Steiber and Lady Ann, 2015 • Gary Cuskey, 2018
- Barry Ausen and Lady Becky, 2020 • Mark Jerdee, 2021
- Gene Reece and Lady Dawn, Beja • Jim Van De Hey and Lady Paulette, Beja

**Visiting Dignitaries**

- Past Imperial Potentate Jim Smith and Lady Alice • Naja Potentate Rick Holloway and Lady Diana • Osman Potentate Mark Galloway and Lady Lori •
- Abu Bekr Potentate Mike Pickett • Beja Potentate John Van Lanen and Lady Lynne •
- Arabia High Priest and Prophet Ben LaBlanc and Lady Alyssa •
- Zuhrah Captain of the Guard Ron Wilcox and Lady Brenda •
- Tripoli Marshal Patrick Jackson

A first time performance of the Knickerbocker Degree was performed by several Past Potentates and other Nobles and coordinated by Noble Dale Holmen. This presentation gave an overview of the History of Shrine and the Shrine Hospitals. Following this Degree were informational presentations by Shrine Clubs and Units, encouraging members to join them in their fun activities. Gene Reece, Beja PP closed out the morning session with an excellent presentation on the Shrine Hospital System and Clinics in our area.

The afternoon session began with introductions of the new Candidates by Potentate LaBlanc. Next was the 1st and 3rd Sections of the Ritual presented by the Ritualistic Divan under the direction of Noble Todd Wohler.

The Director's Staff presented the Arch Degree. This Degree explains the connections between Masonry, appendant bodies and the Shrine. Once the Arch was erected, Noble Skip Blake gave an excellent rendition of "The Old Red Fez" and Potentate LaBlanc read the Shriners Creed.

The Fezzing Ceremony followed, where the new Nobles officially received their Fez. Past Imperial Potentate Jim Smith ended the afternoon encouraging Nobles to become active and stay active.





The LaBlanc family

# "A Starry Night" Potentate's Gala

Saturday evening, May 14th, more than 130 Nobles, Ladies and Guests, including Nobles representing ten different Shrine Temples and a Past Imperial Potentate joined Potentate Rodney LaBlanc and Lady Mary for their Potentate's Gala at The Lodge Conference Center in Mauston. Emcee for the evening was Ben LaBlanc, Arabia High Priest and Prophet. LaBlanc introduced the Divan as they entered the Ballroom to their favorite song.

Emcee LaBlanc introduced several guests who had not been able to join the activities during the day. They were: Rusty Mitchell, PP Beja and Lady Teddy; Mitch Behlke, Daughters of the Nile Queen and Noble Ralph. Also introduced were past Daughters of the Nile Queens Jodi Ott and Noble Bob and Beth Schaefer and Noble Jeff.

The evening started with a banquet of Stuffed Pork Loin

or Baked Chicken and Ice Cream Cake from the Wautoma DQ. Guests were also treated to a Candy Bar which included: homemade mints by MaryEllen Peterson; homemade caramels by Noble Jack Thomas; and Custom-made Shrine Chocolates from Pearls in LaCrosse.

Guests had several opportunities for formal or fun pictures throughout the evening. Formal Pictures were taken by Dawn Ferguson. Music for the evening was provided by Miller's DJ Service from Plainfield.

Special thanks to members of the planning committee: Chairs John and Debbi Thorstad; Joe and Julie Thompson; Larry and Jill Hanson; Steve and MaryEllen Peterson; Lexie LaBlanc and Jim and Joan Soderholm.







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a full snowmobile suit. The reply was, "Do you have a better idea?" That is when the wheels started turning for the Road Runners. Granted, it wasn't William Florence and Walter Fleming

anymore, so a license was not needed. The Zor Road Runners were chartered on February 1, 1995. This new parade go-cart unit was made up of 31 St. Croix Valley Shrine Club Noble drivers from several cities in western Wisconsin with headquarters in River Falls. The unit purchased eight go-carts and one trailer to haul the carts. The first carts were powered by 3 1/2 HP Briggs engines and had a top speed of about 25MPH.

## BEEP BEEP!!!!

By Bob Hering

Have you ever thought about how an idea originated? Who decided on the first circus? Who decided to build a wheelchair? Were these ideas planned for years with big committees or perhaps they were sketched out on a bar napkin at happy hour? Here is a fun story to read on how the Zor Road Runners got started.

Many years ago, the St. Croix Valley Shrine Club supported a Shrine Unit called the Zor Zoo. This active unit consisted of full size mascot costumes of such characters as Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, Goofy, Dumbo the elephant, Yogi Bear, Porky Pig, and many others. This unit of characters walked in parades to promote the St. Croix Valley Shrine Club's Little East West Shrine football game. (The proceeds from the sale of tickets and donations of money for this college football game played in River Falls, WI, went to the Shriners Hospitals for Children - Twin Cities.) In one of the last parades for the Zor Zoo, one of the younger Shriners asked a seasoned Shriner how they could handle wearing the costumes in the middle of summer as it was like wearing

meeting at the Knickerbocker Cottage in New York City, but it was Nobles Darl Hoffman, Larry Nelson, Paul Stokke and Bob Hering meeting at the 11 O'clock Club in Bud's Lanes located in River Falls, WI. After many Saturday meetings and a few glasses of the foamy amber fluid, numerous ideas were hashed over until it was decided to go with a go-cart parade unit. Wheels over walking might allow more drivers of all ages. And who doesn't like go-carts?!

The original cart that was looked at had a triangular rear rollbar in which we could attach our logo. The logo of a character that would fit into the rollbar frame would have to be tall and slim. After trying to design different logos, the Road Runner was chosen. Going with the Road Runner idea, Warner Bros. was contacted to see what it would cost for a license to use the Road Runner logo. They said that the cheapest license would cost \$10,000. So, alterations were made to the original idea of the logo such as replacing the Road Runners legs with smoking tires and the plumage on his head was replaced with a fez. With these alterations made, Warner Bros. agreed that this wasn't their Road Runner

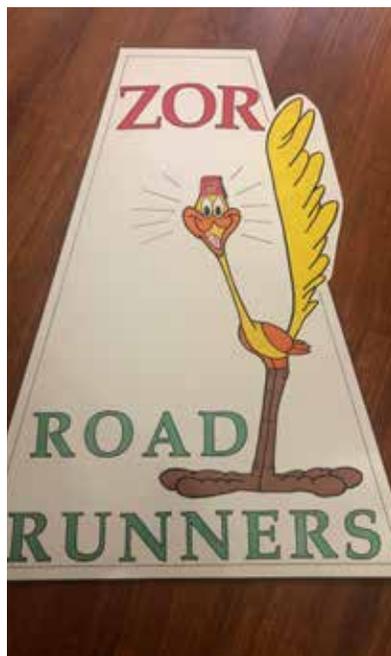
The original carts served their need very well, but in 2000 it was decided to invest in updated carts to better accommodate drivers with safety in mind. The purchase was made in early 2000, along with a larger trailer. The new carts with the 5HP engines were outfitted and ready to roll in the first parade of the year in May. The original carts along with the trailer were sold to a Shrine Club in Jamestown, New York.

Starting with Pea Soup Days in Somerset, WI, over 25 years ago, we have had a handful of dedicated lead Captains, minor changes in the uniform, and creative adjustments in parade maneuvers. We are still one of the most sought after motorized parade units in western Wisconsin and perform in more than 20 parades each summer.

How did your unit or fundraising idea get its start? Share the story! Who knows what other ideas it can spark?



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We are springing ahead of the pandemic and have big plans for 2022 to create and fund equipment, therapeutic programs, and services to the children who need it most! If you would like to reach out to me to learn more about some of the ways you can continue to be a part of helping us achieve our goal, please reach out to me either by phone or email.

Sincerely,

Kelly Miller  
Development Officer

# Sahara Shrine Club holds "Spring Fling"



Kelly Miller addresses the gathering



Illustrious Sir Rod LaBlanc makes closing remarks

On Wednesday, April 27th, Nobles and Ladies enjoyed an Oasis and Meal at the 841 Brew House in Whitewater. The club was fortunate to have two representatives from the Shriners Hospitals for Children in Chicago. Don Winter and Kelly Miller were on hand to provide very interesting and informative information about the hospital, the work they do, and the impact of the donations that are made to it.

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## Mound View Shrine Club Meeting

Sunday, May 1st Mound View Shrine Club held their meeting at the Pointer Café in Mineral Point, WI. Recently Dodgeville Masonic Lodge Designated Moundview Shrine Club as the beneficiary of a portion of the proceeds from their pasty sale. Pictured above is Club President & Zor Chaplain Karl Gant presenting a 'You Make a Difference' Certificate to Dodgeville lodge members Orville Olson, PM and Royce Jones, PM. Looking on is none other than the Zor Potentate, Rodney LaBlanc.

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