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Zephyr



Fall Ceremonial 2025 - *Winter Wonderland*



LOVE IS ALIVE



From the desk of

Illustrious Sir **BRIAN DUNHAM**

Hello Zorland!

Almost every Past Potentate told me “hang on, it will fly by”. I still can’t believe how quickly my time on the Divan and especially as Potentate went. As for this year, when the goals I set forth to achieve were completed by August, I was able to enjoy the end of the ride a bit more. I am constantly reminded by others outside of ZOR how amazing ZOR is and how “lucky”

ZOR is to have a Divan that has worked so hard together year over year to help move the needle. We are lucky, not because of our leadership or how well the leadership interacts with one another, and make no mistake, we do. But, we are lucky that the nobility and the leaders have acted together to help grow our fraternity into what we are seeing today and are striving for in the future. So much has happened in the last several years. We have sold our building, updated our strategic plan, hired a marketing manager, updated our communication with our new contact relationship manager or as we call it our ZRM (ZOR Relationship Manager), there are new features at our ceremonials making them more interactive and exciting, we have begun bridging the gap between the three temples in Wisconsin, we have updated the Zephyr, created several new clubs/units, celebrated 150 years of our fraternity and 100 years of our hospital system, countless miles have been driven by our Hospital DADS to and from the hospitals, changed the way MSA is hosted and the expected experience for attendees, regularly won awards and frequently received recognition from Shriners International, retired the Madison circus, survived the White House in Aberdeen (sorry that one is a bit of an inside joke), and let's not forget making it through COVID. We are not the organization we were at the beginning of my journey. We are better. We are a fraternity that has grown together, traveled together, and survived together. Thank you once again for electing me to be the face of our amazing fraternity. The experience was unforgettable! As ZOR continues to march on, we are in good hands.

With this being my last “Pote Note,” I would like to recognize that there were so many people who were there along the way, and it felt like everyone helped when and how they could. We (ZOR) are an AMAZING bunch. There are a few people that I need to individually recognize, who, without their encouragement and counsel, my journey would have been VERY different. Greg O'Reilly, Doug Lundholm, Joe Harker, Joe Thompson, Bob Gorsuch, Steve Livernash, Roger Keller, Jim Smith, Matt Sturlaugson, Bob Hering, Chris Peters, Rodney LaBlanc, J Kevin Johnson, Steve Lasure, Bruce Fransway, and Donald Schwartz.

Larry Hanson, you are the Shriner I aspire to be.

To my brother and Dad, thank you for always answering the phone and keeping me company on the late-night drives, and for listening while I sorted my thoughts—your support and understanding of the time commitment meant the world to me.

Gary Cuskey, without my appointment to your line, this journey would not have existed. Thank you for your faith and confidence in me, the hours of guidance, and, of course, our friendship.

Finally, Linda. Thank you for being by my side, offering an ear, covering my business, putting up with the time commitment, and helping me to do better. Without you, there is no me.

I truly felt “Love was Alive in '25”!

Yours in faith, **Brian Dunham, Potentate 2025**



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Divan and New Nobles at 2025 Fall Ceremonial



FESTIVAL OF TREES WISCONSIN RAPIDS

PICTURED: DIVAN MEMBERS - Roger Amundson, Steve Livernash, Grand Master Jeffrey S. Schoenfeldt, Santa Claus, Zor Potentate Brian Dunham and Mark Mayry.

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January Calendar

- 3** Sat - Jan 3rd - Camel Patrol Chief Rabban Party - 6:00 PM Rex's Innkeeper, 301 N Century Ave, Waunakee, WI
- 5** Mon - Jan 5th - La Crosse Shrine Club meeting - 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM – LaCrosse Masonic Center, 118 8th St. S., LaCrosse, WI
- 6** Tue - Jan 6th - Mehara Shrine Club Meeting - 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Mehara Shrine Club, 2625 W Folsom St, Eau Claire, WI
- 7** Weds - Jan 7th - Directors Staff - 5:30 Rex's Innkeeper, 301 N Century Ave, Waunakee, WI
- 9** Fri - Jan 9th:
- Divan Meeting - 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM - Holiday Inn Stevens Point - Convention Ctr, an IHG Hotel, 1001 Amber Ave, Stevens Point, WI
 - Bourbon Raffle - 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Holiday Inn Stevens Point 1001 Amber Ave, Stevens Point, WI
 - 2nd Chance Raffle - 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM - Holiday Inn Stevens Point 1001 Amber Ave, Stevens Point, WI 54482
- 10** Sat – Jan 10th – Annual Meeting / Installation of Officers – Holiday Inn Stevens Point – Convention Ctr, an IHG Hotel, 1001 Amber Ave, Stevens Point, WI *(See pgs 18 & 19 of this issue)*
- 15** Thu - Jan 15th - Lakeland S.C. - 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Maple Tree Supper Club, 6010 US-51, McFarland, WI
- 22** Thu - Jan 22nd - Mini Cars - 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Winchester Restaurant, 568 Haugen Rd, Edgerton, WI
- 28** Wed - Jan 28th - Mecca Shrine Club Meeting - 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Pizones, 202 Superior Ave, Tomah, WI

February

- 3** Tue - Feb 3rd - Mehara Shrine Club Meeting - 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Mehara Shrine Club, 2625 W Folsom St, Eau Claire, WI
- 7** Sat - Feb 7th - Yoshi Bowling Outing - 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM - Wagner's Lanes 2159 Brackett Avenue, Eau Claire, WI
- 19** Thu - Feb 19th - Lakeland S.C. - 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Maple Tree Supper Club, 6010 US-51, McFarland, WI

RECORDER BOB'S CORNER



- Clubs and Units have been mailed 2025 year-end financial statement forms which are due back in the office by February 10. All Clubs and Units are required to complete the statement. If there are any questions about how to complete it, call the office at 608-833-6343 Ext 1.
- Clubs and Units are reminded to notify the Zor Office if they either acquire new items to be added to our insurance or dispose of items that no longer need to be insured.
- Zor members can preview the 2026 Proposed Budget for Zor either in person at the office in Madison or by contacting Pat in the office (608-833-6343 X 1) or accounting@zorshriners.com. A copy would be emailed to you.

General Order No. 1 Updates – Gaming and Raffles

Beginning January 1, 2026, any gaming or raffle event in Zorland must comply with state laws. The event, regardless of how long it has been around, must submit the event plan to the Recorder who will forward it to the Temple attorney, Mark Hazelbaker. He will sign off on the plan as complying with all laws regarding gaming and raffles in Wisconsin.

Club & Unit Officer Training



All Officers
Especially
President and Secretary
are encouraged to attend

January 10th, 2026
8 am - 9:30 am
As part of the Annual Meeting

- Presentation on Robert's Rules of Order
 - What the Marketing Coordinator can do for you
 - What the Zor Record Management System can do for you
 - Membership presentation

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Zephyr Reminder!

Be sure to email your stories to: zorsubmit@zorshriners.com
by **Saturday, January 10th, 2025** for the Zephyr February 2026 issue.

WHO'S THE CLOWN?

Another year has come and gone and the Zor Clowns from Madison are wondering "Who's The Clown" going to be in 2026. The way to find out is to join us at our annual Potentate/Sweetheart party on February 21, 2026. Location details coming soon.

We will have an exciting buffet dinner including dessert. The social time will begin at 4:30 pm and last until we are served. We WILL eat at 6:00 pm on the dot, so our food will be hot as well as delicious. This year the price will be \$32.00 per person. Reservations need to be made by February 10, 2026 and mailed to : Dale Holmen – 13 St. Albans Ave. – Madison, WI 53714.

For those who have joined us in the past, this will be a repeat of sorts, as we will have our bag draw/door prizes with all the proceeds going to the Shrine Clown Red Sneaker Fund. This is the project of the Shrine Clown Association; funding for the burn centers in our hospitals.

We will also have our parade of Past Potentates with their clown picture from their respective year. Past Potentates, please don't forget to bring it with you! The highlight of the night is the making up of our new clown and finding out just "WHO'S THE CLOWN" this year. This party is open to anyone and everyone, so bring your friends and neighbors so they can see us having fun. We all look forward to seeing you on February 21st to party with some clowns. Remember, everyone is a clown, some of us just dress the part!

A block of rooms at the Concourse Hotel has been reserved
at the rate of \$145 valid until 1/26/26.

Use this link:

<https://reservations.travelclick.com/6388?groupID=5082408>
or call 608 257 6000 for a reservation.

Courtney Thomas can assist with any questions

Clown Potentate/Sweetheart Party
February 21, 2026

NAME _____

SHRINE UNIT _____

NUMBER attending _____ @ \$32.00 = _____

Mail to: Dale Holmen – 13 St. Albans Ave., Madison, WI 53714

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Reservations due by February 10, 2026

Zor Funsters Feztival of Trees

Rekindled Holiday Magic in Wisconsin Rapids

The holiday spirit returned grandly as the Zor Shriners Funsters hosted the Feztival of Trees Decor & More at the Wisconsin Rapids Masonic Center. Held from Black Friday, November 28, through Sunday, December 7, the event welcomed the community for ten festive days of warmth, wonder, and fellowship.

The Feztival of Trees continued to shine as a beloved holiday tradition, drawing 2,000 visitors, up from last year's 1,500, from 42 different ZIP codes and 11 states. Families, residents, social clubs, assisted living communities, and opportunity development centers all enjoyed the displays, which offered free admission and a collection of food donations for the local food pantry. Reinforcing the Funsters' commitment to inclusion and community connection.

Adding to the festive atmosphere, Miss Wisconsin Rapids and Miss Teen Wisconsin Rapids attended the event, while special appearances by Santa Claus, the Grinch, and Cindy Lou created smiles and memorable moments for guests of all ages.

More than 70 beautifully decorated trees and raffle decor items filled the halls, each uniquely designed and donated by local businesses, non-profits, and individuals. The trees were paired with unwrapped gifts valued at \$500 or more, the trees and accompanying raffles helped make the Feztival of Trees a successful Funsters fundraising benefit supporting their ongoing efforts.

"This event truly reflects the generosity and creativity of our community," said event co-coordinator Koral Livernash. "From the decorators to the volunteers, everyone played a role in bringing the holiday magic to life."

The Zor Funsters extend a heartfelt thank you to the many volunteers, sponsors, and supporters whose time, talent, and generosity made the Feztival of Trees possible. Their dedication once again turned a festive tradition into a meaningful fundraiser and a celebration of the season.

-Steve Livernash



Sparta Feztival of Trees Sets New Fundraising Record



Sparta's Feztival of Trees celebrated their 5th annual fundraiser November 17 – 22, 2025 at the Sparta Masonic Lodge, and supported a record-breaking year. The annual fundraiser drew in over 2,000 visitors coming from all over and featured 31 sponsored and beautifully decorated trees. Several new potential sponsors have already expressed an interest in their desire to be a tree sponsor next year with the expectation that there may be a waiting list. With attendance increasing over the years and positive feedback from visitors reinforces the event's impact on the festive kickoff to the Christmas season while supporting an important cause. This event wouldn't be successful without the supportive and dedicated Feztival of Trees Committee, volunteers, sponsors and businesses.

The Zor Shrine Midgets started the annual fundraiser to purchase new parade unit vehicles, trailers and equipment and due to the success of the event this year, the Zor Shrine Midgets' Feztival of Trees was able to donate \$10,000 to each Shriners Children's Chicago and Twin Cities, plus \$5,000 to the transportation fund which is up from last year's donation to Shriners Children Twin Cities for \$10,000 and \$4,000 to the transportation fund. The success of the fundraiser is attributed to the strong community support and growing enthusiasm for the annual holiday tradition.

The Feztival of Trees Committee is already looking forward to welcoming visitors and the community back next year for another memorable and meaningful Feztive celebration.

Alan Brueggen, PP
Vice Chairman Feztival of Trees



Be Part of the Moment That Matters Most: Join the Ritual Divan

The Directors Staff is on a mission to strengthen the Ritual Divan and we invite dedicated Nobles to step forward. The Ritual Divan is entrusted with the presentation of the most important part of our Ceremonial—the initiation of our newest members.

If you value tradition, precision, and the lasting impact of a well-presented ritual, this is your opportunity to serve in a meaningful way and help shape the future of our Shrine.

Interested in joining or learning more?

Please contact Mark A. Severson, P.P., at (608) 628-2688 or rugerm55@gmail.com to get involved.

Despite the bitter cold, we served almost fifty breakfast plates to our attendees. Santa and Mrs. Claus were there to greet them and each child received a gift. We had four games for the kids with a guaranteed winner every time.

The success of our first 'Breakfast with Santa' can be attributed to our wonderful Masonic family. We appreciate the support of Brothers Don Roscovius and his Lady Bonnie, Al Coenen and his Lady Linda, Russell Everson and his Lady Julie and daughter Claire, Mark Udovich and his Lady Erin and son Orrin, Todd Wohler, Mark Charbenau, Chuck Adams, Jim DeVoe, and my Lady Sharon Lovaas Jerdee. We eagerly look forward to next year's event.

Breakfast with Santa -Tomah Zor Misfitz





Family Friendly Bowling

Join the Yoshi Shriners for Family-Friendly Bowling!!

Come on out to Wagner's Lanes in Eau Claire, WI for an evening of strikes, spares, laughter, and great fellowship! Bring your spouse, kids, grandkids, everyone is welcome at this fun outing. The Mehera Shrine Club has also extended an invitation to use their clubhouse afterwards if our great time spills over into the evening.

\$19 per person – includes 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, pizza, and soda
\$15 per person – bowling & shoes only (no food)

Payment will be collected at the door. Let's fill the lanes with fezzes and smiling faces! Please RSVP to Jeremy Christensen at jayycmn81@gmail.com so we can reserve enough lanes. We can't wait to see you there — it's going to be a striking good time!

**February 7th
12 pm - 2 pm**

**Wagner's Lanes,
Eau Claire, WI**



COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS!

Chicago Bears legends, mascot bring holiday cheer



2025 wrapped up with a special visit from Chicago Bears Hall of Famer Dan Hampton, '85 Bear Otis Wilson, and former defensive tackle Chris Zorich. The Chicago Bears Community Team arranged the Bear Hug visit with recreational therapy and the marketing team.

Bears mascot, Staley Da Bear, truly brings joy with his gentle and fun visits for patients. The Bears shared photos on Staley's Instagram.



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Regina Fisher, Queen
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Daughters of the Nile

Hello Lorland!

I just returned from the Fall Ceremonial in La Crosse, where we all had a great time! Daughter of the Nile members worked hard baking cookies and selling them at our cookie sale. We really appreciate all who bought cookies, and we hope you enjoyed them too! It was nice to see the ladies of the new Nobles and I hope they will participate in future events. I want to thank first Lady Linda for such a wonderful afternoon. I was a little nervous giving my speech at the Ladies luncheon, but she made everyone feel so welcome.

I spoke about the history of Daughters of the Nile and our emblem, (information found on the internet). A scimitar with a suspended golden crescent in the center of which is a white rose. The scimitar represents strength, protection and the historical/cultural ties to the "mystique and grandeur of the East" associated with Shriners. The golden crescent represents the values of the Shriners, such as charity, brotherhood, and service. The white rose symbolizes purity and a life of high moral standing. The woman in the middle is called Anuket, the goddess of the Nile flood and a protective deity in ancient Nubia and southern Egypt. She is associated with fertility from the Nile's annual flooding. Our Order's colors are green, gold and white. (pure packer fans- Just kidding!) White symbolizes purity, green is harmony, and gold is prestigious.

We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year!

Regina Fisher, Queen

Queen Regina Fisher
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Fall Ceremonial & Parade to Glory Recap

Zor Shriners gathered in La Crosse, Wisconsin, on Saturday, December 6, for the Annual Fall Ceremonial and Parade to Glory, held at the Radisson Hotel. Under the leadership of Illustrious Sir Brian Dunham and Lady Linda, the event once again brought Nobles, Ladies, candidates, and families together for a full day of fellowship, celebration, and Shrine tradition.

The Ceremonial marked an important milestone for new Nobles as they officially joined the Zor Shrine family. Sponsors proudly welcomed Brothers from their Lodges, offering them and their families the opportunity to experience the many benefits of Shrine membership. Throughout the day, attendees enjoyed reconnecting with longtime friends, meeting new Nobles, and strengthening the bonds that make Zor Shriners so special.

In addition to the Ceremonial and Parade to Glory, the day was filled with activities for everyone. A Men's Luncheon and Ladies Luncheon provided time for camaraderie, followed by Service Awards recognizing the dedication and contributions of deserving Nobles. After their luncheon, the Ladies participated in a festive holiday painting project, adding a creative and seasonal touch to the day's activities. The evening concluded with a formal banquet and Chicago Hospital report from Kelly Miller, bringing the day to a memorable close.

The Marketplace was a popular destination throughout the event, featuring Vet's Patrol Masonic items, a Daughters of the Nile cookie walk, Ladies Auxiliary merchandise, raffles, and other Shrine-related offerings. Clubs, Units, and affiliated groups added to the lively atmosphere and helped make the Marketplace a highlight of the day.

The Fall Ceremonial once again showcased the spirit of Zor Shriners—celebrating new beginnings, honoring service, and enjoying fellowship with Shrine family and friends. It was a successful and enjoyable event that will be remembered fondly by all who attended.

-Zor Shriners





Meet Your New Nobles



Pictured : New Nobles with the 2025 Divan

Chuck Adams

I immediately went to the Air Force in 1982 to 1992 as the town I grew up in was folding due to the railroad closing down. Jobs were so scarce and people had moved there wasn't even enough students to take a technical class at the local tech schools. I was first stationed at Elmendorf AFB at Anchorage Alaska for five years and the last five years I was an Instructor at Chanute AFB in Illinois. After the Gulf war I took a buyout and moved back to my hometown area. I was hoping to have my kids to be raised in a Mayberry environment like I was. Turns out it wasn't and the company I worked for had gotten bought out. I put in for the USDA position in Norwalk Wisconsin and had gotten it. I soon went up the ladder in management and found myself to be a supervisor over the USDA / FSIS Inspectors. That is the USDA department that handles all the animals and meat at a Federally Inspected facility. (FSIS stands for Food Safety Inspection Service) Not the FDA. With being a supervisor I was on call and working seven days a week with the phone constantly ringing. I stepped back as a supervisor a year ago and I have one foot out the door for retirement and finally have a chance to Volunteer in the community. I have always admired the Masons and Shriners my whole life and had close connections in my hometown. My wife, know Lady Julie, is very supportive and we both were looking to give back and found fun and new friendships along with helping our community in one package. I feel blessed to now belong to such a historical giving association.

In Cooperation
Noble Chuck Adams and Lady Julie.

Kody Morfoot

I became a Shriner because of the impression made on me during a recent Scottish Rite reunion. I met several men close to my age and similar in profession, family, and time obligations. When I asked for their viewpoints they happily talked to me about their own journey and that becoming a Shriner was not something that needed to wait until retirement from your career. That assurance was the final push I needed to ask a few of my Blue Lodge Brothers for some further instruction and their consideration of signing for me. My career focuses on disability counseling and the mission of the Shrine resonates with me very deeply.

Our family lives in Holcombe, WI. My wife teaches at the University of Wisconsin. Our Blue Lodge is in Ladysmith, WI. Our 15-year-old son works at McDonald's and is a multi-sport athlete. My wife is from Minnesota, and I am from Maryland, but we have made Wisconsin our home. We enjoy camping, spending time on the lake, and planning trips to various areas both inside and outside of the country when possible.

I completed graduate studies at UW-Stout and am a Licensed Professional Counselor. My work focuses on rehabilitation plans for those diagnosed with various physical, mental health, and cognitive barriers to employment and well-being.

Beyond camping and boating my son and I are avid fishermen and enjoy hunting whitetail deer. My son harvested his first buck with a bow this year, making it a very memorable hunt. When exploring our State Parks we generally have our hooks baited before we even have the campsite set up. My wife and I took up hiking this year and logged 65 miles during the second half of Summer on the Ice Age Trail. I enjoy marketing for our Blue Lodge and exploring the many ways we can connect with our community. I look forward to helping form and maintain these connections as a Shriner.

JayDee Nichols

Hello,
I will start off with my Family. "My Bride", Debra and I will celebrate 42 years of marriage in March. We have 2 sons. Jacob and his wife Sara who live in Appleton, Adam and his wife Olivia are expecting our first grandchild in mid-January and they live in Janesville.

I was born and raised in Black River Falls and still live here. I met my Bride in La Crosse while we were both attending Western Wisconsin Technical Institute. I completed the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Servicing course and worked in the HVAC trade for 40 years. I retired in 2020, and currently work part time doing my dream job. I take care of about 1800 acres of property doing Native Prairie restoration, food plots, raising fish and general maintenance on the property.

I joined Black River Lodge #74 in 1985. I am a 3-time Past Master of our lodge. I am currently the Senior Deacon and a Trustee, and I am also in my second year serving as a District Representative for District 5 of The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

When I first joined Lodge, I said that someday I would join the Shriners. Being actively involved in Boy Scouts with both of our sons, all of their other activities as well as Lodge, Jackson County Wildlife Fund and serving 25 years in the Wisconsin Army National Guard, I put off joining the Shrine. I said maybe when the boys are out of school. Then it was maybe when I retire. I finally ran out of reasons not to join one of, if not the greatest organization anywhere. I have always been impressed with the work the Shriners do. And on a personal level, my father-in-law was a polio patient as a boy and spent a lot of time in the Shriner's Hospital. I'm sure that he is smiling down knowing that I am now a member of the organization that made it possible for him to lead a very normal and exceptional life! I have already joined the Zor Outdoorsmen and have talked to Al about becoming one of the Midget drivers. My Bride and I are looking forward to making a visit to the Hospital to see firsthand the children and those that care for them.

When My Bride is not busy with all of her volunteer work and other activities, we enjoy camping and doing some travelling. I also enjoy hunting, fishing, trapping, ice fishing, gardening and I still do an occasional sheet metal project.

I look forward to meeting many more of you as I continue down the road as a Proud Noble of the Mystic Shrine!

Thanks, JayDee

Scott Johnson

Since childhood, I have been fortunate to have known my mentor, Jack Lyon, and have been deeply impressed by the commendable contributions of the Shriners to the well-being of children and the establishment of Shriners hospitals. This has instilled in me a strong desire to become a Shriner.

I am blessed to have a loving and caring wife and four wonderful adult children. They consist of three sons and one daughter, and we are also proud grandparents to two beautiful granddaughters. They are the center of my life.

As a retired individual, I have ample time to engage in various volunteer activities, including serving as a Shriner, Master Mason, Scottish Rite, Honor Guard with the American Legion, and Lions Club member. These endeavors allow me to contribute to the community and assist others in need.

In my leisure time, I find great joy in constructing scale models of military vehicles, ships, and other related subjects. Additionally, I enjoy hunting, fishing, camping, and traveling.

Brad Graf

I chose to become a Shriner because I couldn't think of a better way to help my community than to be a member of an organization that serves to help children overcome such challenges. I have been happily married for 22 years to a beautiful woman named Erin. We have a 19 year old daughter named Alayna who is a sophomore and studying Business at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. We also have a son named Taylen who is currently living in Boston living out his dream of playing hockey and attends school online. I am a retired Police Officer from Columbia County Sheriff's Office. My hobbies and interests include hunting, fishing and being extremely involved in my Masonic lodge and Scottish Rite communities.

Jonathan McCune

I chose to be a shriner because I love all things Masonic and I am passionate about helping kids. I'm a chiropractor who specializes in helping kids with neurological and developmental issues, so being associated with the Shriners (and their hospitals) feels very congruent!

My wife is also a pediatric chiropractor, originally from Peru, and we recently moved to La Crosse from Northern California to raise a family. We have one daughter, Ananda (no, not Amanda), who is less than a year old (born 5/5/2025). Our family's main hobbies are assorted travels and adventures with as many unique cultural experiences as possible.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

January 10, 2026

Pursuant to Imperial Bylaws this notice is to inform the Members of Zor Shriners that we will be holding our Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Officers on January 10, 2026, commencing at 1:00 p.m. This meeting will be held at The Holiday Inn, 1001 Amber Avenue, Stevens Point, Wisconsin. All Zor Nobles in good standing are encouraged to attend.

See below the governing rules, as extracted from the current edition of the Shriners International Bylaws.

Pertinent Imperial Bylaws 325.11 Election Regulations.

(a) Electioneering. A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine temple may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a resume' consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, or circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email or other devices, by a unit, club, Noble, or group of Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing, or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited.

(b) Expenditures prohibited. The expenditure of money for gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited.

(c) Violation. For any violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the officer void and order a new election.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert C. Gorsuch, P. P.
Recorder





2026 Installation - Schedule of Events

Installation Weekend

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Dates: Friday, January 9, 2026 – Sunday, January 11, 2026  
Venue: Holiday Inn and Convention Center, Stevens Point, WI

### **Friday, January 9, 2026**

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2:00 PM: Meeting for current 2025 Divan (Wisconsin Room)
5:00 PM: Dinner for 2025 Divan and support staff and guests.

Saturday, January 10, 2026

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8:00 AM: Club and Unit meeting  
10:00 AM: Installation practice for both  
2025/2026 Divan and their ladies (Ballroom).  
11:15 AM – 1:30 PM: Lady's luncheon  
11:45 AM: Men's luncheon  
1:00 PM: Annual meeting  
3:00 PM: Installation ceremony  
Immediately following: Formal photographs for all Divan, support staff, and their ladies  
4:00 PM: Cocktail social  
5:30 PM– 8:30 PM: Dinner and Program  
9:00 PM: Hospitality

### **Sunday, January 11, 2026**

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9:00 AM: 2026 Kickoff Meeting (Wisconsin Room). All Divan, support staff, and their ladies are expected to attend. Pertinent information for 2026 will be provided.





Midwest Shrine Association (MSA) 2026

Kem Shriners

Grand Forks, North Dakota

Zor Shriners are again making plans to attend the Midwest Shrine Association's 2026 Sessions.

Zor's 2026 Elected Divan officers will be attending the 2026 Midwest Shrine Association (MSA) Annual Winter Session at Kem Shriners in Grand Forks, ND February 12-14, 2026. Should any Zor Noble like to attend the winter session, at his own expense, contact Joe Harker A.S.A.P. but not later than January 15th, 2026.

Mark your calendars!!! The Summer Session is August 12-15, 2026. Zor is hoping that all Units will travel this year to support our Potentate and his Divan, compete, and participate in the parade. Kem Shriners have some solid fun planned and you can see that there will be plenty to do by viewing their website [MSA 2026 – Kem Shrine, Grand Forks, ND](#). Kem has secured the Alerus Center in Grand Forks as the primary venue.

Attention ZOR UNITS!!! We will be planning for Zor's summer lodging during the winter session. Please contact Joe Harker MSA caravan coordinator (jbh2010PGM@outlook.com) no later than January 15th with your units anticipated lodging needs.

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Thank you for your consideration.
Contact Dale Holmen at Holmendd13@att.net





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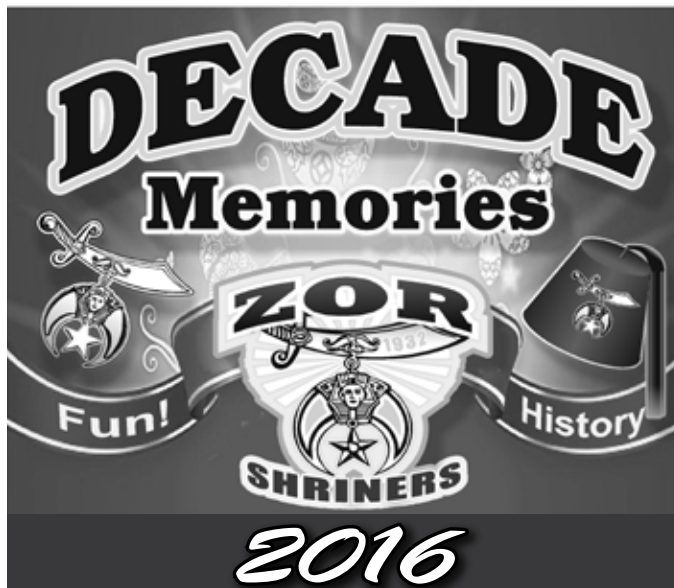
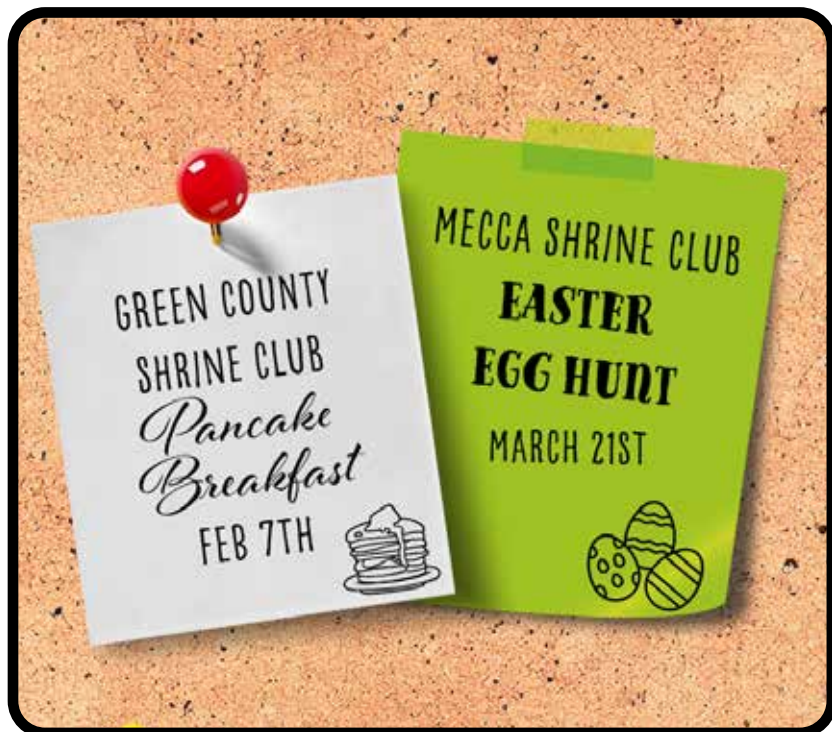
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