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From the desk of

Illustrious Sir

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Zoom has definitely become one of Zor's greatest assets. The Divan has been able to have their meetings and conduct business that needs to be done. Because Imperial has lifted some of the restrictions on Zoom meetings, we are able to use it for a Stated meeting on June 13th at 10:30 a.m. We are hoping you'll be able to join us.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ZOR POTENTATE

Becky and I are hoping that all have kept safe over the past few months. The things that we have been used to have changed for all of us. We are not sure when we will get back to the normal or what will be considered normal in the future. We need to stay positive at this time because we will get back together soon and see one another again. Hopefully by the time you're reading this, the businesses will be open and we'll be getting out seeing our families and friends. All of the events have been canceled or postponed since the middle of March. We are trying to send out E-blasts to keep you up-to-date on the changes.

Summer MSA in Regina, Saskatchewan WAWA has been canceled. They had upcoming payments that needed to be paid to Hotels and other businesses and not knowing if the borders would be open or not they needed to make a financial decision to cancel the summer MSA event. WAWA could not afford the risk of having it and no one showing up. Imperial has worked very hard for a long time to figure out if they wanted to have Imperial session in Kansas City or not. After they took everything into consideration, and not wanting to take a chance of seeing anyone getting infected and sharing it with our friends and family, they have canceled the Imperial Session for this year. If the resolution passes by the first part of June, it will give the representatives the chance to vote by the means of electronics for the Imperial Officers and Trustees.

Clubs and units, with the help of the Imagineers, have set up Zoom accounts so that they can run their own meetings and fun nights via Zoom. Zor has also hosted a few virtual nights and we have a few more planned. On the first one we had, we got to know each other a little better and then we voted on our favorite Shriner. Out of 16 possibilities, John Wayne won the overall vote. We had the pleasure of having a Noble Terry Webster, from Australia join us that evening. On the second one, we voted on our favorite Mason, and again out of 16 possibilities, Benjamin Franklin won the overall vote. On the second round, we had the honor of Zor's own, Imperial Sir Jim Smith and Lady Alice join us. Earlier that day, I had the honor of helping St. Croix Valley and Mehara Shrine Club feed the truckers at the Menomonie wayside. On another Saturday night, we used Zoom to have a Virtual Wine, Beer, and Spirits tasting, seeing that we had to reschedule the one that was

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What a day at Shriners Hospital. 200 years ago Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing was born. Happy Nurses Week with a photo taken thru the window. (Nice mask Flo!) Also a social distanced photo our team shared from PICU. Plus the Blue Angels did a flyover to thank health care workers.

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set for that day at the Foxhole in Sparta until August 8th. That evening we had the pleasure of having the Imperial Potentate, Jeff Sowder, and Lady Cheryl join us.

Thanks to all the Clubs and Units that stepped up to sell onions this year. Unfortunately, we had to cancel all sales due to a bad crop.

The Spring Ceremonial had to be canceled, but we are hoping you'll be

joining us in Lacrosse in December with your candidates. If you have anyone that would like to join us through a Cold Sands, let us know and we'll get them in to be a new Noble.

Please be on the lookout for a joint Temple golf outing in August, advertised in the Zephyr (see page 6).

We hope you all stay safe and are doing well.



Imperial Session Canceled

Dear Nobles,

Based on data and opinions of public health experts and community officials, Shriners International has canceled its 2020 Imperial Session, scheduled for July 2020, in Kansas City. In determining whether the 2020 Imperial Session could be responsibly held, the perspective of Shriners International was to take a global vision with local focus. The Imperial Session is truly an annual international gathering at one physical location. The Imperial Divan, the 2020 Convention Corporation, and the staff of Shriners International closely monitored developments and worked closely with the Kansas City Health Department in planning the 2020 Imperial Session. This planning was always undertaken with the hope and expectation that the convention would proceed, as long as it was reasonably safe to do so, based upon the trajectory of the Coronavirus and governmental quarantine and/or stay at home orders, actions based upon data and opinions provided by public health professionals.

Based on the information provided by public health professionals and recent governmental extension of existing public health orders, Shriners International determined that the safety of attendees and the safety of the community could not reasonably be provided on or before the start of the 2020 Imperial Session in Kansas City and therefore canceled the 2020 convention, due to the impossibility of safely hosting it.

Imperial Sir and First Lady, Jeff and Cheryl Sowder, are extremely sorry that they will not be able to personally welcome Shriners from all over the world to celebrate fun and fellowship in Kansas City. They have dreamed and planned for more than a decade to have Shriners join them for an incredible experience in Kansas City. While the worldwide pandemic prevents us from meeting in Kansas City and renewing our acquaintances, it does not prevent us from renewing our commitment to the important work of the Shrine.

Additional information related to governance issues for Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children, in the absence of the respective annual meetings of each corporation, will be provided in the near future.

In spite of our disappointment, Shriners are encouraged to stay safe, stay strong, and stay involved with everything we can do now in preparation for doing more in the future.

Yours in the faith,

Jeffrey L. Sowder, Imperial Potentate



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ZOR TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS

- Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Closed on Fridays

NOTICE

There will be a stated meeting held VIA Zoom on Saturday, June 13th, at 10:30 AM. E-blast with Zoom link will be sent out by June 11th.

Zor and Zuhrah Potentate plan joint Golf Outing

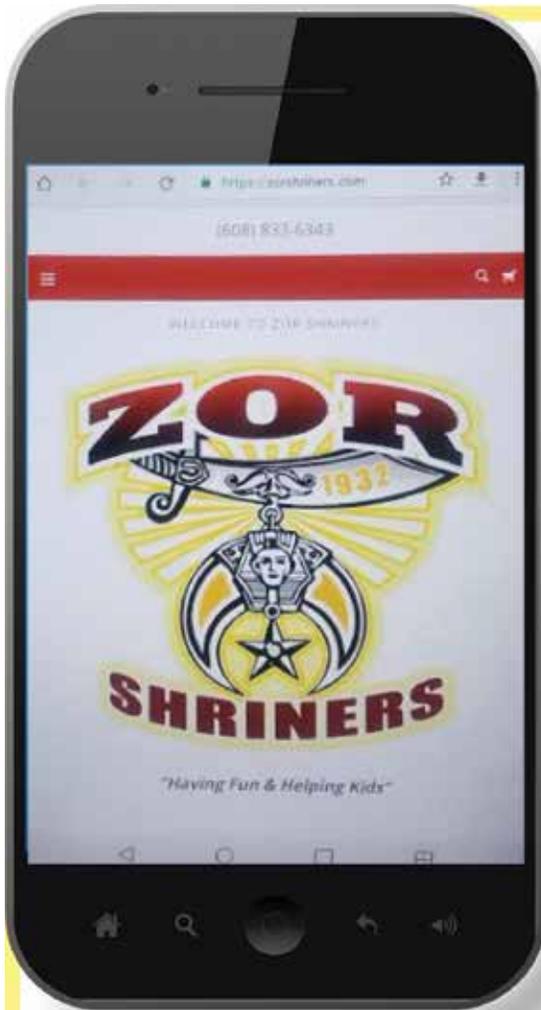


Zor and Zuhrah Shriners Potentates have planned a Golf Stag event scheduled for August 23rd at Bristol Ridge Golf Course Somerset, WI.



We can use this event, not only as a friend and fellowship event, but also a membership drive. It will be a 4-person scramble best ball. Starting at 1:00 PM with dinner and prizes to follow.

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If you have a desire and passion to be part of Zor shriners focus into the future and beyond please join us. Shriners International has recognized our team effectiveness in the 2020 Spring issue of Shiner magazine.

Needed foremost are ideas, editors, reporters, proof readers, graphic artists and audio visual interested people for help in producing the Zephyr. Also, parade unit helpers and fabricators. Ceremonial collaboration with Chief of Staff.

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A large delegation from the St. Croix Valley Shrine Club assembled in front of Jerry's Towing's big rig on the West side of I94. In the center is Fezzy Bear from the Mehara Shrine club in Eau Claire.

Clubs join hands to feed truckers

By Milt Helmer

It was a flawless day in the mid-70s on Interstate 94 at the dual rest areas just East of Menomonie.

The event was a free lunch served to the truckers by members of Mehara and St. Croix Valley Shrine Club on Saturday, May 2nd, 2020.

We all know what our health care workers are doing to keep us safe and healthy, but it is the truckers of America who deliver our food and other needs without a thought to their own safety.

It was with this in mind that Roger Keller of New Richmond, the past president of the St. Croix Valley Shrine Club and also member of the Zor Divan, decided to spearhead an effort to the show these 'knights of the road' just how much they are appreciated.

He assembled crews from both clubs, asked for and received the support of numerous area businesses owners, and grilled burgers for the truckers. The lunch was complete with cookies from Best Maid in River Falls, Potato salad with fixin's from Lakeside Foods, buns from Dairy Queen, Cheese Curds from Ellsworth Cooperative Creamery, condiments from Pete's Pizza in New Richmond and the beef from Reinhart Foods, and t-shirts from Jerry's Towing.



Rick Buss of Jerry's Towing is shown with special t-shirts given out to the truckers during the celebration.

All this stuff went into bags with Shrine labels brought all the way from Prosticker owner Steve Livernash.

Zor Potentate Barry Ausen was on hand to welcome the truckers and interview with a number of media from Eau Claire.

In keeping with the Coronavirus rules all assembled were wearing masks and staying a safe distance from each other.

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a way. She found instructions on a local hospital's website, so she began sewing. Another request came in, this time from Lady Laura Slavik, wife of PGM Daniel Slavik for 50, to help provide masks for their employees. She just finished 500 masks made at the request of the Reedsburg Lodge Brothers who will be distributing them to health care facilities in the Reedsburg area.

It seemed like every time she posted on Facebook that she had finished another batch of masks, another order would come in. The owners of the Leadmine Tavern, which had been saving the Crown Royal bags since the day they opened, asked her if she could make some masks out of the bags. She was able to make 257 of them. When asked how much she wanted for them, she told them that they should sell them for what ever they wanted to and donate the money to the Benton Fire Department. They sold them for \$5.00 each and made the donation to the Fire Department.

Ronda has supplied masks for senior living / nursing homes, hospitals, home health care workers, a grocery store, a grain



facility, some law enforcement officers and a lot of individuals. She has been doing all this absolutely without charge to anyone. When she did receive donations, some was cash and some were fabric and thread that she was extremely grateful for, she just took the cash and simply bought more supplies so she could keep on sewing. Since that time she has sewn over 2600 masks, in fact, so hard she had to replace her sewing machine.



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Saturday

June 13th

DIVAN MEETING
via Zoom, 9:00 AM

STATED MEETING
via Zoom, 10:30 AM

Sunday

July 19th

ANNUAL MINI CAR CELEBRATION
(see article on page 18 for more information)

Saturday

July 25th

LA CROSSE POTENTATE PARTY
(see page 11 for more information)

Saturday

Aug. 22nd

WAUSAU POTENTATE PARTY
(see page 13 for more information)

Sunday

Aug. 23rd

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Shriners, Masons, their Ladies, and other guests are welcome to this year's annual steak fry at Jansky's Eagles Nest on top of the Bluff in La Crescent, MN (just across the mighty Mississippi from La Crosse). The annual afternoon event brings together folks from all over West Central Wisconsin to one of the most beautiful areas in the state. The view is amazing as one looks over the river, the lock & dam, and the adjoining bluffs. But this is only part of the fun, as the cooks prepare a delicious steak dinner, with appetizers and refreshments for everyone. Reservations mandatory!



La Crosse Potentate Party 2020

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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!

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We are living through a time that will be talked about by our great grandchildren

By Lady Linda Dunham

I woke up with a thought in my heart today. A pattern of thoughts scattered in my mind, with the urge to empower...if only just one.

Ahh, I love rainy Sundays. They are the perfect time for reflection, self-care, and stillness.

This Sunday is no different. A gentle rain, the birds chirping their gratitude, and a hot cup of coffee by my side.

Here I go....

Last week, I saw a Facebook post reminding me of all the historic events others have LIVED THROUGH. My level of respect went through the roof. Humans that lived in concentration camps found the strength to conquer their circumstances and survive. They went on to have families, make memories, and LIVE. Many in the camps didn't just sit and wait for their futures to be determined. They found ways to live in the midst of their hell. I don't know that I would have the mental strength to endure what they did.

They are Heroes.

Then, we look at the Great Depression and all of the moving parts of that time.

Hunger, unemployment, rationing, fear of the unknown. And, when the end of the Depression came, World War 2 began. Can you imagine the hopelessness??

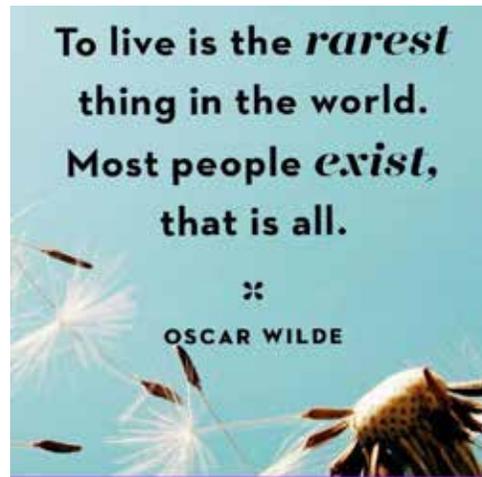
Perspective may have saved many lives. How did they move THROUGH those trying times?

My best guess is that they didn't just exist through them, but they continued to LIVE.

The Bubonic Plague, the Great Depression, World War 2....Real History.

After recalling conversations at different times in my life with my grandparents, aunts, uncles and parents, it came to me. In order to thrive in this new environment we are in, we must find LIFE in each moment, in each day. We must LIVE fully and not just be.

We are LIVING THROUGH a time that will be talked about by our great grandchildren, it will be written about and



documented. So many things we know, and love have faded from our daily lives. So much has changed. We may not all be on the same page with our thoughts, but I know we have all had something consistent taken from us. Something that "made" us who we are.

However, the human spirit remains the same. Solid. Resilient. Made stronger by the storm. I don't have the words to express the strength, beauty and hope that my eyes have seen, and my ears have heard the last few months. Wish I did, so I could write it here today and look back years from now with a vivid picture of how the world "showed up".

From the doctors and nurses risking their own lives to save others, the police officers and firefighters standing strong, so we feel secure, to the retired lady bagging groceries at the local supermarket.

Watching my children's compassion and resilience. Seeing each morning in a new light.

The generosity of others. The human need of contributing. To the simplest things we have found to create a moment of normalcy each day. I see God working everywhere.

In every way. ♥

His LIGHT has remained unchanged. So, on my run the other day, I took my face towards the sun and sky. I ran with a smile and asked myself some questions.

"Am I LIVING and moving forward even though it seems LIFE has paused?"

"Am I being a leader and an example to those that I love?" "Would I be at PEACE if today was the last day here?" For me, the answers are "YES".

How we live in the midst of adversity can tell a lot about who we are at our core.

Ask yourself ...

Are you merely existing?

Are you hiding in a cocoon afraid and weak?

Are you calming and leading others to hope?

Are you truly LIVING THROUGH this pandemic?

Go ahead. Ask yourself.

Because I did. Even through the uncertainty and unknowns, our clocks are still ticking.

Days are turning into months and the months will soon be a year.

I'm holding tight to my life plan.

To LIVE LOUD.

To LIVE WITH INTENTION.

To LEARN and GROW each day, as this is my classroom.

We aren't being put through this test to sit and wait it out, friends. We are here to LIVE THROUGH it all. I view this as a very difficult course in college. We won't necessarily breeze through this one without a few bumps and scars. It's time to observe, test ourselves, and see what we can take from this lesson.

Just like the HEROES who survived the Holocaust, the Wars, the Great Depression.....

It's time to look inside and see what we are made of. ♥

We are made of LIGHT, LOVE and HOPE. All within each of us.

Free to give, easy to offer.....and safe to share.

Stay strong. Well. And Be Blessed, my friends.

May you be a Star Student and Ace this.

LIFE CHANGING TEST.

~ Much love, Linda ♥

Wausau Potentate Party

ZOR Shriners, Lady's / Significant Others, and Cold Sands Candidates, will gather in Wausau on Saturday, August 22nd (currently our rescheduled date) as we **"MAKE A DIFFERENCE"** in 2020.

The Wausauken Shriners and their ladies are sponsoring the Wausau Potentate Party to Honor Ill. Sir Barry Ausen and Lady Becky. This year's party will be held at the Holiday Inn & Suites at 1000 Imperial Ave, Rothschild (next to Wausau). The Banquet will take place in the Crystal Room II at the hotel. Take Hwy 39 Exit 185 which is the Business 51 exit. If coming from the north turn right off the exit and then turn right at second stop light and you will see the Holiday Inn at the next intersection on your left. If coming from the south, on I-39 take Exit 185 and turn right onto Bus 51 and then turn right again at the first light onto Imperial Drive and you will see the Holiday Inn on the left at the next intersection.

The Wausauken Shriners are inviting you to go on your own for lunch in the area-once we know what the COVID-19 guidelines are. The local eating places in the area of the Holiday Inn is as follows: Green Mill (attached to Holiday Inn), Culver's & Subway (a block from Hotel), The Bar (a block & half), Relocation Pub & Eatery (nearly a mile away - Cty Rd XX).

The annual Potentate party will be in the Crystal II facility at the Holiday Inn with networking and socializing beginning at 4:45 with a cash bar. At 5:45 we will gather for the banquet with entertainment followed by a raffle.

Please complete the coupon for dinner and mail with payment no later than August 14th.

A block of rooms are being held at the Holiday Inn at 1000 Imperial Ave. Rothschilds. Rooms are \$95.00 plus tax. If you desire a King room, the cost would be \$105.00. Please call the hotel to make your hotel reservations, at 715-355-1111. (Currently Wausau is hosting a Blues Festival this same weekend and hotels may fill up quickly.)

To view the site go to www.holidayinn/rothschild/holidayinn.com

Any questions, contact Steve Peterson at 715-573-4059.

More details will be in the next Zephyr, as more information becomes available regarding the COVID -19 guidelines.

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

- 10:00 Divan Meeting
- 11:30 Timekeeper Distillery's Tour & Pizza Lunch.
- 1:30 **Nobles** – Cold Sands -initiation ceremony will take place - please bring your candidates!! Followed by Quarterly Meeting and Educational update.
- 1:30 **Ladies** meet at the Holiday Inn – take in a tour and relax at the Whitewater Music Hall downtown Wausau (Wausau old Masonic Lodge turn into an coffee house and unique pub, with the arts) plus take in the unique shops on 3rd street that are only 2 blocks from the music hall.
- 4:45 Social hour (Crystal Rm II) & Registration.
- 5:45 Gather for dinner and introductions
- 5:30 -7:30 Dining with entertainment followed by a program and raffle

Wausau Potentate Party 2020

Saturday, August 22 - Social 4:45 PM • Dinner 5:45 PM

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ZOR COMMUNICATIONS

I hope this finds everyone safe and healthy through these trying times, I know Linda and I are doing our best. With the safer at home policy of the past couple of months, we have truly found out how dependent we are on today's technology. One example is how dependent we have become on Zoom, not only for our meetings, but also to socialize. It has been great to spend evenings with many of our Shrine Family online, whether if it was to play a game or just to have a drink and socialize.



Chris Peters

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS CHAIRMAN
& ZOR IMAGINEER'S PRESIDENT

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With the slightly, less rigid, guidelines from Shriners International on meetings using Zoom, our Potentate, Ill. Sir Barry, has scheduled a Stated meeting via Zoom for Saturday, June 13th at 10:30 AM. We are hoping that many of you will join us that day, as we can have up to 100 members on at the same time and because so much has changed since the last time we were able to get together. Within a few days before the meeting, I will be sending out an E-blast with the Zoom Link so that if you desire to join us, you can just click on the link.

Zoom is fairly easy to use, but there are a few steps you have to take to connect. The equipment you will need is any of the following:

1. Laptop computer.
2. A tablet or iPad.
3. A smart phone.
4. A desktop computer with a webcam, microphone (the microphone is usually built into the webcam) and speaker.

On one of the devices listed, go to the E-blast, and click on the Zoom link. If this is the first time on Zoom with that device, you will have to download the Zoom program, the download link is right on the page that comes up. After you get connected to Zoom, please make sure you select to use the computer video and audio so that you will be able to see, hear and talk to us. I will make myself available to anyone that would like some help setting up Zoom or would like to test it out prior to that day, just contact me at either

zorcommunications2019@gmail.com or 715-630-9143.

The other means of communications that we really need to work on is the E-blast that we have been sending out. We are using Mailchimp as our E-blast engine as it has been highly successful in getting the word out. The problem we are having is that only about 50% of the people we are sending them to are actually seeing them and opening them up to read them. One reason for this is that they do not always go straight to your inbox, they sometimes end up in your SPAM or Trash folder. For those of you that haven't seen them in your inbox, Please check your SPAM for an email from 'Zor Shriners' and if you find one, please click on it and mark it as 'Not Spam', by doing that, it should cure the problem for future E-blasts.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or problems with any Zor Communications problems you might be having.

*Stay Safe and Healthy,
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Zor Shriners get innovative with virtual socializing during Covid-19 Stay At Home order

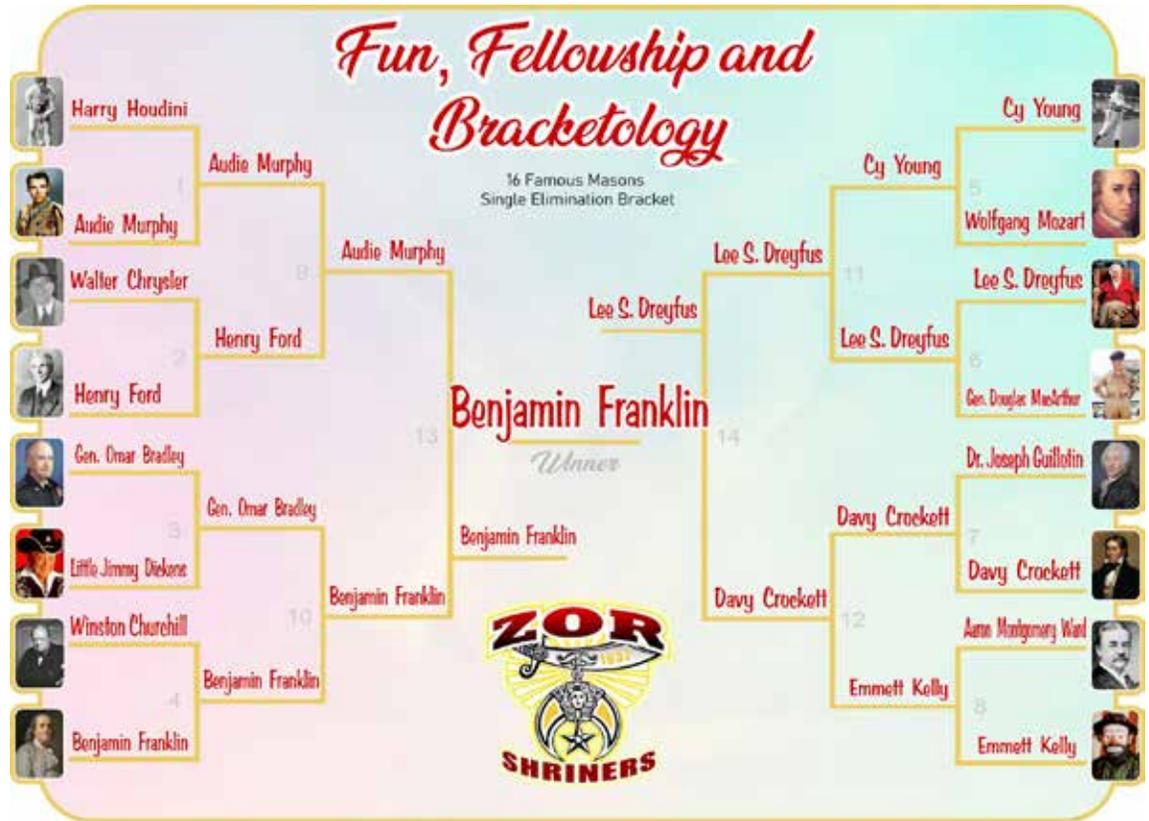


Illustrious Sir Barry Ausen and Lady Becky came up with an idea to get together online during the epidemic. With the help of the Imagineers ingenuity it became reality. Thank you to all who enjoyed our Shriner fun and fellowship virtual games via Zoom.

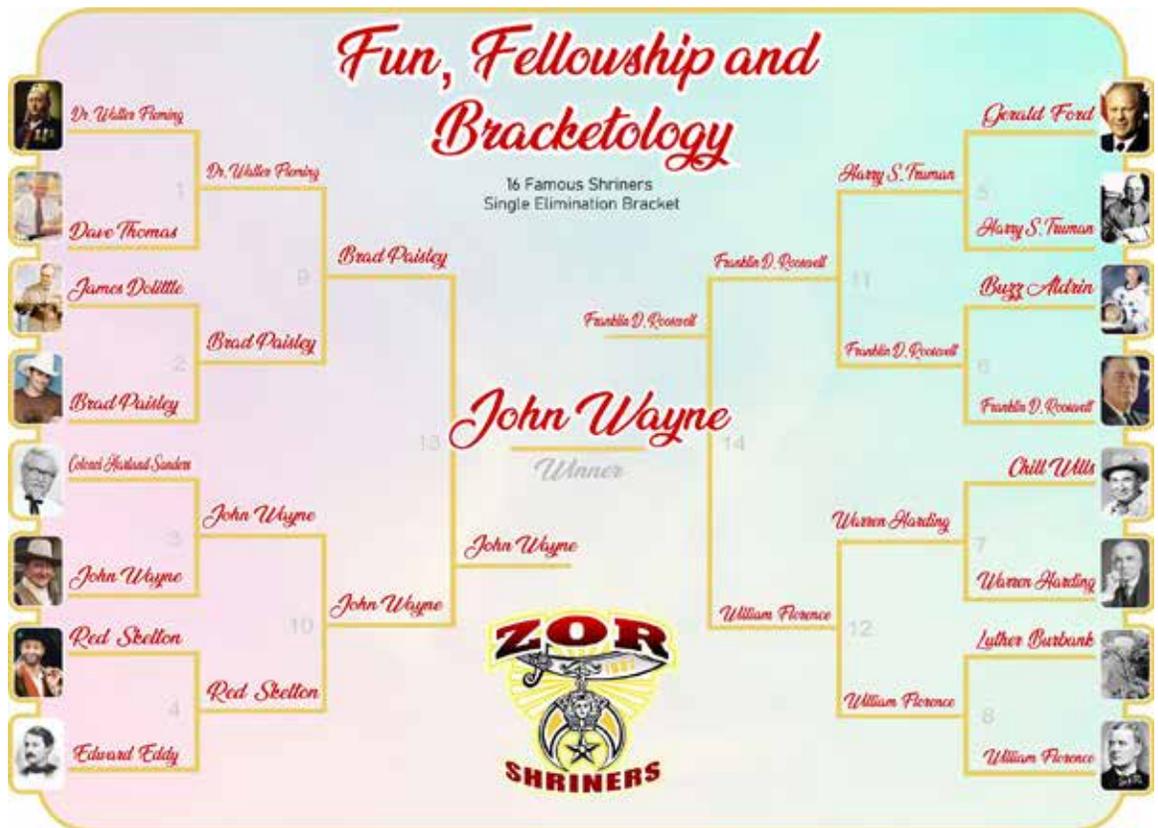
Each name was pre-picked and bracketed. A story was told about each of their individual histories. Then voting took place for each round. A great way to learn about past Shriner / Masons. Participants joined in and introduced themselves and socialized between voting. John "The Duke" Wayne won his way to the top with chat voting. Named most "Famous Shriner" from the 16 picks. Noble Terry Webster, from Australia - thank you for participating in our social online game.

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A second virtue game was played two weeks later and Benjamin Franklin was named the most "Famous Mason" under the same format as the Shriners bracket. Imperial Jim Smith and Lady Alice also joined in on the fun.



MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS

Wow! What a year this has been for membership! By the time you get this issue of the Zephyr you may have read or heard about the Governor's stay safer at home order. With that news from early in May we can now get back to finding those good men to be candidates for our Winter Ceremonial in December in La Crosse! Remember, the Shrine take good men and make them better men who have the heart and desire to help our kids with their medical conditions.

This year your Divan members have been hard at work helping get our membership numbers up by contacting the members who have not paid their dues for 2020 or have been suspended for not paying their dues. We started 2020 with approximately 180 members on the possible suspension list and have now worked that number down to 99 or less. Kudos to their hard and dedicated work!

In the last issue of the Zephyr, I spoke about the temple working on getting the automatic payment system up and running. I am proud to inform everyone the system is in place and ready to assist you with your dues payment. The Divan felt this was a very



**Mike Kastens,
New Richmond**

worth while effort to get up and running as another tool to assist the membership in getting their dues paid by the month of December when all dues need to be paid per the Imperial Guidelines. If you are interested in the program, please give Amy or Pat a call at the temple. The number to the temple is 608-833-6343.

The membership committee also has restarted calling each individual Shriner on his birthday to see how they are doing and to thank them for belonging to the greatest fraternity in the world. By making the phone call to the Shriner it is a very personal touch!

We have a goal of adding 50 new Shriners to Zor in 2020 and the membership committee can not reach that goal alone! Please start looking for the good men from your Blue Lodges and get their petitions in as soon as possible for processing. I personally would really enjoy seeing 75 or 100 new members in 2020 to bolster the current membership!

The membership committee is currently working on a reward special for the member who recruits a certain number of new Shriners in 2020. I will be providing more information in future issues of the Zephyr.

Remember Zor Shrine is one of the premier Shrine Temples within the Shrine!

*~ Mike Kastens
2020 Membership Chairmen*



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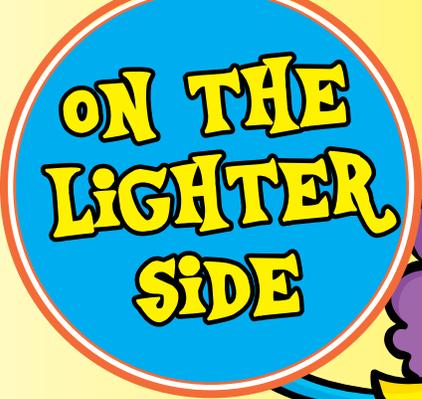
A TRIBUTE FOR GRADUATING SENIORS

Gary Cuskey PP & Lady Judy of Badger Buses report "A group of our bus drivers joined in bringing these buses to the Spooner High School as a tribute to our graduating seniors! Congratulations class of 2020!"

Q. What do you call a psychic midget who has escaped from prison?
 A. A small medium at large.



Did you hear about the two peanuts walking in the alley late last night?
ONE WAS A SALTED.



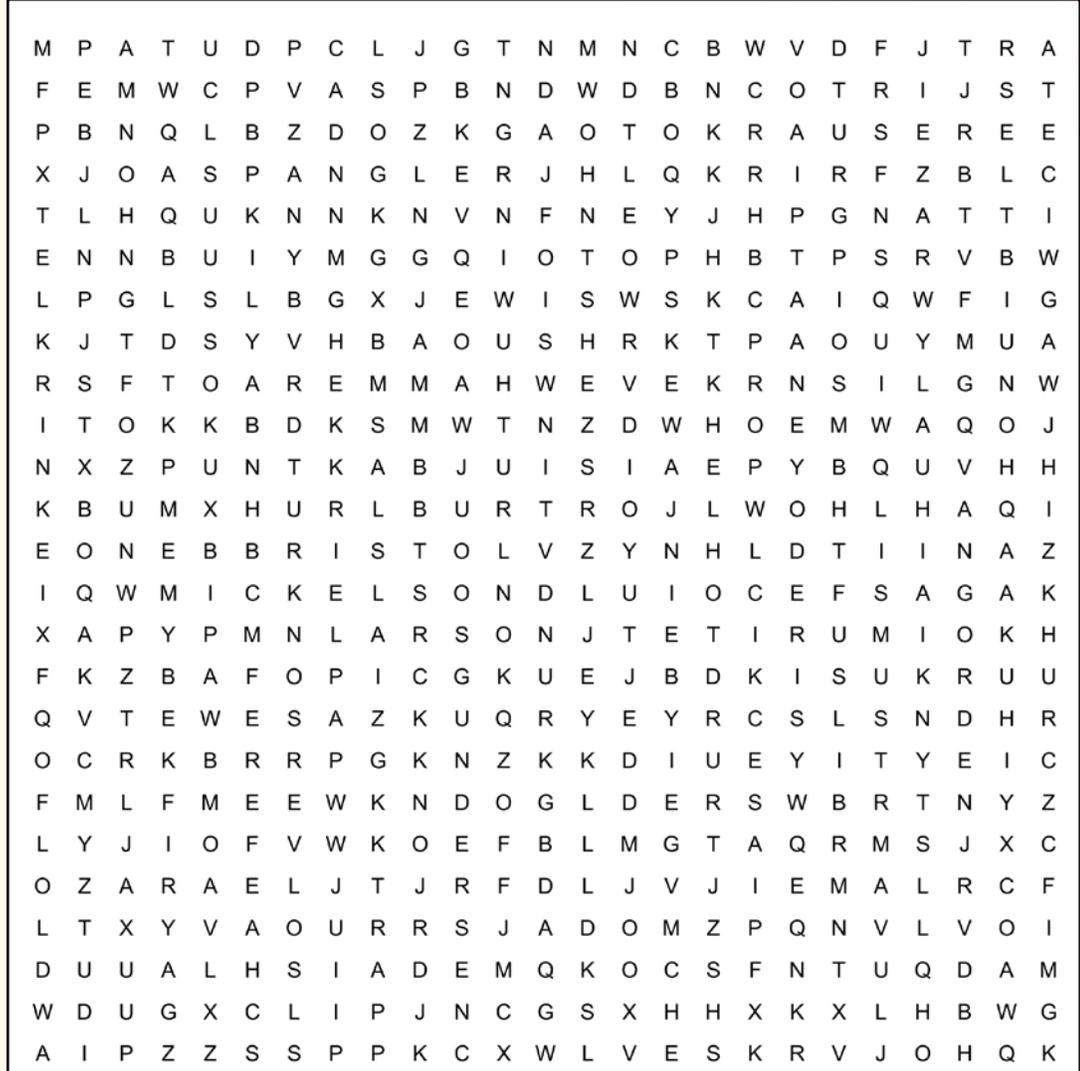
Why did the bee get married?
 Because he found his honey.



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| KENNETH GUNDERSEN | 1978 |

A farmer counted the cows in the field and counted 196 of them,
but when he rounded them up he had 200.



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ZOR IMAGINEERS
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A WORD FROM YOUR CHIEF OF STAFF

Nobles & Ladies

Hopefully everyone is staying healthy and safe!

There has been many deaths from Covid-19 and many hospitalizations due to it as well. But with that being said there also has been many good things being done by Nobles and Lady's all over Zorland, such as many meals being delivered to veterans, Meals on Wheels for seniors, to meals being delivered to families less fortunate or families to where parents have lost their jobs.

Even the Shrine Clubs are giving back, such as St. Croix Valley and Mehara Shrine Club for the Shriner's support Trucker's event that was done



Bruce Fransway
CHIEF OF STAFF

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on Saturday, May 2nd. The many hours put into making masks that have been distributed out to those in need. Even simple calls to Brothers, just checking on them and let them know they are not alone. We have even enjoyed game nights, via Zoom.

I am hoping that everything gets back to normal before too long, so that we can do some of these things together.

Thanks to all for what you do!

Stay safe & Healthy,

~ Bruce Fransway
Zor Chief of Staff, 2020



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Austin and Connie Tronnes

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Unit Captain Steve Livingston extends an open invitation to everyone to attend the annual Tobacco Days parade and picnic on Sunday, July 19th. Potentate Barry Ausen will lead the Mini Cars when the parade steps off at 11:30 a.m. in downtown Edgerton.

It is not known as of this writing, if the parade would be canceled due to the Coronavirus pandemic. **NO MATTER WHAT**, the picnic honoring Potentate Barry and Lady Becky will go on.

Please understand that this is not just for the parading units, an open invitation with **NO COST and NO RESERVATIONS**, just come to enjoy the fellowship, along with picnic treats of brats, burgers, corn on the cob, and cold beverages. Positive plans are made to do an ice bucket challenge.

The Tronnes' home is located at 855 Washington Road in Edgerton. If you need directions, please call Austin at 608-772-1811. Hope to see you on July 19th!



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St. Croix Valley Shrine Club finds a way to communicate plus have fun

By Milt Helmer

Rather than suffering from cabin fever during this Coronavirus shelter in place order, members of the St. Croix Valley Shrine Club, under the leadership of Roger Keller and Club President Ed Swenson, offered to get together on Zoom.

For those who do not know about Zoom, it is a way for groups up to 100 to get together online for either business or fun.

The most recent gathering was put together on Friday, April 17th. It was an event that will help Shrine Club sponsors get back on their feet after this pandemic. Simply

put, every one of the 25 club members were asked to donate \$20 per member and Roger and his Lady Tammy spun the wheel (over Zoom) The numbers on the wheel were adjusted 1 to 25. Each winner receives a \$20 gift card at one of the many Shrine donors in their area.

During the fun night when a winner was announced, they were asked why they joined the Masons and then the Shrine. The results were inspiring as well as fun.

Rod Rommel's wife Judy showed off Rod's new costume he plans to wear at events as 'Lemon Drops' the clown.

The club is making plans to have these Zoom meetings once a week until health officials give them an all clear.

A MINUTE WITH MILT

Secrets of Freemasonry

When someone wants to know what is so secret about the Masonic Lodge, there are scores of books and articles the inquiring mind can consult. Most of these are half true and usually slanted to the writer's personal beliefs due to a lack of understanding the facts.

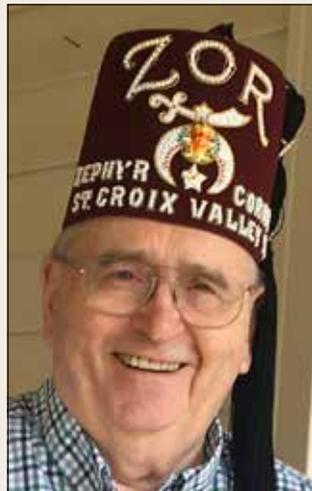
We will attempt to answer some of the most common misconceptions of this age old fraternity.

One of the most untrue perceptions of the craft is that Freemasonry is a religion or a cult. This perception comes from the fact that Mason's form of identifying each other is held secret. Use of sacred passwords shows that a man has achieved a level of expertise in his life. In fact, signs, grips and words are the only thing that is secret about the Freemasons. Everything else is open to the public. Most everything else can be found in any large metropolitan library.

This lack of knowledge about the age old fraternity has led people to fear and mistrust the craft. In the absence of the truth, some people fill in the blanks due in large part from fear of the unknown.

Freemasons only ask people who wish to join "in whom they place their trust." Where you worship is not important. The only requirement to join is that you believe in a supreme being. All faiths are welcome to join the Masons. There are Christians, Jews, Muslims and other religions who have become active members. Freemasonry considers the internal, not external of man as important. No atheist can become a member. What separates Freemasonry from religion is they don't grant salvation and do not forgive sins.

How Freemasonry came to be is also a mystery to many. The masons of old were what is called operative stone masons. They were responsible for the building of some of the most beautiful stone structures in the world. Some of these structures still stand today throughout Europe.



Milt Helmer,
Zephyr Correspondent

As time went by and such grand structures were no longer being built, the stone masons would meet in a separate building and practice speculative masonry. The stone mason guild was made up of 3 separate levels of expertise; Entered Apprentices, Fellowcrafts, and Master Masons or overseers of the work. This is where Freemason's three degrees come from. They show his level of accomplishment.

Another misconception is that women can be members. That is untrue. Only men age 18 and up can become Master Masons. However, women can become members of the Order of the Eastern Star. This organization is responsible for many local and national charity efforts. Both men and women can belong to the Star. In fact, many men and their wives belong together.

The structure of freemasonry can be mind boggling to the uninformed. The leader of each local lodge is the Worshipful Master and he has wardens and deacons. The word Worshipful eludes only to his title. He is not worshiped as some might think. He is more like to chief executive officer of a company.

Their work is largely ceremonial but their service to their fellow man is noteworthy. Each mason takes an oath to contribute to the relief of poor distressed worthy masons, their widows and orphans. It is an oath they take very serious.

Masonic Lodges, including Hancock Lodge in Ellsworth, routinely help out people in distress as well as help support community betterment.

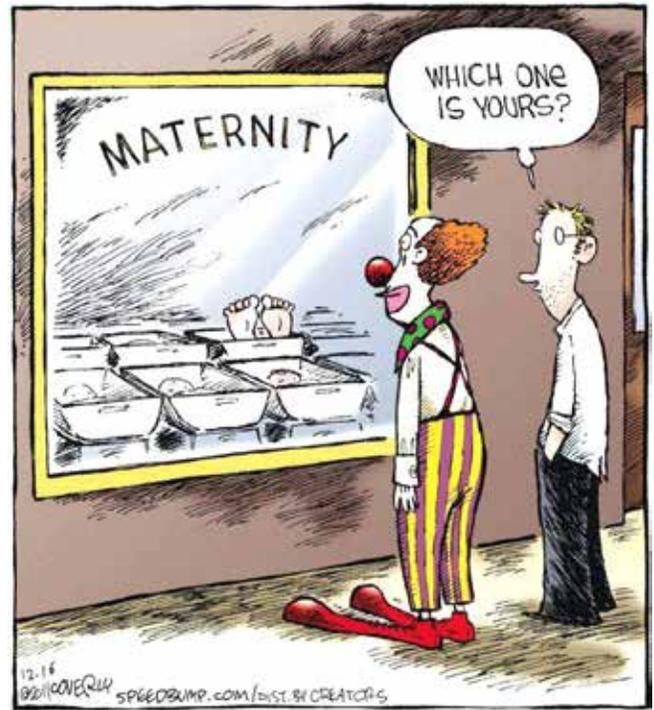
All in all, Freemasons are men of high moral standards who quietly care for others.

~ Milt Helmer,
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BEARS HIDING

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