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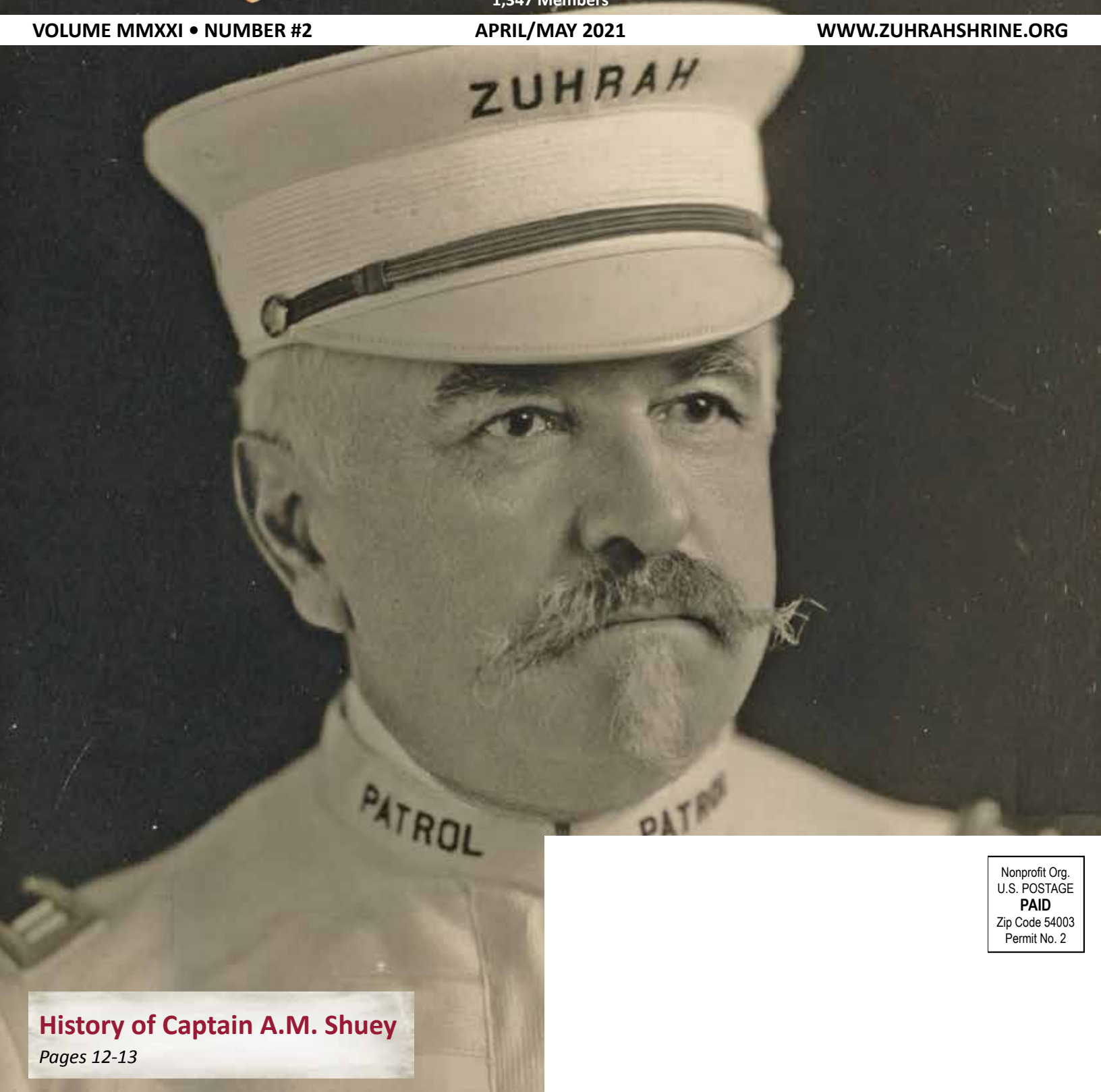
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Zuhrah Shrine Center

Hours of Operation

Zuhrah Shriners administrative office:
Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. to noon

VoiceMail and Email Addresses

Zuhrah phone 952-426-3023

You may also email comments and questions as follows:

office@zuhrah.org	events@zuhrah.org
fraternal@zuhrah.org	media@zuhrah.org
accounting@zuhrah.org	potentate@zuhrah.org
ladiesconnect@zuhrah.org	volunteer@zuhrah.org

**In an effort to make your Divan more accessible to the Nobility,
we have created an email address: divan@zuhrah.org.**

Please put this in your address book. If you want to ask the Divan a question or make a suggestion, or if you are concerned about something, send an email to this address and the entire Divan will get a copy.

The Divan has committed to follow up with all emails that we receive.

Send changes of address to 6120 Blue Circle Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55343-9109



Find us on Facebook
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2021 ELECTED OFFICERS

Potentate
Jon Pavola
and Lady
Jean



Chief Rabban
Curt Quast
and Lady
Heather



Assistant Rabban
Scott Hughes
and Lady
Suzanne



High Priest & Prophet
Tim Jirak



Oriental Guide
Clif Bailey
and Lady
Heather



Recorder
PP Jim
Burlingame,
Jr.
and Lady
Linda



Treasurer
PP Al
Niederhaus
and Lady
Deb



2021 APPOINTED OFFICERS

1st Ceremonial Master:
Nate Smithson (Lady Robyn)

2nd Ceremonial Master:
Rodger Schmid (Lady Becky)

Marshall:
Scott Fredell (Lady Lois)

Captain of the Guard:
Steve Scheffert (Lady Kathy)

Outer Guard:
Ron Wilcox (Lady Brenda)

Potentate Message

Friends,

Thoughts and prayers to our friends during this challenging time. Precautionary measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 might have been disliked, however, maintaining safe operations can developed into positive and popular Shrine events. As we enter into the final months of the pandemic I hope you are all in good health, and wish you all a safe and productive summer.

Fun in 21

I am extremely pleased with the engaging participation at our latest social events. The participants shared an awesome experience at our first indoor Cornhole Tournament. The turnout was larger than expected. The growing number of zoom bingo players has generated serious intrigue in playing future bingo games at our Shrine Center. Not only were these events attended by a number of members of Zuhrah but also by many of our friends. Please accept my sincere thanks for the excellent support provided by our event leaders in planning and hosting these great events.

Want a Big Boost in FUN?

Make your plans now to participate in a couple of clever Zuhrah Shrine events. On June 26, Zuhrah is back having fun at the First Big Ceremonial of 2021 hosted by BIRAK Shrine Club. Get ready for a huge weekend party composed of pontoon rides, barnstorming, barbecue and a whole lot of FUN.

On September 25, join us in Minnesota's Shortest Fun Run ever. This Fun in 21 event, hosted by HoHo Shrine Club, will start off with a Ceremonial followed by a 0.05K - two block fun walk/run for Shriners Hospitals for Children. The bars in Montgomery Minnesota will handle your thirst for fun.

Our Driven Divan Believes:

- In putting our Nobles first in all we do
- In building relationships between our Nobles, families, Masonic Brethren, and the community
- In directly supporting the children of our healthcare system
- In transparency in all our actions
- In the future of Zuhrah and the strength of our fraternity
- In promoting that we are the "Playground of Masonry" and giving our Nobles a place to call their home outside of Lodge.



Jon Pavola

raiser such as a concert or monster truck show. Everyone now helps Zuhrah by participating in our dinners, flower sales, Cornhole and our Feztival of Trees events.

There are two significant temple fundraising activities to mention. First, I must acknowledge our Temple fundraising committee for their time and dedication. Second, recognition must be given to an active program in deliberately developing new exciting fundraisers. Shriners have always been famous for their fundraising efforts and financial stability will again return to Zuhrah Temple through your fundraising involvement.

Special Request

To each and every Noble of Zuhrah Shrine, let us challenge ourselves to seek out prospective new members. We are introducing a new appealing activity for recruiting. Your friends, relatives, co-workers, brother Masons and their ladies should be encouraged to join in a new Fun in 21 Zuhrah event. While doing so, spark their interest in fun and building new friendships within our great organization. Zuhrah's First Taproom event at Torg's Brewery will be on April 17th. This event will be a great way to introduce anyone to our fun, fellowship and service to others. Shriners are known for their compassion for others and being active participants in their communities. Shriners help make the world a better place. Our mission is simple and our stories are defined by our shared pursuit of bettering ourselves and the world around us.

Jon R. Pavola

2021 Potentate Zuhrah Shriners

Upcoming Zuhrah Events

April 2nd Dinner 5:45pm Stated meeting 7pm

April 3rd Easter Egg Hunt 9:30 am

April 8th - 10th Grand Lodge MN

- Zuhrah Oasis Closed

April 17th Brew Pub

April 23rd Bingo- Zuhrah Oasis

April 30th Bunco- Zuhrah Oasis

May 8th Brew Pub

May 14th Dinner 5:45pm

Stated meeting 7pm

May 21st Bingo- Zuhrah Oasis

May 22nd Corn Hole Clash

May 28th Bunco- Zuhrah Oasis

Chiefs of Staff Corner



Mike Leier



Kevin Thune

Greetings & Salutations from your Chiefs of Staff!

With spring finally arriving and everyone getting outside for some fresh air and seasonal change, Clubs and Units should begin to start preparing for their 2021 fund-raising events and the upcoming parade season! Hopefully with COVID-19 restrictions being relaxed and the availability of the vaccine's things should be back on track to be a busy and eventful year. With the parade season comes the booking of parades and it looks to be a busy one. Several communities have already reached out to the HO HO Area Shrine Club to participate in their anticipated upcoming community celebrations. As clubs and units get confirmation for appearances or fund-raising events please remember to get your completed Appearance Request and Fund-Raising Request Forms to the Zuhrah Marshal, Scott Fredell at least one stated meeting prior to the event. This will provide the Divan with the appropriate time to approve your event. Without Divan approval your event or appearance could be in jeopardy, placing your event at risk. So please get them sent in with as much lead time as possible.

With the parade and fund-raising season fast approaching always remember that when we are out in public, we are representing not only the Zuhrah Shrine, but Shriners International, Shriners Hospitals for Children and Nobles and Ladies everywhere, so please remember to be safe and responsible out there. See to it that all your equipment is in top mechanical condition and is properly prepared prior to all your events and appearances. Act accordingly and have a safe and eventful summer!

Units and Clubs

When you have news to include in an issue of the Arabian, please send it by email, if possible, to arabian@zuhrah.org

NEWS

- Send your news in the body of an email, or attach a Word document, or attach a PDF – especially for event ads.
 - Put Arabian in the Subject line of the email.

PHOTOS

- Attach JPG photos to an email or a Word document
 - Original digital photos are preferred
 - Set digital cameras to higher-quality file size
 - Identify people in photo
 - Include caption for use with the photo.

DEADLINE: 10th of May

News submitted after deadline will be included on a space available basis.

The Club and Unit meetings will now be conducted in person and virtually giving everyone another option for attendance. The meetings are open to all Zuhrah Nobles and Zuhrah Divan members and we encourage all to attend bringing new and fresh faces and ideas to the organization. The meeting times and dates are posted on the Zuhrah Shrine events calendar.

Please keep the 3rd week in August open for the Midwest Shrine Association Summer Session at Sioux City, IA, the dates are August 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th. With the event being only a 4-hour drive from Zuhrah we should expect a big turnout of Zuhrah Nobles, Ladies and participating clubs and units. As always it should be a great time and a memorable weekend.

As always to keep up with all current Zuhrah Shrine events see the eArabian and the Arabian for details.

For any questions or concerns please e-mail us at cos@zuhrah.org

Fraternally,

Mike Leier
Chief of Staff

Kevin Thune
Deputy Chief of Staff

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Changes of Address to
6120 Blue Circle Drive
Minnetonka, MN
55343-9109
or: 952-426-3023
or: office@zuhrah.org**

SAVE THE DATE

**OCTOBER
14TH-17TH**

2021 POTENTATE TRIP



Contact jrpavola@gmail.com for more info

Sunshine Committee

When you hear of a noble who has been ill, hospitalized, convalescent, or shut-in, please contact Zuhrah Shriners, 952-426-3023. It is important to provide the noble's address, name of hospital or nursing home. We now have a new email address, you can contact the committee at sunshine@zuhrah.org.



A new sign-out system has been implemented for wheelchairs on loan from Zuhrah Shriners. If you have obtained a wheelchair in the past and are not using it, we would appreciate having it returned. We have had many requests for wheelchairs this year. If you return a wheelchair, kindly return it through the office for our record keeping. Donated wheelchairs in good condition will be accepted, too.

Zuhrah Shrine Family

I was watching an old episode of The Waltons (yes from the 70s), and it reminded me of my Zuhrah family. You remember The Waltons; set in Virginia during the depression era with John Boy, Grandpa & Grandma, John & Olivia and all the brothers & sisters.

John Walton, the father, had an opportunity to win a large order for the family saw mill. The problem was they needed to fill a smaller order before a competing mill filled it to win the large order. When John Walton announced this challenge to his family, everyone immediately asked how they can help the family accomplish this order. Each member of the family knew that if they all helped out, they can be successful. They volunteered to help get wood from the forest, mill the wood, prepare meals and make deliveries. Even Elizabeth, the youngest at about six years of age, helped by bringing cold drinks to everyone.



Curt Quast

They understand that the strength of the family comes from everyone supporting, encouraging and helping each other. When the family does better, the individuals do better. And, when individuals do better, the family does better. The Walton family acts as one.

This is exactly what we do in our Zuhrah family. Whether Zuhrah has a fundraising opportunity, needs membership support, or simply requires something done at the Shrine Center, our units, clubs and individuals immediately ask how they can support Zuhrah. Conversely, Zuhrah is always there to support the units, clubs and individuals. We act as one.

If we continue to increase our efforts in supporting our Zuhrah family, we will become stronger.

Curt Quast
Chief Rabban

Calling all Campers!



Anyone interested in planning a camping weekend with your fellow Nobles?

Do you have an RV, travel trailer, tent or just a sleeping bag?

Lets plan a trip, Contact Ron Wilcox **763-370-3036**

TAS TAS TAS ZUHRAH IS STILL COLLECTING POP TABS!!!

Please continue to collect and bring your tabs to the [Zuhrah Shrine Center](#). There is a white basket outside the office where you can drop them off.

Money generated from recycling will continue to be donated to the Women's General Auxiliary at Shriners Children's - Twin Cities.

Through your efforts, a check for \$103.25 was donated to the auxiliary earlier this year.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

If you have any questions, please contact office@zuhrah.org

IN MEMORIAM



John A MacLeod
Russell C Duncan
Robert C Eisler
Myron L Ellingsen
Ivan B Erickson
Kenneth R Hoffman
Donald M House
Edward V Larson
Kenneth J Larson Jr
Alan A Nemchik
Michael J Parker
Willis C Saxton
Larry L Warren
Louis L Anderson
Marlie D Barlow

Glenn S Beaubaire
Kenneth R Betsinger
James A Connolly
Gary H Durner
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Jennifer's Jottings

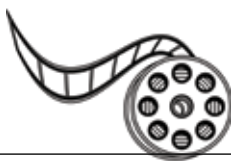
Hello!

Many people start with either the comics or the obituaries when reading the newspaper and I think this month our Black Camel needs a little explanation. First, it is two months this time so this is going to be a bit more than what we are expecting as normal, plus during these two months we seem to have had a very large loss to our membership. Both sudden losses that have left us shocked and some Nobles who we knew would be leaving us soon, but that doesn't make it any easier. There were two other reasons for the vast numbers in this printing. One is that we received the yearly report from Grand Lodge and their report always has at least a few we hadn't heard about. The other reason we have recently found a few deceased members, and a couple of our ladies, is that we are cleaning up some bad address information. At some point in the process, if we can't reach them and there is no further contact information available, I will start to search on-line obituaries. It always breaks my heart when we find out we have lost a member because the address doesn't forward anymore. I've said it a million times this year, but let's remember to check in with each other.

I, like many of you are very excited to see that Stated Meetings will be happening here with dinners again. I had been worried about how our regular caterer had been doing and am so glad we are able to help support a small family owned restaurant again. With that happening, please remember to make your reservations for dinner in a timely manner. We always need to have final counts to them early in the week.

Thank you!
Jennifer

Season 1 Ep. 2 – Carpe Diem



In the last episode, Stanley, the French Bulldog, had alerted Jim that Ann had fallen down a well and needed help! No, wait that wasn't it at all, I should really reread these things. Hold on one second, need to actually spend some time (Script note: this is where you play the Jeopardy waiting song over and over in your head). Back, thank you! Yes, that is right, I asked, "Why would anyone want to be a Zuhrah Shriner". Thank you to the two of you who responded to that question, my readership is exploding! Let's talk about Brotherhood.



Scott Hughes

Brotherhood: Shriners are a brotherhood of men committed to family, engaged in ongoing personal growth, and dedicated to providing care for children and families in need. Our backgrounds and interests are diverse, but we are bound together by our shared values and a desire to have fun, do good and build relationships that can last a lifetime.

- Men committed to family
- Engaged in ongoing personal growth
- Dedicated to providing care for children and families in need
- Bound together by our shared values
- Desire to have fun, do good
- Build relationships that can last a lifetime

If we want to start having men bang down the door of Zuhrah, we need to ask ourselves what are we doing to build this Brotherhood. I hear over and over that we do not have any new younger Nobles, but I would challenge that I have seen many walk out the door to never come back.

This is a photo of the display case at Zuhrah where we are adding fezzes from the past and present. I am going to go a little Dead Poets Society on you for a second, look at the picture, better yet, visit Zuhrah and just stand before it. Listen to the stories these fezzes can tell, the whispers of the past.



The shared values, the fun, the relationships that lasted a lifetime. The stories of family going up with each other, of dances, of helping out those in need. Now continue to look – W.M.S.C., M'Tonka S.C., Past Masters, Crusaders, Merrimakers, Seniors, Chanters, Masquers, Big Brothers, Strings, Boosters, Medical, Glenwood S.C., and so many more that have not been added and are no more. These were men and families who came together with a shared value, they did not parade (some did), they just enjoyed each other's company. They helped to make each other better, they helped the children of our hospital system, they flipped pancakes, had big band dances until the sun went down and came back up again. They invited Brothers in Lodge to get away from the ritual and do something fun... as a Zuhrah Shriner.

Nobles, have you been inviting of newer Nobles or Brothers in your Lodge and asked them to start something or be a part of something where they can build a relationship for a lifetime? What is that new Unit or Club that will take the place of the Merrimakers, the Crusaders, the Strings? Is it the Billiards, the Cornhole Wizards, the Gamers, the Road Racers? What can you do to help make that happen and encourage that to happen. We all have a role to play in growing Zuhrah and making this a place our Lodge Brothers and their families want to – no clammer to, be a part of today, tomorrow and into the future. Ask Brothers in Lodge, "Are you looking for fun and something to do with your family?". Invite them to Zuhrah, pay for their meal or drinks, pay for their admission to the event, introduce them to everyone you see, find out what their passion is – it might just be the newest Zuhrah Shrine Club!

For those that remember some of these Clubs, or remember ones that are not represented, I would appreciate some stories. Who were they, what did they do, where did they meet, how did they start, did they have anything that they were "known" for, and whatever else you can think of about them or others. Please email them to wb.scott.hughes@gmail.com or feel free to call me at 612.978.2473. I am looking to compile a little book to tell our story, our history, our traditions.

**Yours in Faith and Fraternity,
FUN in 21,
Scott Hughes
Assistant Rabban, 2021
Zuhrah Shriners**

Coming Soon... "Cap. Shuey" Oasis





When you hear the word MEMBERSHIP what do you think? As Masons and Shriners we often associate the Membership Committee with finding new members or collecting on past due members. Yes, this is part of MEMBERSHIP but there is something more. When you look up the word MEMBERSHIP the definition is “the status of being a member”. What is our status of being a member, of being a Mason and a Shriner? We have a lot of men that made the decision to become a Mason and later a Shriner, but they didn’t understand what their membership meant. This results in us losing a lot of really good men that simply didn’t know where they fit in or couldn’t find that value of membership. So, what is the benefit of being a member? This year we are working on a few different ideas that will hopefully provide another reason to belong.

Zuhrah Taproom

Dave and Dee Sibben are helping plan a new idea that we took from other temples. Anyone can drink beer, but it takes a Shriner to enjoy beer. What is your brand of fun? A taproom may be the best way to introduce your friends/neighbors/co-workers/Brother Masons to Shriners’ fun and fellowship. When you focus on fun, every activity transforms into fellowship.

Zuhrah’s Hopped up Taproom Party – Saturday April 17th
Fun for everyone starts at 2 pm - Torg Brewery
8421 University Ave. NE, Minneapolis, MN

Zuhrah ATV Club

We have had discussions with a few Nobles about putting together a social group to ride ATVs/UTVs and have had a lot of interest. This is another idea that we are borrowing from other temples. Not a parade group, not a fundraising group but simply a social group for Shriners, Masons, friends, neighbors, and family members. Look for more information on this. If you have interest in this or would like to help plan this let me know!!



Cornhole Clash

On Saturday, May 22nd the 2nd Zuhrah Cornhole Clash is scheduled to begin at 11:00 AM. There will be food and beverage available with cash prizes. For more information or to register contact the Zuhrah office.

As you can see, we are really working to focus on FUN. If you have other suggestions let me know, we are always open to more ideas!

If you know of anyone that has interest in becoming a Mason or a Shriner it is now EASIER than ever to start this process. You can either send them to www.beafreemason.org or www.beashrinernow.com OR you can go there and submit their name and the process will begin. There is GREAT information here on what it means to be a member and answers any questions that anyone may have.



Stated Meetings/Dinners \$20 per Dinner

April 2nd 2021, Dinner @ 5:45pm

Stated Meeting @ 7pm

Spaghetti with marinara Sauce or Alfredo sauce,
 Lettuce Salad, Garlic Toast, Chocolate Dessert.

Thank you Drum Corps for serving Dinner

May 14th 2021, Dinner @ 5:45pm

Stated Meeting @ 7pm

BBQ Ribs, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Lettuce
 Salad, Buns & Butter, Dessert of your choice.

Thank you Willmar Area Shrine Club for serving Dinner.

June 11th 2021, Dinner @ 5:45pm

Stated Meeting @ 7pm

Goulash, Fruit Salad, Buns & Butter, Dessert Cake,
 Zuhrah’s Birthday is on the 14th.

Thank you Pipes and Drums for serving Dinner.

Masonic Relations

Roger Schmid

We are getting closer every day to having our members fully vaccinated and active again in all Masonic organizations. Social distancing, masking, washing hands and practicing COVID-19 protocols in the meantime will hopefully not impede our opportunities to "Have Fun in 21".

Below are a few key events occurring within our Masonic Family over the next four months:

168th Annual Grand Lodge Communication:

April 9-10, 2021

Grand York Rite Bodies Annual Communication:

June 24-26, 2021

Mpls Valley Scottish Rite Spring Reunion Degrees:

Virtual Presentations: May 6, 2021: 4th Degree at 6:30pm
May 7, 2021: 14th Degree at 6:30pm
In-Person Presentations: May 13, 2021: 18th Degree at 6:30pm
May 20, 2021: 30th Degree at 6:30pm
May 22, 2021: 32nd Degree at 1:00pm

MN Order of the Eastern Star Grand Chapter:

April 29, 2021 - May 1, 2021 (Kelly Inn, St. Cloud)

The Oasis is open again at the Shrine Center. Be sure to invite your friends (especially non-Masonic friends when appropriate!) and join us for upcoming events as listed in the Arabian. We are getting parade invites from around the region and will hopefully get a great turnout for these events.

I'm still looking for ideas and volunteers to help develop Masonic Relations and increase membership in Zuhrah. Again, this year's goal (& future goals) is to promote the "Fun" that we and family can enjoy as members of the Shrine Family. As COVID-19 restrictions disappear, it will be easier to meet in person to discuss these ideas. Please contact me or any member of the Divan if you are interested.

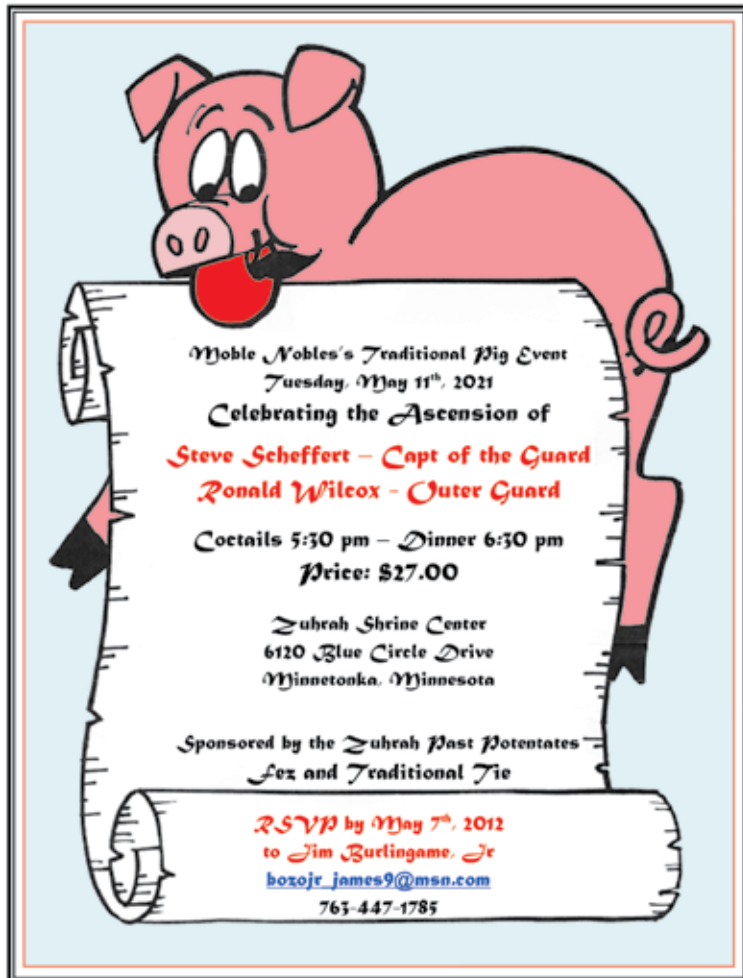
Please help us promote the fellowship of Zuhrah Shriners and "Have Fun in 21"!

Take Care, Stay Healthy & Smile! (:



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ZUHRAH SHRINERS

CORNHOLE CLASH

SATURDAY, MAY 22ND
11:00 AM - WARM UP NOON - START

Double Elimination

CASH PRIZE
FOR 1ST & 2ND PLACE TEAMS

FOOD & BEVERAGE
AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE
\$45.00
PER TEAM

TO SIGN UP, CONTACT
RON 763.370.3036 OR **JENNIFER** 952.426.3023

SIGN UP DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MAY 21ST

Proceeds are for the benefit of Zuhrah. Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions.

Dave Vice Memorial Sporting Clays Shoot 5th Annual!



CAMP EXPLORE
IOWA • NEBRASKA •
SOUTH DAKOTA

Camp Achieve • Camp Bravo • Camp Splash
Camp Explore — Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota

Come just for the fun of it! Visit with the Shriners, Masons, Shriners Children's kids and staff, and University of Minnesota Masonic Hospital.

We are doing things a little different this year, we just want you to spend some time with us and enjoy the day. No fundraisers or raffles, just shootin' the breeze and some targets!

\$55 will buy you 50 clays and a burger bar lunch

RSVP by April 10th > By phone: **Bill Vice 612-232-2495** > or email: **viceeastbethel@msn.com**

April 24, 2021

Registration 9:00am

Shoot 10:00am

Lunch starts at 12:30

MN Horse and Hunt Club

2920 East 220th St.

Prior Lake, MN 55372

www.horseandhunt.com



Visit our Facebook page: **Clays for Camps and Kids Twin Cities** or our website: **Clayscamps4kidstc.org** to sign up for the Shoot. Hope to see you there! Scan this QR code for a direct connection to our PayPal page >





IMPERIAL SESSION 2021 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Please note: GRB stands for George R. Brown Convention Center.
Dates, times and locations are tentative. * Indicates ticketed events.

Friday, July 2, 2021

2 – 5 pm Representative & Colorado Corporation Registration Marriott Marquis
2 – 5 p.m. Ticket Exchange Marriott Marquis

Saturday, July 3, 2021

8:30 am – 5 pm Representative & Colorado Corporation Registration Marriott Marquis
8:30 am – 5 pm Ticket Exchange Marriott Marquis
Noon – 6 pm Marketplace/The Shriners Zone GRB, Hall A
1:30 – 2:30 pm Imperial Marshal's Aides Meeting Marriott Marquis
2 – 4 pm Imperial Potentate Photos with Temple Potentate & Chief Rabbans Marriott Marquis
TBD International Shrine Motor Patrol Association – Inspection GRB, Hall F

Sunday, July 4, 2021

7 – 8 am Imperial Marshal's Aides Meeting Marriott Marquis
@ Call of Assoc. Recorder's Annual Meeting Marriott Marquis
@ Call of Assoc. Canadian Breakfast* Marriott Marquis
@ Call of Assoc. Treasurer's Annual Meeting Marriott Marquis
TBD International Shrine Motor Patrol Association Competition
Humble Civic Center
TBD International Shrine Provost Guard Association TBD
9 – 11 am Imperial Potentate Photos with Temple Potentate & Chief Rabbans Marriott Marquis
9 am – 5 pm Representative & Colorado Corporation Registration Marriott Marquis
9 am – 5 pm Ticket Exchange Marriott Marquis
10 – 11 am Parade Marshal Meeting Marriott Marquis
10 – 11 am Imperial Captain of the Guard & Imperial Outer Guard Meeting Marriott Marquis
Noon – 6 pm Marketplace/The Shriners Zone GRB, Hall A
Noon – 5 pm Cornhole Tournament Day 1 GRB, TBD
1 – 2 pm Church Service GRB, General Assembly, A
3 – 5 pm Public Opening GRB, Hall B3
5:30 pm Recorder's Banquet* TBD
6 – 9 pm Nobility Party GRB & Avenue of the Americas

Monday, July 5, 2021

6 – 7:30 am Texas Breakfast* TBD
7 – 8 am Imperial Marshal's Aides Meeting Marriott Marquis
7 – 8 am Representative & Colorado Corporation Registration Marriott Marquis
TBD International Shrine Horse Patrol Association Competition Humble Civic Center
8 am – 5 pm International Shrine Associations Competitions GRB, TBD
8:30 am – 5 pm Ticket Exchange Marriott Marquis
8:30 am – 5 pm Imperial Session of Shriners International GRB, Hall B3
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Marketplace/The Shriners Zone GRB, Hall A
Noon – 5 p.m. Cornhole Tournament Day 2 GRB, TBD
TBD Women & Philanthropy Reception* GRB, Ballroom
Noon Emeritus Luncheon* GRB, Hall A

Tuesday, July 6, 2021

7 – 8 am Imperial Marshal's Aides Meeting Marriott Marquis
8:30 am – 5 pm Imperial Session of Shriners International GRB, Hall B3
9 – 4 pm Marketplace/The Shriners Zone GRB, Hall A
10:30 – 11:30am Representatives' Ladies Luncheon Social Gathering* Marriott Marquis
11:30 am – 1 pm Representatives' Ladies Luncheon* Marriott Marquis
Noon – 1 pm Membership Hall of Fame GRB, Hall A
TBD Parade Line-up TBD
TBD Parade TBD

Wednesday, July 7, 2021

7 – 8 am Imperial Marshal's Aides Meeting Marriott Marquis
7 – 8 am Cabiri Breakfast* TBD
9 – 6 pm Marketplace/The Shriners Zone GRB, Hall A
8 – 11:30 am Pageant for Incoming Imperial Potentate GRB, B3
1:30 – 4:30 pm Award of Merit
Donor Relations Report
Marketing & Communications Report
Patient Success Story Premiere GRB, B3
6:30 – 7 pm Cornhole Tournament – Finals GRB, Hall B3
7 – 8:30 pm Imperial Representatives Evening* GRB, Hall B3

Thursday, July 8, 2021

7 – 8 am Imperial Marshal's Aides Meeting Marriott Marquis
8:30 am – Noon Imperial Session GRB, Hall B3
9 – Noon Marketplace/The Shriners Zone GRB, Hall A



Trifecta of 'Nobel Prize' awards

Research Center director earns orthopaedic honor for the third time

Farshid Guilak, Ph.D., has won what industry insiders call the Nobel Prize for orthopaedics – and it's for the third time.

The director of the Research Center at Shriners Hospitals for Children – St. Louis earned this year's Kappa Delta award from the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) as he celebrates five years here.

Dr. Guilak's first Kappa Delta came in 1998 for the study of cartilage cells and how they respond to stress on the joint. His second came in 2015 for the study of post-traumatic arthritis and the development of therapeutic approaches that target inflammation following injury.

This year's award comes for Dr. Guilak's work on cartilage regeneration. He and his team have developed a method to regenerate an entire cartilage surface as a treatment for osteoarthritis and other degenerative joint diseases.

Some who work in Dr. Guilak's lab said the unprecedented third Kappa Delta is an amazing accomplishment but that the count could be much higher.

"It's pretty much known that he could win the award every year. He's that good," said Kelsey Collins, Ph.D., a post-doctoral



fellow and part of Dr. Guilak's team for the past four years. Collins divides her time between Dr. Guilak's lab in St. Louis and with her husband in Canada. When given the chance to work with Dr. Guilak and knowing her husband couldn't give up his job to move to the United States, Collins said the opportunity was too good to pass up.

"No one passes up an opportunity to work with Farsh," she said.

Dr. Guilak's body of work also includes innovative studies connecting the link between obesity and osteoarthritis. In a recent study led by Dr. Guilak and Collins, investigators found that the damaging effects of obesity are not caused by excess body weight, but rather from biochemical signals released by fat cells.

In addition, just-published research highlighted "smart" cartilage cells developed in Dr. Guilak's lab that release an arthritis-fighting drug when stressed.

Dr. Guilak will be presented the AAOS Kappa Delta award on Feb. 12. But that's not the only honor he's receiving. He also will be presented the ORS/OREF Distinguished Investigator Award at the Orthopaedic Research Society's Annual Meeting the next week.

The Kappa Delta award, a single stipend of \$1,000, first was presented in 1950. The group has since added two more honors and increased the award amounts to \$20,000 each. With his win this year, Dr. Guilak has now won all three Kappa Delta honors.

******Article taken from the Shriners Hospitals for Children website February 10th 2021.******



Front Cover Story - History of Captain A.M. Shuey

Greetings to all Patrollers and fellow brothers from Zuhrah Shrine. Due to the covid-19 pandemic there have not been any outside activities to speak of. I miss the parades, Imperial and MSA summer sessions. The competitions and friendships we have made along the way. With the Patrols annual Cap Shuey Memorial to be held on Sat. April 10, 2021 it gave me an idea to pass on the legacy of Cap Shuey and the distinct honor of having Zuhrah being the first Shrine Center in all Shrindom to have a uniformed marching unit.



With the 2021 Imperial Session just around the corner it gave me an idea to dig up some history involving Cap Shuey. In 1901 Cap Shuey took the troops to Kansas City. Did you know Zuhrah Shrine paid his expenses \$35.00 and \$20.00 for each man. Fruit for thought. Cap Shuey rode the train 1st class and the troops rode in the baggage car preparing to take the "IGLOO". Attached are some photos of Zuhrah Patrol passing in review.

"It Is With Pride That We Belong To The Patrol"

Jack Annett, Captain

The Idea

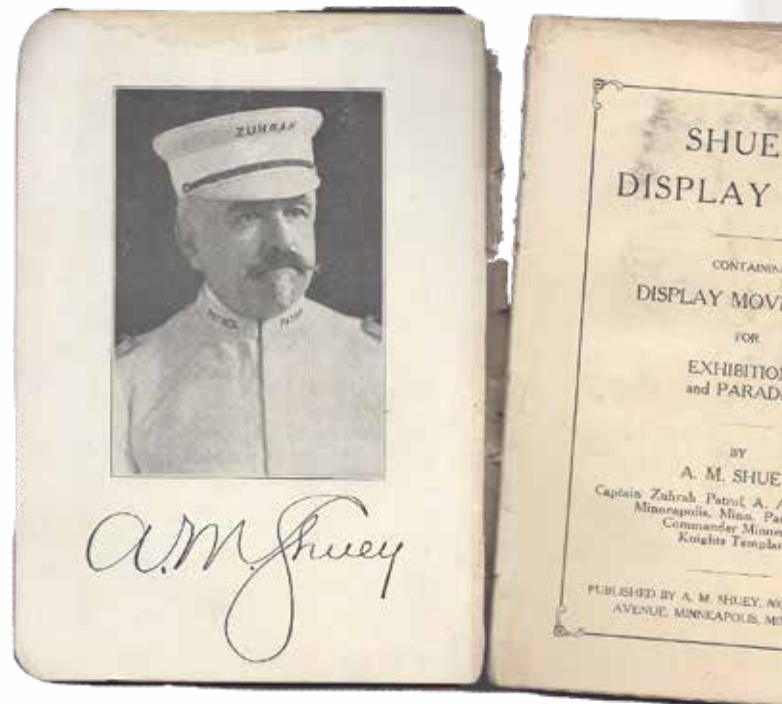
Acting upon an idea which later proved to be an inspiration Noble A.M. Shuey, of Zuhrah Shrine organized Zuhrah Patrol in 1892. Two years later (1894) he took to the Imperial Council, at Denver a jaunty, white uniformed Patrol of 33 members. This was the first Patrol ever to appear at such a gathering and became the Original Uniformed Marching Unit in Shrindome. That marked the beginning of the organization of Patrols, bands, drum corps, chanters, oriental bands, horse patrols, etc. and all other uniformed groups now part of Shrine gatherings. So great has his idea grown that all of the Shrine Centers now have uniformed bodies. Captain Shuey was affectionally dubbed the "Daddy" of the Patrols of North America. His idea has since made his name famous in Shrindom and in 1926 appropriately honored by the Imperial Council in being made an Emeritus member.

History of Captain A.M. Shuey

Captain Shuey was born at Hamilton, Ohio, April 9, 1847. He was graduated from Miami University, Ohio in 1866. In the same year, he married Cornelia Elizabeth Knowlton and journeyed to Minneapolis where he made his first appearance as a musician, playing first violin in a small orchestra which presented "Queen Ester" in the old Harrison Hall.

Captain Shuey was conspicuously identified with Masonry and music. He was made a Master Mason of Hennepin Lodge No. 4 on March 20, 1869. He joined St. John's Chapter R.A.M., June 3, 1869, the Council, May 19, 1870; Zion Commandery, No. 2, June 14, 1870; Scottish Rite in April, 1855; Zuhrah Shrine July 22, 1886. He was elected Grand Commander, Minnesota, K.T., in 1884. In 1882 he organized Zion Commandery Drill Corps.

On Tuesday, April 8, 1930, the black camel knelt at the tent of Captain A.M. Shuey and his spirit winged its flight to the realms of "Life and Light Eternal."







ILLUSTRIOUS SIR JON PAVOLA, LADY JEAN

The Zuhrah Drum Corps offers its congratulations to Zuhrah Potentate, 2021 Jon Pavola and Lady Jean.

We look forward to Jon's leadership of Zuhrah and we wish Jon and Jean a great year and continued success.

"Having Fun in 2021"

And the Zuhrah Drum Corps of recent times is not without their own memories.

IMPERIAL POTENTATE

In 1978, Detroit, Michigan, the Zuhrah Drum Corps performed at the Imperial Session for Imperial Potentate Warren F. Weck. Imperial Sir Weck was Potentate of Zuhrah Shrine in 1967.

He became Zuhrah's third Imperial Potentate. The first was Charles E. Ovenshire in 1917, the second, A.A.D. Rahn in 1938.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

The Corps began to take Shrine Drum Corps competition seriously in the mid-seventies and now the Corps was ready to compete at Shrine International Sessions for national recognition.

The Corps entered judged competition at most of these Imperial Sessions, ranking high among the elite corps of the country, many times.

In 1989, the Zuhrah Drum Corps led by Captain Larry Wogenson, was crowned for the first time, International Champions in Toronto, Canada.

The Corps would go on to capture National Champions in 2000, 2001 and 2003.



NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

At the 2005 Imperial Session in Baltimore, Md., the Zuhrah Drum Corps performed at the National WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Dave Emery recalls, "We showed up at the Memorial and unloaded the instruments, which brought on a rush from a Park Ranger, saying we could not perform.

A little negotiating and he said, 'one and done'. We played America and were warmly welcomed." It was a thrilling and honorable experience for the members of the Corps.



RIVERWALK, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

2009, The Imperial Session was held in San Antonio, Texas. Captain of the Drum Corps, Dave Sagstetter came up with the brilliant idea to have the Drum Corps perform on the boat at the River walk.

Captain Dave remembers. "Playing on the San Antonio River walk was a story of legend when told by guys who were there the first time, so I felt a lot of pressure to meet or exceed in our 2nd trip.

Tom Lutgen was Captain the first time the Drum Corps played, so it was a constant reminder in my mind to get it right.

We had rented 2 large vans to transport the Drum Corps and was lucky enough to have two family members living in San Antonio drive us to all events. We used the vans also for Divan special events and transportation to and from the airport for all.

A couple of days before we planned to play on the River, I had to find the ticket office to

purchase bulk tickets. It was a winding set of walking paths, to a small entrance in the basement of a small building.

Inside, I asked about hiring the entire boat for us to play and was told they offered tickets standard rate and one for seniors. I asked what the age for senior and was told 65, so I did the quick math and said we had members under and over that age, but a few of the older guys in the horn line easily pulled our average age over 65, so they sold us all the tickets at the senior rate.

They said we would have to stand in line and could not promise a boat to just us, but they would do their best.

After discussing the plan with Chief of Staff Keith Bradey, he said leave it up to him to get us a boat together.

We had the Drum Corps staged near the loading area, then Keith walked up, stopped the people in line and had us all get on the next boat. He was in his full Chief summer dress uniform and no one gave it a second thought as we boarded the boat.

The boat driver did not know what to do with us and started his normal tour talking on the boat system. Next thing you know, we started playing and after our 3rd song, he gave up trying to give his tour and just drove us up and down the river as we played.

There were people hanging out of hotel windows, they packed the walk and bridges as we moved along. It was a memory that will never be forgotten.

The next day we were eating on the River Walk and asked the waitress if she knew who was playing on the River last night? She said she was not sure, but it was Shriners in for the convention and they were a big hit!"



WORLD DRUM CORPS HALL OF FAME

Two of Zuhrah Drum Corps members, now deceased, are inducted in the World Drum Corps Hall of Fame. 2002, Dick Maki and 2005, Frank Lozar.

Dick and Frank spent decades performing with various drum corps, locally and out state. They were each well-known and respected throughout the drum corps community.

They spent many years with Minnesota Brass Inc. before joining the Zuhrah Shrine Drum Corps.



ZUHRAH POTENTATES AND GRAND MASTER

The Zuhrah Drum Corps is honored to have had two of its members serve as Potentate of Zuhrah Shrine.

2007, Illustrious Sir, Don Wurden and Lady Carole. Don played in the horn section of the Drum Corps.

2009, Illustrious Sir, Jeffery Lewis and Lady Joann. Jeff also played in the horn section. Jeff adds, that in spite of his busy schedule as Potentate, he managed to march in every parade with the Corps that year. In 1999, Jeff served as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Minnesota.



BARNSTORMING

Barnstorming is a Shrine tradition, especially among musical units like Drum Corps and Pipe Bands. Barnstorming is performing at local bars and establishments, with their permission of course.

Often times this happened while in attendance at Imperials or Midwest. It gave us a chance to mingle with the public, play a few tunes and support the local watering holes, after all, horn players have to keep their lips wet and drummers just naturally play better after tossing back a few.

One particular barnstorming event occurred in Madison, Wisconsin during the Midwest of 2007. The Corps was at its full complement of horns and percussion, we were primed, we were loud and proud. Because our Corps was so large we weren't able to fit in any bars, so the next best thing was to perform outdoors. We marched down the street to one corner, stopped and proceeded to stop traffic, we had scores of people quite literally "dancing in the streets!". Who knew, our old standby, No.7 Billboard March was even danceable? Apparently, the locals of Madison can dance to more than just the Beer Barrel polka.

A few years later, a prolific bells player, Drew Sagstetter would join our percussion section and with his solo feature, he'd really light up the crowd during barnstorming with our rendition of the Safari's hit from the 60's, "Wipeout".



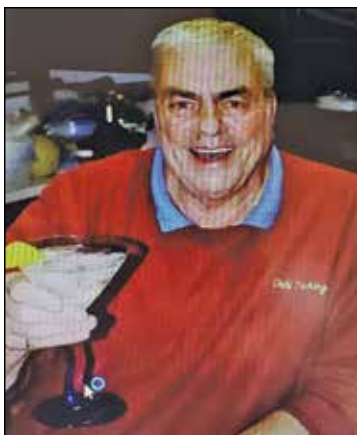
FAMILY

Over the years, our Corps has been fortunate to have family members grace our unit with their musical talents.

Such as, Larry and Tom Wogenson, father and son. Bob (aka, El Presidente) and Buster Radebach, brothers.

Bruce Lodgaard, Erik and Ryan, father and sons. Dave Sagstetter, Jason and Drew, father and sons.

Mike Leier, son Josh and nephew, Joe Toth. John Gomez and Ivan McGee, grandfather and grandson.



ZUHRAH DRUM CORPS

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<https://clayscamps4kidstc.org/index2.html>

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Fraternally,

Bill Vice & Roger McNear

Ho Ho Area Shrine Club

In the last year, despite the abnormal meeting schedule, Ho Ho welcomed 2 new members to our group. Isaiah Boettcher and Nick Winings both joined Zuhrah and Ho Ho in 2020 and we want to welcome them, and their families, to our group. It is exciting to see new faces, new ideas and growing numbers at a time that our greater Masonic membership is declining.

To start 2021 we tried to get back on our normal meeting schedule with our officer installation on February 1st at Ettlin's Café in New Prague. Elected and appointed officers for 2021 were the same as 2020. For the upcoming year we are looking forward to getting back out interacting with the community. In addition to several confirmed parades, we also have been asked to work at some town celebrations later this summer. In the past Ho Ho has always represented Zuhrah well at the Midwest Shrine Association and this year will be the same. We look forward to traveling to Sioux City, in August, to parade and represent Zuhrah Shriners. Later this year, in September, we will be hosting a ceremonial and the Zuhrah 0.05K (that's right it is only about 500 feet!) in Montgomery, MN. More information and details will be provided as we get closer.

When I was installed as president in February of 2020 I wasn't planning on being installed again in 2021. I am very excited to get another opportunity to represent Ho Ho as president in 2021, we had so many things planned last year that we weren't able to execute on so this gives us another chance. I look forward to seeing all of you this year at the different events!!

Nate Smithson



Greetings to All:

A lot of things have changed over the past year, but hope has always remained alive. We cannot be sure whether communities will be hosting parades this summer, but the boys of summer will be ready.

Next month's meeting we will be setting dates for a mechanics day and practice dates. All machines will need to be torn down to make sure they are mechanically sound, and we will want to check our extra cars as well. Practice times will be spent to "blow the dust off" for the veterans and to provide an opportunity for "new riders" to get the feel of the machines and our routines.

If you are young Noble or young at heart...Cobra Corps is probably where you should land... we will support, you...and if you prove you can ride... you will be asked to join a great group of guys (Unit)...steeped with history!

Upcoming Events:

March 17th – First Parade - Ireland

April 1st – Parade Shots

TBD Events

Mechanics Day

Practices

Also Note:

We are planning an Alumni Ride sometime this year... it may be just a practice and a barbecue... looking forward to seeing the ladies and kids that grew up with Cobra Corps.

Stay well...be well.

God Bless

Lips



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Ranch has a clubhouse and barn with plenty of rural pasture where you can get a little dirt on your boots! Come on out on a Wednesday evening to enjoy a beautiful sunset, great scenery, and spend some time with our equine friends!



The Zuhrah Shrine Horse Patrol has participated in parades throughout North America – from Toronto to Mexico City, and from Winnipeg to San Antonio – and has twice participated in the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day in Pasadena, CA.

The Zuhrah Shrine Horse Patrol has won many awards for their parade and drill routines using precision maneuvers. The Zuhrah Horsemen have won the Imperial Shrine Mounted Patrols competition and also the Midwest Shrine Association Mounted Patrols Competitions.



Come spend some time with us at the ranch every Wednesday evening. If you ever imagined watching horses in the wide-open country, enjoying a home-style meal, sitting by the fire and socializing with some great people, well... you are invited and welcomed to come check us out! Your family is welcome too! When the weather

is nice, you'll find us practicing our drill and riding the trails; you won't want to miss it! The address and phone number are: 4505 County Road 92, Maple Plain - (763) 972-6857.

In Closing



www.facebook.com/shrinehorsemen

Our Horsemen Facebook community is growing with 900+ followers! We frequently update our site with posts and pictures. Like and share our page to stay up-to-date on all the fun and happenings.



ZUHRAH PIPES & DRUMS

Sunday, March 17th, kicked off the parade portion of our 2021 campaign on the infamous Irish holiday that is St. Patrick's Day. The lads and ladies of the Pipes & Drums again descended on the town of New Richmond, Wisconsin, with a goal of entertaining the masses with our sweet music. Given that the day fell on a Wednesday, and that the weather was somewhat cooperative, the Pipes & Drums opted for our warm weather uniforms as we performed the much-requested Irish set. Given the constraints of the pandemic, cautions were taken as once again, the Pipes & drums paraded and performed about the town, much to the applause of the our many fans who have enjoyed our performances for years. It was important to follow traditions such as those begun by our previous Drum Major Jerry Oliver as he strategically located the "shamrock on the ceiling" with his mace in one of our regular establishments. It was another excellent adventure for the Pipes & Drums. The attached photos are from our 2019 adventure to New Richmond for St. Patrick's Day.

As the weather continues to warm, and the covid vaccines are starting to get into arms, April pro-

vides the members of the Pipes & Drums, the opportunity to get away from virtual band practice, and go live with our weekly practice. Albeit with some restrictions, we will recognize the social distancing and the musicians in the band (the drummers) will have to wear masks. Band practice will take place every Monday night beginning at 7:00 pm at the Minneapolis Scottish Rite. As we prepare for the parade and performance season, we will be working on getting the rust off after not having played together for a very long time. In addition, we may add some new music, which makes attendance at band practice all the more important. If you need pipe music or drum settings, contact the Pipe or Drum Major.

If you are a Noble of Zuhrah, and believe that you have the passion and heart to play the bagpipes, or the tenacity to play the highland drums, or just the plain desire to wear a kilt, and you are looking for being part of a group which has entirely too much fun. Stop down to one of our practices on Monday night and we'll show you how it's done, or contact Mac McFarlane at 612-919-2008 with any questions.



Sir Ted Martz, our Parade Coordinator, is busy talking with Parade folks and booking up parades and performances for the band for the summer. 2021 is going to be a fun year for the Pipes & Drums. More details and dates will follow later.

It truly is a great time to be a member of the Zuhrah Pipes & Drums. Until next month...

Cluich Le Ceol Binn
(Play the sweet music)

Mac McFarlane, Drum Major
The Zuhrah Pipes & Drums
612-919-2008



This photo from the February issue was misidentified this was the photo that should have been included. The attached picture shows Art Olson (far right, kneeling), and the other members of the Zuhrah Pipes and Drums who participated in, and took home the 1997 Midwest Pipe Band Championship trophy. You will also note in the photo 1997 Illustrious Sir Jerry Oliver, who joined the Pipes & Drums and moved on to become the Drum Major of the band.



Bloomington

Normally we would be raving about our upcoming pancake breakfast, but as you can image, with the current situation in the country with the Covid-19 Pandemic we had to be mindful of our many longtime customers and their families and cancel this springs breakfast so that they would be healthy enough to eat a bunch of pancakes and our signature sausages later this year at our fall breakfast. So, in the meantime, we will be looking at ways to improve our breakfast program, and find other fund-raising opportunities for both the club as well as for Zuhrah.

The Zuhrah Flower Fundraiser campaign is moving along, as is the Zuhrah Onion Sales campaign. Both of these programs support both Zuhrah, and through a commission program, support our club, so go out and sell flowers and onions to your friends, co-workers and family. The flowers are beautiful, and are an easy sell, and who doesn't want good Vidalia onions.

Speaking of Temple functions, the Potentate has mentioned that the Oasis is going to be opening back up on Friday nights starting in April. For those who have ever gone down for a Friday evening at the Oasis, it's a pretty good time.

The Zoom Social Evenings have been successful for those who have attended, but as we move farther into spring, I hope to be able to set up a live social event for the club. That will of course depend upon the safety of our members and how the covid vaccines have been dispersed. This article is being written in the first of March, so a lot may happen by the time this goes to print, let's hope so.

In the meantime, the board will be working on Membership, and looking at how we look at the future of the Bloomington Area Shrine Club, and bringing as our Potentate says more "fun" to the

work we do. As well we want to look at some of the great things the club used to do, and some new things that the club can do to encourage new membership. If you have any ideas, contact me, or any of the members of the board know.

If you are a Noble of Zuhrah, and you are looking for a great club to belong to where you can come in, have fun and help make a difference, give me a call and I'd love to have the opportunity to talk with you.

**'Til Next Month,
Mac McFarlane, 2021
President**

Bloomington Area Shrine Club



Ladies, we want to thank all who participated in the fundraisers. We do not know at this time what the results are. Your additional donations have made a difference.

We are having our monthly meetings in April and May. The second Tuesday at 11:30. We will be dark for June, July and are planning the Luncheon in August. We played bingo at the last meeting - those that played enjoyed the games. We are planning to continue bingo for the next two meetings. Earned some money for the Wheelchair fund and had a little socialization fun.

The summer luncheon will have vendors and a silent auction. We need everybody's support and hopefully help in getting people there. Hopefully all the vaccinations will be delivered by then and we can get back to normal.

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The Nobles of the Zuhrah Shriners Cycle Corp cannot begin to express how sad we are to lose our Past Captain, our friend and our Brother Mike Parker!

Uncle Hazmat you took the time to make me a better rider and I thank you! I will miss our conversations about stocks, the ability to laugh at ourselves and the busting each other's chops! When we get a chance to ride again I'm sure you'll be waving me up on your left because one thing is for sure... You will be in the lead!



Minnesota Valley Shriners Club

As you read this, I've had my second covid-19 vaccination shot. I did it a little differently than most. I drove to Marshall, Minnesota twice to get my vaccinations. I wanted to get my vaccination so we can feel better getting together while trying to regain some sense of normalcy. Hopefully, you will get your vaccinations when you are eligible so we can safely get together.

Minnesota Valley Shriners Club has been meeting for our monthly dinners now with restaurants re-opened. We follow all of the State of Minnesota guidelines, social distancing and wearing masks when needed. Our dinner tables have seating for six with six foot spacing between them.

At our February dinner meeting we welcomed a new member. **Jeff Ansel** and his **Lady Betty** joined during their first meeting with us. Jeff was the chaplain at Zuhrah for three years. Welcome Jeff and Betty to MVSC!

With the two month format of the new Arabian magazine, I'm going to try and post our dinner meeting locations on-line through Zuhrah. Remember our dinner meetings are open to all nobles, significant others and guests. We meet the fourth Thursday of the month. Please feel free to join us for a great evening of fun and fellowship.

Jim Berg, President
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jim53roj@gmail.com



Funster Greetings;

How do you like the new look Arabian? So far, I have heard a lot of great comments about it. Send me any photos of the Funsters worth publishing and we will try to get them in.

April brings Easter, the start of Spring and the Zuhrah Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The Hunt is April 3rd. It could be over by the time most of you read this. With Covid winding down, Zuhrah is gradually opening up and the hunt is one of the first activities. It won't be conducted as in the past as we need to have some separation among our guests but it is a good time to start getting back to some normalcy in our lives. Next year we plan to do all of the activities that we had done in the past.

Parade season is fast approaching. Again there is some good news out there as we have some cities

contacting us this year. Apple Valley for the 4th of July, Litchfield on July 10th, Watkins on August 7th, Le Sueur on August 8th and Gaylord on August 14. Contact Ziggy, Larry Rode, to let him know what parades that you can work.

With parades that means that we will be scheduling some make up sessions. The first one will be April 10th at 10 am. We had some good ones last year before we shut down, so we will need to refresh ourselves on this art. We will also need to work on parade gimmicks too. They will be even more important this year, as we will most likely have to refrain from shaking hands and having contact with parade watchers. Afterwards we will grill some burgers and brats and have a little social time together. Remember April 10th.

Things are looking up for the Funsters and Zuhrah. Make sure that you are enjoying the fun!!

The Funsters next stated meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 12th at the Shrine Center. It will be great to meet in person. Stay tune for details.

Yours in the Faith,
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Greetings Nobles, Ladies and Friends,

First, a HUGE THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS to everyone involved with the new The Arabian format. It looked great and I have heard many compliments on the first edition.

As I write this article, it sounds like many of the COVID related restrictions will be eased or even lifted by the time parade season is here. Like some other parade units, the Steel Drum Band is already receiving invitations to parades this summer. This includes some "new" communities As most to all communities had to cancel their 2020, the parade communities are ready and excited about this year's activities.

What the Steel Drum Band really needs is a few more members. This will allow us to participate in more parades and still allow members some time off. Learning to play a Steel Drum is fairly easy. We will teach you very quickly and painlessly. No purchase required. Besides the Steel Drums (pans), we have other percussion instruments such as the tambourine, maracas, claves, gourd, triangle, shaker or bongos available to be played. We also have other support roles like driving the van or helping with the sound equipment. For Nobles who are interested in joining a performing group, you do not have to look far to find one that is interesting, fun and so much appreciated by cheering parade crowds. Want to

see us in action? Then please visit the Zuhrah Steel Drum Band Facebook videos page to see us at the 2016 Robbinsdale Whiz Bang Days parade.

With the weather warming and restrictions lifting, we have hopefully started having practices on Saturday mornings at Plymouth Lodge in Crystal. These practices are open to all.

We will also be arranging a brewery tour and tasting at Birch's on the Lake Brewhouse and Supperclub sometime this summer. We are also considering some other events so all our ladies can join some fellowship.

To continue our frequently asked parade questions:

Q: I can't read music; can I still play a steel drum?

A: YES. The past directors of the Steel Drum Band have created our music books so you do not need to know how to read music.

If you can read this:

G G A G C B
G G A G D C
G G G E C B A
F F E C D C

you can play Happy Birthday on a Pan!

In closing here is a quote from WB George Washington, "Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation for 'tis better to be alone than in bad company."

Mark Kipp

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Something the Steel Drum hopes to be doing in a few weeks; loading our trailer for the 2021 parade season. Pictured here are (left to right) Tom MacLeod, Tom Lind, Bob Johnson, Steve Downs, Keith Braiedy, Mark Kipp and Dave Hanson.



After setting up the trailer, we get to relax before it's time to 'step off'. Pictured here before the 2016 St. Louis Park Partacular parade is (left to right) Bob Johnson, Dave Hanson, Brian Busch, Tom Lind, Tom MacLeod and Grumpy Garton.



The Steel Drum Band is frequently visited by other groups in the staging area. At the Kimball Days Parade in 2016, the Grove City royalty tried playing one of lead drums under the watchful eye of Loran Goff.



Before and/or after a parade, the Steel Drum Band enjoys some food and fellowship. Picture here before the 2016 Celebrate NE Minneapolis Parade is Bob Johnson, Mark Kipp, Keith Braiedy and Brian Busch.



Zuhrah is typically represented well in several parades. This includes the Giant Days Celebration in Le-Sueur in 2017. Pictured here the Funsters are heading to their staging spot while the Steel Drum Band is ready to step off.

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GREETINGS FROM THE ZUHRAH FLYERS!

We trust you and your families are remaining healthy in the huge wake of the Covid 19 pandemic. The multiple challenges to children, working adults as well as the elderly have not been seen for over 100 years. We will get through this as a stronger, healthier society in spite of the cost in human lives in our country and throughout the world. Get vaccinated, wear a mask whenever and wherever you are in contact with other people, keep your distance between others, and ask for God's help in bringing this to an end.

Because of the pandemic there has been little activity for the Flyers. Beginning in the spring of 2020 community parades were cancelled; our weekends became longer. In fact, the Flyers never had their go-carts out of the hangar in 2020. We are hopeful things will get better in the spring of 2021 although we will do what needs to be done to remain healthy.

Coming Events

There are some scheduled aviation events for 2021 already in place:

-AOPA (Aircraft Owners & Pilots' Association) will be hosting events throughout the year in the form of two AOPA Aviator Showcases and up to 3 AOPA Pilot Gathering Air Tours (locations and dates to be announced).

-The Sun 'n Fun Aerospace Expo in on schedule in Lakeland, Florida, for April 13-18. The Sun 'n Fun Holiday Flying Festival and Car Show (Created following the 2020 cancellation of the Aerospace Expo) will be on for 2022 due to the success of earlier festival in 2020.

-The Experimental Aircraft Association's AirVenture is set for July 26 to August 1 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

-The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta (one of my favorites) is on schedule for October 2 to October 10 In Albuquerque, New Mexico.

-U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds will fly April 24 at Davis Montana Air Force Base, Tucson, Arizona; July 3 & 4 at Traverse City, Michigan, and July 24 & 25 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

-U.S. Navy Blue Angels will fly June 12 & 13 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin as well as June 26 & 27 for the Duluth Air Show.

Additional information is available on-line by Googling the specific event.

Officers 2021

Here are the 2021 slate of officers for Zuhrah Flyers:

President..... Tom Smith
Vice President.. Dennis Sherwood
Secretary Howie Klier
Treasurer Nic Wagoner
Flight Commander . Ron Wagoner
Cart Commander .. Tom Bredeson

A special thank you to these good people for their willingness to serve as officers this year.

Member Update

Our wonderful Masonic brother and friend, Rainer Pensky, has recently been hospitalized and is now convalescing. Perhaps nobody in the Flyers personifies service above self and genuine patriotism more than Rainer. We pray for his complete recovery and great care from his wife, Dolores. Cards of encouragement can be mailed to him at 613 Montrose Boulevard, Buffalo, Minnesota 55313.

Stay safe, stay healthy, get vaccinated and wear a mask!

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Tom Bredeson

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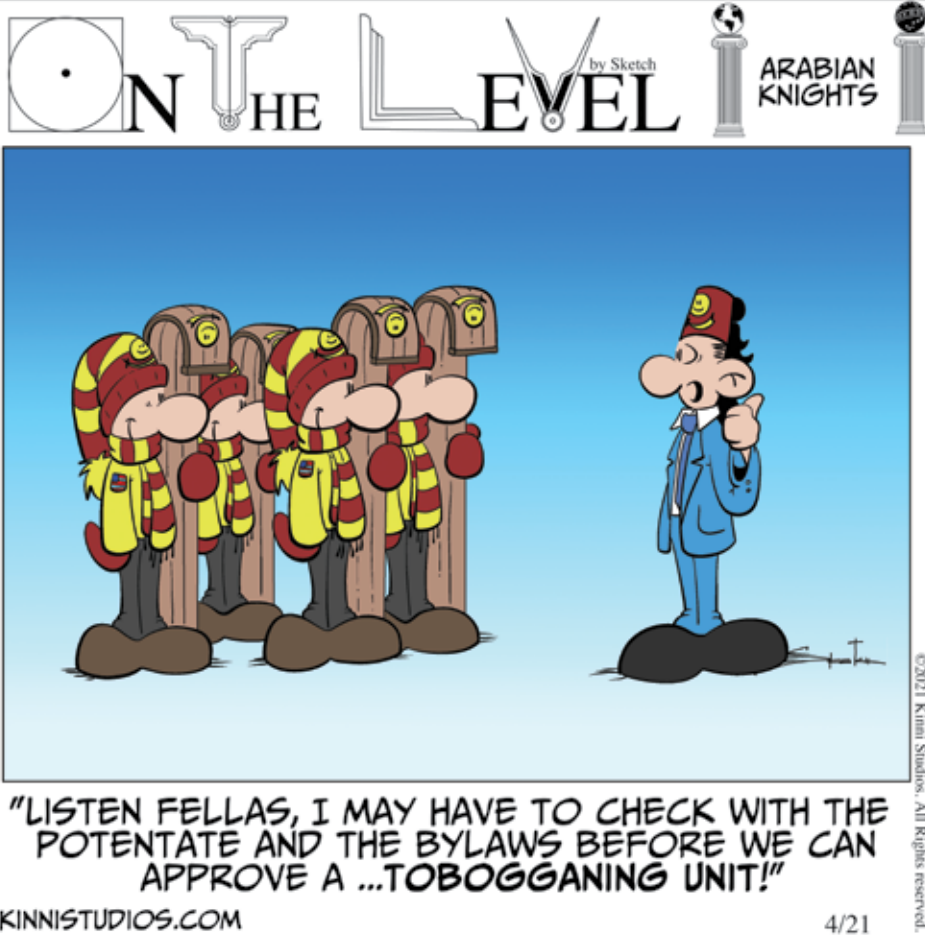


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