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Where is JP in  
 this edition?



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

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## 2026 ELECTED OFFICERS

Potentate  
**Steve Scheffert**  
 and Lady  
**Kathy**



Chief Rabban  
**Ron Wilcox**  
 and Lady  
**Brenda**



Assistant Rabban  
**Bill Yungk**  
 and Lady  
**Ronda**



High Priest & Prophet  
**Andrew Arashiba**  
 and Lady  
**Elizabeth**



Oriental Guide  
**Mike Leier**



Recorder  
**Job Pavola**  
 and Lady  
**Jean**



Treasurer  
**Scott Hughes**  
 and Lady  
**Suzanne**



## 2026 APPOINTED OFFICERS

1st Ceremonial Master: Joshua Sorenson (Lady Xandra)

2nd Ceremonial Master: Roger Schmid (Lady Becky)

Marshall: Timothy Galvin (Lady Jen)

Captain of the Guard: Jonathon Huber (Lady Amber)

Outer Guard: Earl Emrick (Lady Renee)

Chaplain: Jerry Oliver (Lady Peg)

Attorney: Paul Hodnefield (Lady Patty)

# Potentate Message

## Greetings Everyone,

I wasn't quite sure what to write for this issue of the Arabian, as Zuhrah's new Potentate, am I supposed to include something wise or inspiring in my article. I don't know, but this morning, I thought of the weather, as I experienced warm temperatures, fog, a thunderstorm with hail, and snow, all on the same day. Tonight, we face the dreaded daylight savings time change again, as we "Spring Forward". Which made me think of the word "Change". I would expect that everyone

we know has faced some type of change in their life, there are some changes we liked, some changes we didn't like, there are times where we can control the change, other times we are forced to change, but it occurs, nonetheless. As we continue to look to the future of Zuhrah Shriners, and even to the entire organization around the world, things will change, but it will be up to us as an organization to how we step up to that change and work together to make it through and be even stronger in the end. Sometimes, it may be hard in the beginning but consider change as an opportunity for growth that will create new opportunities and an even brighter future.

Well, one thing that has also changed is time, as it has already been over a month since we had Zuhrah's Ball. I hope that everyone that was able to take time out of their life to join both Kathy and I and the rest of the Divan to celebrate the new year, had a fantastic weekend. It was great to see so many Nobles, Ladies and guests there that weekend. The costumes on Friday were wonderful as so many individuals were very creative to celebrate the Science Fiction theme. Saturday was spectacular as we kicked off the day with a full ceremonial, as we welcomed 12 Nobles. I said this before, but the Ceremonial Unit did a fantastic job that day. We followed up the ceremonial with our annual



**Steve Scheffert**

Club & Unit Seminar and then wrapped up the day with Zuhrah's Ball dinner event. So many individuals were involved in making this weekend a huge success, Kathy and I would like to thank every one of you that helped to make it a very successful weekend.

After the ball weekend, we saw 19 Nobles attend the Winter MSA session in Grand Forks, ND. It was a great time of fun and fellowship, along with a day and half of meetings and other fun events. As you may not be aware, the MSA board reached out to Zuhrah Shriners and asked if we would move up one year in the rotation for hosting. Zuhrah accepted the request and we are now hosting MSA in 2030. This means that during the recent Winter MSA meetings, I had the honor of nominating the current board of officers, with the new addition of Illustrious Sir Cliff Bailey, PP to the line. When we host in 2030, tradition prevailing, Illustrious Sir Cliff would be the MSA president that year. Congratulations, Illustrious Sir Cliff and thank you for continuing to serve the fraternity.

By the time that this issue of the Arabian, comes out Kathy and I, along with many others, will have already completed the 2026 Potentates Trip to Napa, CA. We are very excited to go on our trip and create new experiences and memories with those attending. I am not great with remembering to take photos, but I will do my best to take a few and share them in the June-July issue of the Arabian.

Lastly, there are many events coming up in April and May, from various breakfast's, Litchfield's Spring Training Pub Crawl, Easter Egg Hunt, "May the 4th Be With You!" event, and the traditional stag Pig Dinner event on May 8th, just to name a few. Please check out the weekly edition of the eArabian that comes out every Monday morning and throughout this issue of the Arabian for event fliers.

We look forward to seeing you at many of the upcoming event in 2026.

**Fraternally  
Steven D. Scheffert  
Potentate, 2026**



**\$30.00 per person**

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to Zuhrah Auxiliary  
and send by  
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**Heather Mewhinney  
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## **ZUHRAH AUXILIARY SPRING LUNCHEON AND BINGO!!**

**Saturday – April 18th, 2026**

**Grab your friends and neighbors, and join  
us for lunch, shopping and BINGO!!!**

**There will be vendors and silent auction  
items for great shopping!**

**Proceeds will go to WGA4Kids which helps  
purchase wheelchairs and other adaptive equipment  
for the kids at Shriners Children's – Twin Cities.**

**If you are unable to attend, donations are welcome.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



**Times and Location:**

**Doors open at 11am  
for social hour,  
silent auction  
bidding and shopping!**

**Lunch at noon with  
BINGO to follow!**

**Zuhrah Shrine Center  
6120 Blue Circle Drive  
Minnetonka, MN 55343**



# Jennifer's Jottings

Hello!

Not sure why, but this writing has had me stumped. I've typed and deleted a ridiculous amount of times and have really struggled with what to write this month. I started looking through old jottings for ideas but what I found were memories. My memories in jottings come from reminders but some of the highlights are of all the breakfasts, parties, parade updates, and the countless events I try to remind everyone to RSVP for. Spoiler alert – people are still terrible at reservations. As much as our world changes, these things all still happen. We still need paperwork and participants for parades, tummies to eat pancakes and omelets, folks to dance and have fun at events, but most importantly, everyone to get together to keep the magic that is the Shrine going. Look through the events list and see what you, or someone you know, may want to be a part of, and for goodness sakes, if it requires a reservation, please let someone know!

A couple of new items to keep everyone informed, if you are looking for one of the Potentate's fundraising coins or a charm from the Potentate Lady's project, we have them available for sale in the office. Also, if you still need a calendar for this year, contact a Divan member or the office so we can make sure you get one.

Thank you!  
Jennifer

## ZUHRAH ARABIAN DISTRIBUTION CHANGE NOTICE

The Zuhrah Arabian is not going away; we are just changing the way it is distributed!

Starting in February 2026, all Zuhrah members will start receiving the Zuhrah Arabian Bi-Monthly Magazine electronically by email. Printed copies will no longer be sent by USPS mail. The February/March 2026 Zuhrah Arabian will be your first electronic edition.

Printed Copies will still be available.

Members who do not want to receive the Zuhrah Arabian by email and still wish to receive a printed version must send a request to Zuhrah to be added to the new USPS mailing list. Please send your mail request to [Arabian@Zuhrah.org](mailto:Arabian@Zuhrah.org) or call the office at 952-426-3023. You may also mail your request to Zuhrah Arabian, 6120 Blue Circle Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55343-9109.

Thank you for your understanding!

## 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](mailto: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.

## IN MEMORIAM



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Calvin L. Schaeffer  
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Gravy, Mixed Vegetables  
Salad, Dinner Roll & Dessert - \$20  
(Served by BASC)



**MAY**

**Traditional Stag Pig Dinner**  
Cocktails: 4:30pm – Dinner 5:15pm  
Suckling Pig & other appetizers available  
Meal: Ribeye, Baked Potato, Vegetable  
Salad, Dessert - \$45 Fez & Traditional Tie  
RSVP [office@zuhrah.org](mailto:office@zuhrah.org) & pay by May 1, 2026  
(See Flyer in Arabian & eRabian)



## Upcoming Zuhrah Events

### April

- 4th – Easter Egg Hunt
- 10th – Stated Meeting
- 11th – Spring Training
- 16-18th – Grand Lodge
- 18th – Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon
- 19th – Litchfield Shrine French Toast Breakfast
- 21st – Lynhurst Turkey Dinner
- 24th – Bunco
- 26th – Legion Patrol Omelet Brunch
- 28th – Unit/Club Heads

### May

- April 30-May 2nd – OES Grand Chapter
- 2nd – Flower Pick-Up
- 2nd – Dave Vice Memorial Sporting Clay Shoot
- 3rd – Star Wars Event
- 8th – Pig Dinner
- 26th Club/Unit Heads
- 29th – Bunco

### June

- 5th – Stated Meeting
- 7th – Willmar President's Brunch
- 7th & 10th – County Fair Set-Up
- 11 – 13th – Hennepin County Fair
- 14th – County Fair Clean-Up
- 23rd – Unit/Club Heads
- 26th – Bunco

# Champagne Omelet Brunch

**Sunday, April 26th, 2026**  
**8:00 am - noon**  
**\$15 per plate**



**Buy your tickets early!!**

Omelets with all the fixins. Biscuits & Gravy, Home Fries, Sausage, Champagne, Coffee, Juice, Fruit Cup, all-included.



Neisen's Sports Bar & Grill has graciously offered their facility for this special event.



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 (952) 846-4513

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 Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions.

Open to the public.  
 Please bring your friends and family.

Tickets available from ZLP members, or at the door.

## Sunshine Committee

If you know of a noble who has been ill, hospitalized, convalescent, or shut-in, please contact us. Or if you just know of someone who could use a "hello" every now and again, you can contact us through the office at 952-426-3023 or send the committee a note at [sunshine@zuhrah.org](mailto:sunshine@zuhrah.org).



If you didn't already know, we do have several wheelchairs at Zuhrah available for temporary use.

**Zuhrah's Traditional Stag Pig Dinner**

*Celebrating the Ascension of*  
**Earl Emrick - Outer Guard, and**  
**Mike Leier - Oriental Guide**

**Friday, May 8, 2026**  
**Zuhrah Shrine Center**

**Cocktails 4:30 pm - Dinner 5:15 pm**  
*Suckling pig and other appetizers available*  
**Meal: Ribeye, baked potato, vegetable, salad and dessert**  
**Price \$45.00**  
**Fez and Traditional Tie**

**RSVP & pay by May 1, 2026**  
**Office@zuhrah.org**  
**952-426-30023**

Scan QR Code to Pay Online

Proceeds from this event are for the benefit of Zuhrah Shrine members and are not tax deductible.

**MAY THE 4TH  
 BE WITH YOU!**

**EVENT STARTS AT 3:00 P.M.**

**SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026**

**FOOD DRINKS GAMES MOVIES**

**AT ZUHRAH SHRINE CENTER**  
**6120 BLUE CIRCLE DRIVE,**  
**MINNETONKA, MN**

**Chief Rabban Ron & Brenda Wilcox  
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## INFORMATION

Noble and Lady's

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

<https://imperialsession.com/2026-schedule-of-events/>

Day	Fri	Sat	Sun ( Competitions )	Mon ( Competitions )	Tues ( Parade ) ( Ladies Luncheon )	Wed ( Pageant )	Thurs
Date	July 10	July 11	July 12	July 13	July 14	July 15	July 16
Room							

**Hotel Accommodations: ( Approximate \$220 / night ) Single \_\_\_\_\_ Double \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please Note if any handicap room is needed: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Hospitality Room will be available Saturday thru Wednesday night**

**Hospitality Room Fee (\$25) per person \_\_\_\_\_ Ladies Luncheon (\$75) \_\_\_\_\_**

<https://zscevents.company.site/products/2026-Imperial-Session-c196085853>

\*\* Please see site for details, pay on the paysite/website \*\*

( or by check to the office before May 15th )

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welcoming you to Tampa,  
Florida July 12-16 2026

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### Additional Parade or Competition Information

Unit Participating \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated number of parade vehicles: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated number of Nobles participating in competition \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note this does not register you in the parade or competitions

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# ZUHRAH SCI-FI 2026 PRE-BALL PARTY





Litchfield Area Shrine Club Presents  
The Fourth Annual



Est. 2023 • Litchfield, MN

Transportation provided by Hicks Bus

Saturday April 11, 2026  
1 - 5 pm

Start and end @ Eagles

11:30 am Registration • Noon: Lunch on your own/Stretching

Register online @ <https://tinyurl.com/ZSCSpringTraining>

Proceeds from this activity are for the benefit of the Litchfield Shrine Club.  
Sponsorship is not tax-deductible as a charitable contribution.

PRE-REGISTER HERE



SCAN ME

T-SHIRT DEADLINE IS MARCH 13TH

# Zuhrah Ball 2026







Your beloved drum corps is diligently working towards an exciting new year. We have a few new tunes we are working on for the coming parade season. Captain Josh is working on our parade schedule, some new places and our usual commitments. Leading off the season will be Spring Training in Lichfield on April 11. We'll post our upcoming parade appearances as they become confirmed to our Facebook page.

**DRUM CORPS ALUMNI**

I had emailed former members of our Corps to hear how they are doing?

I received a response from past Grand Master of Masons of Minnesota and Zuhrah Past Potentate Jeffry Lewis. Illustrious Sir, Jeffry writes, he and Lady JoAnn reside in their lake home in Brainerd, MN. "I'm still doing some substitute teaching, often 5 days a week. It provides some extra spending money and gets me out of Jo Ann's hair. I still do a fair amount of woodworking and swell stuff at a local craft market." Jeff adds that he is a member of a Shrine club in Brainerd which has 6 go kart Jeeps which are a bit larger than most units, big enough for 2 adults and we do about 10 parades a year. We're happy to hear from you Illustrious Sir, Jeff. Glad to hear you and Jo Ann are doing well in Brainerd, and you are continuing your association with the Shrine.

Drum Corps Alumni, we'd love to hear how you are doing. Drop me a line to my email address, [jhgomez632@gmail.com](mailto:jhgomez632@gmail.com)

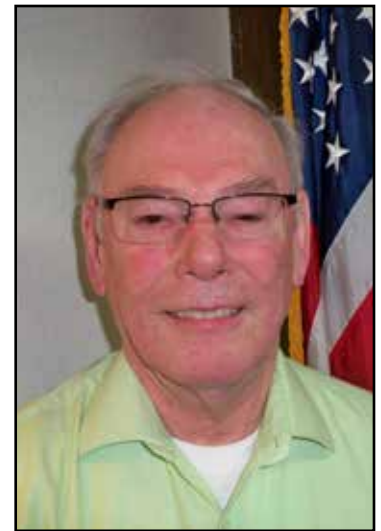
**ZUHRAH DRUM CORPS**

You still have time to join our Corps for this parade season. We

have a talented group of musicians; brass and percussion who are ready to assist you to learn our music. We are not limited to just brass. Woodwind instruments would be a welcome addition to our unit.

We meet most monday nights, Zuhrah Shrine Center 6120 Blue Circle Dr. Minnetonka, MN. 6:30 to 8:00pm.

**John Gomez**  
**Zuhrah.DrumCorps@gmail.com**  
**Facebook: Zuhrah Drum and Bugle Corps**



**ISLAND VIBE**

It's almost Spring, our drums are tuned and we're ready and eager to start our summer parade schedule! Goal is

to have a full lineup of events with a number of local venues in addition to a possible trip to the MSA in Grand Forks in August.

As we start a new year, we would like to recap our mission and provide some historical background as an introduction to potential new candidates. Give us a chance and we know you'll be hooked!

The idea of a Steel Drum Band began in 1989 as the vision of the then Illustrious Potentate James O. Burlingame SR. We were parade ready by the following spring 1990 with our first two songs Yellow Bird and Limbo Rock, remain crowd favorites to this day. Our first performance was at the Shrine Ceremonial in Owatonna, Minnesota since which time we have performed locally, throughout the Midwest and Canada. With our Caribbean style of music, we have become one of the most requested units in Zuhrah Shrine. It is always a thrill and always fulfilling to perform in our professionally built float along parade routes where children and their families groove to our beat and cheer us on!

We are a close-knit group of Nobles dedicated to our mission of promoting Zuhrah Shrine and bringing joy and happiness

to the communities we serve. We welcome and encourage new members to continue this tradition. Prior music experience is not required. If interested feel free to attend one of our meetings the second Saturday of the month at the Plymouth Masonic Lodge, Crystal, MN. or contact Bill Rosenberg (612-770-5744) or Hal Resnikoff (602-751-4393).



**Steel Drum Band**

**TABS TABS TABS**  
**THANK YOU TO ALL THAT DROPPED OFF TABS!!!**

In 2025 Zuhrah recycled 566 pounds of tabs!!  
 A donation of \$479.70 was made to WGA4Kids for the wheelchair fund at  
 Shriners Children's – Twin Cities!!



Please continue to save tabs and bring them to Zuhrah!  
 Jean Pavola and Heather Mewhinney



**GOLDY'S RUN**  
*Step up, lace up, and make a difference.*

Save the Date: Sunday, April 12, 2026  
 University of Minnesota Campus

Distances for every level: 5K, 10 Mile, and Kids Run

Your registration fee is on us! Minnesota Masons will cover the cost for you AND a guest to participate.  
 Whether you run, walk, or cheer from the sidelines, your presence makes a difference.

RSVP now, invite your lodge brothers, family, and friends!

Visit [mffreemasons.org/goldys-run](http://mffreemasons.org/goldys-run) to REGISTER WITH CODE

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Welcoming  
**New Colts**  
 to the Workhorse Stable.



**James 'Jim' Holton:** Jim Masonic career started in 2001, he is a Past Master of Hutchinson Lodge # 59. That same year he joined Zuhrah. He has also served the Demolay as Chapter Dad. Since joining Zuhrah he has been very active. He is a member of the Guardians, Funsters and the Chairmen. He has also served Zuhrah as a member of the membership committee, the Divan Marshall, and is currently the Chief of Staff. He is serving our communities as a member of Law Enforcement and currently resides in Hutchinson. Welcome, Jim as one of the new Zuhrah Workhorse members.



**William 'Bill' Yungk:** Bill has been a busy Shrine/Mason since he joined the Fraternity. He is a Past Master of Golden Fleece Lodge # 89, (2017), and Temple Lodge #59, (2023). He is a life member of Litchfield and Hutchinson Lodges. Since joining Zuhrah in 2012 he has been an active member of the Steel Drum Band, Litchfield Area Shrine Club, serving as their President in 2018. He is currently serving on the Zuhrah Divan as Assistant Rabban. He works as a Class A Tool and Die maker. He and his wife Ronda currently reside in Hutchinson.

We welcome these new Colts into the Workhorse Stable. Their work and dedication to Zuhrah cannot and will not be overlooked.

**The "Posse"**

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**Contact Me For The Shriners / Blue Lodge Special!**



*“There is something about riding down the street on a prancing horse that makes you feel like something, even when you ain’t a thing” –Will Rogers*

It is a great time to be a Shriner and a Mason. **2026 is the year of the horse!** We, Horsemen Patrol members, surely hope you get some horse-time this year. I encourage you to come on over and visit us!

The Zuhrah Horsemen get together **every Wednesday** for fellowship at the ranch. A meal can be reserved for you at dinner (5:30pm). As the weather permits, Captain Bobby Gretton will have us resume drill practice and this will push dinners back a half hour or more. If it is your first time, please call me and be my guest.

We take our **Stated meeting every 2nd Wednesday of the month.** Ladies and friends are always welcome to enjoy a steak dinner at Stated nights (6pm). It is important to RSVP for dinners, you can contact me directly. We welcome all friends to socialize around the fire or in our dining hall during our Stated meeting! Please note our Stated meeting is stag.

**March’s Horsemen Brunch** was a successful, well attended event! Horse rides and a delicious brunch made for a great day when combined with the glorious weather. Notably in attendance were Potentate Steve Scheffert and Lady Kathy, Past Potentate Don Wurden and Lady Carole, Assistant Rabban Bill Yungk and Lady Ronda, President of the Steel drum band and Scottish Rite Properties Steven Downs, Osman Provost members Glen Wilson and Lt. Tom Polzin and his lady, President of the Zuhrah antique Car Club Jeremiah Spears his Lady and son, President of Zuhrah Drum Corps Joe Toth and son, Second Ceremonial Master Roger Schmid,

President of Wilmar Shrine club Dave Stuhr, Funster Dave Knudsen his lady and family, among many other friends and family of the Horsemen! Our kitchen crew and our arena staff did outstanding with the brunch and horse rides. It was a great time had by all. We do this **Horsemen brunch quarterly** and the next one is **June 14th 2026!**

If you are a Mason or Shriner and are interested in joining the Horsemen, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. Our ranch supports up to 77 horses and we have room for you. If you have never ridden a horse before or at a novice level, I encourage you to show up on Wednesdays and make friends. As the weather permits Captain Bobby Gretton will have us take to the arena and resume drill practice. There will be some time for us to show you how to saddle and unsaddle including a little of what is in between.

Our ranch is in Maple Plain at 4505 County Road 92 N. We are one of the only ranches connected to Lake Rebecca Park Reserve. This connection means we can ride miles on the horse trail right from our barn. Giddy up!

Our ranch is a great location for events. We plan on having Sir Winston Churchill Lodge host an event in June. I married my lady, Elizabeth, at the ranch, a day to remember! There is a calm, peaceful feeling out here at Horsemen Stables. We want to keep it this way in order to ensure you feel welcome and respected when you are here. We can accommodate events at many levels/scales. Please feel free to inquire.

On **October 17th, 2026**, the Horsemen will host our annual **Barn Dance** fundraiser! We will have a decent country band headliner, supported by our own Rough Ashlars and BYM. Unfortunately, Brad Paisley might not make it this year, as we had hoped. We will keep you posted as to who will be our big act of the night! If your company would like to sponsor a banner with your company logo/name/

advertisement which will hang in our arena for a whole year, now is the time to contact us and we will make it happen. This event is a great one for fun and fellowship. Food, beverages and bands make for a great night. Our secretary Hal is keen on having a roping booth set up at the Barn Dance, so get your lassos ready (we will have ropes on site)! The Barn Dance event is open to the public!

*“A man who don’t love a horse, there is something the matter with him.” – Will Rogers*

**Kindest regards,  
Andrew Arashiba  
Zuhrah Shrine Horse Patrol  
President  
612-227-3161**





**Welcome, Shriners one and all to our Minnesota Valley Shrine Club (MVSC) corner.**

This year, we kicked things off with our newly installed officers at MVSC. Some are a “change of the guard,” such as our pillar officers Jim Berg (Treasurer), Gerry Brandt (Secretary), and Don Moy (VP), along with Marlin Dahl as Director. We also welcome our newly installed board directors: Clif Bailey, Ken Chambers, and Steve Miller.

At our January installation, I spoke about how MVSC is “Being here now.” The MVSC family has been showing up, listening, and building fellowship. We assisted with the Potentate’s Hospitality night on Friday, January 30th, co-hosting with the Ceremonial Unit and serving a “Galactic Ritual” drink for all the “Alien” Shrine members and visitors.

This was followed by attending a Ceremonial the next day, where

we met some of our newest Shriners. We wish them many years of enjoyment and fun adventures.

Additionally, I want to wish our new Potentate, Steven Scheffert, and his Lady Kathren a successful Zuhrah year. The Zuhrah Ball was indeed a galactic event to behold.

Finally, as you read this issue, MVSC has completed another successful Spring Pancake Breakfast at the Savage American Legion, along with our MVSC Ladies’ Bake sale, in which a generous donation will be contributed to the Shriners Clinic wheelchair fund.

As always, a warm invitation is extended to all Shriners and their Ladies to join us at our next monthly dinner meeting south of the river on April 23rd at Casper’s Cherokee of Egan. Please contact me for details or inquiries; my information is listed below and available on WebFez.

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**Nobles,**

Spring has sprung and bikes are coming out of storage. Remember to renew your registration and check your equipment.

Over the winter our Osman counterparts sold their super duty truck and larger trailer. They voted to purchase the old ZCC smaller trailer (which will get a facelift) and a spare motorcycle to have available for potential members to use if they don't have one currently.

Our regular practices will begin in late April or early May (weather permitting) to be ready for summer. We meet on Tuesday evenings for blessing the bikes, walking the routines before drill, and followed by refreshment.

We do require that people attend practices and be proficient with the maneuvers of our routine before they would be invited to participate in any performances.

It's also possible to train to be a part of our competition team for the summer MSA session. We generally compete in field drill, slow ride and obstacle course.

We are looking for brothers that like to ride!

You would be welcome to join us for fun, skill development and fundraising to support our Shriners Hospital system.

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# Litchfield Area Shrine Club

Greetings from the LASC,

## Club Card Success

LASC just finished another great season with our **Club Card**. For those who don't know, this is our "Buy One, Get One" (BOGO) deal at local spots. It's a great setup: restaurants offer the deal and sell the cards, and in exchange, we give them free advertising.

It's a huge win for everyone. When people stop by for a drink, they usually stay for dinner and bring along friends or family. These cards run through the winter (Dec-Feb) and the summer (June-Aug), and they've been a hit for LASC for years.

## Upcoming Events & News

- **Recent Travels:** Bill had a blast at the Winter MSC, and we're already getting excited for the Summer MSA.

- **Spring Training:** Our 4th Annual Spring Training is on April 11th. Please RSVP as soon as you can so we can get your running number ready!

- **Poker Run:** Who's going to be the lucky winner of the 50/50 Poker Run this year? Cindy Gomez took home the big prize last year. (Also, if anyone has the photo explaining why Bill's foot was on the table, I'd love to see it!)

## Don't Miss Breakfast!

Mark your calendars for the **LASC French Toast Breakfast on Sunday, April 19th**. We'll be serving "Almost Famous" Carlson Meats sausages, featuring that special Mason/Shriner seasoning you know and love.

**Cheerfully Submitted,**  
**Ronda Yungk**  
**LASC Scribe**



Greetings Fellow Joey's and Brother Nobles all! We are off to a great year and I look forward to seeing everyone out on our parade routes. The Pote's ball was a blast and Erine (Gerry B) and Tu-Can (John H) did a great job of passing out treats for their Space Journey Friday evening.

By the time that you read this we'll have already paraded in The Cross Lake St Pat's Day Parade on March 14th and we're looking forward to a fun summer of parades organized by our Parade Director, Ernie (Gerry B) who does a great job of setting up all our parade dates.

Also, I need to plug our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 4th. We again will have a visit from the Easter Bunny, coloring contest, Egg hunt, Easter Baskets and the wild and crazy Coin Crawl! Hop you will be able to attend. Our ad is included in the Arabian.

Two highly experienced and dedicated Clowns have recently joined the Funsters and will be a great asset to our Unit. They are Mark "Smokie" Simmons, the newly elected President of ISCA, and Rick "Tickle" Arends, the new Education Director for the ISCA. Mark and Rick will be wearing Zuhrah fezes while doing ISCA (International Shrine Clowns Association) business. We are

very excited to welcome them to the Funsters and look forward to clowning with them.

We'd love to have anybody interested in clowning join us, even if it's just for one event and we'll turn you into a clown on the spot. And we are not just talking Nobles, but Shrine Ladies and their children. Just let us know ahead of time so we can have everything ready to make you a Funster for a day (contact Ernie at 952-486-1333). Please join us if you are interested.

We meet at the Shrine the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. Clowning is really fun! You will love and have great memories! Contact myself, or any Funster and we will help you begin a wonderful journey, bringing joy and happiness to the lives of Kids of all ages.

**"Snappy de photo"**

**Dave Olsen 2026 Funsters**

**President**

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Hello Rod and Gunners and Nobles of Zuhrah. As the weather turns from cold and snow to warm and muddy we start to look forward to spring and summer events. But first a look back at the last couple of months of activities. The last fun event the Rod and Gun Club participated in was the Fishing 4 Life charity event called "Holes 4 Heroes" that was held on Medicine Lake February 7th. We had three R&G members participate in the event as "ice Ubers" we transported contestants and workers on and off the ice because parking was not allowed on the ice where

the fishing took place. Members: Todd R, Bob E and myself brought our four-wheelers and trailers and ferried people on and off the ice all day long. It is a fun and patriotic event that has games for the kids and food for sale. They also have free coffee, soft drinks and doughnuts for the volunteers. Haa now you know why I volunteer every year!

People are very appreciative of our assistance. It is fun to talk with the people and learn a quick story about them while driving them on or off the ice. Bob related to me a story about one young lady that had never been on a frozen lake before. She was very excited and nervous at the same time. She kept asking "are we on the water now?" This question came about 50 feet from shore, Bob calmly replied "yes, we are on the ice now."

The Rod and Gun Club also co-hosted a hospitality room at Zuhrah's Ball January 30th. The Antique Cars and the Rod and

Gun Club had two connected rooms for the Friday night science fiction party. We had a special drink that was out of this world. We also held the famous minnow races. Racers were able to pick their favorite minnow and cheer them on to the finish line. Some minnows were fast while others never really left the starting line, they are really hard to train. But the good news is everyone had fun and we raised \$72 for the Transportation fund. Thank you to all our jockeys! Also, during the Ball weekend there was a great Ceremonial! The Rod and Gun Club picked up three new members.

This summer we have the annual Lake of the Woods fishing trip. We also hope to host a family fun day at the shooting range. Also, we are working on a virtual reality fishing or hunting game to be played either at a meeting or a special date and time. There are companies that bring all the needed equipment

to your location and set up the computers and goggles that the player wears. Then the game is played all around you as if you were in a 3D game world. Stay tuned for details on this exciting new event.

I am sure there will be an article or at least a flyer promoting the Dave Vice Memorial Sporting Clays shoot May 2nd. Look for details in this issue of the Arabian. This is a great time and a family friendly event you really want to be a part of.

As always stay safe in your outdoor adventures.

**For more information on our club just reach out to us!**  
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Holes 4 Heroes ice fishing event. L-R Rod and Gunner volunteers: Todd, Scott, Bob



Participants at Holes 4 Heroes during awards time. February 7th 2026.



Ceremonial Ball new members: Center left Robbin, center right Drew. Both joined the Rod and Gun Club and are members of Helios Lodge #273.



Minnow races at the Ball.



**Greetings Nobles,**

We had a wonderful end of year pot luck picnic in Savage, MN where we honored Rob "Mayor" Fendler and Jim "Ice" Berg with the "Partners in Grime" award for keeping us safe and our carts running down the streets all summer.

Countless hours put in and we couldn't do it without both of them and all their hard work. Bravo, fellas!

Later in the month we had 2 Cobra Corps golf teams participate in the annual DanO charity golf tournament at Brackett's Crossing CC in Lakeville, MN benefitting men's mental health.

Cobra Corps is a great group of men that make up this high speed parade unit.

Our carts may be hibernating for the winter but it's never to late to reach out to us and find out what it takes to be one the bad boys of the Shrine.



**DO YOU FEEL THE NEED FOR SPEED?!**

The Zuhrah Cobra Corps are lining up practice sessions and tryout dates. If you've ever wondered what it's like performing with this thrilling parade unit and questioned if you could do it, now's your chance to try it out. Reach out to get on our list for the upcoming sessions. Come talk to the guys that have had a blast with their Brothers performing in parades across the state throughout the summer.

**Contact: Earl Emrick at 309-750-4770 or BrotherEarl22@gmail.com**

**Come Feel the Rush!!!**



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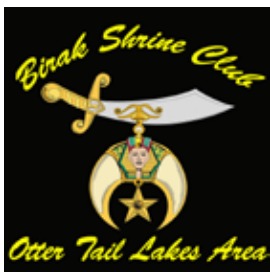
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Officer Installation Night January 24, with several members of the Divan in attendance.

Cold temperatures seem to be the norm when we have our Officer Installation/Christmas Party. Despite the below zero night, 36 members and guests attended, including several Divan members. A lively gift exchange followed the installation, with plenty of fun and laughs.

Three new Nobles joined the ranks of Zuhrah and Birak at the Potentate's Ball. They are Adam Nygaard, Gordon Schwarz, and Roger Schuetzle. Welcome!

We had a strong representation at the MSA in Grand Fork, with seven club members attending. They came back with some good information and I know three of our members participated in the Boat Races.

The winter "Ice Crush" demo derby, where we were selling food

and beverages, was postponed from February 28 to March 14. A recap of the event will appear in the next edition.

Final stages of the circus contract are being worked on by Chairman Ron Wilcox. Circus dates are Monday-Tuesday, June 22 & 23.

The April 6 Stated Meeting for members, ladies, and guests, was at the Vining Grill, with several items to be discussed including the May 8 Fish Fry in Clitherall, onion sales, and the circus.

We have a tentative parade schedule put together for the summer, and it looks as though we will appear in about 20-22 parades again this year.

Have a great Spring!

Jon Tamke



New members Adam Nygaard and Gordon Schwarz.



Stan Fetters with his gift.



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