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2026 ELECTED OFFICERS

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and Lady
Kathy



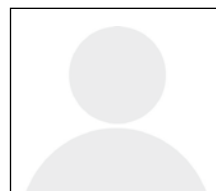
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2026 APPOINTED OFFICERS

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,

As I write this article for the August/September issue of The Arabian, it is July 4th. Today our nation celebrates 250 years of independence, and many of us will spend the day participating in parades with our Shrine Units or enjoying time with family and friends.



Steve Scheffert

This year also marks another significant milestone for Zuhrah Shriners. Chartered on June 14, 1886, Zuhrah recently celebrated 140 years of service. Reflecting on the vision of those who established both our nation and our Temple, and on the countless individuals who have shaped them over the years, is truly inspiring.

When we consider how much has changed over the past century and a half, the progress is remarkable. We have gone from traveling by horseback to flying across the globe—and even into space. Communication has evolved from letters that took weeks or months to arrive to instant phone and video calls from nearly anywhere in the world. I am sure many of you can also reflect on the tremendous changes you have witnessed throughout Zuhrah's history.

Milestone anniversaries such as these provide an opportunity to honor the courage, vision, and sacrifices of those who came before us. They also remind us that we are part of an ongoing journey. Each generation has the responsibility to preserve our traditions while continuing to strengthen and advance our fraternity for those who will follow.

Speaking of change, I would like to remind everyone that both resolutions presented at the May Stated Meeting were approved. We have also received official notification that the bylaw changes were accepted by Shriners International in early June. As previously communicated, these changes may result in the suspension of members who have not paid their 2026 dues by the end of the year. If you are uncertain about your membership status, please contact Jennifer in the Zuhrah office, who will be happy to assist you.

Normally, when this issue of The Arabian is being prepared, we have just returned from Imperial Session. This year, however, the Session is being held later than usual, and we will not depart until the following week. By the time you read this article, we will know whether the proposed increase to the Shriners International per capita assessment has been approved. If it has, the updated amount will be reflected on dues statements as they become available in August. Don't forget that we have payment options.

August promises to be a very busy and exciting month for Zuhrah. I encourage everyone to attend as many events as possible and continue watching both the eRabian and The Arabian for complete event information.

- **August 7** – Annual Steak & Corn Feed, hosted by the HO HO ASC Club, with steaks prepared by the Rod & Gun Club. During the evening, we will also recognize our 50- and 60-year service award recipients.
- **August 12–15** – Summer MSA, hosted by Kem Shriners in Grand Forks, North Dakota.
- **August 22** – Zuhrah Fez & Fairways Classic at Majestic Oaks Golf Club in Ham Lake.
- **August 29** – Zuhrah Indoor Ice Fishing Fundraiser and Fish Fry.

The fun continues into September with our Family Movie Night at the Zuhrah Horseman Ranch in Maple Plain on Saturday, September 12. I also encourage everyone to participate in the 6th Annual Camel Crawl, which will be held on Saturday, October 3, in Montgomery. Be sure to read the article elsewhere in this issue for additional details. It is always a tremendous event, filled with fellowship, fun, and support for our philanthropy.

Finally, it is with great sadness that we acknowledge the sudden passing of Past Potentate Al Niederhaus on June 30. Words cannot adequately express the loss our fraternity has experienced, and our hearts go out to Deb and the entire Niederhaus family.

Al touched the lives of countless Nobles through his friendship, leadership, and unwavering willingness to help others. On a personal level, he was always available to listen, offer thoughtful advice, and provide wise counsel whenever I needed it. We had lunch together only recently, and I will especially miss those conversations. I will always be grateful for his friendship and the example he set for all of us.

Please keep Deb and the Niederhaus family in your thoughts and prayers as they navigate this difficult time.

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



***Remembering Past Potentate Al Niederhaus
September 26, 1959 - June 30, 2026***

Jennifer's Jottings

Hello!

In this edition of the Arabian (page 4) is a breakdown on the cost for the different *life memberships*. For questions on that, contact me and I can help explain further or let you know the best way to pay if you are interested.

Now let's talk about setting up payment plans. These work great to either catch up if behind on dues, or just so monthly payments are set and you don't have to think about them.

For the first part, if payments are behind Nobles can be suspended for non-payment of dues on December 31st. If someone has a monthly payment plan set up, we would not suspend them since they are actively working to make everything current and clear that balance. It does not work to say you will call or make one payment and not have the next one set. If there is a reoccurring plan in place, all is good.

For monthly plans to pay current years, ideally we get it set up so everything is paid in full before the beginning of the year. I'm not 100% how to explain this clearly so bare with me while I try to break this down for everyone. If someone pays full dues, so nothing is on life membership, the total dues for 2027 will be \$205. If you would start this August and want to pay off the \$205 in December your choices would be to either pay \$41 a month plus credit card fees which would come to \$42.64 a month for the five months or do a one-time payment and do the balance broken down by remaining months. In January we could set up for the following year dividing the total by 12 months. If there are any changes to dues, for example if there would be any increase to per capita, we would have to do a one-time payment for the balance.

Hopefully I haven't made it all more complicated. The goal is to make dues payments are easy as possible and help with budgeting. Never hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Thank you!
Jennifer

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
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Stated Meetings/Dinners

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AUGUST

August 7, 2026

Steak & Corn Feed - \$20
(Served by Ho Ho/Rod & Gun)



SEPTEMBER

September 11, 2026

Taco Bar, Beef & Chicken,
Rice, Refried or Black Beans
Soft & Hard Tacos, Toppings,
Tortilla Chips & Salsa - \$20
(Served by Legion Patrol/
Ceremonial)



OCTOBER

October 9, 2026

Brats and Sauerkraut,
Au gratin Potatoes,
Salad & Dessert - \$20
(Served by Drum Corp)



IN MEMORIAM



Bradford J Johnson
David S Shull
James L Sweet
Bruce W Catherman, Jr
Allen J Niederhaus, PP

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.



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

Upcoming Zuhrah Events

August

- 7th** – Corn & Steak Feed!
- 8th** – Willmar Steak Fry
- 8th** – MN Valley Summer Picnic
- 12th – 15th** – Summer MSA
- 16th** – MN Valley Picnic
- 22nd** – Golf Tournament!
- 26th** – Unit/Club Heads
- 28th** – Bunco
- 29th** – Fish Fry & Indoor Ice Fishing



September

- 2nd – 7th** – Zuhrah Office Closed
- 7th** – Labor Day
- 11th** – Zuhrah Stated Meeting
- 12th** – Zuhrah Movie Night at the Ranch
- 13th** – Horse Patrol Breakfast
- 19th** – Honored Ladies Luncheon
- 22nd** – Club/Unit Heads
- 25th** – Bunco

October

- 3rd** – Camel Crawl!
- 9th** – Zuhrah Stated Meeting
- 11th** – MN Valley Pancake Breakfast
- 25th** – Legion Patrol Omelet Brunch
- 27th** – Unit/Club Heads



LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Zuhrah's life membership is always the current rate times 20 years while International does both of their parts (per capita and hospital fee) by 30. A Noble can purchase any of the three parts of the life membership individually.

How it looks with numbers –

Zuhrah Life Membership is \$100 (if purchased before 12.31.2026) x 20 so \$2000.

Per Capita Life Membership is \$50 x 30, so \$1500.

Hospital Fee is \$5 x 30, so \$150.

~ Note that when Zuhrah dues go up to \$150 on January 1st that Zuhrah Life Membership will then be \$3000.

For questions, clarifications, or to make any Life Membership purchase, contact the office.

SAVE the DATE

ZUHRAH SHRINERS FAMILY, FUN & FELLOWSHIP!

★ ★ ANNUAL ★ ★

STEAK & CORN FEED

NEW DATE!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2026

★ Hosted by ★
HO HO ASC & ROD & GUN CLUB

DATE CHANGE due to SUMMER MSA

5:00 P.M. SOCIAL	6:00 P.M. DINNER	PRESENTATIONS TO FOLLOW THE DINNER
\$20 PER PERSON		

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THE NOBLES WHO HAVE REACHED A FEW MILESTONES REGARDING THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE.

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Open to Nobles, their Ladies and Guests

ZUHRAH FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
Outside, Inside if raining

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th, 2026
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Fez & Fairways Classic

Zuhrah's Inaugural Golf Scramble

August 22, 2026

Shotgun Start at 1:00 PM

Majestic Oaks Golf Club

701 Bunker Lake Blvd.
Ham Lake, MN

\$150

PER PLAYER

Includes: Golf, Cart,
Range Balls, & Dinner

**Deadline to
register is
August 10**

✦ *Lots of fun, games, & prizes!*

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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Golfers registered by July 31st will be entered
into a drawing to win a free foursome at
Majestic Oaks!

Scan the QR code for Registration
& Sponsorship Opportunities.

www.zuhrahgolf.com



Proceeds are for the benefit of Zuhrah Shriners and are not tax deductible.

Special Communication

Zuhrah's Inaugural Fez & Fairways Classis Golf Tournament: "All You Need To Know"

Hello Nobles,

We need your support.

Many of you remember when the Shrine Circus was our largest annual fundraiser. We now have an exciting new opportunity to raise meaningful funds for Zuhrah's operations.

Zuhrah's Inaugural Fez & Fairways Classic Golf Tournament and Dinner will take place on **Saturday, August 22** at **Majestic Oaks Golf Course in Ham Lake**. Our goal is to establish this as a successful annual event in support of Zuhrah's General Fund.

Although this event is open to the public, its success relies on the participation and support of our Nobility. Here are several ways you can get involved:

Play in the golf tournament

Gather three friends and register a foursome. Consider inviting neighbors, friends, and lodge brothers—this is a great opportunity to introduce others to our fraternity. Or sign up a team from your club or unit.

Help secure sponsors

Do you know a business owner or have connections with local businesses? Please consider asking for their support. Sponsorship opportunities range from \$100 to \$10,000 (select the links below to download information to help guide you in approaching sponsors).

Become a Club/Unit sponsor

For a \$100 donation, your Unit or Club can sponsor a hole. Your organization's logo will be displayed at the sponsored hole as a show of support.

Donate a silent or live auction item

We are seeking auction items of all kinds, including gift baskets, gift cards, hotel stays, dining certificates, tickets to sporting events, and unique or exclusive experiences.

Join us for dinner

Enjoy a great evening by attending the dinner. Consider carpooling with friends for added camaraderie.

Share your ideas or spread the word

If you have ideas to help strengthen the event—or can help promote it within your network—we would love to hear from you.

When approaching potential donors, remember that businesses may choose to support the event through sponsorships, auction donations, and/or playing in the tournament. Every contribution—large or small—plays an important role in making this tournament a success.

Any level of support is sincerely appreciated. Let's come together as Nobility to make this inaugural event a tremendous success.

Visit the event website at www.zuhrahgolf.com for more information. For questions, contact Earl Emrick at BrotherEarl22@gmail.com or cell 309-750-4770.

Thank you for your continued dedication to Zuhrah Shriners.

GOLF TOURNAMENT HELP NEEDED

Attention All Nobility,

Your assistance is requested to ensure the success Zuhrah's inaugural Fez & Fairways Classic golf tournament coming up on August 22. This event has the potential to be our largest fundraiser of the year. It is open to the public and all are welcome to participate.

We are currently seeking sponsors, golfers, prizes, and items for our live and silent auctions. We also have a dinner-only option available for those not golfing. Please support your temple by soliciting these contributions from friends, neighbors, and local businesses in your community.

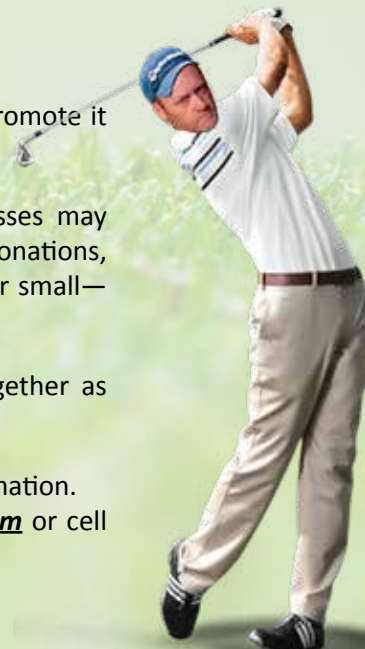
A special email communication was sent out June 27, 2026, with additional resources and details to help you support this noble cause. See Communication Insert.

In the meantime, please visit www.ZuhrahGolf.com to sign up for golf, sponsorship, and/or dinner.

Registration deadline for golf, sponsorship, and dinner is August 10, 2026. Golfers who register by July 31 will be entered into a drawing to win a free round of golf for four at Majestic Oaks Golf Club.

For questions, please contact Earl Emrick at 309-750-4770 or BrotherEarl22@gmail.com.

Let's pull together to make this event a huge success!





HENNEPIN COUNTY FAIR 2026







ZUHRAH IMPERIAL



Greetings from the Horsemen! Horsemanship – Fraternity – Philanthropy

With the consent of the bretheren or the consent of your horse. Trying to impose one's will on animals or others concludes in much the same way. Good intentions aside, it's the same old story. One can massage the reasoning for doing something. Coerce with bribes, treats whatever but there are two minds involved and not all thinking coincides with yours.

The old cowboy watching from the fence rail can see a wreck waiting to happen with hardly any difficulty whatsoever. That wreck leaves one of the two parties hurt, if not injured. And if that's the case you end up paying the freight on the vet bills, so who was more injured.

The opposition will heal, scared from the incident, and although forgiving, they usually never forget. Some lessons, for sure and for certain, are harder learned than learned hard. Think about that one for a while.



Ranch fencing began this spring with Stewardship tearing out all the fencing around the front pasture and front herd paddock as you drive into the facility. Surprisingly demo went rather quickly, contradicting what was anticipated going into it.



John Barnes, Stewardship Chair, wanted to get a jump on the demo anticipating weather coming in on Saturday and MN AG Fab starting the new fence on Monday, the old fence had to be entirely GONE.

With three of us we took down all the high-tension vinyl, and half the posts were pulled, and holes filled the first day.

On the second day there were a lot of hands making work light by pulling the balance of fence posts while others were filling in the holes.

Membership liked the new fencing and opted to increase the contract to include another 3 projects which start mid-July and will see the last project completed in late fall to early winter.

Gate installation and counter fencing have been taking place while getting ready for construction as horse movement



requires continuous access to water, twice a day for grain and observation.

As most have heard, the Minneapolis City Council has given notice that there is not going to be any funding for the Mounted Patrol. Horsemen received notice that the Minneapolis Mounted Patrol will vacate Horsemen Stables as of Sept. 1st, 2026.

Horsemen are currently marketing those stalls to be occupied by new boarders as soon as possible. The Team at Horsemen Stables is encumbered to deep clean the facility and give the Marketing team a product that "Pops!"

New stall guards have been approved and are being fabricated for the main stable. Management hopes to have them all in place before the start of August.

Renewed pasture around the north drainage easement from the east has led to increased rotation of herd grazing and exposure to some noxious weeds. MN Extension service out of Wright and Hennepin County walked the area in the middle of July and gave us direction in eradication of those plants. Too close to drainage for routine herbicide and soil density is lacking that close to the drainage that equipment couldn't get there to mow it down and keep it at bay. Goats?



Fundraising

Have a date set for our 4th Annual Fund Raiser. Mark Oct. 17th, on your calendars come out and enjoy an evening at the Ranch! Horsemen started the numerous meetings and planning discussions relative to advertising and marketing the event to be even better this year. Hard to believe it is a little over 4 months away at the draft of this article. The menu was changed to accommodate guests and staff.

Working to get sponsorship forms out to all vendors and past supporters as this article is published. Dining again will be set up in the alleyway of the stable and that will give everyone illumination, good footing, less mosquitoes.

So, grab your calendars and at least get October 17th penciled for the Horsemen's Fundraising Event. Should your company or individuals want to help with sponsorship or ticket sales please contact Horsemen President, Clif Bailey, for information.

Cowboy Breakfast

for our 3rd quarter, will be on Sept. 13th. Our final breakfast of the year is December 13, 2026. Horsemen Stables will afford you the experience of being around horses and those of us who love them. We always enjoy sharing the horses and our enthusiasm with the kiddos.

Their honest faces frequently beam with delight as they interact with our equine partners and fellow Shriners.

We offer a Cowboy Breakfast, horse rides, hay wagon, cart ride or quite possibly a sleigh ride if

the snow is on the ground. Be sure to invite your family, friends, and neighbors. Have your picture taken forked over one of our Fantastic Equine Mounts. Everyone is welcome!

Thank you to all past patrons, friends and members who attended, served, wrangled, cleaned up, prepped and cooked at our Cowboy Breakfast. Our Executive Board, along with our members greatly appreciate everyone's participation in any manner. We will look forward to seeing you all, at Horsemen Stables, for our next Cowboy Breakfast.

In Closing

Remember, to place the following dates on your family's calendar for **this year's Cowboy Breakfasts:**

**Sept. 13th,
Dec. 13th,
March 14th, 2027
June 13th, 2027**

Look us up online to get cool SWAG. Caps, shirts and light coats that will keep you warm in mild weather and tumblers to help keep you hydrated are there for you to shop/order from or purchase on site.



Search: Zuhrah Shrine Horsemen

Our @ShrineHorsemen community is growing with 800+ followers! We frequently update our site with posts and pictures. Like and share our page to stay updated on all the fun and happenings. Please submit your announcements for future Horsemen articles to: jbolstad460@yahoo.com



New Shriners & Check Presentations





**Funsters Aug-Sept 2026
Arabian**

The parade season has been good for the Funsters! But, we are looking to expand our feet on the ground at all parades. Don't forget the Shrine Ladies can parade with us. We might be able to help you with an outfit and can definitely help you apply your makeup!

And you can bring -your parade worthy family members along! Just contact Gerry Brandt (Ernie), 952-486-1333, if you are interested in being a clown for a parade. We've put our new 4 Seater Clown Cart into service in the NE and Apple Valley and it looks smart and works well supplying cool water and a brief rest for overheated Joeys.

There's a lot happening as the Funsters buzz around with different wheeled vehicles, and others high fiving parade participants, some left with red noses. It is such a joyful experience passing out Zuhrah Clown love to all we meet.

**Snappy,
President**



JOIN US FOR THE 6TH ANNUAL 0.05K CAMEL CRAWL!

The Zuhrah Shriners are excited to invite you to our 6th Annual 0.05K (164-foot) Camel Crawl, taking place on Saturday, October 3, 2026, in Montgomery, Minnesota. This unique and entertaining event benefits Shriners Children's Twin Cities.

What began several years ago as a fun idea has grown into a community tradition. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our participants, sponsors, and volunteers, we have donated more than \$18,300 to Shriners Children's Twin Cities. We look forward to making our sixth year our most successful yet, and we encourage you to invite your family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers to join the fun.

Registration

Event registration and pre-registration packet pickup begin at 11:30 a.m. in the main dining hall at The American Bar & Grill. Please enter through the west entrance.

Register online at: <https://camelcrawl.company.site/>

Participants who register by Friday, September 4 will be guaranteed an event T-shirt and medal. While additional shirts and medals may be available after that date, quantities and sizes cannot be guaranteed.

Lunch

Lunch will be served beginning at 12:00 p.m. and will feature your choice of ham or turkey sandwiches with chips. Beverages will be available for purchase at the bar.

Lunch is included with event registration. Guests who are not participating in the Camel Crawl are welcome to join us for lunch for \$10 per person.

The Camel Crawl

The Camel Crawl officially begins at 1:00 p.m. and concludes at approximately 4:30 p.m. Participants are encouraged to complete the legendary journey while visiting each of our sponsoring establishments:

- The American Bar & Grill (Start/Finish)
- Happy Hour Bar & Grill
- KR Monty Bar & Hotel, Inc.
- Montgomery Brewing
- PLA More Lanes Recreational Center
- White Front

Throughout the afternoon, we are planning for the Zuhrah Pipes & Drums and the Zuhrah Drum Corps to visit participating sponsor locations, adding music and entertainment to this unforgettable event.

Closing Celebration

Following the Camel Crawl, return to The American Bar & Grill at approximately 4:30 p.m. for light snacks, fellowship, and our closing activities, including prize drawings and other fun surprises.

Register or Donate

Registration, lunch purchases, and charitable donations benefiting Shriners Children's Twin Cities can all be made through the event website.

If you are interested in volunteering at one of our sponsor locations or have questions about the event, please contact us at:

Phone: 612-217-0391

Email: camelcrawl.05K@gmail.com

We hope you'll join us for a day filled with fun, fellowship, and community spirit while helping us continue to support Shriners Children's Twin Cities. Together, we can make our sixth annual Camel Crawl our biggest and most successful event yet.

Fraternally,

Steven Scheffert, Potentate

On behalf of the 2026 Camel Crawl Committee



Zuhrah Shriners Presents

CAMEL CRAWL

A GUIDED .05K (164 FT.) FUN RUN

Saturday, October 3, 2026

JOIN ZUHRAH SHRINE FOR OUR 6TH ANNUAL CAMEL CRAWL AS WE HAVE FUN FOR CHARITY
NET PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT SHRINERS CHILDREN'S TWIN CITIES

SCHEDULE

11:30 AM Registration/packet pickup begins
12 - 1 PM Lunch
1 - 4 PM Camel Crawl Starts - visit our sponsors
4:30 PM Door Prize Drawings (must be present to win)

START & END LOCATION
THE AMERICAN BAR & GRILL
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NORTH BRANCH MIDSUMMER DAYS PARADE

North Branch, June 21st, is one of our favorite parades, it has great crowds, always appreciative to see Shriners in their parade.

We were a bit short in personnel for this parade, three in the hornline, Thomas, Patrick and Gary and three in the drumline, Joe, Mike and John, The Show Must Go On!

We managed to pull it off. The horns played louder and stronger than usual, making every effort to "sound" bigger than we were.

The drumline did their best to back up the horns, but, then again, we in the drumline like to "bang on the drums, all day." We had some stiff competition. Three huge high school bands from St. Frances,

Chisago Lakes and Forest Lake put on a great show, loud and proud with all the tunes they played.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Gary Grose celebrated his 81st birthday on the 13th and John Gomez celebrated his 69th birthday on the 14th.



Gary and John raised a cold one to each other, another year around the sun and another parade in the books. I can't say enough about Gary Grose and his many years of dedication to the Drum Corps and Zuhrah Shrine. He is the "Iron Man" of our Corps. He's marched in parades under some pretty hot days and he manages to get through them. He is the epitome of our motto, "We March, so Kids can Walk"

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Our Captain Josh Sorenson celebrated his birthday on July 5th. Josh mentioned his family has some significant birth days. His mom's birthday is on Christmas day, his dad's is on New Years day, a sister on Thanksgiving day and another sister on Labor day. Looks like they have all the major holidays covered.

Illustrious Sir Al Neiderhaus

The Drum Corps was saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Al Niederhaus, Past Potentate Zuhrah Shrine 2013. Our condolences and deepest sympathies to Deb and the Niederhaus family.

On a personal note. I was fortunate to have been asked by Al to be an aide for his term as Potentate. I quickly began to realize that you didn't "work for" Al, you "worked with" Al. He had a calm, confident, cheerful demeanor. A great guy.

Cindy and I were fortunate to be part of Al's team, it gave us the

opportunity to meet and work along with other Nobles and their Ladies.

I don't mean to brag, but our group aka, "TEAM 13" was one of the best groups of aides to work with.. As I like to say, "it isn't work if you're having fun." And Al made sure we had a lot of fun!

I'm grateful to Al for choosing me to be an aide. It broadened my appreciation for the fellowship, camaraderie and joy of doing my small part to serve the nobility of Zuhrah Shrine.

I can't help but think that that's exactly what Al was doing. Thanks, Al. It worked! Alas My Brother.

ZUHHRAH DRUM CORPS

We meet for practice most Mondays 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, Zuhrah Shrine Center 6120 Blue Circle Drive, Minnetonka, MN.

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MVSC Corner News — Summer & Fall 2026

MVSC raced into Summer for our June Fun Event at Canterbury Park, which was a blast — members enjoyed great racing, multiple winners, and a bunch of wonderful visitors joined us at the track.

July looked to be starting out as a heatwave, but it won't slow down the fun and fellowship at MVSC! Many of our members are making Zuhrah proud as they continue to parade in various units (Cobra Corp, Funsters, Steel Drum, etc.) and celebrate in July.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for MVSC Annual President's Picnic August 8th @ Rich Lyons Estate/Hacienda, celebrating America's 250th Birthday — a patriotic spread with all the fixings, and the Zuhrah Fez proudly on display, and a warm bonfire glowing as the sun sets. And as summer winds down, our Fall Annual Dinners return — great food, great friends, and fellowship at some of the most popular spots around. Starting September, this will be the 4th Thursday of the Month. Stay tuned for exact dates.

July is an extremely busy month for the Steel Drum Band.

We were in the Forest Lake Parade on July 4th and the Apple Valley Parade as well.

We have parades in Litchfield on 7/11 and Robbinsdale Whiz Bang Dayz on 7/12.

We also are participating on 7/19 in the Hopkins Raspberry Festival Parade.

We are waiting to hear back from Le Sueur for their parade on 8/2

We are also in the Watkins Parade on 8/1 as well as the Gaylord Parade on 8/8

We will be participating at MSA 8/13-8/15, a new and great opportunity for the band to show off its capabilities.

There are a few more in September. Dassel Red Rooster days on 9/5 and maybe others.

We have been invited to participate in the NEAR Food Shelf Crystal Fall festival on October 10th. They want the Steel Drum Band to participate as well all of us to be part of a COMMUNITY event.

They are allowing us to set up a display for the Plymouth Masonic Lodge as well as Zuhrah Shrine. What a GREAT OPPORTUNITY

We are ALWAYS looking for new members. You don't have to know how to play, we WILL teach

you. We have a great deal of fun and see many smiling faces along the parade route when we are playing. COME JOIN US!!!

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Greetings nobles from the ceremonial unit!

We're well into summer and hopefully everyone is enjoying the nice weather. In contrast to the number of units that are parading we, as per our routine, are dark but not idle during the months of July and August.

Later this month we will be attending a St Paul Saints Game with 37 individuals strong. A great turnout where we anticipate a great time by all.

A dinner with a supper club theme is also being tossed around and will likely occur late summer or early fall.

Our next ceremonial is anticipated to be on October 24th during Oktoberfest, the exact timing at our Potentate's discretion.

Wishing all Zuhrah members a joyful and safe summer with your families. We all know how important time well spent with those important to us and with our fellow Nobles can be.

As indicated previously the Ceremonial Unit plays a special role in our Temple. We help welcome new Nobles, participate in special events and ceremonies that add a sense of pride and pageantry to Shrine activities. A perfect way to quickly feel connected and at home in the Shrine.

You do not need prior experience to join. New members are welcomed, mentored, and encouraged along the way with flexible participation as your schedule allows. We are not a parade unit so weekends especially during the summer months are free from event participation.

We would be honored to have you join us or simply attend a meeting or event to see what we are all about. We would also encourage new Nobles in particular, to join us if interested, at the above social gatherings, to see if we would be a good fit for future participation.

Meetings will resume in September 2026 and will occur routinely on the third Tuesday of the month at the Zuhrah Shrine Center, usually beginning with a meal and fellowship. Please feel free to contact President Bill Rosenberg (612-770-5744) or VP Hal Resnikoff (602-751-4393) with questions.



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Hello Rod and Gunners,

Well summer is definitely here! Temps are in the 90's and everyone is wondering what happened to spring. The SXS and four wheeling trip to General Andrews State Forest in May went very well. We had about 20 people participate and had a nice BBQ lunch part way through the day. We found a fun hill made of sand that when you crested the top and dropped down the other side your stomach was left behind!

The June Lake of the Woods fishing trip went well too. We had 41 Nobles, relatives, friends and sons participate in the trip this year. The Rod and Gun Club even gained a couple of new members. The weather was perfect and no boats broke down which is good! Saturday night we had a yummy fish fry of walleye and sauger. Then Sunday night we grilled the biggest steaks you have ever seen. All done to perfection on our grill where we also cook both breakfasts. Most everyone drove home Monday morning with many stopping for breakfast in a cool hometown café in Northome. We also stop on the way up to LOW in the same café called the Shining Light Café. A great place to stop and have a meal and pick up some very tasty cookies.

Then just after Rod and Gunners got back home from the LOW fishing trip we dashed off to be a part of Camp Achieve for the Shrine Clinic camp week. The kids are so appreciative and have a great time at the different camps the Clinic puts on during the summer. I am pretty sure the same kids also get to go to

the Horsemen's ranch and ride horses. I believe they also get to go rock climbing and other outdoor adventures. It is an honor and a privilege to volunteer for a few hours to help these great kids have a fun summer.

Our next big adventure is the family fun day of shooting. We will meet at a member's farm and shoot different types of firearms. It is a great time to try out a firearm that you might not normally have access to. But members are willing to bring their own firearms and share them with Club members and family members.

This August we will not hold our monthly meeting. Several of us will be up at Midwest participating in that event. Then we get back for our September meeting on a boat launch on Lake Mille Lacs! That's right we will have up to 30 people on a giant pontoon for a fishing and sightseeing tour for four hours on September 9th. We will have a BBQ dinner onboard of grilled burgers and hot dogs. Then August 29th the Rod and Gun Club will be participating in the Zuhrah Indoor Ice Fishing event. (look for the flyer in this issue) This is a great event and is held indoors as a fundraiser for Zuhrah. If all this sounds like a Club you would like to join, please give one of the officers a call or email. We also have brochures and club applications next to our shadowbox on the back wall of the ZSC. Check out our website too!

As always be safe in your outdoor adventures!

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Here is the group that went four wheeling May 31st.



Here is a photo of part of the group taking a break along the trail.



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Greetings from the north country (Birak is the furthest north of any Zuhrah Club). Wow, what a summer so far. Near record high temps, then a cold spell, then more HOT! Not to mention the rain. I know other parts of Minnesota have had extreme rainfall amounts. We hope everyone has stayed safe from severe weather.

Our condolences to the family of PP Allen Niederhaus. Al was a great friend, and was Liaison to our club prior to becoming Potentate in 2013.

Fund raising has been going fairly well so far, as we showed an \$800 profit at the May fish fry, and had a net profit of \$2,333.00 on our onion sales.

Carden International again provided the entertainment at our annual Shrine Circus June 23-24. A few of the noted acts are shown along with the article.

We are looking into the possibility of having a golf tournament in Sauk Centre this fall. More information will be posted if the details are finalized.

Looking further ahead, we will be frying fish at the Zuhrah Shrine Center Saturday, August 29 for the annual indoor ice fishing contest. Then, our election of officers will take place at our October 5 Stated Meeting at the Underwood Legion facility.

KAR KOR-As this edition comes out, most of our parade season will be behind us. It's been a busy but rewarding summer, as we will have completed about 18 of our 22 parades. To jazz up our parade trailer, we added some colorful banners to highlight the USA 250th Anniversary. (Insert parade trailer photo included in file folder here)



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