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Where is JP in this edition?



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
Coming 2027

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)

Zuhrah Shrine Center

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

Find us on Facebook
@ZuhrahShrineCenter

VoiceMail and Email Addresses
Zuhrah phone 952-426-3023
You may also email comments and questions as follows:

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Potentate Message



Steve Scheffert

I am starting to think that I only write my articles during holiday weekends, as this time it is Labor Day weekend. This is one of those holidays when I sit back and think, "Where did the summer go?"

For many of us, Labor Day weekend signals the unofficial end of summer as our attention turns to fall. Kids are going back to school, college football is underway, the NFL and our Fantasy Football teams begin this week, and we are in the final two days of Minnesota's Great Get-Together, the State Fair. Here at Zuhrah, we are also nearing the end of our summer activities. By the time this article comes out, our parade season will have ended, and we will have wrapped up some of our largest fundraising activities of the year.

But Labor Day is also a time to recognize and honor the contributions and achievements of American workers and the labor movement—a tradition that became a federal holiday 132 years ago.

That brings me to thinking about all the wonderful "workers" we have at Zuhrah—our Nobles, our Ladies, and our Office Staff—who keep our Fraternity going. So many of you do things quietly behind the scenes, from the Club and Unit level all the way up to the Temple level. I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to recognize and thank all our "workers," past, present, and future, at Zuhrah and simply say: Thank you for all that you do!

Speaking of workers, we recently wrapped up one of Zuhrah's big events, our Fez and Fairways Golf Tournament. I cannot say enough to thank the entire golf committee for all the work they put into this event, along with the many volunteers who came out to help. Numbers are still being finalized, but the preliminary results are very positive, and the final numbers should be available by the time this article comes out. With everyone's continued help and support, this event has tremendous potential to grow, and plans are already underway for our 2nd Annual Fez and Fairways Golf Tournament.

As we turn our attention toward the end of the year, things certainly won't be slowing down. October is looking to be a very busy month at Zuhrah. We start on October 3rd with the 6th Annual 0.05K Camel Crawl, followed by our Fall Ceremonial on October 24th, beginning at 3:00 p.m., with an Oktoberfest event to follow. If you know any Master Masons who are interested in joining our great Fraternity, now is the time to invite them to become a part of Zuhrah!

Then, on October 31st, we will be having a Halloween Party at Zuhrah beginning at 6:30 p.m. Come out and join us for a fun evening—and, of course, costumes are highly encouraged!

November will also be a busy month, particularly at the Club and Unit level, as officer installations begin and we continue preparing for 2027. Lady Kathy will also be holding one final making of blankets event on the morning of November 14th as part of her Potentate's Lady's Project for the year. The completed blankets will be donated to Shriners Children's Twin Cities Clinic to be passed along to the kids. Watch the eRabian for additional details.

We still have Potentate's coins and Lady Kathy's snowflake charms available for sale. The coins are a fundraiser for Zuhrah, with proceeds supporting our general fund, while funds raised through the sale of the charms will benefit Clay's Camps for Kids. Please consider supporting these two fundraisers if you have not already done so. If interested, please reach out to either Lady Kathy or me. You may also contact the office, as both items are available there.

Lastly, we have reached that time of year when your 2027 dues are available for payment. With the dues increase approved this past spring, along with the per capita increase approved at Imperial Session in July 2027 dues are currently $209.

Paying your dues in a timely manner helps our Fraternity plan and budget throughout the year and are due prior to January 1st. We have mentioned this several times throughout the year, but I want to remind everyone that Life Memberships are available for each portion of your dues: Zuhrah's dues, the hospital assessment, and the Imperial per capita.

Life Memberships are currently available at the 2026 dues rates. If you are considering this option, please keep in mind that on January 1st, the cost of Life Memberships will increase to reflect the 2027 dues rates.

We also offer monthly payment plans. If you are interested in either a Life Membership or a monthly payment plan, please reach out to Jennifer in the office.

As we head into the final months of 2026, please continue to have a safe and enjoyable remainder of the year. Lady Kathy and I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events and finishing the year together on a strong note.

Fraternally,
Steven D. Scheffert
Potentate, 2026



Jennifer's Jottings

Hello!

First of all, last month I did this whole production about dues amounts, and how to get a life membership. Right after everything was sent Imperial happened and the numbers changed. I tried to be accurate but things did change. What has not changed is how to sign up for any of the life membership levels. Just reach out if interested. If wanting to sign up for a payment plan, there is a way to process a re-occurring payment through the website. Never hesitate to call the office with questions.

On the topic of dues, those initial 2027 invoices will be out by the time you get this. The first run goes out as emails and then sometime in October the hard copies will go out to anyone who hasn't already paid. If you want it early, let me know. They do not come from the office, but I can print one at any time.

I do want to make sure everyone is also aware that with the by-law change from two-year delinquency to one-year, anyone who has not paid 2026 dues by December 31 will be suspended. There are currently 127 names on that list. If you, or someone you know, may be on that list, reach out if you need any help.

I will be sending out club and unit rosters so we can make sure our lists here are accurate. If you are a club or unit secretary or president and have not received a copy of your roster from the office for comparison on your lists, let me know so we can get these updated.

Thank you!
Jennifer

IN MEMORIAM



Charles R Anderson
Brian J Busch
Terry A Wade

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.

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- 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
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October 9, 2026
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(Served by Drum Corp)



NOVEMBER

November 13, 2026
Turkey, Gravy,
Dressing, Mashed
Potatoes, Green Beans,
Salad, Roll & Dessert - **$20**
(Served by Mariners)



DECEMBER

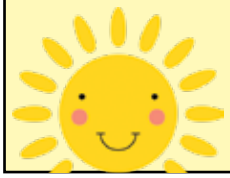
December 11, 2026
Swedish Meatballs, Egg
Noodles, Mixed Vegetables
Salad, Roll & Dessert - **$20**
(Served by Minnesota River Valley SC)



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.

ZUHRAH SHRINERS ELECTIONS & ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Zuhrah Shriners, a non-profit association of Shriners International, an Iowa Corporation, and of Zuhrah Temple Trustees, incorporated, a Minnesota Corporation, will be held at 6:30 pm on Friday, January 8, 2027, at Zuhrah Shrine Center, 6120 Blue Circle Drive, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55343.

Notice is further hereby given that the election of the officers of Zuhrah Shriners and of the Directors of Zuhrah Temple Trustees, incorporated, and the transaction of such other business as may come before that meeting, will be held on Friday, December 11, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at Zuhrah Shrine Center, 6120 Blue Circle Drive, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55343.

In accordance with the Bylaws of Shriners International, § 325.11 Election Regulations:
(a) Electioneering. A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine Temple may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a resume consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulation or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email or other devices by a unit, club Noble, or a group of Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the Temple is prohibited.

Upcoming Zuhrah Events

October



3rd – Camel Crawl!
9th – Zuhrah Stated Meeting
11th – MN Valley Pancake Breakfast
17th – 18th – Ladies Auxiliary Gift Sale
24th – Zuhrah Ceremonial
Followed by Oktoberfest Event
25th – Legion Patrol Omelet Brunch
27th – Unit & Club Heads
31st – Halloween Party



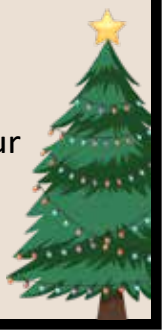
November

13th – Zuhrah Stated Meeting
14th – First Ladies Blanket Making
14th – Veteran's Day Banquet
24th – Unit & Club Heads
26th & 27th – Zuhrah Office Closed
~ Happy Thanksgiving~
27th – Bunco



December

4th – First Day of Hanukkah
~ Happy Hanukkah~
5th – Hosting Breakfast with Santa
11th – Zuhrah Stated Meeting
With Elections
13th – Horse Patrol Breakfast
18th – Christmas Lights Display Tour
22nd – Unit & Club Heads
24th & 25th – Office Closed
~ Merry Christmas~



(b) Expenditures Prohibited. The expenditure of money for gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited.
(c) Violation. For any violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the officers void and order a new election.
(d) Notice. At least one week prior to the Annual Meeting or any election, the Temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.

Respectfully submitted,
Jon R. Pavola, P.P.
2026 Zuhrah Recorder



BOO BASH

Thursday, October 15
5:30PM - 7:00PM

Join us for some Halloween fun!
215 Radio Drive, Woodbury, MN 55125

Come dressed in costume or choose from donated options from Spirit Halloween.

Please RSVP to:
childlifetc@shrinenet.org
Questions? 612-718-2311

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Trunk or Treat

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Shriners Children's
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Questions?? email - heather.mewhinney@gmail.com



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2026 Indoor Fish Tournament













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A famous painter was doubting how good he was, and in looking for public affirmation, that he was as good as he was acclaimed to be, so he took the painting and displayed it in the public square with a sign that said; "if you find a mistake place an X on the mistake that you found."

When he returned that evening his painting was literally covered in X's. Devastated, he took his painting home and showed a friend what the public thought of his work. In consoling the painter, his friend told him to repaint the painting just as he had done before. Then take it back down to the square where he set it up again. He placed a sign with brushes and paints that stated; "if you find an error, please feel free to correct it."

Upon his return he found the paints, brushes and the painting were untouched. Not everyone understands and given the opportunity, most wouldn't or couldn't correct your progress.

Ranch

Life keeps going on here and we've started preparing for the coming winter. Lack of moisture this summer left pastures drier than normal, and we will be keeping rotation on pastures once the frost arrives as the nutritional value of the grass changes making it more of a….. desirable vegetation.

Stewardship afforded another couple of days to brush cut and remove old fencing along 92 north of the entrance. This will be the last phase of our pipe fence construction under this contract and will allow access to the north pasture for the front herd.

Hay Shed filled quickly this summer, and our vendor has enough hay to cover the contract. Stables feeds around 14-15,000 bales through the year and can shelter half of that. Fortunately, the supplier will bring hay as we need it during the hard winter months of Jan-March.

Mpls Mounted Police Patrol had a Grand Finale in late August where they gathered and took horses on one last trail ride through the park. With friends, family and Minneapolis Police Chief along with a few staff, had a ceremony commemorating the horse's service and retirement from the Mpls Mounted Patrol Unit. Lots of reminiscing and emotions swept o're the crowd.

Horsemen Stables acquired some artwork from an avid supporter of Shrine Horsemen since last we conversed. Several of the pieces have been on display in and around the common areas of Horsemen Stables. Prompting members to bring more artwork which has found a new home.

Fundraising

BARN BASH, our 4th Annual Fund Raiser, so come out and enjoy an evening at the Ranch! Hard to believe it is a little over a week away as you read this article. The menu was changed, then augmented, to accommodate guests and staff.

Huge thank-you to our vendors and sponsors as this article is published. Dining again will be set up in the indoor arena around the dance floor and provide everyone illumination, good footing, less mosquitoes.

So, October 17th you penciled in Horsemen's BARN BASH on your calendars. We look forward to seeing you at Horsemen Stables for another FANTASTIC night of music and comradery.

Cowboy Breakfast for our final quarter, will be on Dec. 13th. 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.

During breakfast, we offer horse rides, a hay wagon, a 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 the upcoming year ***2027 Cowboy Breakfasts:***

March 14th, June 13th, Sept. 12th, Dec 12th, 2027

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HORSEMEN STABLES

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By the time this is published the Funsters will have participated in 15 parades throughout the region due to the hard work of our Program Director, Gerald Brandt (Ernie). We hosted the Easter Egg Hunt and did 6 shows at the Hennepin County Fair. The Joeys showed up in good numbers for each event. This Winter we are working on graphics design and a wrap for our shiny new Golf cart to clown it up. While our numbers of Joeys is strong, we are always looking for someone who want to explore that world of glowing, whether it be a Shriner, Shrine Lady or Shrine Children. You show us an interest, and we will help you achieve your wishes. So give it some thought!!

Snappy (Dave Olsen)
President





















And the Zuhrah Drum Corps ends its 125th year parade season! Our last parade was the Kolacky Days Parade in Montgomery, Minnesota back in July. I'm sure as many of you have experienced this has been quite a long hot summer. We had a few parades where the temperatures were in the 90's and this parade in Montgomery was no exception. A blazing sun as well as high humidity. Luckily, Cindy was thinking and brought along towels that we soaked with ice water and wrapped them around our necks as we marched the parade. We each brought along a bottle of water, not only for the parade but for the long wait we had before we stepped off; we were the second to the last unit in the parade.

With our motto in mind: We March So Kids Can Walk, and a cheer for "Here's to GiGi!" We made our way down the streets of Montgomery. It was a struggle near the end, but we got through it. We did have one minor casualty, at the end of the parade, Capt. Josh was overwhelmed by the heat and had to take a break. With more water to drink and sitting in his car with the air conditioning on, he was able to recover.

As we gathered at the end of the parade, we downed more cold water from the ice-filled cooler and placed the wet towels on our heads to add to the relief from the heat.

Upcoming Events:

Camel Crawl 2026

Our last event of the year will be the Camel Crawl 2026 in Montgomery, Minnesota that will be held on October 3, 2026.

Veterans Day:

Thank you for your Service: Josh Sorenson, Navy; Mike Leier, Army; Joe Toth, Army; John Gomez, Army.

We wish all our family, friends and Nobles of Zuhrah a Happy Thanksgiving.









Welcome To Minnesota Valley Shriners Club



Fall is here, and the MVSC Fall Pancake Breakfast is ready to bring everyone together on October 11 at the Savage American Legion! Come rain or shine—though sunny is certainly the hope—for a wonderful morning of hot pancakes, coffee, friendship, and fun. Be sure to enjoy the Ladies' Best Bake Goods, showcasing what South of the River has to offer. Members and guests are also invited to our monthly Dinner in October at Gary's Supper Club in Lakeville, or November at Casper's in Eagan. It's another great chance to enjoy good food, great fellowship, and the wonderful people who make MVSC special!

Reach out to MVSC President John Hurkman for Event Details.

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STEEL DRUM BAND

This year we participated in 9 parades including travel to Grand Forks for the MSA weekend in addition to performing at the Zuhrah Ice Cream Social. We closed out the year in Dassel Minnesota.

Our continued mission is now more realistically than ever contingent on attracting new members. If not enough panners or someone to drive the van our ability to realistically take part in future parades will be jeopardized. We cannot exist without the funds that the parades provide. As such we encourage new members to join our ranks and partake in this enjoyable and fulfilling experience and help continue this tradition. Prior music experience again is not required. Members can also join us on the float as "shakers" (players of Maracas or Tambourines) for a more robust appearance helping to engage the crowd and maintain our proud place as one of the most requested units in Zuhrah Shrine.

Our next unit meeting tentatively will be 9AM on October 3rd at the Plymouth Masonic Lodge 160. If interested in attending or joining, please contact Bill Rosenberg (612-770-5744) or Hal Resnikoff (602-751-4393).

A somewhat melancholy state of mind with the realization that our parade season has finally come to an end. It's a special feeling when the members of our unit or any other parade unit join together for the noble cause of raising funds to help support Zuhrah Shrine. The endless arrangements, the time commitment, the road travel pale in comparison to the camaraderie and closeness we feel in achieving this common goal.

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As previously indicated the Ceremonial Unit was dark during the months of July and August but has remained active with past and upcoming events.

On July 21st a group of 37 Nobles attended a Saint Paul Saints game. Despite a 13 to2 loss we had a great time with great service and amazing seats.

On September 11th our unit will have the honor of serving dinner at the next stated meeting.

According to our Potentate Illustrious Sir Steven Scheffert, our next Ceremonial will be on October 24th at 3 PM with an Oktoberfest event to follow.

In the months ahead we have a number of potential events on our agenda:

There will be a production of Arsenic & Old Lace presented by Sidekick Theater and sponsored by the Bloomington Area Shrine Club at the Minnesota Masonic Heritage Center on Sunday October 4th, 2026. Schedule includes brunch at 11:30 AM and showtime at 1 PM. Asked by past potentate Illustrious Sir Adrian Skytland to encourage interested Nobles to attend.

A fall dinner is in the discussion stages, where our unit can gather as a group in a social setting with the added goal to potentially include and welcome new members to Zuhrah Shrine. We need and encourage new members to carry on our tradition!

And to end the year our Holiday Party will be on December 15th at the Medina Entertainment Center.

As indicated previously, the Ceremonial Unit plays a special role in our Temple. We help welcome new Nobles and participate in 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.

Our unit meetings will resume the 3rd Tuesday of the month on September 15th.









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Ho Ho Area
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Hello Rod and Gunners,

Seems hard to believe we are prepping for fall hunting already. Where did summer go?

The family fun day of shooting went very well. We had four members of the Rod and Gun Club show up to share firearms and BBQ a nice lunch. We shot a variety of firearms including: an M1 Garand, AR-15 platform rifle, .38 spl. revolver, Government 1911 in .45 ACP, a Glock in .40 S&W, and a couple of .22 rifles. It was fun to shoot a firearm type that you don't own. Much like taking your buddies motorcycle around the block. When you get back you have a great big grin and are dreaming of getting your own motorcycle. There will be a few photos of this fun event at the end of the article.

Our August meeting night fell on the first day of summer MSA. We didn't hold a monthly meeting in August because some members were attending Midwest and others were busy with different summer events. I was able to drive my new (new to me) Willys Jeep in both parades up in Grand Forks. The crowd was very appreciative of the Shrine being in town and holding a parade for them.

August 29th was Zuhrah's Indoor Ice Fishing Tournament held at the ZSC. The Rod and Gun Club assisted with the event where over 50 people attended. The big winner was Sean Savage from Birak Shrine Club. He caught 10 fish with a total weight of 19 pounds! Congratulations Sean!! Our very own Jennifer came in second place with 5 fish and 13 pounds total. Third place went to Brenda Wilcox with 5 fish and 10.5 pounds of weight. A big thank you to everyone who participated in making this event a success.

September's monthly meeting took place on a huge pontoon on Lake Mille Lacs! We had 26 people onboard for over four hours fishing and boating around. About half-way through our President Robin grilled a yummy dinner of burgers and brats right there on the boat! This event was open to friends and family. We even had a couple of Antique Cars Club members there with us. All went very well with great weather and smooth motoring. This boating/fishing excursion in October has become a bit of a Rod and Gun tradition, one we will most likely continue.

We will elect our 2027 Officers at our October 14th meeting. Then one more meeting in November, December will bring our annual Christmas party and Officer installation. This is a well-attended event with a yummy catered dinner of fried chicken, ribs, mashed potatoes, gravy, veggies and of course desserts!

Fall sports and hunting season is upon us. Please be safe in all your outdoor adventures. Now is the time to borrow some more money from your neighbor ;)

Be safe out there and introduce a child to the great outdoors, keep the outdoor excitement going into the next generation.

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Secretary Scott with an AR-15 style rifle during Family Fun Day of Shooting August 1st.



Rod and Gun Club Secretary Scott driving in the Midwest parade with brother Michael as navigator.



Rod and Gun Club member Stuart with his guests on board the launch September 9th.



Rod and Gun member Steve with an M1 Garand built in the 1950's



Rod and Gun member Todd trying his hand with the M1 Garand.



Rod and Gun member Brad giving the AR a try.



Rod and Gun Club member Craig (foreground) waiting for the launch to well, launch.

Birak Shrine Club Otter Tail Lakes Area





It's been a busy summer, filled with Club and Kar Kor events and parades. We're looking for a less stressful Fall season and maybe some fun family events too.

Election of Officers took place Monday, October 5 (after the article was sent for publication) for both the Club and Kar Kor. A report of the newly elected group will be published in the next edition.

Several members fried the fish and attended the Zuhrah annual indoor fishing contest and fish fry at the Shrine Center August 29. We even had winners in the contest as Brenda Wilcox placed third, and Corinna and Sean Savage placed first, winning a Blackstone grill.

Other events also on August 29, we fried hamburgers for Old Town Bar & Grill at the Clitherall Day, and the parade group performed in the city-wide celebration in Richville.

Upcoming: we are looking into the possibility of sponsoring a charter bus trip to Duluth in December, which would be open to the public. Details to be worked out at our board meeting. Also, our officer installation will take place January 23, 2027, with a site yet to be determined.

KAR KOR-We traveled to Crookston August 13 to participate in the MSA parade. Some members stayed Thursday night in Grand Forks to enjoy the hospitality rooms and some Friday events, while four of us returned that night after the oasis.

Looking forward to the beautiful fall colors, but not so much the white stuff that follows later this year.

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Rod and Gun Club members helped out with the Ho Ho Corn and Steak Feed August 7th. We were tasked with grilling over 100 steaks. This is one of the biggest events held at the Zuhrah Shrine Center. The corn and steaks turned out great!

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