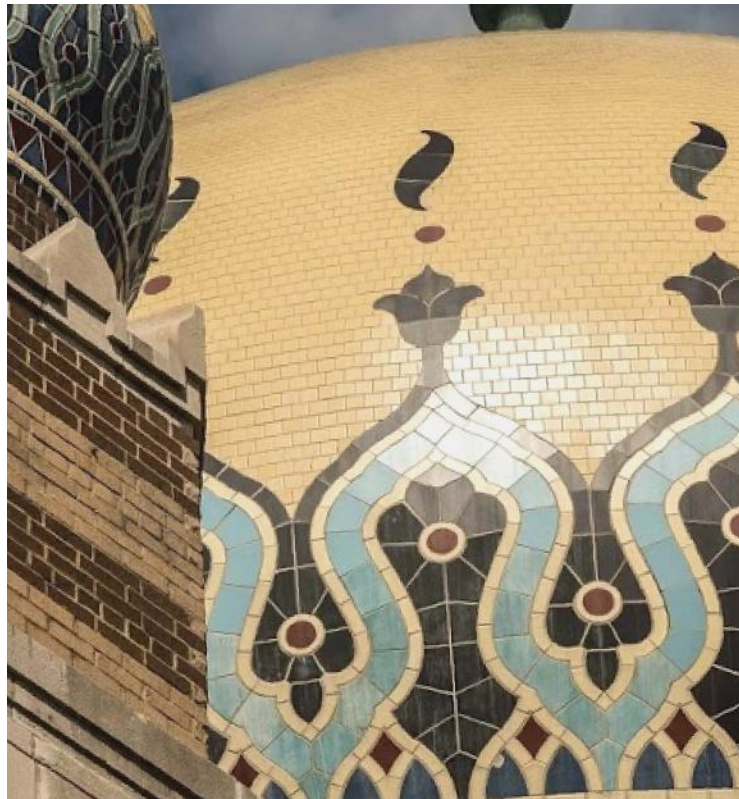


April 2020

Tripoli Shriners Tattler



Upcoming Events:

Due to the current situation we will be cancelling all meetings and events for the Month of April.



Potentate's Message

Rick Kingstad

Nobles, Ladies, friends and families

I hope you all are well. The world has taken a new turn that we have little and no experience in. I urge all of you to try to follow the local national guidelines that have been shared with us. Tripoli has cancelled and postponed meetings and gatherings through at least April. The office is just barely occupied. My Lady and I, PP's and Divan are here as often as possible. Sorry, but, we are not conducting tours or events while the rest of the world is on hold. However, we are doing Friday Fish Fry. It is being sold at cost. We accept cash or check only for payment on fish fries. You MUST call ahead to place an order. It is TO GO ONLY between 4pm - 5:30pm. At this point we are offering fried or baked fish. Again PLEASE CALL AHEAD on Wednesday or Thursday between 10:00AM and 2:00PM. The number to call is 414-933-4700. If there is no answer please leave a message in the Potentates mailbox. Leave your name, phone number and your order amount. The office has a skeleton crew of volunteers. We are trying to answer all calls, please be patient during this time. We are doing the best we can under the current circumstances. We will get better as time passes.

We recently had a Foreigner concert at the Riverside Theater. It was well attended by the public. Foreigner has chosen to be a benefactor to our Shrine Children's Hospitals and they donate a portion of their proceeds to them. A group of nobles helped at the concert selling CD's and giving a raffle ticket for a chance to win a guitar signed by the band members. We sold quite a few CD's, also had a lucky winning couple take home a guitar. This was the last public event that had a gathering of Shriners here in Milwaukee. Kudos to all of you who braved exposure to the public, not thought to be serious at the time. None of us have had any issues arise from that evening however, the Great Toilet Paper challenge has shown up. Went to the store this morning to get dog food and saw a mysterious glow coming from a nearby aisle. Wandered over and there to behold were full shelves of shiny, gleaming packages of toilet paper. We didn't hoard and only took one package that was rapidly becoming a necessity.



Reach out to our fellow Nobles and families. We don't always think of them and now may be a good time to just say "Hi Noble." A familiar voice could be just the ticket to a friend who hasn't been out for a bit.

"And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise."

Luke 6: 27

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

Ps. 133:1-3

We make out earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a subordination and obedience to government and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large.

Just a couple of inspirational quotes I found in an old Masonic Bible that was gifted to me many years ago.

Lastly, be safe. Do the right things. Remember to wash your hands. Order fish fries and toilet paper is making a comeback!

Fraternally,
Rick Kingstad, Potentate 2020

Chaplain's Corner

Ron Hack

April 2020

In February, I talked about change and how we respond to it. Little did we know what was on the horizon for us. The Corona Virus and social distancing has changed our world. We no longer are able to meet or socialize. I know many of us are feeling isolated and alone. Many are afraid for their loved ones battling this disease or who are caring for patients or keeping the facilities running and clean. Many of us feel helpless and afraid of what is to come. It's hard to face adversity alone. Reach out to others via Facebook or other social media. Give someone a call. Follow your church services on TV.

And you are not alone, God is always with you. In Isaiah 41:10, He says, "Do not fear, for I am with you: do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you: I will help you: I will hold onto you with my righteous right hand."

I'd like to share a prayer for these uncertain times from I Love Psalms:

Stay Home Wash Your Hands Stay Healthy

Blessings,
Ron Hack



Dear Lord, I pray that you will take my spinning mind and calm it. I pray that you take my pounding heart, my clammy hands, my brain that's continually overthinking and give me peace. Peace to understand that there are things I cannot change. Peace to accept your promise rather than the impermanence of this world. When I'm crushed by my fears, remind me of Your power and Your grace. Fill me with your peace as I trust in You and You alone. I know I can't beat this on my own, but I also know that I have You Lord, and You have already paid the ultimate price to carry my burdens. For this I thank you. In his Holy name, I pray. Amen.



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In Memoriam

Our beloved Brethren live on in new and more glorious life and service. We carry their influence in our lives and their memories in our hearts. They are not forgotten.

Name	Date	City	Age	Member Since
Gene Johnson	03/11/2020	Waukesha	92	05/12/1964
Lawrence Presnell	03/17/2020	New Berlin	94	06/06/1981

Well Done Good and Faithful Servant.

Nobles, Ladies and Friends of Tripoli:

It is with a heavy heart that we inform you of the passing of Noble Lawrence O. (Larry) Presnell. He passed away on March 17, 2020. Please keep his Lady Yvette and all of his family in your prayers. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Also, please beware of the following announcement from the funeral home concerning services for Noble Gene Johnson which were scheduled for Friday, March 20, 2020:

In light of the COVID-19 public health crisis, SERVICES ARE POSTPONED AND WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

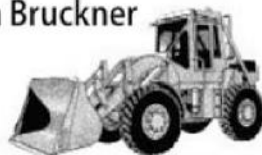
Sincerely,

Rick Kingstad

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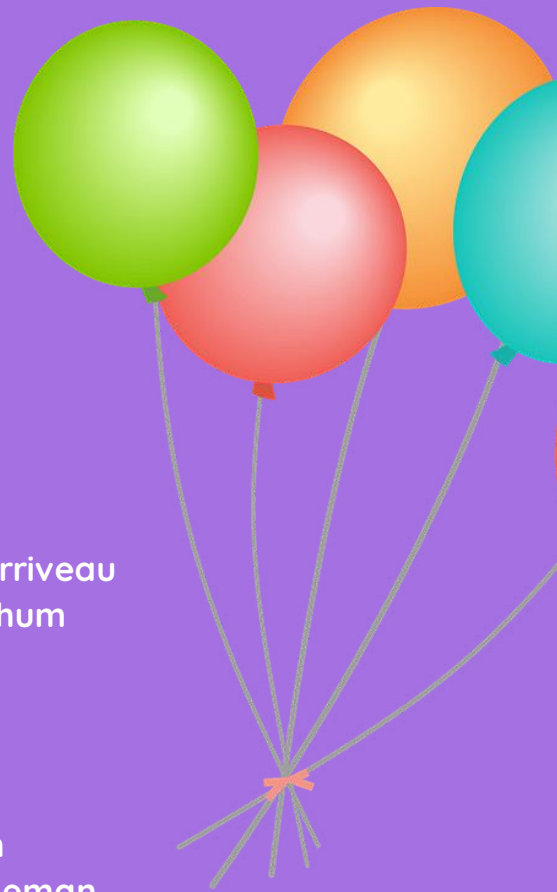
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04/05
Charles G Niebler
David R Schaber
Paul J Lenz
Lester E Zimmer

04/06
Clyde W Shipman
Robert L Worth
James P Matson

04/07
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Neale R Block
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Gary N Nelson
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04/10
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Franklin D Di Vilio
Grant Walden

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Thomas Templeman
Jason P Walden

04/22
Robert E Eckert

04/23
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SWEET VIDALIA ONIONS



Onion Update

New tentative delivery date is
Thursday, May 21st

This is pending if Safer at Home is still in place on May 1st.
We still need unit/club onion and dressing counts
so we are ready when the time comes.

Please double check your selling location to find
out if the 21st is still good to sell at that location.

ALL CLUB & UNIT HEADS

ATTENTION

Please send current
contact information to the recorder at
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Chicago SHRINERS HOSPITAL for CHILDREN

On Wednesday, March 11, 2020, Princesses Nancy Ryburn, Daylene Bain and I traveled to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Chicago, Illinois to deliver items collected by Daughters of the Nile Shelomoth Temple No. 106, for the children.



Pictures were taken of the presentation and Dan expressed a heartfelt thank you on behalf of the hospital and children for all of the wonderful items presented by our Temple. We also looked over the "Golden Book". The book lists names of Shriners who have made contributions to the hospital.

By: Maria Boyer-Jensen,
Queen, Shelomoth Temple No. 106



Daniel K Winter, Development Officer of the hospital, greeted us and accepted the many boxes of toys, coloring books, gift cards and reading books we brought for the children.



Twin Cities SHINERS HOSPITAL for CHILDREN

How about a feel-good story?!?!?

When you have time, take a moment and reflect back to when you were 8 years old. Nothing was better than riding your bicycle, and a whole day riding your bike to new areas and discovering new things was a day well spent. Back then it seemed like the most fun you could have and the most independence you could possess was all wrapped up in one package with two wheels. For children who have adaptive needs, the picture might be a little different. Meet Zoey. Zoey is an 8-year-old who has been coming to Shriners Hospitals for Children – Twin Cities to address her medical needs for Cerebral Palsy. Cerebral Palsy is group of disorders that affect movement and motor skills, along with muscle tone or posture.

"I am riding this bike all the way back to Iowa!"

Zoey is unable to ride a traditional bike due to her limited balance and weakness in her legs, but recently she received an adaptive bicycle, which are made in locally and paid for by the generous donations of Shriners like you. The picture below was taken when Zoey received her new Freedom Ride and before leaving with her new bike she proudly claimed, "I am riding this bike all the way back to Iowa!"

"Zoey is unable to ride a traditional bike due to her limited balance and weakness in her legs."



If ever get the chance to meet Zoey, you'll discover she has enough resilience to do just that! After a little practice and much determination, Zoey is now able to ride her bike all by herself, and that beautiful smile of hers has become even brighter!

Thank you for letting me share this.

Matthew Wright

SHC-Twin Cities Hospital Representative



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ALL OF US ARE NEEDED

Hi Nobles! The nation is calling on everyone to *work together* to beat this horrible virus that has affected our world. My response to this call has been, "Shouldn't we be *working together* all the time?" Think about it. Whether it's our professional world or our private lives, we all depend on others and because of that, we all must *work together* to make the world go around. For the Nobles of Tripoli, most of us work together when the Temple needs us. When the circus comes to town, we *work together* to make it a great show for our fans. When it's time for Sportsman Night, many of us *work together* to make the night a successful fundraiser. The Festival of Trees is enjoyed by hundreds of people, and like Sportsman Night, several Nobles *work together* – for several months beforehand – to make that time of the year a very enjoyable occasion. Yes, every Temple will have those "ho-hummers" who will bark, "Yeah, but it's always the same few people who do all the work!" That statement needs some reflection.

Perhaps instead of focusing on the "work" that needs to be done, maybe we need to reflect on our capabilities and how we can contribute?

By reflecting on our capabilities and contributions, we can then focus on all the things we can do for each other, thereby accomplishing everything that needs to be done for an event. For instance, one of my bestest buddies at the Shrine is - I won't say he's old.....I'll say he's.....a 'well-seasoned' veteran of the Shrine; and my buddy used to come to the circus and the Festival of Trees, but due to fact that he's 'well-seasoned' he cannot do much of the physical work he used to do, and you could tell this would often make him feel down.

Perhaps instead of focusing on the physical things he can no longer do, he should focus on what he does do for others or simply put, how he can contribute?

Whenever I saw my buddy at the circus, I'd receive a huge "Hi Matt!" or when I'm at the Festival of Trees, he'd tell me, "You're doing a good job Matt!" Those simple words he offered ALWAYS brought a smile to my face and instantly made me feel better. Hey, come to think of it, isn't that our first job as Shriners - to bring smiles to people's faces? Anyway, although my 'well-seasoned' buddy can no longer perform the physical work he used to do at Tripoli, I wish he would realize that life has now given him a new job at the Shrine and he's great at it! There's no denying that getting the physical work done is important, but the words of encouragement, the acknowledgements, the smiles, the handshakes (or the elbow bumps we're supposed to do now) – all of those are just as important. How many times have you heard someone say, "I did all this work and didn't even receive a thank you!" There are many Nobles in the Shrine all around the world who are 'well-seasoned' and may feel they're no longer needed because they can't do the physical things they used to, **but nothing could be further from the truth** – especially during these times where people all around the globe are experiencing a phenomenon they could have never imagined!!! During this time, our 'well-seasoned' Nobles are more important than ever because they have knowledge to share, experience to offer and encouragement to give. People who think the economy is bad, didn't live through the during the depression; some of our Nobles have and they can reassure us that things will be ok.

(continued)

People who have never seen so many people get sick and succumb to an invisible enemy, didn't live through the smallpox outbreak or tuberculosis; some of our Nobles have and they can remind us that all life is precious, and every day is a gift. Look, I didn't want this article to get depressing, we have too much of that already! Bringing this full circle, **ALL OF US ARE NEEDED** and changing our mindset can be the first step. Instead of stating "We have 'this or that' event and we need Nobles to work the event!", we can start by changing our rhetoric and state, "We have an event coming up and **ALL OF US ARE NEEDED** and everyone can contribute!" Flipping the coin and performing a little self-reflection, I need to tell my buddy how much I appreciate what he does for me and for Tripoli and how much I miss seeing him! Maybe then I will see him again at the circus and the Festival of Trees.



Simply changing our ways of thinking is a start, because a thought turns into an idea, and an idea turns into a plan, and a plan turns into an action, and an action....well, you get the picture. Before the first brick was laid to build Tripoli, the Temple has needed every Noble to ensure its beginnings. Before this virus infected the world, Tripoli has needed every Noble to carry on our traditions, and when this infection upon world eventually passes, Tripoli will continue to need every Noble to endure the repercussions and ensure its survival! **Tripoli is not a building on Wisconsin Avenue - it's Brotherhood. It's a community. It's a family.**

Matthew Wright
Assistant Rabban



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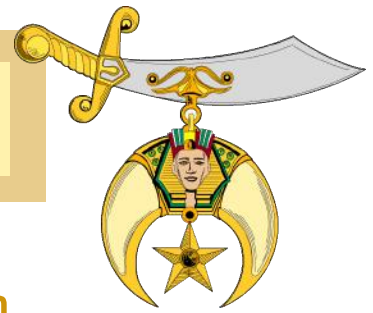
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FOREIGNER

Tripoli nobles were in attendance at the Foreigner concert on 3/11 selling CDs and a chance to win an Epiphone signed by Foreigner.



DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE



Shelomoth Temple No. 106

Working together to benefit Shriner's Hospital for Children

Hello, The last few weeks have been difficult and many decisions have been made to keep our members, friends and family safe. Our election session in March was canceled and our Queen has cast ballots on behalf of our current line officers. That being said I am please to introduce myself as Queen Elect of Shelomoth Temple.

I'd love for you all to know me a little better and when we meet again come say Hi!!! I joined Daughters of the Nile for one reason - I strongly believe in our mission of supporting the Shriners Hospitals for Children. I was Queen in 2015 and look forward to leading our Temple once again. I have ideas and plans on how to grow that partnership with the hospitals. While plans are on hold for the moment we will be together again. For the time being I am working on creative ways to stay informed and involved!

I have a wonderful husband of 21 years, Bryan and two awesome kids, Kailey - 10 and Tyler - 6. The crown I will be wearing this year was picked out by Kailey and I, as we hope to one day share it when Kailey joins Daughters of the Nile.

Family is very important to me and I love that my children are growing up with philanthropy in their lives!! I am a nurse and work on the medical floor at Waukesha Memorial Hospital. Helping others is my passion and I find true joy in being a nurse. I wear a smiley face name badge every day - one, our Supreme Queen for this upcoming year has named us the Nile Smile Queens but most importantly I started wearing the smile to bring a little sunshine into each patient room I visit. Smiles are contagious and young/old alike no one likes to be hospitalized.

Our planned installation needed to be cancelled and we will be installing our elected officers virtually as soon as possible. The remaining officers will be installed once we are able to meet in person again.

Be safe and stay strong - we WILL get through all of these difficult times and I believe we will be stronger!! Reach out to me with any questions - I am here for YOU and for our kids at Shriners Hospitals for Children!

Much love and Nile smiles,
Jenna Gapinski
Queen Elect
jkgjewelry@hotmail.com
262-420-7323 cell

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NEXT

UNITS

Mystic Brewers

Brewers, Winemakers, and Tasters.

I suspect the last few weeks most of us have been leaning towards the tasting part of our unit to help us cope through these difficult times. But this is really a good time to work on making some brew to share and celebrate at a future time when this craziness is behind us. I am pleased to inform you that Mystic Brewers will be considered as one of the charter members of the new Taproom Association currently being formed by Shriners International. We will have to vote on this at our next get together. This new Taproom Association is also making plans for us to meet in Kansas City to discuss our organization. It is hoped that our association will be approved at the Imperial Session. Part of the discussions will be on the topic of holding tasting competitions, by laws, officers and annual meetings. More will be shared as soon as we can all meet and raise a glass. If you are interested in joining our club, please drop me a note and I will add you to our contact list. Ladies are welcome to join too. Be safe!

Cheers...Bob Capen – Brewmaster
bobcapen@sbcglobal.net

Onions

Our last onion meeting is April 1st at 6:00 We need all counts of onions , & dressings. We also need the locations with address your selling at and the hours you'll be there.

Please E-mail me at taschlicht@aol.com or call me at 414-852-3214 with your information if you can not attend this meeting. The onions will be here Thur. April 30th

Good Luck See you soon Tom Schlicht PP

Directors Staff

Directors Staff meeting on March 13th, 2020

Greetings. The directors staff meeting was call to order at 7:20 by Keith Sargent PP. We had 18 members that enjoyed fresh grilled brats and two salads. Thank You Director Rick. About 18 members still haven't paid there dues and April 1st is the deadline. All reports were given, We had lots of discussion on our countries health issues and we all agreed to limit our drinking to only 2 per day. One in the morning and one at night. The meeting was adjured at 8:58.

SDA as of 3-15 is still on

Circus October 2nd - 4th. Let's all be there for the walk on's car shows, June 14th & June 27th.

Remember to wash your hands when ever you can and avoid large crowds if possible. We can all end this together.

Fraternally, Thomas Schlicht PP

Parade

Chocolate Fest parade on Memorial Day has been cancelled.

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UNITS

Hillbilies

Hillbilly April 2020 Tattler Insert

Meeting dates fur 2020 gonna bees on Wednesdays
May 20, July 15, Sept 16 and Nov 18. Dey's
scheduled fur 6:00 begin an' eat food an' meet. Dey
are at Tripoli in da basement down by da Hillbilly
room. Ya-all ought to get down an' meet da new
Hillbillies. Grate time. You'uns should know Clan
50 membership iz open to any Shrine Noble and his
wife. Joining fee is \$40.00. Dats all. No more fees.
dues, nuttin..

Parade dates n' starting times fur da Staff Kar fer
2020 are June 28, Hartland, 1:30 pm; July 4,
Greendale, 9:00 am; July 4, New Berlin, 1:00 pm;
July 12, Bristol, 12:30 pm; July 25, S. Milwaukee,
11:00 am; July 26, Dousman, 11:00 am; Aug 30,
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Dats All Honor the Cob: Cuz Gary

Transportation

March started out as a crazy month. We had four
scheduled appointments to start. Three of them
needed the rental van as the patients were in wheel
chairs. To compound this a few of my drivers were
Snowbirding it in Florida and one was home
recuperating from surgery. I just about had it figured
out when the virus hit. All elective appointments are
canceled. Now, all of a sudden I had nothing to
do. Of course the universe couldn't let that happen
and on Monday, March 16th one of our patients had
an emergency and required surgery. The hospital
gave his mom 2 dates, Tuesday at 9:30 or
Wednesday at 10:00. After co-ordinating with his
mother we opted for Wednesday. It was supposed to
be a day surgery if all went well. We got there a little
early and checked in. Then we sit and wait. They
finally took him in to surgery at 11:30. So we went
and had lunch. Around 3:00 I started to get that funny
feeling. We found his mom in the waiting area. She
said they texted her 40 minutes ago but no one has
come out yet. While we are waiting the doctor came
out and told us the operation went well...but they
thought it would be best to keep him overnight.
Before heading home we told mom we would be
back to pick them up tomorrow around noon.

Frank Foti

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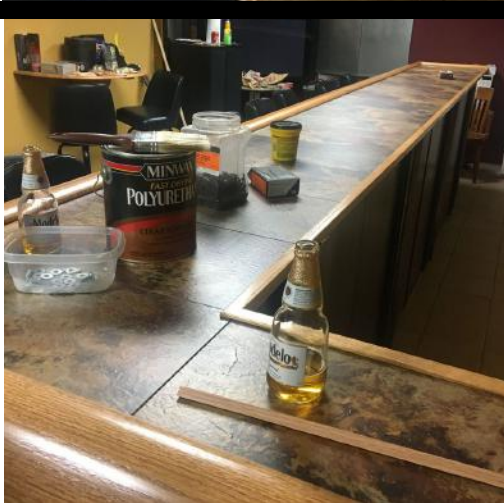
to assist Tripoli through the difficult times ahead.

We encourage you to ask the other units and clubs
in matching our donation, or what ever they can do,
to assist Tripoli.

It is time for the Nobles to rally behind the cause of keeping
Tripoli a strong vibrant organization ready to come back
stronger than ever.



**NexGen has been busy
updating a bar at Tripoli
Shrine Center through the
downtime at the building.**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



NEW CIRCUS DATES

**OCTOBER
2, 3 & 4**

The Tripoli Shrine Circus will be held on October 2, 3 & 4, 2020, at the UW-Panther Arena. We are currently working on our marketing plan and hope to have everything scheduled soon. Watch for more information in the next few months regarding ticket sales and special promotions.



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LAKE COUNTRY, WI

March 26, 2020

By Laurie Stewart

Meet Nathan Devermann!



An Oconomowoc resident, Nathan will be married to Wendy for ten years in May, and they have a cat named Ruxin. Nathan enjoys traveling and is active with several community groups. A blood donor since age 16, Nathan gives blood every eight weeks.

Nathan is an officer at Dousman Masonic Lodge, Director of the Animal Unit at Tripoli Shrine Center in Milwaukee and former President of Waukesha Shrine Club. He has been employed by a Lake Country area healthcare system for 16 years as a food service assistant.

Blood donation is close to Nathan's heart, and we'd like to thank him for talking with us about his Lake Country life and why it is crucial to donate blood at this time.

Q. What has been your experience while donating?

A. "Donating blood is pretty easy and there's no pain. I feel joy that someone in need will receive it, and it's my way of paying it forward."

Q. What would you tell people who are considering donating blood?

A. "Don't be afraid to do it. There's a desperate need for blood due to the Coronavirus pandemic, as well as the time of year with natural disasters."

Q. How long does it take to donate blood?

A. "It varies, but for most people it takes about ten minutes. My donation takes 20 minutes because I give a double red cell donation."

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Q. What inspired you or led you to your current career?

A. "My dad is a family doctor and I wanted to work in healthcare to give back to the community."

Q. Who is the most interesting person you've met here in Lake Country?

A. "Henry Pynakker, my good friend and mentor at the Dousman Masonic Lodge. He is 80 years old."

Q. Even for friends or family, what is something interesting that most people don't know about you?

A. "I am a sixth generation American, and I like heavy metal music."

Blood centers are taking extra precautions to keep donors safe during their appointments, such as temperature checks, wiping down equipment and spacing donors apart. Blood donation efforts are exempt from restrictions on social gatherings because they are considered part of disaster relief.

To schedule an appointment to donate blood with the Red Cross, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. To schedule an appointment with the Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin, visit Versiti.org or call 1-877-BE-A-HERO



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Brethren:

What does it mean to call another man Brother? Do we do it because everyone else in the Fraternity does it or are we obligated to do it?

How is it that two men who have never met can meet on the level and treat each other like Brothers. Before becoming a Mason, I like most people was cautious when meeting strangers. Yet, as a Mason, I can meet a man whom I have never spoken to, about whom I know nothing except that he is a Mason. And that is enough. I am prepared to aid and assist, I trust his word and I will go to the length of my cabletow for this man I have never met.

There is a bond that exists that I cannot explain. It is a feeling that I cannot put into words and yet it is there. Do I always do it? No. This is just one way to say to a Brother, I value you as a Brother and thank you for being part of my family.

I am moved by the acceptance I have found within the Fraternity. The men who I call Brethren are the most honest, most sincere, most caring and most wonderful men I have ever met. I have been a Mason many years and have learned much but still have much to learn. Masonry, if viewed properly, is a way of life.

As we look around the world, we see that hatred has twisted the minds of men and turned brother against brother. We as Freemasons have discovered the most profound secret. We are Brothers under the Fatherhood of the Great Architect of the Universe. **This truth allows each of us to treat one another with dignity, respect and caring. Within the lodge we are all equal. What matters is that the man next to you is a Brother. Our shared experience of being Initiated, Passed and Raised, regardless of our personal religious belief, regardless of our nationality or political opinion, makes us Brothers.**

We hold the profound Truth. What we choose to do with it is up to each and every one of us. Every time we help an individual, every time we live the Masonic teachings, every time we try to live a better Masonic life, we bring a better world closer to reality. The future is what we will make it.

What induced you to become a Mason?

By lost brother, Gene Marcus, Milwaukee #261
submitted by Andy Pachefsky, Antique antiques

Masonic Trestle Board: Through the years, the Masonic Tracing Board progressed to charcoal or chalk on the floor of taverns where lodges were held back in the 1700s. After the lecture, the Stewards or the Entered Apprentice, as a lesson in secrecy, would get a mop and bucket and remove all trace of these drawings.

This, obviously, was a somewhat tedious and messy procedure, so cloths or rugs were created which could be laid onto the floor and simply folded up when the lecture was complete.

Later, these cloths (or rugs) were placed onto a table. As time passed, they were finally hung onto an easel...(a trestle board) much like a drawing board at a construction site where each workman could receive clear instruction as to what his specific participation entailed.

When the team's work was completed, it was obvious that each Master Mason not only understood their specific part in the undertaking, but **how their part (no matter how small), contributed to the construction of the entire edifice** (building).

The meaning of the words "Nothing further remains to be done, according to ancient custom, except to disarrange our emblems" is a reference to the now antiquated use of these trestleboards (or tracing boards) during which the dirt on the ground was erased or the chalk marks on the floor of these lodges was mopped or scrubbed, to leave no trace of the form of the Lodge or the contents drawn thereon.

The reason why our lines of travel are at right angles within the lodge and thus the reason that we "square" the lodge is a "throwback" to the antiquity of the ritual.

If the brethren were to walk atop the markings made in the dirt on hill and vale; atop the chalk on the floor of the taverns; or tread upon and thus soil the cloths or rugs used to provide the workings of that degree, the message of that lecture which was being worked could be partially or fully destroyed.

Therefore, "Squaring the Lodge" in a semi-military-like precision, goes back many centuries as the means of preserving the ritual and the degrees being worked so as not to destroy the symbolism of their markings before their usefulness on that day has been completed.

Official Call of the Potentate:

Nobility of Tripoli



Monthly Stated Meetings

APRIL 8TH - CANCELLED

May 13TH

For the Purpose of Old and New Business Your

Attendance is Urgently Requested

Dinner: 5:30PM - Meeting: 7:00PM

WEAR YOUR FEZ!

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1st Wed. Highlanders, Photo Corps
Freemasons 363 Lodge

1st Thurs. Nathan Hale Lodge

2nd Tues. Lafayette Lodge

2nd Wed. Stated Meeting (except July and Aug.)
5:30 Dinner, 7 PM Meeting

2nd Wed. Shriner's Hospital Committee
(between dinner and Stated Meeting
in Melham Parlor)

2nd Fri. Directors Staff

3rd Mon. Motor Corps Exec. - 6:00 PM
Motor Corps - 7:00 PM
Legion of Honor, Antique Auto

3rd Wed. Highlanders, Hillbillies, Clowns

3rd Thurs. Nathan Hale Lodge

4th Wed. Provost, Freemasons 363 Lodge

4th Fri. Craft Club, 7 PM
DeMolay Unit Meeting

Last Wed. Ring 41 Magicians

Red Fez Schedule

Executive Meetings - 1st Monday - 6:00 PM
(ex. July & August)

Women's Auxiliary

Third Wednesday of each month at Tripoli
For Luncheon and Business Meeting
(ex. July & August)

Daughters of the Nile

Second Saturday of each month at Tripoli for
Meeting and Luncheon—10:00 a.m.
(ex. June & December)

Whitnall Park Shrine Club

4th Tuesday at noon each month at Alioto's



April

Divan Meeting for April 6

Meeting is still scheduled for the 6th for all Divan, Finance and Trustees. For those that cannot meet at Tripoli, a virtual meeting will be in place for those attendees.

All other Meetings have been
CANCELLED

May

5/04 Daylite Lodge
5/06 Freemasons 363 Lodge
5/07 Nathan Hale Lodge
5/09 Director's Staff
5/09 Daughters of the Nile
5/10 Mother's Day
5/12 Lafayette Lodge
5/13 Stated Meeting
5/18 Daylite Lodge
5/20 Women's Auxiliary
5/21 Nathan Hale Lodge
5/22 DeMaloy Lodge
5/27 Freemasons 363 Lodge