

December 2021

# Tripoli Shriners Tattler



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*Merry Christmas*

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# Potentate's Message

## Joseph Brunk

Season's Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

It is official, 2021 really flew by. Luckily we have a couple of FUN events to wrap up the year and move into 2022. As I am writing this message, the Feztival of Trees is in full swing and Tripoli is a hive of activity. Everyone is really working hard to ensure that the Feztival's return - after a year off - is a smashing success and everyone's hard work and planning is really showing!

in December we have the Potentate's Ball (12/4), Stated Meeting Ugly Christmas Sweater (12/8), Children's Christmas Party (12/12) and the famous Tripoli New Year's Eve Party (12/31)! Then in January we have the Tripoli Installation of Officers on (1/15). Please be sure to mark your calendars and attend these events. Photos will be taken on the night of installation of all Divan. Please wear your new FEZ and appropriate attire.

Throughout the year we have thanked numerous nobles and ladies for all of their hard work and kindness. I want to personally express how thankful I am to all the nobles and ladies of Tripoli, you have made the past 11 months a pleasure. It is very difficult to put into words the anxiety one feels when you realize that the next year you will be Potentate; for me it was profoundly humbling to fully grasp what an honor and challenge that year is. It is with that background that I again am having some difficulties finding the right words to express my deepest gratitude for everyone at Tripoli for pulling together during a year full of unknowns and financial uncertainty, handling it with understanding and a "Can Do" grace that is truly inspiring.

I know that next year's calendar already has a stronger focus on having more just-for-fun events; after this year of very hard work, I think everyone is going to really enjoy shifting the focus from recovering financially back to what we do best... having fun together. We should all be proud of what we accomplished this year; by working together we have recovered from the blow delivered by the pandemic and reestablished Tripoli's footing on stable ground. However, an organization like ours cannot grow and thrive by focusing on financials alone, keeping Tripoli a place where people want to go and have fun together is critical to our long term organizational health and growth. In hindsight, I wish I would have planned



more "just for fun" events this year, but I am really excited about all of the great ideas that Matt and Dale already have swirling in their heads and on paper for the next couple years. I would ask that everyone join together to help these men tackle the challenges that Tripoli may face - event planning, fundraising, membership or otherwise - bringing the same zeal with which everyone helped me this year.

Without exception, we have so much to be thankful for and to look forward to down at Tripoli; I hope everyone finds some time over the holidays to slow down and take a personal inventory of all the wonderful things in your life, we are all truly blessed. I for one feel extremely fortunate to have the Tripoli family in my life, I would truly be a poorer version of myself without you-all around me.

I want to wish each of you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and I look forward to seeing everyone's smiling face at the upcoming December events! And don't forget your UGLY Christmas Sweater for the December 8 Stated Meeting. Ladies are invited with the warning that we will be holding elections that day which typically cause the meeting to run a bit longer than normal. There is no organized ladies program for the evening of Dec 8 at this time.

Cheers,

Joe Brunk

# Black Camel



These we do not forget.

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
Dennis J Heck	08/12/2020	Elkhart Lake, WI	77	06/15/1991
John Kuhn	11/01/2021	Racine, WI	92	12/02/1951

Well Done Good and Faithful Servant.

## December



12/01 Fred E Roycraft Wayne E Schwartz Joseph M Scites William G Hahnfeldt Jonathan Ziegler	12/11 Donald J Hansen	12/19 Walter F Neumann James J Burton Richard A Pfeiffer	12/24 cont. Richard J Young Steven D Bruckner Gary T Sorensen
12/02 Paul E Davies David L Spatcher Richard J Torstenson Jr Charles Alby	12/12 Bernard Picus Glen B Jones Daniel J Stujenske	12/20 Richard B Anderson Richard C Shultis Brian M Swartwout	12/25 Bruce T Haubrich John R Godfrey Michael D Consiglio
12/03 John J Slazas James M Doherty	12/14 Steven J Winters	12/21 Jay L Johnson John D Zitzner Thomas J Freuck Dennis P Webster Geert Henk Touw Michael T Tiernan	12/26 Robert S Drenk
12/05 Kenneth J Savadil John G Gamache Daniel C Christie	12/15 Fred A Gebauer Mark Halliburton Nicholas J DeStefanis	12/22 John A Sandor Robert C Lory Donald E Kuehn	12/27 Martin A Seitz
12/06 Ronald E Van Veghel Joseph Brunk	12/16 Werner Rueckemann Gary R Jablonski	12/23 James H Gename Lee R Hollenbeck David M Bugajski	12/28 Edward L Gorsuch Mark S Patzke
12/08 Jerry Slater	12/17 Malcolm Creighton William S Daniel Richard C Gutowski Bryce Ripp	12/24 Donald A Haas Neal W Jochims Robert D Hall	12/29 Ronald R Buettner Jan Talaga Chris A Luttrell
12/09 Richard M Wood Brandon Queen	12/18 James R Schweitzer Jeffrey L Delaney		12/30 Gene R Halvorson
12/10 Lowell H Scott			12/31 Gerald R Slagoski Jr Peter J Kyriazes

In my final article, talking about the line of succession, where nobles take on each position in line, Oriental Guide, High Priest and Prophet, Assistant Rabban and finally, Chief Rabban - Matt Wright, I will try to give you an idea of what he is made of. Well, he is not made of Spam but does come from the home of spam, Austin, Minnesota and born in 1972. Matt is a very creative person who works for the government which is his own personal dilemma. Actually, he works for the Department of Veterans Affairs. "I realize everyone hates the government and hates government workers, but I do feel I am helping people" Matt said, "and being a veteran myself, I feel my work is somewhat important." He loves to tinker around the house and in his free time he golfs, drives his motorcycle and goes to his uncle's cabin up north near Eau Claire.

He initially joined Freemasonry in 1993 while stationed in Heidelberg Germany, serving in the US Army. That lodge was a Prince Hall Affiliated Lodge. With several bumps in the road, as he said, he took a 14-year hiatus. At the end of that, being a biker, he looked up Freemasons and motorcycles and found the Widow's Sons Masonic Riders Association, which met at Lake Masonic Center in St. Francis. While inquiring about the Widow's Sons, he became reinterested in Freemasonry and became a proud member of Damascus Lodge #290 in 2009. In 2012, he had the honor of serving as Worshipful Master of Damascus Lodge."

Matt became a Shriner in 2010. He originally joined the Highlander Unit but was terrible at playing the drums. While helping the Longriders Unit at the Wisconsin Dells parade, he talked with Past Potentate Keith Sargeant about his little car, and

then he joined the Motor Corps and purchase his own Scarab. He is also a member of the Director's Staff, the Ritualistic Divan, the Animals Unit, The Red Fez, and the Circus Committee. The first Shrine Club he joined was the Waukesha Shrine Club, and recently became a member of Tri-County Shrine club, a member of Milwaukee Caravansera #2, and El Hajj. Matt is also the Shriners Children's Health Clinic - Twin Cities Representative.

When asking him about his wife he could not say enough. Matt and Cathi were married in 2004, shortly after moving to Milwaukee. Matt said, "I love my wife more than life itself, she's my best friend, she makes me laugh, she listens when I'm frustrated, she's supportive when I'm sad, and best of all, she understands that Shrine is my thing." Matt went on "She's supportive when and where I need support, which is often misconstrued by people from previous generations, because others see her absence from events as not being supportive of what I'm doing."

He was passionate when saying "I often do not ask Cathi to come to Shrine events and there are specific reasons why; but to reiterate, if I wanted her to be at an event, she would be there. Again, the Shrine is my thing, and she has her 'things' that she doesn't ask me to participate in, which we believe is healthy for our



relationship."

His goal for his upcoming position as Potentate is to change his thinking. He had gotten caught up in the 'assignment of blame' way of thinking, which is highly corrosive to any team or organization. He said that so many of us get stuck in the exhaustive practice of asking "who's fault is this?" each time a problem occurs. Problems can be solved so much faster if each of us ask "What can we do to fix this?" instead of trying to find out who caused the problem simply to assign blame. Not only that, but he said each time we fix a problem together, it builds comradery, and the team becomes better at fixing problems as a group. He also plans to rely on his Brothers more. "I have already learned some important lessons this year, and the most important one is to share my concerns with my fellow Nobles/Brothers. Odds are, the concerns we are having, have occurred many times over in the past; and good Nobles have already asked the important question 'what can we do to fix this problem' and





solved the same concerns I'm having many times over," said Matt. He hopes his change of thinking will encourage others to reflect on their own way of thinking. "Many of our Nobles seem to be stuck in the past and what is worse, dwell on the past. Too many times we hear 'we've already tried that...' or 'we've done that in the past...' or worst yet, 'I'm still upset about what happened back in 19\*'" Matt explained to me. "It's all in the past and water underneath the bridge. That type of thinking is particularly frustrating when we encourage our younger Nobles, in age or age as a member, to present new ideas and programs; but then reply to those Nobles with comments from the past". Everyone has heard the saying, 'Timing is everything...' and the reason an idea or an event may fail is simply due to wrong timing. Not only that, but successes don't often happen instantly. Failures are lessons, lessons that need to be examined by asking questions, and the first question to ask is, "what can we do or what needs to be done to fix the problems?" Matt answered "When talking about the persistent challenge of membership, remembering and constantly bringing up the fact that Tripoli once had 8,000 Nobles does nothing to help fix the membership problem, but asking what techniques



they used back then or the lessons they learned to build up the membership to that level would be helpful. Again, let's not live in the past, but remember the lessons learned from the past, and use those lessons to better our future."

In the near future, Matt hopes to see himself with a Master of Science degree that he has been working hard on the last couple of years. He has had to miss practically every parade, with the Motor Corp, the last couple of years because he needed to take summer classes. He has only one class left and has to decide whether to put it off until 2023 or see if he can fit into his busy schedule as

Potentate. "To successfully complete that class in 2022, I'll need all the assistance and encouragement I can get from the Nobility. I sincerely would not be able to do it without them." Matt added.

He finished with "The way the Tripoli Family pulled together during the COVID pandemic in 2020, and the way they continued to provide their support by pitching in to help with our fund-raising efforts in 2021, has truly been inspirational" Matt said, "Due to all the shutdowns, we were forced to reduce fraternal event programming and concentrate our attention on fundraising, simply to maintain our beloved building and keep the lights on. Tripoli is our home, and those that stepped up to help should truly take pride in their efforts. Whether the contribution was large or small, it didn't matter; everyone contributed what they could when it was needed most, and all was appreciated."

Matt's spirit is high going into his new position as Potentate and is so looking forward to having a prosperous and engaging year in 2022.

(photo below is called "Peek a Boo")





# RED FEZ CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY DECEMBER 12th

9:30 am - Entertainment 10:45 am

Pancakes with Santa

featuring

Tripoli Clowns and Tripoli Animals

go to [tripolishrine.com](http://tripolishrine.com)

For more information

contact Patrick Jackson

414-467-3669

Enclosed is check/money order for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the following tickets for

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\_\_\_\_\_ ADULT TICKETS @ \$10.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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AGES: Boy(s) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Girl(s) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

(Tickets will be held at the door and picked up the day of the Party)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ \* Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please remember to list your phone number in case of snow emergency.

Make checks payable to: Red Fez Activities and mail to 3000 W Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee WI 53208





It takes so many people, numerous hours, to get ready for our FEZtival of Trees and here are two that stood out.

### Melinda Winter

Our faithful decorations coordinator spent days getting the shrine to look like a winter wonderland. There is not a spot in the building that does not look festive. Without her and her decorating skills we would not bring in countless return visitors. She plans a year in advance to prepare this wonderful building.



### Karen Schmit

With Jan Capen ill, there was no one willing to get up in the picker and take on the task of decorating our 35' Christmas tree. Karen stepped forward and took the project on. She had help from her elves, Sandy Foti, Sondra Graeven, Carol Dohoney, and many, many more.

**IN 2021**  
THE OPERATING BUDGET  
FOR OUR UNIQUE **AND**  
**COMPASSIONATE**  
HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IS  
**\$1.058 BILLION**

(in millions)  
 **\$600**  
HOSPITAL SERVICES

 **\$37**  
RESEARCH

 **\$44**  
INFORMATION SYSTEMS

 **\$114**  
FUNDRAISING AND SPECIAL EVENTS

 **\$100**  
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND INSURANCE

 **\$96**  
MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

 **\$55**  
DEPRECIATION

 **\$12**  
FUNDS FOR UNANTICIPATED EXPENSES

THE 2021 CAPITAL BUDGET IS  
**\$71.3 MILLION**



**SHRINERS**  
INTERNATIONAL

### TEMPLE FUNDRAISING AT A GLANCE

**196** FUNDRAISING  
EVENTS  
**\$5.2** MILLION  
RAISED

 **52 PAPER  
CRUSADES**  
**\$2 MILLION**  
RAISED

 **23 GOLF  
TOURNAMENTS**  
NEARLY  
**\$300,000**  
RAISED

 **18 FOOTBALL  
GAMES**  
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## VOLUNTEERS



**100+ Volunteers**  
**16 shifts**  
**6 Hours X 30**  
**2,880 hours**  
**& 100 hours**  
**decorating & set up**  
**X 20 = 2,000**

**4,880 Hours of Volunteering!**



Karen Rudolf & Jim Burton



Sue & Larry Wegner







# FEZtival Of Trees Volunteers ♥

We appreciate all the effort that you put into the Fesztival to make it a success. THANK



Alan Soriano  
Alma Johnson  
Bob Capen  
Bob Lijewski  
Bob Manders  
Bob Muehle  
Bonnie Kingstad  
Carrie Soriano  
Carrie Zimmer  
Ceil Klein

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Jane Weise  
Janine Coley  
Jean Laack  
Jeff Smith  
Jeff Stark  
Jenny Goodman  
Jim Cleary  
Jim Goodman  
Joanne Allbaugh

Mary Harker  
Mary Monk  
Mary Schultz  
Melinda Winter  
Marquette HS  
Nancy Bugajski  
Natalie Paalu  
Natasha Behrendt  
Olivia Johnson  
Pathways HS



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Dawn Reece  
Daylene Bain  
Debra Behrendt  
Diana Kiefer  
Diana Kifer  
Diane Zarse  
Don Jensen  
Donna Tess  
Dorothy Cigale  
Dorothy Steingraeber

Joe Brunk  
Joe Mullins  
John Bugajski  
John Orth  
Karen Bishop  
Karen Carpenter  
Karen Schmit  
Kathy Lijewski  
Kathy Manders  
Keith Sargeant  
LaKoss Underwood  
Leo Cigale  
Lorin Jones

Patricia Finger  
Peggy Studenec  
Rhonda Michael  
Richard Berger  
Rick Kingstad  
Rick Loch  
Rita Foster  
Rob Johnson  
Ron Hack  
Rosemarie Shimeall  
Rosemarie Tapper  
Sami Leach  
Sandy Foti



Ellen Crass  
Frank Foti  
Gary Parker  
Gene Reece  
Gene Schmeling  
Gerry Bottichio  
Glen Jones  
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Jan Schmidt

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Lyle Lance  
Lynne Schulz  
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Marsha Scharnek  
Marvin Laack  
Mary Berger  
Mary Croke

Sharon Neitzel  
Sherry Schlicht  
Sondra Graeven  
Stacy Goldnor  
Steve Winters  
Suzanne Rehbein  
Sumner  
Todd Krohn  
Tom Schlicht  
Zak & Lexi Bugajski





# New Year's Eve

# 2021

# Party

RSVP by  
Dec 24

**DECEMBER 31 2021**

Doors Open 6:00 PM

Dinner 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Champagne Toast 12:00

Live Band 8:30-12:30 AM The Dick Strauss Band

Tripoli Shrine Center 3000 W Wisconsin Ave Milwaukee WI 53208

Free childcare will be available on-site. Donations accepted. The kids will enjoy food, movies and activities. Reservation needed by Dec 15. Questions: Damon Albers 414-208-7901

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cost \_\_\_\_ @ \$75.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Seat with : \_\_\_\_\_

Payment options: Check by mail, stop in Tripoli office to pay cash  
or online at [tripolishrine.com](http://tripolishrine.com)

 Tickets





# Facing Challenges with Confidence

## Shriners Hospitals for Children empowers kids with craniofacial conditions

Craniofacial differences can be caused by a combination of genetic and/or environmental factors and are sometimes diagnosed before birth. Our physicians often meet with expectant parents to discuss our approach to cleft lip and/or palate repair and to help them know what to expect after delivery and in their baby's first few months.

Cleft repair at Shriners Hospitals for Children is done by experienced pediatric surgeons. Other members of a child's care team may include speech therapists, audiologists, dentists and dental radiologists, child life specialists and anesthesiologists.



### Finding reassurance

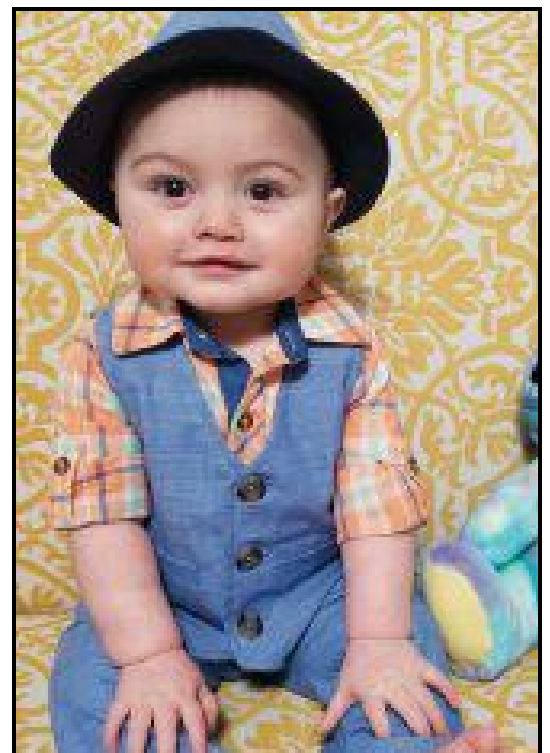
Parents Carly and Max knew their son, Saint, would need cleft treatment even before he was born.

They were referred to Eric Liao, M.D., co-director of the Cleft and Craniofacial Center, a collaboration between Shriners Hospitals for Children — Boston and Massachusetts General Hospital for Children. “We visited Dr. Liao before Saint’s arrival,” Carly said. “We left the appointment not only with an understanding of the anticipated course of action for repairing Saint’s cleft, but also with a sense of reassurance that we were going to get through this.”

Abraham, called “Abie” by his family, was also treated by Dr. Liao at the Boston Shriners Hospital. “As soon as we met the cleft team, we knew we had found the right people to take care of Abie,” his mother, Marcy, said.

Marcy recalled underestimating how dramatic the outcome of Abie’s surgery would be.

“I remember Dr. Liao assuring us that once the repair was made, it would look like it never happened,” she said. “I didn’t think it was possible at the time, but he was right.”







## A Team Effort

Terilyn, 8, is treated by a multidisciplinary team, including craniofacial plastic surgeon David Morris, M.D., at Shriners Hospitals for Children - Chicago.



Their approach helped put the little girl and her mother, April, at ease. “When your child is an infant, the surgeries are hard on you as a parent,” April said. “But now she’s older and she understands what’s happening.”

Repetition at a pre-op appointment helped Terilyn grasp what was coming. “One nice thing about Shriners Hospitals’ approach is that everyone on the team had the same consistent story for Terilyn at that visit,” said April. “Dr. Morris told her everything to expect and asked her if she had questions. Then the psychologist said some of the same information. Then the nurse practitioner talked to Terilyn about her surgery. As a mom, I can see that she’s getting this in her head from that visit because they all shared the same story with her.”

Six weeks later, after surgery, Terilyn was thrilled to get cleared to enjoy her favorite snack. “I’ll go home and probably just have chips and more chips,” she said.

Megan was born with a severe case of cleft lip and palate, as well as hemifacial dysplasia, a condition affecting the growth rate of the bones in her face. Her journey with the Portland Shriners Hospital began when she was 5. The child life team there recognized Megan’s fears and worked closely to help her. The techniques they used empowered Megan, and the fear of hospitals she once had were replaced with confidence. “Shriners is a totally different hospital – in a good way,” said Megan, now 30.

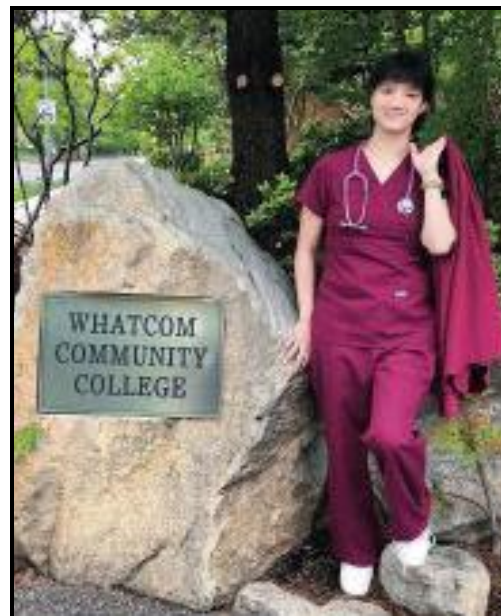
As for Megan, she remained a patient of the Portland Shriners Hospital for 16 years, and the care she received had a life-changing effect on her. She graduated from the health care system in 2012, having had 28 surgeries.

Megan has authored and illustrated three children’s books, donating proceeds to Shriners Hospitals for Children — Portland.

Copies of these books hold a special place in the family resource library at the hospital, which is available for all patients and families to enjoy.

**“It’s a loving hospital,” Megan said. “It’s like a second home.”**

Growing up spending a lot of time in hospitals sparked Megan’s career interest. “I had some really wonderful nurses at Shriners Hospitals, and that’s what made me want to get into nursing,” she said. Last year, Megan graduated from nursing school at Whatcom Community College in Washington. She began working as a nurse at a long-term care facility, with hopes of someday working at Shriners Hospitals.





# Stated Meeting Minutes

## November 10th

The stated meeting was opened in due form at 7:00PM by Ill. Potentate Joe Brunk with all the officers present except:

PP Bob Capen – Treasurer Excused  
Chaplain Ron Hack Excused

High Priest & Prophet Gerry Arnholt offered an opening prayer.

The flag of the United States of America was presented by the Legion of Honor and the Potentate led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Cold Sands Ceremony was conducted for the following Candidates by Chief Rabban Matt Wright:  
Bro. Sridhar (Sri) Vasudevan. Noble James Goodmen III presented Noble Vasudevan with his fez.  
Bro. Jakob Kingstad. PP Rick Kingstad presented Noble Jakob with his Fez.

The Brethren welcomed Noble Vasudevan and Noble Kingstad as the newest members of Tripoli.

The Ill. Potentate introduced Past Potentates, Unit Heads, Shrine Club Presidents, Trustees, Visitors, and Emeritus members.

A motion was made for the adoption of the October stated minutes as published in the November issue of the Tattler. The motion was seconded and passed.

### **Correspondence:**

There was no correspondence.

### **Petitions:**

The petition of Bro. Timothy Bauer, a member in good standing of Damascus Lodge #290 located in Milwaukee, WI was read. The petition was signed by: Noble Dale Graeven and Noble Matthew Wright.

A ballot was taken, and Bro. Bauer was elected to membership in Tripoli. We will plan on a cold sand at the December meeting.

### **Demerits:**

There were no demits.

### **Reinstatements:**

There were no reinstatements.

### **Suspensions:**

There were no suspensions.

### **Affiliations:**

There were no affiliations.

### **Financial Report:**

Ill Sir Joe Brunk gave a brief up date of the financial status of Tripoli. We are in very good financial standing currently and are investigating initiating an investment program for Tripoli. If anyone has any questions, please contact our treasurer who will answer your questions.

### **Black Camel:**

HP&P Gerry Arnholt read the roll of the workmen summoned by the Black Camel since our last meeting. The following Nobles answered not:

Name	Date	Age	City
Daniel R Chaudoir	- 10/22/2021	- 65	- Grafton WI
Conrad Connie Holzman	- 1/22/2021	- 89	- Mequon WI
John Kuhn	- 11/1/2021	- 92	- Racine WI

### **Sickness Visitation Report:**

No Report

### **Finance Committee Report:**

No Report

### **Scimitar Report:**

High Priest & Prophet Gerry Arnholt reported on Scimitar.

He reminded everyone of Sportsman's Night coming up on March 25, 2022. This is a major fund raiser for Scimitar to provide for the upkeep and improvements to our building. Please plan on attending, getting others to attend, and remember we need volunteers to make it work.



# Stated Meeting Minutes

## continued

They just completed a Sportsman's Night on November 8 at AJs Bar. There were over 70 people in attendance. They awarded over 16 guns as well as many door prizes. It was a great evening and brought in about \$7000 with about 15 volunteers.

There is another one scheduled for Fergie's Sports Bar on February 1 as well as some other during 2022—watch for details. If you know of someplace that may be interested in hosting one of these events, contact Noble Arnholt.

A major fundraising program coming up. We need to replace the AC units in this building to assure that we can continue to offer a premium venue. They are all over 25–30 years old. The cost of this project will probably run \$300,000 or more. We are currently working on proposals and quotes. More information to follow.

We need to work on obtaining new members. We initiated 2 members tonight and read 1 petition. Let's all work on bring in 1 new member.

### **Hospital Report:**

Chicago Hospital: No report

Minneapolis Hospital: No report

Hospital Transportation Report: Noble Frank Foti reported it has been quiet the last few months. We completed the last trip for one patient but starting with a new patient that will require additional trips.

### **Old Business:**

Oriental Guide Al Soriano reported on the upcoming Feztival of Trees. Looking for volunteers on Sunday to help set up fencing and the large foyer tree. Sponsors will start setting up tress on Monday, November 15. We also have yard signs to put in your yards to invite people to attend this event. If interested in displaying on see Al after the meeting.

Captain of the Guard Pat Jackson report on Fiserv Form events. We are still looking for volunteers to help with these events which are great money makers. Contact Pat if interested.

PP Jim Cleary reported on All Faiths Night. It was well attended, and the caterer did a great job with excellent food.

The ceremonial scheduled for Saturday, December 4th has been cancelled. Chief Rabban Matt Wright and Potentate Joe Brunk are working together to plan an event possibly in April. More information to follow.

The Potentate's Ball is scheduled for Saturday, December 4. Watch for a flyer to be sent out in an email blast.

### **New Business:**

Potentate Joe Brunk addressed the many rumors and stories going around about the Chef leaving. The Ills Sir stated that he had an offer and approach him about it. An offer was made but not accepted by Chef Robert. He was not fired by anyone at Tripoli everyone has parted on good terms.

### **Good of the Order:**

Noble Frank Foti reported that the Salvation Bell ringing is scheduled for the second weekend in December. That is Saturday, December 11. All units and clubs interested on ringing bells should contact Frank

The Red Fez Children's Christmas Party is scheduled for December 12. It will start with a Pancake Breakfast at 10AM. Cost is adults - \$10 and children 12 and under - \$8. Get reservations in as soon as possible.

News Year Eve party see information in the Tattler.

Next meeting, December 8, is our Annual Election Meeting so be sure to bring your current (2021) dues cards. You must have a current dues card to attend. It also is ugly sweater night, so wear an appropriate holiday sweater.

Be sure and get your dues paid, as of 12/31/2021 any member who are 2 years or more in the rears will be dropped from membership. If you have any questions on your status, please contact our recorder at 262-689-0837.



# Stated Meeting Minutes - continued

There being no further business, Ills Sir Joe Brunk called up the membership to salute all Veterans for their service on this Veterans Day.  
The Temple was closed in due form at 8:07PM.

Fraternity submitted,  
Peter F Hennig PP  
Recorder  
Tripoli Shriners



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## Motor Corp

The Motor Corp Unit had our November meeting on Monday November 15th and held elections of new Motor Corp officers for 2022. The new Commander will be Keith Sargeant PP, First Lieutenant Mike Hendren, Treasurer Bob Capen, Secretary Frank Foti, Quartermaster Nick Spinelli. The Motor Corp installation of the new officers will be at our January 17th meeting. We will also have a Christmas party for Motor Corp members, their ladies and children at this meeting. Details are still being worked on, so more information will follow.

We also discussed the possibility of touch-up repair and repainting of the Scarabs little cars for the 2022 parade season. A couple of the members are in contact with some body repair shops in the area to get estimates for this work. The search continues for a suitable repair shop.

Our next meeting will be Monday, December 20th.

Noble Mike Hendren

## Legion of Honor

Dues notices have been sent out and at the time of this writing, I have received dues payments from 3 members. A letter was included with the dues notice about our Christmas party. It will be held on January 15th, 2022 at Diamond Jims Supper Club on 118th and Janesville Road in Hales Corners. Social Hours is at 6pm and dinner is at 7pm. Please RVSP to me by January 4th so we can give Diamond Jims a head count. Because of our Christmas party, there will no January meeting on the third Monday. The Legion of Honor is a Tripoli Shrine unit for Veterans, if you have a DD-214 please join us.

Bob Lijewski, Adjutant

## Director's Staff

Greetings from Director's Staff

Our October 12th meeting started with Lasagna & Ravioli. Great Stuff! Our meeting was opened by President Keith Sargant PP. Secretary & Treasurer reports were read. A moment of silence and a toast to the passing of one our brothers Dan Chaudoir. A motion was made and second to donate \$100 to the Hospital in Dan's name. He will be missed.

We have donated a tree to the festival with a 58 inch TV and lots of other great gifts. A special thank you to Elizabeth Parent(the Potentate's sister)for her donation of most of the gifts under our tree. The ceremonial that was scheduled for Dec. 4th as been re-scheduled to a date in April 2022. Information will soon follow.

The Potentate's Ball however is still taking place on Dec 4th. Lets see if we can put together a few tables of Director Staff people to support our Potentate.

Under "New Business" I'm sure most of the nobility is aware, as of now, that the Shrine Imperial has taken the second section out of the initiation. This puts all director staff in every Temple, in a dilemma. Our next SDA {Shine Directors Assoc.} Convention will be held on April 20th to 24th to discuss our options for the future. Mark your calendar's, very important.

Our next meeting will be Dec. 10th. We hope you all had a Great Thanksgiving!

Potentates Ball Dec. 4th

Bell Ringing Dec 11th P&S 76th & Coldspring

AJ's Fishery Feb 20th, 2022

SDA April 20th - 24th, 2022

Fraternally: Thomas Schlicht PP

## Highlanders

I hope everyone had a nice Thanks Giving and enjoyed some quality time with family and friends.

The Unit Annual Meeting is right around the corner, 1 December in the unit quarters. Unit dues and tribute bottle will be collected at this time.

As the holidays pass, we'll settle into our usual Wednesday evening practice routine as we prepare for St. Patrick's Day events.

Enjoy the upcoming Holiday Season!

Shawn Athy

Highlander Chieftain





# clubs

## Northwoods Shrine Club

The Northwoods Shrine Club represents Nobles and Ladies of ten different Shrine temples with members residing in four different counties of northern Wisconsin. When our members gather, our fez's display the names of different temples; but, they are all red and we wear them proudly.

The Northwoods Shrine Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at various restaurant locations. We proudly welcome all Shriners and Ladies, Masons, and friends of our philanthropies to join us for our meetings. Camels milk at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm. Please call Bill Jacobs for reservations, 715-891-5574. Come join us for many laughs in the great Wisconsin Northwoods.

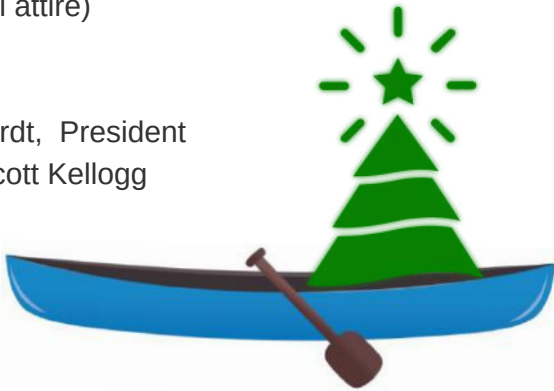
Election of club officers will be the main topic for our December meeting.

Our meetings for the remainder of the year are scheduled as follows:

December 16th : Black Forest, Three Lakes

January 15th : Christmas Party, Eagle Waters, Eagle River, (formal attire)

Fraternally,  
Ross Borchardt, President  
Secretary, Scott Kellogg



## Waukesha County Shrine Club

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Holiday. I always love this time of the year with the fall harvest completed, the last of the leaves raked off the yard and a little nip in the air. We had the first snowflakes of the season as I sit down to write this. I enjoy the warmth of the kitchen, the chatter of grandchildren helping Grandma with Christmas cookies and the smell of cookies baking in the oven, to say nothing of the pleasure of snitching a fresh baked cookie off the pan as it's cooling!

By the time you read this, the Festival of Trees will be in the books. I'm sure it was a great success with all the work the committee and all the volunteers put into it. Our December meeting will be the installation of our new officers with Eric Standarski leading the way into the next year. I'm sure he and his corps of officers will have a great year.

Don't forget: Saturday, December 11 is the annual bell ringing day for the Salvation Army. We'll be manning several locations in Waukesha County and I will be making phone calls and a couple of lodge visits to recruit volunteers to staff the different locations and shifts. Thanks in advance for your willingness to help on this worthwhile project. What a great way to be visible in the community, have some fun with the public and provide some valuable support for the Salvation Army. Hoping everyone has a Merry Christmas,

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## Daughters of the Nile

I would like to wish all the Ladies of the Household of Shelomoth Temple No. 106 a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah.

If you have not put in your reservations for our Holiday Party on December 11 at Alioto's in Wauwatosa, you still have time to do so. Please contact Princess Diana Kifer for reservations. The flyer with all the information was in the November Tattler.

Remember, we do not meet in December. So, our next Session will be on Saturday, January 8, 2022, at 9:30 AM at the Tripoli Shrine Center (Note time change). We will be having a Ceremonial and will be bringing in new Princesses. One will be from our Lilly of the Valley Club in Puerto Rico. Please come and welcome our new members.

Order forms will be sent out to the Ladies of the Household for our annual Kringle Sale. Orders will be due at our February 12 Session. Please make your checks payable to Shelomoth Temple No. 106. Pick-up will be at our March 12 Session.

Our Long-Range Planning Committee has some other fundraising ideas that will be included in the next edition of the Tattler and in our upcoming newsletter.

Daughters of the Nile is an international fraternal organization for women 18 years of age or older. They are related by birth or marriage to a Shriner, Master Mason, or a Daughter of the Nile. They may also be a majority member in good standing of a Masonic-related organization for girls, or a former patient at Shriners Children's® (with or without a Masonic relationship). We would like to especially invite our Divan Ladies to join us. If you are interested in joining us, please contact me at stormkat@sbcglobal.net or phone/text 608-346-8435.

Jane Blackwood, Queen

## Tripoli Auxiliary

Blessed Holidays!

I would like to take a moment to thank all our auxiliary members that participated with decorating the tree that we donated for Festival of Trees. Special thanks to our committee, Luanne, Donna and Peggy.

December 8th is our holiday luncheon and fund raiser at Alioto's. Seating is limited, but call me to see if I still have a place for you.

Please remember that we are in need of help with door prizes, gift baskets, etc. Let me know if you can help.

I would like to thank you for the support you have shown to the Tripoli Auxiliary and many children in years past. Your dedication has allowed the auxiliary to be in existence since 1923. Yes, in only a few years we will be celebrating our 100th year anniversary! We are planning a huge celebration in 1923 and I sincerely hope you will join us. You have made this event even possible!

December 15th is my last meeting as President. I have dedicated my 2021 term as President to honor Tom and Nancy Cole. It is with much love, that I mention the sadness felt at the death of Tom Cole. He demonstrated continual support for the auxiliary and his hard work was unwavering. Although Nancy has been unable to join us in person, she continued to support the auxiliary with donations to our fundraisers as well as being my mentor these past two years. Their absence has been deeply felt and I sincerely hope Nancy will be able to attend the Holiday Luncheon and our December meeting.

In closing, I have had two wonderful years as the President of the Auxiliary. I am so grateful to Amy Harycki, Potentates' Rick Kingstad and Joe Brunk, members of the Divan, Scimitar Foundation and numerous Tripoli Shriners that have shown me so much support. Special thank you to my daughters, my 6 Grandchildren that understood when I missed their functions due to a Tripoli event, my family, and especially Doug and Melinda Winter. Many thanks to my officers and Auxiliary members for their continual kindness, thoughtfulness and dedication. I wish the best for Kathy Lijewski and her 2022 officers. I know that they will continue to work hard and inspire us.

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 Our next meeting (December 12th @ 4:00PM) will be at Eagle Park Brewing & Distilling, S64 W15640 Commerce Center, Muskego, WI.  
 All are welcome to join us too. Be safe!  
 Cheers & Happy Holidays,  
 Bob Capen – Brewmaster  
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# Past Potentate's Ladies Luncheon at the Fork & Tap in Port Washington, WI



(from left to right)  
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The Shrine Hospital in Chicago is more or less back to business as usual. With the reopening of the hospital, the

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The doctors are seeing more complex spinal situations. Last month there were 92 spinal surgeries with an average surgery time of 3hours 36 minutes per surgery. This is a tribute to the ability of our doctors to be able to handle these more difficult cases.

Big positive is that The Chicago hospital has already

exceeded the goal for donations in 2021. by 22%. With December typically being the best month for donations, it is expected that they will finish the year on a very high note.

Another positive for Chicago is the net patient revenue (money collected from insurance Medicaid, Medicare etc) is showing increased income. What this means is that there will be less draw on the endowment fund that helps support the hospital.

In summary, the Chicago hospital is in great shape and continues to improve and streamline their operation in line with the Imperial Shrine Hospital board edicts.

Larry Wegner

Shriners Children's Chicago Representative



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Shriners Hospitals for Children is committed to reducing the use of opioids and providing new techniques for pain management.



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Brothers Hayden, 19, and Hudson, 16, both had Nuss bar surgery at Shriners Hospitals for Children – Springfield, two years apart. Even though they had the same procedure, they had very different experiences. Hayden spent a week in the hospital recovering, while Hudson went home the next day. The difference was cryoablation.

Limiting the use of narcotics was important to the boys' mother, Amy. "We lost a relative to opioid addiction a few years ago, so this was really personal to us," she said. "We were over the moon to hear that Shriners Hospitals offered a way to reduce the use."

After his surgery, Hayden felt nauseated and had no appetite due to the pain medications he needed. He spent the next few months mostly on the couch. Hudson, on the other hand, was walking around shortly after his surgery. "Within a few days, he was making his own breakfast," April recalled. "Both Hayden and Hudson received amazing care at Shriners Hospitals. But the addition of cryoablation was life-changing."ayden and Hudson received amazing care at Shriners Hospitals. But the addition of cryoablation was life-changing."

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# Name the 20 All Time Favorite Christmas Shows



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### Answers to 20 All Time Favorite Christmas shows

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|---|---|
| 1. Arthur's Perfect Christmas                     | 11. Winnie The Pooh A Very Merry Pooh Year          |
| 2. A Charlie Brown Christmas                      | 12. The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About Christmas! |
| 3. Kung Fu Panda Holiday                          | 13. Authur Christmas                                |
| 4. Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer                 | 14. Santa Claus is Comin' To Town                   |
| 5. Curious George A Very Monkey Christmas         | 15. Mickey's Twice Upon A Christmas                 |
| 6. Mickey's Once Upon a Christmas                 | 16. Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer              |
| 7. Beauty and the Beast The Enchanted Christmas   | 17. Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas     |
| 8. The Small One                                  | 18. The Snowman 1982 Original                       |
| 9. Mariah Carey's All I Want for Christmas Is You | 19. The Chistmas Dragon                             |
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28	29	30	1	2	3	4 <i>Patentate's Ball</i>
5	6	7	8 <b>STATED MEETING ELECTIONS</b> Tripoli Auxiliary Holiday Luncheon	9	10	11 Daughters of the Nile Holiday Luncheon
12  <b>RED FEZ Christmas Party</b>	13	14	15 Tripoli Shrine and Auxiliary Stollen Pick Up	16	17	18
19	20 Legion of Honor	21	22	23	24	25 <i>Christmas Day</i>
26	27	28	29 <i>Hanukkah starts</i>	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve Party</i>	1

# January - 2022



Tripoli Shriners

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>happy new year</i>						1 <i>New Year's Day</i>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 <b>STATED MEETING</b>	13	14	15  <b>INSTALLATION of OFFICERS</b>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29



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### Monthly Stated Meetings

**December 8th**

**January 12th, 2022**

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# TRIPOLI HAPPENINGS

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

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

## Tripoli 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



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