



February 2025

Tripoli Shriners Tattler

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Ill Sir Alan J. Soriano
Lady Carrie
& 2025 Diwan



2025 TRIPOLI DIVAN



Tripoli Shrine
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Living Past Potentates

- 1991 George Vignyvoch
- 1995 Robert Manske
- 1997 Paul Peterson
- 2000 Richard Boys Sr.
- 2001 David Hinze
- 2002 David Gutknect
- 2003 James Cleary
- 2005 John Best
- 2008 Peter Salza
- 2010 Thomas Schlicht
- 2011 Jeffery Schwarts
- 2012 Robert Flowers
- 2013 Robert Strader
- 2014 Rick Loch
- 2015 Peter Hennig
- 2016 Doug Winter
- 2017 Larry Wegner
- 2018 Keith Sargent
- 2019 Bob Capen
- 2020 Rick Kingstad
- 2021 Joe Brunk
- 2022 Matt Wright
- 2023 Dale A Graevan
- 2024 Gerry G Arnholt III

Potentate Message

Ill Sir Alan J Soriano



First and foremost, I'd like to thank those who attended last month's Installation of officers. The event was well attended and was a great evening filled with food, fellowship, and fun of course. Thank you to all the officers and aides who've accepted their positions and will help us succeed in 2025.

The motto I have chosen this year is Shrine Wisconsin. Wisconsinites are often depicted as humble, hardworking, and painfully friendly, think Midwest friendly. Us Wisconsin folk have deeply ingrained traditions centered around Cheese, Brats, Beer, the Friday Night Fish Fry, Brandy Old Fashioneds, Packer Sundays, and fall deer camp. Wisconsin is a play on the word responsibly and Wisconsin. If you are going to Shrine, do it the Wisconsin way.

So, what does it mean to Shrine Wisconsin? Well, I would say it serves as a reminder to be a great example of what a Noble should be. Do it humbly and midwest friendly. There is almost always a smile on a nobles face whether the clowns are entertaining children or the hospital van is picking up patients. Shrine Wisconsin is deeply engrained in our actions. We work hard for our fraternity and the children's hospitals. From the "hard working" director's staff working through the summer's heat at car shows to make sure patrons have full bellies to the Motor Corps parading every weekend in the summer rain or shine. Just as Wisconsin has its deeply rooted traditions, so do we as Shriners. We exemplify Shrine Wisconsin.

We are hosting Masonic Day of Light at Tripoli on February 8th. Come say hello to new brothers being initiated and show them how the shrine is an upgrade to an already great organization.

The February meeting is scheduled for February 12th, which is also when we will be hosting the annual Dessert Auction. Proceeds from the Dessert Auction go to support the Almoner's Fund supporting Shriner's that are experiencing hardship. Please consider bringing a dessert to include in the auction.

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Appointments and Tours Available

Monday - Friday
by appointment only

Building closes at
10:00 pm on unit meeting nights

Administrative Hours

Monday - Friday
by appointment only

Potentate Message continued

February 16th is our director's staff fundraiser at Topsy Turtle. Stop by for your chance to win some great stuff and support our hard-working director's staff.

We have some really quality events lined up this year and we are looking forward to a fun and successful 2025.

Alan J Soriano



Pay your 2025 Dues Online. It's Quick and Easy.

[Click here to pay your 2025 dues.](#)

Official Call of the Potentate:

Nobility of Tripoli
Monthly Stated Meeting

February 12, 2025

March 12, 2025

For the purpose of Old and New Business

Dinner 6:00 PM

Ladies and Children Invited

Meeting 7:00

Nobles Only

Be sure to bring your current dues card (2025).
Your card will be scanned to verify your status
when you enter the temple.

WEAR YOUR FEZ

Attest: Peter Hennig PP - Recorder

Yours in the Faith

Ill Sir Alan J Soriano

Stated Meeting Menu:

Shredded Beef
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Assorted Desserts

Call or Click
414-933-4700

 **RSVP Now**

Statewide Wisconsin Ceremonial Candidates FREE Weekend

Hotel accommodations and meals will be covered by the shrine for new Tripoli candidates. Nobles, this is a great way to get new candidates for a once in a lifetime event with two other Wisconsin temples, Imperial presence, a ladies program and ball.

2025 Elected Divan

Chief Rabban

Jim Burton
and
Lady Karen
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Damon Albers
and
Lady Tricia
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High Priest & Prophet

Pat Jackson Jr
and
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414-467-3669
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Oriental Guide

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and
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Recorder

Pete Hennig PP
and
Lady Carol
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Tripoli Shriners



Potentate



Ill Sir Alan J Soriano
and 1st Lady Carrie
414-531-3887
soriano.alan@gmail.com



SHRINERS
INTERNATIONAL

Imperial Potentate
Richard G Burke
and 1st Lady Judy



Most Worshipful Grand Master



Thomas W Stevens
and 1st Lady Laura
tom.stevens@wimasons.org



Ceremonial Director
Kurt Klingemeyer
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Orator

Trent Vukodinovich
and Lady Emma
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2025 Appointed Divan

1st Ceremonial Master

John Cervantes
and
Lady Michele
262-689-0837
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2nd Ceremonial Master

Sean Schullt
and
Lady Heather
414-324-2910
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Fernando Topete
and
Lady Alicia
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Lady Renee
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Outer Guard

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and
Lady Brandee
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Chaplain

Robert Lijewski
and
Lady Kathy
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Chaplain's Corner Robert Lijewski

February is here and Spring is only seven weeks away, according to the calendar. At this month's general meeting we will be having our dessert auction with the proceeds going to our Almoners fund to help pay for some of our older members' dues. Please bring plenty of money to make this a success. February 14th is Valentine's Day, when lovers express their affection with greetings and gifts. Given their similarities, it has been suggested that the holiday has origins in the Roman festival of Lupercalia, held in mid-February. The festival, which celebrated the coming of spring, included fertility rites and the pairing off of women with men by lottery. At the end of the 5th century, Pope Gelasius I forbid the celebration of Lupercalia and is sometimes attributed with replacing it with St. Valentine's Day, but the true origin of the holiday is vague at best. Valentine's Day did not come to be celebrated as a day of romance until about the 14th century. And the rest they say is history. February 14th also marks the 96th anniversary of the Saint Valentine's Day massacre in Chicago. The only thing we should learn from this is try to be nice to one another. See you at the meeting on the 12th.

Bob Lijewski, Chaplain

Tattler Deadline is the 15th of every month. Please submit them to tattler@tripolishrinecenter.com

Please remember to submit all Shrine events that you are having, Christmas parties, picnics and fundraisers, no matter how small. That way we can grow together.



Tripoli Shriners Wants to Share Good News of Accepting Sponsorship

Shriners International, at Shriners Headquarters has asked us to sponsor a child from Belize, who needs assistance in securing funds for non-medical expenses while receiving treatment at Shriners Children's Chicago.

Angeles, eight years old, and his mother, Therese, are coming for treatment of his Amniotic Band Syndrome and expected to stay for approximately one month. Amniotic Band Syndrome is a rare condition caused by strands of the amniotic sac that separate and entangle digits, limbs, or other parts of the fetus. This constriction can cause a variety of problems depending on where strands are located and how tightly they are wrapped. As of yet, we do not know which limb is affected.

Tripoli Shriners is an organization that is fueled by the desire to make a difference in the world, and a difference in this child's life. We will support this child and his mother in traveling to Shriners Children's Chicago. Our help would make a significant difference in their journey. This is what we as a fraternity and group stand for and we need to celebrate these sponsorships.

We have unanimously agreed to cover their expenses.



Black Camel

These we do not forget.
In Memoriam

Our Beloved Brethern 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.

Thankfully, there are none to report.

Well Done Good and Faithful Servant

Congratulations to our 2025 Elected Tripoli Divan



**III Sir Alan J. Soriano
Potentate**



**James Burton
Chief Rabban**



**Damon Albers
Assistant Rabban**



**Pat Jackson
High Priest
& Prophet**



**Bob Haggarty
Oriental Guide**



**Jim Goodman Jr
Treasurer**



**Pete Hennig
Recorder**



**Bob Helback
Trustee**



**Joe Schoner
Trustee**

Appointed Divan



John Cervantes
1st Ceremonial
Master



Sean Schult
2nd Ceremonial
Master



Fernando Topete
Marshal



Bob Helback
Captain of the Guard



Chad Micheles
Outer Guard



**Kurt
Klingenmeyer**
Ceremonial Director



**Trent
Vukodinovich**
Orator



Robert Lejewski
Chaplain



Potentate's Aides

Rick Kingstad

Keith Sargeant
Chief Aide

Jacob Kingstad

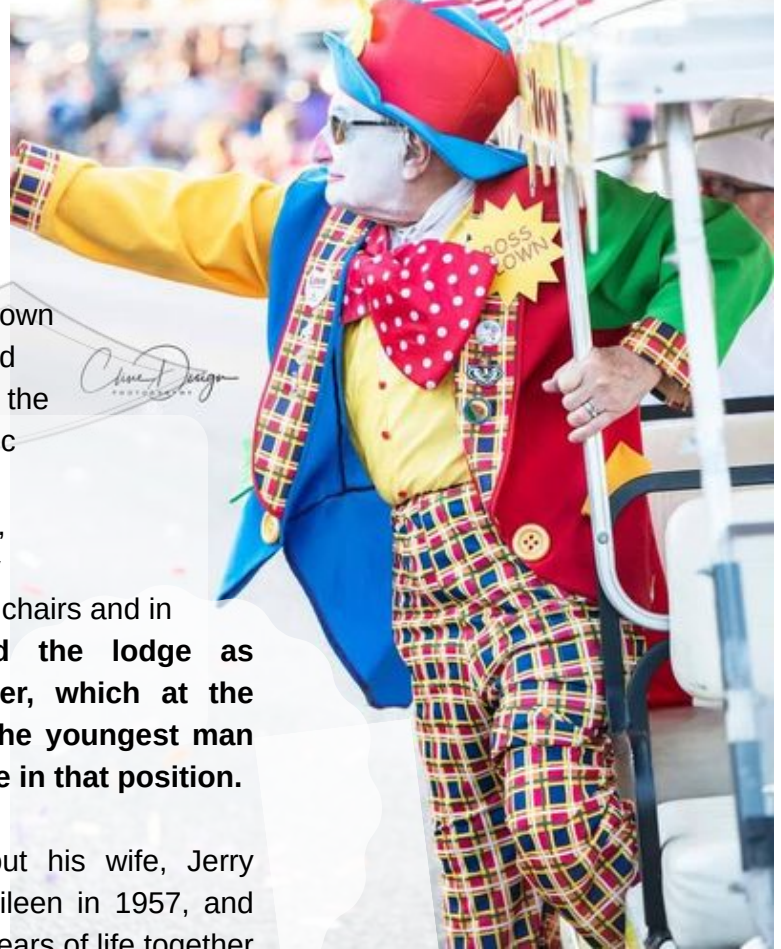
Bob Mehle

Jerry "Candy" Hersh has lived in Milwaukee his entire 92 years of life, except for the two years that he served in the Korean War as an enlisted man in the Army. Jerry said, "I love the fact that the hospital I was born in St. Joseph's is still standing in its original location today, as it was back in the 1930's. My family lived what was at that time known as the North Milwaukee area, in the shadows of St. Joseph's Hospital." As a child growing up, he learned of the strong community sense of neighbors, as it was during the depression, and everyone cared for their neighbors. "I got a real sense of Milwaukee being a true 'hometown' with a deep neighborly feeling" he said.

Masonic roots run very deep in the Hersh family. He was sponsored into the fraternity by his grandfather, M.L. Conrad. His father, Harry Hersh, co-signed his petition to become a Mason in 1954 when he returned from Korea. At that time, his family boasted three generations of Masons. Years later, when Barry, his son, and his two cousins joined in their adult lives, it furthered the Masonic heritage in his family to four



Know Your Noble Jerry Hersh



generations. The lodge, at that time, was on 27th and Chambers, known then as the Garfield Temple that met in the Milwaukee Masonic Lodge. Through the years, he worked his way through the officer chairs and in **1960 he served the lodge as Worshipful Master, which at the time made him the youngest man to serve the lodge in that position.**

When asked about his wife, Jerry said, "I married Eileen in 1957, and we cherished 66 years of life together until her death in December 2023. We were blessed with three children, Barry, Francine and Marty. All three became married. Barry unfortunately lost his wife in August 2023.

I am the proud Zaide (Yiddish for Grandfather) to five grandchildren, now all young adults, three young men and two young ladies."

He joined Tripoli in December of 2010. He loves being in the clowns' unit and bringing smiles and laughter to the faces of children at parades and the Shrine Circus. "When I was young as a kid, I never displayed talent or the interest in clowning," he said, but luckily, he got the bug later in life.

"I am self-taught in the art of clowning. I did receive tutoring and learned basic makeup techniques from my clown sponsor Allan 'Dr. Quack' Leeb," Jerry said. The clown name he developed his character for is "Candy", however, the last several years he has also been called "Boss Clown," a name given to him from the former Director of the clown unit, whom he succeeded five years ago. He said, "I take pride that the money we raise at various events, goes directly to help the patients at Shriners Children's Chicago." I am overwhelmed that Barry "Divot" decided to join the clown unit. It gives us another opportunity to bond as father/son and to make beautiful lifetime memories.

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EMERITUS AWARD

**"Barry is the Glue that bonds
our unit together"**

"He keeps me on track and coordinates all the contracts for our parades. He also drives our 6-passenger clown cart in all the parades. Much like me, he developed his own character and makeup.

The experiences I have had both locally within Tripoli and at the regional level at a Shrine convention combined with the memories I have made have far exceeded my initial expectations. His current challenge is growing the unit in membership, as they are currently existing with only 6-8 dedicated and hard-working clowns.

When asked where he sees the shrine in five years, he responded "I see us still in existence in our historical city landmark Shrine Temple. We will still support the Shriners Hospitals as our number one philanthropy. But unfortunately,

The first several years that I was in the unit, my youngest grandson Josh, became fascinated with clowns and decided he wants to be one also with Grandpa. So, we found him a child's costume that matched mine and he took on the character name "Jr. Mint" A few years later, when he outgrew that costume, he redesigned himself a new character. He became **"Putter," an old time golfer, similar to his Uncle Barry's Character.**



unless we can market ourselves better to the Masonic fraternity as our prime recruiting tool, or to non-masons to get them into the fraternity on a Blue Lodge level and then into the Shrine, I foresee continued struggles to maintain membership." To masons and their families. Jerry said, "It's a good way to broaden your horizons within the Masonic Fraternity. Tripoli Shrine has been a part of the Milwaukee scene for well

over 150 years. Its more than just another Masonic lodge with ritualistic work being in the forefront. There are many social opportunities for you and your family all year. And for you a Noble of Tripoli Shrine, there are many options for your social preferences with our many colorful units, like the Clowns, the Pirates, (the Clowns), the costumed animals, (the Clowns), the motor corps and many more. Did I mention the.... Clowns?

By Ceil Klein

ANNOUNCING A ONE-DAY WISCONSIN STATEWIDE
Shrine Ceremonial
Potentate Ball



The newly installed Potentates of the Wisconsin Shrines; Beja, Tripoli and Zor; are excited to announce a statewide ceremonial to occur May 17th at the Holiday Inn Stevens Point Convention Center.

Potentates Scott Maxon -Beja, Alan Soriano -Tripoli and Brian Dunham -Zor promises an exciting event.

As planning is now underway, we want you to save the dates for the weekend of May 16th - 18th.

Watch for the March issue of the Beja Bugler, Tripoli Tattler and Zor Zephyr for complete information including hotel reservation, banquet information and an agenda for the weekend.

Tripoli Shriners Installation









The Soriano Family sincerely thanks everyone who attended the Tripoli Installation and after party.



Shriners
Children's™ &



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INTERNATIONAL

Jimmy Carter

39th President of the United States

1924 - 2024

Former President Was a Strong Supporter of Shriners Children's

Members of the Shriners Children's and Shriners International communities are mourning the loss of President Jimmy Carter, who passed away Sunday, Dec. 29, 2024, at 100. He was the oldest living president of all time.

President Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, were eager and caring supporters of Shriners Children's and our mission of providing life-changing medical care. Over the years, their personal support and that of the Carter Center helped our healthcare system serve countless children around the world.

President Carter began working with Shriners Children's to expand access to medical care for children around the world, and he was named **Honorary Ambassador of Hasan Shriners** at a ceremony in Albany, Georgia, in 2014. The honor was particularly meaningful, **President Carter said, because his father was a Mason and a Shriner.**

In 2018, President Carter and the Carter Center assisted Shriners Children's in transporting children who were critically injured in a volcanic

eruption in Guatemala, helping to arrange military transport, the U.S. Air Force's C-17 Globemaster III aircraft, and military medical teams to help transfer the children to our Galveston hospital.

Both the healthcare system and the fraternity honored President Carter in 2018. Shriners Children's bestowed the **Humanitarian Award** in recognition of his service on behalf of our mission and patients. The award was presented by that year's Imperial Potentate, Imperial Sir Bergenske, who also presented President Carter with one of the fraternity's most special honors, the **Imperial Potentate's Medallion.**

President Carter once said, "I have one life and one chance to make it count for something... My faith demands that I do whatever I can, wherever I am, whenever I can, for as long as I can with whatever I have to try to make a difference."

Shriners Children's and Shriners International are proud to have been singled out and supported by President Carter, and deeply appreciate his efforts to help the world's children have access to the life-changing care that Shriners Children's provides.



February Birthdays



2/1
Orloff W Styve
Walter P Camp Jr.
Todd A Schlicht

2/2
Thomas G Cihowiak

2/3
Ernest W Anderson
James Froggatt
John M Werner

2/4
Clifton E Peterson
Frank S Bevsek

2/5
Douglas N Winter PP
Daniel H Bruckner

2/7
Richard L Rhyner
Steven R Meyer
Gary M Burant

2/8
Larry J Knight
John C Fink

2/10
Walter E Mason

2/11
Brian R Mayer

2/15
Kenneth C Gorgen

2/16
James E Vivian
Kenneth A Wilcox
Matthew G Wright PP

2/18
Donald G Nordholm
Trevor A Harder
Damon Albers

2/20
Jerome E Stein
Robert B Chagnon
Peter F Hennig P.P.
Kevin J Alvarado

2/21
Jeffrey L Bryden
Charles D Reed

2/22
Gary J Parker
Gregg A Bubolz

2/23
Duwayne Bruckner
Roger E Rosenthal

2/24
Keith A Franz

2/25
Herbert Dahm
Jerome L Konicek
Dustin T Herzog

2/26
George T Bilansky
Jose G Zarate

2/27
Ronald F May

2/29
Jason Volstad

According to available data, in 2025, Americans are estimated to spend around \$2.5 billion on Valentine's Day candy, with a significant portion of that being chocolate, amounting to roughly 60 million pounds of chocolate sold during the holiday.





35th Annual Scimitar Sportsman's Night



Friday, March 21st, 2025
at Tripoli Shrine Center



3000 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53208

VIP Entry 4:00 pm • Doors Open 5:00pm • Dinner 7:15pm

**This event will sell out again...
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10 GUN RAFFLE

Limited tickets to be sold!
You don't need to be present to win!!
See the raffle information at the top of the next page.

SPECIAL HUNTS TO BE AUCTIONED OFF! GUNS YOU WON'T FIND ANYWHERE ELSE!

SUPER SAVER RAFFLE PACKAGE

The Super Saver package includes tickets for two gun boards, and 6 other event boards. This package is included in Silver table package and the Gold and Platinum table packages for all attendees at table.

Special price of only \$100.00. You save \$60.00.

NEW THIS YEAR!

Bring your challenge coin for an exclusive raffle! Win a Browning 12ga. shotgun! We have numerous new board, raffle and items. If you've come before, you are sure to enjoy these new additions.

Help this event get to the next level by sponsoring one of these tax deductible packages. Scimitar Sportsman's Night is a 501(c)3 Corporation.

GUN AND EVENT BOARDS: **\$750.00 each**

Have your name or business name posted at the Gun or Event Board and in the booklet. Your name will also be announced when the items are given away.

SILENT AND VOCAL AUCTIONS: **\$1,000.00 each**

Large banner with your name or business name and a ¼ page ad in the booklet. Your name will also be announced when the items are given away.

THE BEER: **\$1,500.00**

Be everybody's friend and sponsor the beer. You will get 500 cups with your name or logo on them, ½ page in the booklet, banner and an announcement in the main hall.

THE BAR: **\$2,000.00**

You will be loved by everyone if you are the sponsor of the bar. You will get 500 cups with your name or logo on them, ½ page in the booklet, banner and an announcement in the main hall.

Website: scimitarfoundation.com
Gerry Arnholt, Chairman
(414) 460-7548 or scimitar@tripolishrinecenter.com
Contact for more information.

35th Annual Scimitar Sportsman's Night



SCIMITAR SPORTSMAN'S NIGHT PRE-EVENT 10-GUN RAFFLE

TICKETS: 1 FOR \$50.00
ONLY 200 TICKETS SOLD!

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DRAWING: MARCH 21ST, 2024 AT 7:15 PM • NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.

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\$5500 TABLE SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES: **

Front and center table with dinner for 10 and open bar till 8:00pm, early VIP entry at 4:00pm with appetizers, 5 table guns, full ad in the booklet, two reserved parking spaces, 10 grand door prize tickets, 20 super saver packages and much more.
(approx. value \$7150)

GOLD

\$ _____

\$2750 TABLE SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES: **

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SILVER

\$ _____

\$1600 TABLE SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES: **

Table with dinner for 8 and open bar till 8:00pm, early VIP entry at 4:00pm with appetizers, one table gun, 8 super-saver packages, 8 grand door prizes and your name in the booklet. (approx. value \$2620)

BRONZE

\$ _____

\$1200 TABLE SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES: **

Table with dinner for 8 and open bar till 8:00pm, early VIP entry at 4:00pm with appetizers, one table gun, 8 grand door prizes and your name in the booklet. (approx. value \$1620)

SUPER-SAVER RAFFLE PACKAGE

\$ _____

\$160 value for only \$100 per package

The Super Saver package includes tickets for 2 gun boards, 6 other event boards

General Admission

Banquet Tickets Include: Open bar until 8:00, Dinner, Grand Door Prize Ticket and a door prize when you leave!! The doors open at 5:00pm.



Banquet Ticket # _____ tickets @ \$100.00 each \$ _____
 VIP Entry # _____ tickets @ \$25.00 each \$ _____
 Pre-Event 10 Gun Raffle # _____ tickets @ \$50.00 each \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 Credit Card _____ EXP. _____

To purchase online go to: scimitarfoundation.com

Return this order form to: **Scimitar Sportsman's Night**

3000 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53208

Gerry Arnholt, Chairman (414) 460-7548 or scimitar@tripolishrinecenter.com for more information

Scimitar Sportsman's Night proceeds benefit The Scimitar Foundation Inc 501(c)(3). Raffle License #R0021937-A-22170. Donations may be partially tax deductible. (All prices are subject to change.)

Our Brothers in California Need Our Help



Dear Noble Brothers,

Devastating wildfires in Southern California have left scenes of unimaginable destruction in their wake. While some neighborhoods stand untouched, others have been reduced to ashes – a stark reminder of nature's indiscriminate force.

Many of our own – fellow Masons, Shriners, and their families – have lost everything. The Grand Master of California has requested emergency assistance through the Masonic Service Association of North America to provide crucial financial aid to these families. This is more than a call for help: It's an opportunity to demonstrate what our fraternity truly stands for.

Our Nobles are already on the front lines, working tirelessly to provide immediate relief. Most Worshipful Arthur Salazar, Jr., Grand Master, and member of El Bekal Shriners in Anaheim, has reported countless families in desperate need of basic necessities. Al Malaikah Shriners of Los Angeles are distributing meals and essential supplies, but the need far exceeds current resources.

Most Worshipful Salazar shared a story relayed to him from the Al Malaikah Shriners about a 5-year-old girl who had lost everything. Her only wish? To return home for her teddy bear. This single moment captures the heart-wrenching reality our community faces. In response, the temple launched an emergency teddy bear drive alongside broader relief efforts.

Your donation today to Masonic Service Association of North America fund can provide immediate relief to those who have lost their homes and possessions. As a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, all contributions through the Masonic Service Association of North America are tax-deductible for your 2025 tax return.

To contribute by check, please make checks payable to MSA Disaster Relief Appeal and write "California Wildfires" on the memo line. Send checks to:

Masonic Service Association
813 First Ave SE, Suite 357
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Brothers, this is what we mean when we speak of fraternal bonds. This is why we are Shriners. When our community hurts, we respond. When our Brothers need us, we act. Your immediate support will show these families they're not alone in their darkest hour.

The true meaning of fraternity isn't found in words – it's found in actions. Let's take action today.

Yours in the Faith,

Richard G. Burke
Imperial Potentate

DONATE



The Legion of Honor received its first invitation to a parade in 2025. Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 13th for the Sussex Lion Days parade. This is a Sunday morning parade. Our color guard float always looks better the more members we have on it. Our first meeting of 2025 will be on March 17th. As usual, we will share a meal with the Motor Corps at 6pm with our meeting to follow around 6:30. The Legion of Honor is a Shrine unit for Veterans, if you are a Veteran and still not a member of the LOH, please join us.

Bob Lijewski, Adjutant



Your Brew City Fez-Heads have created a Facebook Group Page for our Tap Room. This will be used for us to promote our Tap Room #18 within our Shrine Community.

Click here to follow our link to join:



Once you have been approved to join, you will be able to see the latest activities that your Shrine Club is doing to promote the good of our Order.

Kevin Smith
Braumeister



Dates coming next month...



Motor Corp held our annual Christmas party on Monday, January 20th in Melham Parlor at Tripoli where a dinner of smoked brisket, pulled pork and chicken with all the sides, was enjoyed by Motor Corp members, their Ladies, family, and friends. Dinner was followed by installation of the officers for 2025 by our Potentate, Al Soriano.

Our officers are:

President-Tom Dohoney

Commander_Mike Hendren

First Lt.-Brayden Arnholt

Secretary-Frank Foti

Treasurer-James Goodman Jr.

Congratulations to all the Officers for 2025.

As the coldest part of winter is upon us in February, it is hard to imagine the upcoming parade season, but it is just over 4 months away. Now is the time to take care of any off season work on your Scarab car or bike as this is the slowest time of the year for most repair shops. It is a great time to get those repairs taken care of, so that we are up and running when the weather finally does break.

The Scarabs have 1 Scarab car for sale. If you know of anyone who might be interested in driving a Scarab car in a parade, please have them talk to a member of the Scarabs. If you know of anyone who is interested in joining Motor Corp, please have them see an officer to obtain an application for membership.

There will not be a meeting in February, our next meeting will be on Monday, March 17th at 7:00 pm. See you there.

Mike Hendren, Commander



Tripoli Shrine Provost



Whitnall Park SHRINE CLUB

Provost Unit & Whitnall Park Shrine Club had their combined Monthly Meeting and Installation on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at Tripoli Shrine Center.

The following Divan Members present were; Ill Sir Alan Soriano - Potentate, James Burton - Chief Rabban, and Damon Albers - Assistant Rabban.

Officers Installed for the Provost Unit were;
Bob Helback - Chief,
Dustin Herzog -
Secretary /Treasurer /
Inspector.

Officers Installed for the Whitnall Park Shrine Club were; Ill Sir Gerry Arnholt, PP as President, Terry Herzog - Vice President, and Bob Helback - Secretary /Treasurer.

Next meeting - February 19th Luncheon 22-1 pm
Crawdaddys on 91st & Greenfield.

Left to Right:
James Burton
Bob Helback
Dustin Herzog
Terry Herzog
Gerry Arnholt
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February is the month of red as we celebrate St. Valentine's Day and Heart Month. So, remember to wear red to our Session, be kind and take good care of your heart.

Our February Session will be on Saturday, February 15, 2025, beginning at 10 a.m. at Tripoli Shrine Center. Lunch will be at 12 Noon. So, remember to make your lunch reservations with Pr. Nancy Saggio.

The Queen's Luncheon will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2025, at Alioto's Restaurant. Social Hour will begin at 11 a.m. with lunch to be served at 12 Noon. A flyer with all of the pertinent details for this event was distributed to all members last month. The deadline for reservations will be at our February 15 Session. Please contact Pr. Carol Falkowski with any questions you may have.

Information regarding Supreme Session 2025 is now available on the Daughters of the Nile website. A copy of the information packet was also sent out to all members last month. If you are interested in attending, please consider registering soon. Our Temple is allowed to have five Ladies of the Household who can attend Supreme Session as a delegate. If you are interested in being a Ladies of the Household delegate this year, please advise Pr. Recorder, Jenna Gapinski in writing no later than March 1, 2025.

While we have conducted a courtesy Ceremonial in the past, we are always looking to initiate new members into our Temple. Always have a petition with you as you never know when you may meet a prospective new member who is interested in participating in Nile and our philanthropy.

In Nile Love,
Jane Wiese, Queen

Greetings Ladies, Noble's, and Friends of Tripoli;

As I start this, my first article for our Tripoli Auxiliary, I like to thank our Past President, JoAnn Stawicki for her leadership, for this past year and for many years. It was a great honor to be installed as President of this Auxiliary by our Past Potentate, Ill Sir Gerry Arnholt. I would like to thank all my Officers who have been elected and appointed to lead this Auxiliary in 2025. Remember the strength of this Auxiliary comes from you, all who take time out of your schedules to participate in our philanthropy - "We are here for our Kids."

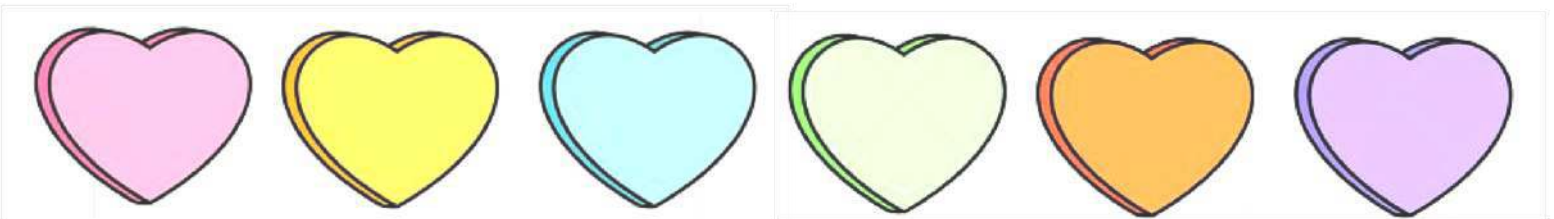
This year's challenge is to see more members join and support our Auxiliary. Men, Nobles, and Ladies, you are welcome to join us anytime at our luncheon meetings. These are held each month on the third Wednesday at noon in the Melham Parlor.

It is not too early to think about the next WGA4Kids Annual Meeting. This will be held April 27-28, 2025 at Holiday Inn & Suites, 8512 Hudson Blvd, Lake Elmo MN (851) 741-8068. For Luncheon Reservations, please call Cheri Brus at (262) 332-7812 and leave a message!!!

How rewarding to attend this meeting and tour the Shrine Clinic to understand "Why We Do, What We Do, for the Kids."

Looking forward to our meeting, Wednesday, March 19 at Noon, with a special presentation. I am looking for your ideas for things you would like to see happen at our meetings.

James "JayBee" Burton



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