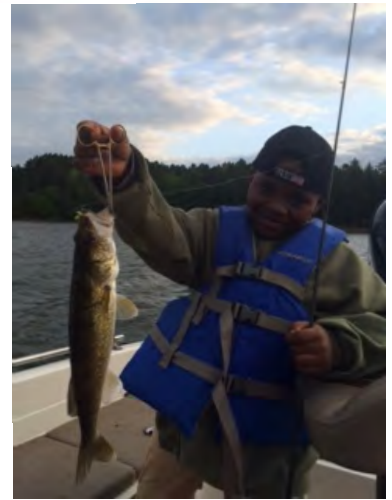




AAD NEWS



The Journey That Started Halfway Around The World

Recently, members from the Headwaters Shrine Club welcomed the latest Shriner patient to Bemidji. The journey for the youngster started over nine months ago from Jos, Nigeria. P.P. Steve Kovacic retired from the Beltrami County Sheriff's Office in 2002 to start a teaching career at Hibbing Community College Law Enforcement Program. He still is a licensed peace officer through the Cuyuna Police Department. Steve also does contract work overseas on occasion and has worked with Department of State and Department of Defense contracts since 2010. Last summer, Steve was selected to teach Agents of the Nigerian Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA). He was selected out of a thousand other contractors for this contract. For eight weeks, Steve was in Jos, Nigeria as an instructor-trainer along with two other American law enforcement officers. As a Independent Contractor and Peace Officer, many people only see the professional, sometimes rough side of these men and women. They seldom see the heart that runs them.

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Justin Knippel, 218-330-5591

Band

Contact John Hussey,
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Border Shrine Club (MN/ ONT)

Meeting 2nd Mon. (except Jul/
Aug) 6pm
Tom Haugland, 218-283-3897

Chequamegon Shrine Club

(Northern WI) 2nd Thurs. 6pm
Ted Callahan 715-372-4412

Director's Staff (Ceremonials)

Ladies Night Out, 4th Tues.
5:30pm

Meeting 1st and 3rd Tues., 7pm
David Hartwick 218-341-5302

Drum & Bugle Corps

Meeting every Thurs. start in
March, 7pm

David Hartwick, 218-341-5302
Aad Shrine Building

Dune Buggy Patrol

Meeting 2nd and 4th Tues.,
5:30pm

Chuck Swanson, 218-391-9551

Fun Razors Club

Meetings Quarterly
Jack McNally, President
218-348-3856

Headwaters Shrine Club

Cory Wilson 218-760-2188
Meeting 3rd Monday of Month
5:30 Social, 6:00 Meeting, 7:00
Dinner

Hospital Dads

Ike Eisenmann 218-390-7915

Lake Superior Clowns of Aad Shrine

Meeting 2nd Weds., Aad Shrine
Bldg.

Dan Johnson 218-349-5927

Mariners

Meeting 3rd Mon., 6:15pm
Chuck Haslerud, 218-525-3418

Mesaba Rangers

4th Tuesday (except Jul, Aug,
Nov, Dec)

5:30pm social, 6:30pm dinner
John Sordi, 218-263-4428

North Star Cycle Patrol

Brian Schmidt, 218-259-5345
Meeting Tuesday's (May-Oct)
6:30pm

North Star Shrine Club

Earl Machart 218-654-3336

Oddmen

Meeting 2nd Weds. (Sept -
May)

Paul Reinier, 218-391-6955

Oriental Band (Brainerd)

Meeting 4th Weds., 7:30pm
Jeff Harmon 218-825-7205

Pipes & Drums

Meeting Weds., 6:30pm
Chuck Bergquist, 218-390-9971

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Meeting 2nd Weds. (except Jul
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Range Shrine Club (Hibbing Area)

Meeting 1st Monday/December
7:00pm Brad Linsten

218-966-7584

Range Shrine Patrol

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Robert Mayry, 218-231-2262

Ritual Divan

Dick Sellman, 218-929-1624

Superior Shrine Club (WI)

Meeting 3rd Mon., 5:30 Social

6:30 Dinner -Meeting

(Jan-May, Sept-Nov)

Ray Dolsen 218-340-9550

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(Rangers)

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Vikings Shrine

(Cloquet Area-Fire Truck)

Meeting 3rd Tues., 6pm

Dick Kern, P.P., 218-624-0971

Potentates Message

SUMMER FUN AND NUMBERS



Nobles and Ladies:

It's summer and we are nearly half way through our year. This is the time we can have ever so much fun! Midwest Shrine is fast approaching in Marquette, Michigan. This is their first ever time to host us and we need to support them in every way possible. We need you personally and as many units as we can get to attend. It's a busy week end. In addition to Midwest, we have the car show in Solon Springs, Wisconsin, under the very capable direction of Nobles Jack Byrd and Ray Dolsen. They will need some help down there, too. Then there's the anniversary at the DECC. We have been invited to take part at no cost to us and we can set up our cotton candy booth and all the money is ours! The Ladies Auxiliary has already said they want to sell corn dogs to raise money for their coffers. We invite the Daughters of the Nile, Jobs Daughters and DeMolay to come up with ideas to join us, but not selling either of the two already mentioned.

We will definitely need some bodies to help making and selling cotton candy.

Summer also brings us to another stated meeting. This meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of the month, July 12 with social hour at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 and the meeting at 7. This will be a REAL summer meeting. Wear shorts, sandals, whatever, but don't forget your FEZ.

Be casual, be comfortable—it's summer!

Now some statistics. There are 196 Shrine Temples in the world. Only 23 of them made the gold status for membership in 2015 which is only a little of 10%. Aad Shriners would have been on that list, but right at the end of the year, we lost just enough Nobles to lower us to a silver status. Sadly, of the 14 temples in Midwest, only 3 made gold and they are all in the Dakotas. We **NEED** to be on that list next year! I cannot emphasize too strongly that I may be the chairman of the Membership Committee, but each and every one of you is a member of that committee. Visit the Blue Lodges. Get more Shriners. Some of you are "newbies" to Shrinedom, but most of you are veteran members and you wouldn't have stayed on as a member if you didn't believe there is value in belonging. Bring your brother Masons into the fold of the "World's Greatest Philanthropy" and the fun and pleasure we derive from being Shriners. In good old, plain Midwestern terms, "Get off your butts and bring in some petitions." Don't wait for the other guy to do it. Aadzuhkan has people waiting to be fezzed and I hope to do that later in July. We just need every area of Aad-land to bring in a couple petitions. Don't forget, also, that YOU sign two petitions, either line, your dues are paid for 2017. That will save you \$94, not to mention that you will have personal thanks forever!

Remember that it's summer. Make the most of it! Attend our functions, parades, Midwest Summer Session in Marquette, but never lose site of the numbers. If you think Aad Shrine is a good organization, then help make it grow!

In Constant Faith,

Ronald Pete, Potentate



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OFFICIAL CALL OF THE POTENTATE

**Notice is hereby given that the scheduled
Stated Session of Aad Shriners will be held
at the time and place shown below.**

July 12th, 2015

Aad Shrine Building

5:00 pm Social

6:00 pm Dinner/\$10.00

7:00 pm Meeting

Nobles,

Please contact the office at 218-722-7488
if you know of any brothers that are either
homebound or residing in an assisted care facility.

Brotherhood is what binds us together,
so help us stay informed.

Steve became friends with one of the NDLEA Instructor Officers and was invited to dinner at the officer's home within the NDLEA compound. This is an armed, walled compound. Several bombings in Jos, initiated by the Boko Haram, had occurred while Steve was there teaching and yet the daily lives of these happy people is amazing. These humble people that Steve had met are deeply religious Christians. The Officer who Steve became friends with is named Lazarus (Laz) and along with his wife, Martha, have three beautiful children; two daughters, Cheers, Angelica and the oldest son, Godson. Godson was six when Steve met him as he came hobbling into the room saying, "Uncle Steve" as Laz had coined Steve. Godson hobbled because he has a severe condition known Blount's. Blount's occurs when the growth plates on one side of the leg stop growing as the other side continues to thrive, causing the leg to bow out. Godson has this condition on both legs. Steve immediately realized that, he, instead of being selected to go to Nigeria, had instead had been sent there by a Higher Being. He was sent there to meet Godson. Steve stated that he has never felt any closer to God than at that moment in his life. Steve couldn't wait to get back to his hostel to email a friend of his, Past Imperial Potentate, Gary Dunwoody. Imperial Sir Gary was Steve's counterpart during his year of Potentate in 2006. The Imperial Sir was the President of all Shriners during his term as Potentate of AAD Shrine. Steve asked for a favor to help Godson, knowing that Nigeria was not a country that the Shriners normally assisted as they are more recently conducting more and more international medical patients. The Imperial Sir wrote back, "I'm on it, Steve, I love your heart." Steve kept this a secret, not knowing what might happen. In the meantime, Laz had been fasting and asked God for help to mend his child. Laz mentioned to Steve one day that his prayers had been answered as he had been told the Americans were going to help him. That same day, Laz learned a group of American doctors would be in a town a few hours away and he was going to bring Godson there to be examined. If one follows the Bible, you know that Lazarus was Christ's good friend and was, in fact, raised from the dead by Christ. In the Bible, Lazarus had two sisters, Mary and Martha. Steve's Lazarus, also has a sister, Mary. The day came for the appointment and Steve had not heard anything back from the Shrine. Laz, after going to the appointment with Godson, brought Godson back to the NDLEA compound and his first stop was to see Steve. Laz was very disappointed as the doctors had not been American and he was told what his son's condition was, after the doctors had taken x-rays, but that the surgery was very expensive. Laz earns \$50.00 per month and knew they could never afford the surgery for his son. Steve had to keep quiet as he still had no information from Shriners and did not want to raise any false hopes. A few more days passed and Steve was cc'd several emails starting with Imperial Sir Gary and Imperial Sir Dale Stauss of Kem Shrine in Grand Forks, North Dakota, who is now the President on the Board of Directors for Shriners Hospitals, along with Chief Medical Officer of Shriners Hospitals for Children, Dr. Ken Guidera, who became a Shriner when he started working at the Twin Cities Shriners Hospital for Children. In Dr. Guidera's communication, he stated, "Let's make this happen!" This is the Head Surgeon of Shriners Hospital, saying, "Let's make this Happen!" Steve was elated! Steve immediately called Laz and asked him to meet at the classroom early the next day. The following morning, Steve told Laz the news that Shriners had accepted Godson as a patient and that all his medical bills and travel would be covered by Shriners. Laz started tearing up, along with Steve, and Laz said, "God told me the Americans were going to help and I didn't dream it would be you, Steve." Steve's concern that Laz would not want to split the family up for the healing time was soon dismissed by Laz. Laz simply said, "My son will be able to walk normal." It was learned that the surgery process would take one year and the cost of living would be huge. Without asking first, Steve realized the only way Godson would get the help he needed was to have him and one of his parents stay with him and Kym, who has been by his side all the years of Steve's different terms and has a heart as big as the world, at their home in Bemidji, Minnesota. When Steve told his wife, Kym, she only said, "Absolutely!" Steve next presented Godson's case to the Divan, as the travel from Nigeria to the US would have to be covered by Aad Shrine, as well as the hospital visits. The Divan said that the Hanson Fund would cover it and gave Steve to go ahead. VISAs are very difficult to obtain from Nigeria and so Steve reached out to a new colleague he had met while in Nigeria, Mike Bonner, who is the Counter Narcotics Advisor for the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, to assist in any way he could. Mike, who is a friend of Laz's, looked into the VISA's and paved the way. Mike had know Laz for four years and was impressed, in a world of theft and corruption, Laz's honesty. It still took nine months, but Godson and his mother, Martha, arrived in Bemidji on May 10, 2016 to be met by Steve, Kym and several Aad Shriners who met the late flight. Steve had put out an email to the Headwaters members and apologized for the request, but said it would be nice to have a few fez's at the airport to welcome Godson and his mother to the US. The flight landed at 11:00 pm and Steve knew that all of the Shriners worked and normally would be in bed at that hour. Steve was extremely pleased to see four Shriners waiting for Steve as he got to the airport. Cory Wilson, the current President of the Headwaters Shrine Club in Bemidji, who was one of the Shriners who met Godson's plane, stated, "That, to date, it was the most humbling yet proudest moment of his Shriner life to know that we, as Shriners, really make a difference in people's lives." "To be able to meet Godson and his mom and know that we are going to be able to help them is what being a Shriner is all about." Godson's first visit to the Twins Cities Shriners Hospital for Children was May 12, 2016. Martha then learned that if Godson does not receive this treatment, he would be confined to a wheelchair within two years for the rest of his life. Godson has a severe case of Blount's. It occurs as the growth plates in the leg stop growing on one side but continue on the other side causing the leg to bow out. Godson has it in both legs. His surgery will have him in an external brace that will be adjusted everyday for one or two months. After this procedure, he will continue to be in the Fixator brace for six months as his legs mend after being readjusted. Normally, as we all know, with HIPPA most of this would never be allowed to be shared. However, Laz told Steve he wanted everyone to know what the Shriners were doing for his son and consented to sharing his story. The company Steve works with over seas, P4, CEO Pat Sergott told Steve he wanted to do something for Godson and so, P4 bought him an Ipad to do school work and play games on. They also set up a GoFundMeGodson site to help offset the many other expenses that Shriners does not cover. To date, many Shriners and friends including past Cadets for the college where Steve works, have contributed to support Godson. Steve and Kym are amazed everyday at how happy and carefree Godson and Martha are. They are truly the most amazing people! Always happy with by our standards having so little. Sometimes they think it would be nice to be that way. Some of the first's for them are: Ride in an elevator. Drinking fountain. Push button everything. Hand crank can opener. Bath towel warmers. Electricity that always works. Water that always runs. Taking showers or baths, not just a sponge bath. Dish washing machine. Washing machine and dryer, no three bucket system and hang clothes on a cactus.

Ladies' Auxiliary News

We'd like to remind you that we are constantly collecting aluminum pop tabs to raise funds for the hospital - it is SO EASY to leave a container by your recycle bin to drop the tabs in to and bring them up to the Shrine building when it's full!

As always, we'd like to remind you of TOYS!!!! The Auxiliary is always collecting toys for the Shriners Hospital; the Holiday drive is not so far away, so keep it in mind when you're out shopping!

As Noble Nick Katich mentioned, the City of Hermantown is holding its reunion the weekend of July 16, renting the Shrine for the day on the 16th; the Auxiliary will be helping them out, serving coffee, lemonade, and ice cream bars in support of their 4 reunions.

SAVE THE DATES!!!

August 15: 10AM Auxiliary Meeting at Aad Shrine. **NEW LADIES ALWAYS WELCOME!!**

September 18: 10th Annual Ladies Luncheon - please make your reservations by September 12

October 22: Fall Craft Sale

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Chiefs Corner

Greetings Nobles of Aad Shrine. This past month has been very busy at the Shrine. Please plan on attending the July 12th Stated Meeting at AAD Shriner's. We have installed a new state of the art projection system with 8 new speakers installed in the ceiling tiles along with a new wireless microphone system.. A special thanks to Chief Rabban Don Ewald and his lady Janet for installing this system for us at cost and no labor costs at all. The City of Hermantown is having a Parade July 16th. Please add this to your list of parades that your club will be participating in this summer. Hermantown is our home and we need to support it. Also, please contact the AAD Shriner's office to sign up for the Summer MSA to be held in Marquette, MI. in August.

Nick Katich
Chief of Staff, Aad Shriners

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www.aadshrine.org

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www.shrinersvillage.com

Membership number required

www.beashriner.com

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Summer MSA

Nobles,

Just a reminder about the upcoming Summer Midwest Shrine event in Marquette, Michigan on August 4-6, 2016.

The Divan of Aad Shrine hope to see all Clubs and Units participate in this year's event. The City of Marquette is opening itself up to Shriners and their families, with access to the university and its pool and city campgrounds.

Aad Shrine will be based out of the Settle Inn, at 1275 US-41, Marquette Michigan, 49855, which is approximately .5 from the headquarters hotel. 60 rooms are reserved under Aad Shrine, with a rate of \$128.00 per night (discounts may apply. Ask at time of reservation.) Please call the Settle Inn at 906-228-8100 to reserve your room.

Then notify Scott or Yolanda at the Shrine office, 218-722-7488, or secretary@aadshrine.org so we can have an idea about how many nobles and families will be in Marquette. Details can be found at msa2016.com/summer-ceremonial-august-3-6-2016 or contact Oriental Guide, Justin Stokke at justinstokke@hotmail.com

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