

Osman Shrine

*Introducing
2026
Potentate
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Pote's Notes

Ill. Sir
Brian D.
Miller



Illustrious Sirs, Members of the Divan, Nobles, Ladies, and friends, I am truly honored to be elected your 2026 Osman Shrine Potentate. With the help of my Lady, Laurie, and the Divan, we look forward to a year of "Family and Fellowship". There are a few individuals I want to thank for leading me into this opportunity. First, my dad, Doug Miller, who pointed at his Shrine ring late one night and asked when I was going to get involved. When I joined Osman Shriners, I joined the St. Paul Zagalas. The second person I would like to thank is Van Kellogg, who was the President of the St. Paul Zagalas. Van asked if I would be willing to be the Vice President. He assured me I wouldn't have to do a thing. Of course, when the President doesn't want to be in that position anymore, it is expected the VP will step up to be the new President. The third person I would like to thank is my Shrine father, Rich Purcell. Rich and his Lady, Sharon, asked if I would consider being appointed to the Divan. After we discussed it privately, Laurie and I decided we would be honored to accept the appointment. Looking back through the years at the people we have met and worked with, and the memories we have made, I have thoroughly enjoyed the past nine years serving on the Divan.

We are starting the year with a deficit budget and will strive to end the year with a balanced budget. This will depend on continuing some of the newer fundraising projects that helped to close the deficit in 2025, along with holding new fundraising projects that will be introduced this year. Chief Rabban, Wiley Davis, has created a fundraising committee that has a process to determine which opportunities deserve our efforts.

We look forward to proceeding with new opportunities and laying the groundwork for larger fundraising projects that will grow in the future.

As you all know, two of Osman Shrine's Divan members, Ryan Colligan and Neil Clymer, unexpectedly passed away in 2024. Ryan would have been our 2025 Osman Shrine Potentate. Illustrious Sir Michael Meyer graciously stepped up to continue as the 2025 Potentate and followed through with Ryan's calendar. Neil, Osman's Marshall, passed away later in the year. It feels as if the Osman Shrine has been in a state of mourning this past year as we honored and missed Ryan and Neil, two amazing individuals and leaders. It was good we honored Ryan and Neil, and we should always remember our Nobles who have passed. I now call on our entire Nobility and Ladies to return to the purpose for Shriners. It is the "playground of Masonry". I don't mean to downplay our philanthropy, Shriners Healthcare, that has existed for over 100 years, but Shriners has existed for over 150 years.

My theme for 2026 is "Family and Fellowship, Join the Mix!". I feel and believe that we Shriners are an extended family. Our purpose is to have fun and develop a fellowship while we work to support our philanthropy, Shriners Children's Healthcare. Of course, we have the challenge before us to grow in membership. Let's work together to make 2026 a great year for the Osman Shrine as a Family, having fun in Fellowship and welcoming others to "Join the Mix" during the 250th Anniversary year of the greatest country on earth, the United States of America!

Sincerely,

Brian D. Miller, Osman Potentate

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OSMAN STATED MEETING DECEMBER 2, 2025

Meeting called to order: Illustrious Sir Michael Meyer called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. All present were Nobles. Pledge was recited. Invocation was given by Chaplain PP Peter Ekholm.

Illustrious Sir Michael Meyer stated that according the Imperial By-Laws with the resignation of the Recorder Roger Robinson PP he is required to make an appointment to replace the vacancy to complete the term. I have appointed Jim Gratias PP as Recorder for the remainder of 2025.

Introductions of Past Potentates: Illustrious Sirs: Peter Ekholm PP 1988, Charles Ferguson PP 2006, James Berg PP 2009, Frank Spevak PP 2012, Don Harmsen PP 2013, Jeff Olsen PP 2015, Bruce Thomas PP 2016, Rich Purcell PP 2017, Michael Nehm PP 2018, Sean Gardiner PP 2021, Jim Gratias PP 2023.

Nobles attending their first Stated Meeting: Noble Fred Davis.

Visiting Nobles from other Temples: Assistant Rabban Ron Malcolm Zor.

Recorder: Motion made by PP Jeff Olsen, to accept the minutes from the Stated Meeting September 9, 2025 as presented, seconded by Paul Peterson and motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Dan Fliczek gave an update on the finances of the temple with a comparison of 2020 to the 2026 Budget. The Lost Spur has been doing extremely well this year in both the golf and event center. He then explained what donations to the Temple can be tax deductible. Transportation Aide is the only fund available. All other donations are not tax deductible. The 2026 Operating Budget for Osman Shrine was presented showing a net loss of (\$41,227). Motion was made by Dan Fliczek to approve the 2026 Budget as presented. Motion was seconded Hunter Pettit and passed.

Trustee's Report: Trustee Chris Johnson discussed the several maintenance expenses recently, all three heat exchangers for \$15,640, circuit panel repair \$3280, walk in freezer \$1878, to name the major ones. The golf course needs stump removal from downed trees aproved up to \$2000. The digital sign on the highway entrance needs panel replacements and was approved cost of \$34,000 Event revenue is up \$160,496 over last year and golf revenue is up \$80,615 over last year. Motion was made by PP Rich Purcell to approve the Trustee Report. The motion was seconded by Brian Miller and passed.

Oriental Guide: Oriental Guide Eric Mundt reported there are 1 demit Nicholas Thomas, 1 prerequisite drop Roger Robinson PP, 61 NPD suspensions: John Amundson, Andrew Bjork, Joshua Brown, Paul Burke, Thomas Callies Jason Carey, Jay Desio, Michael Dohrn, Jeremy Dorpinghaus, Jason Dove, Jim Drummond, Luke Eichberger, Lawrence Furman, Nicholas Hart, John Hawthorne, Phipp Hayek, David Hellstern, Bryce Henry, Ryan Hinck, John Hodge Jr, Aaron Hoffland, Jacob Holck, James Hooper, Brad Hoover, Martin Hoven, Joshua Hulberg, Peter Irvine, Ronald Johnson, Samuel Kantos, Joseph Kolfage, Rodolfo Landeros, Lawrence Lauber, III, Darrel Leonard, Paul Main, James Malsom, Craig Mann, David Mikel, Christopher Mishler, Charles Moline, Daniel Mueller, Emilio Munoz, Scott Overby, Lee Overmoen, David Peterson, James Renn, Sr, Charles Rios Sr. Alexander Robinson, Bruce Ryan, Isadore Saide, Larry Sandburg, Brad Semlak, Shawn Shopek, Peter Simpson, Darrell Smith, Michael Sparrow, Alan Stevens, Todd Theisen, Kenneth Trunnell, Jr., Noah Weis, John Weyer, Fai Hong Wong. Motion was made by Mark Hughes to approve the Oriental Guide report. Motion seconded by Jeff Olsen and passed.

Chief Rabban Report: Chief Rabban Brian Miller there is: one affiliation Gerald Robinson, one new creation Ryan Marrus. Motion was made by Wiley Davis to allow a voice vote for the new candidate. Seconded by Chris Chopp and passed. Motion was made by Wiley Davis to accept Ryan Marrus as a new Noble seconded by Chris Chopp and motion passed. Motion was made by Paul Peterson to accept the Chief Rabban report. Seconded by Rob Winter and motion passed.

Black Camel Report: High Priest and Prophet Paul Peterson reported that the Black Camel has visited our Temple since the last meeting A moment of silence followed the reading of the names Randall Alexander 3/27/25, Ronald Erickson 9/19/25, Jay Lietzow 9/25/25, David Alexander 9/27/25, Charles Vonwald 10/09/25, Kenneth Kumm 10/09/25, Leland Johnson 10/16/25, David Barker 10/29/25. Motion was made by Wiley Davis to approve the Black Camel Report seconded by Brian Miller and motion passed.

Good Cheer Report: Noble Bob Misner gave the report that the following Nobles are on the Good Cheer report. Bryan Jennings, Tom West, Gary Winters, Jerry Johnson, PP Henry Paulson, Dan Skoog. Motion was made by Paul Peterson to approve the Black Camel Report, seconded by Eric Mundt and motion passed.

Hospital Report: None given.

Circus Report: Assistant Rabban Wiley Davis reported that a circus in 2026 will most likely not happen due to the lack of a facility to hold the circus since the fair grounds are under renovation. A fundraiser committee has been formed and will be reporting in January for other alternatives. A motion was made by Paul Peterson to approve the Circus Report seconded by Hunter Pettit and motion approved.

Membership: Noble Hunter Pettit reported that membership began the year 763 members. We had 13 creations, 1 affiliation, 9 restorations, 2 associations, 13 demits 1 suspension,, 34 expired, 2 resigned, 1 associate drop for and ending membership of 736. This is before the 61 nobles dropped for NPD. We have 23 prospects currently and one brother awaiting a mini ceremonial. 2025 saw an increase of 47% in the Black Camel. We need to work hard in 2026 on new members. A motion was made by Paul Peterson to approve the Membership Report seconded by Jim Moore and motion passed.

Chief of Staff Report: Marshall Doug Weisbrod reported that the application for the St Paul Winter Carnival has been submitted for the Saturday Grand Day Parade only. Motion to approve and seconded . Motion passed

Old and New Business; Noble Mark Sportelli discussed the need to start saving items for 2026 garage sale. We made \$7500 in 2025 . Help is really needed as it takes a lot of manpower to run a successful sale. The sale will be June 11-13 2026.

Illustrious Sir Frank Spevak wanted clarification concerning the prerequisite suspension of PP Roger Robinson and possible reinstatement . Discussion followed.

Illustrious Sir Michael Meyer thanks everyone for attending the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted by PP Jim Gratias, Osman Recorder.

Alexandria 4-Wheelers & Calliope

Greetings and salutations, Nobles.

We hope this message finds you well and that you enjoyed a safe and joyous Christmas season and New Year.

Due to a few calendar overlaps and prior Masonic commitments, we were unable to install our officers in December, as two officers were away on other Masonic business. We are pleased to announce that the Installation of Officers will now take place at our January 20th stated meeting. In addition, this meeting will be held at a new location, Pizza Ranch - Alexandria, as we try something a little different for the Club.

We also look forward to seeing many of you later in the month at the St. Paul Winter Carnival. This event is always a highlight of the winter season and a great opportunity to represent the Shrine in Minnesota.

As tradition has long held—and will continue—our February meeting will be our annual Sweetheart Brunch, held at Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria.

- Sunday, February 15th
- Social: 11:00 a.m.
- Meal: To follow



Please RSVP to Scott Giannone, indicating the number attending, so we can plan accordingly.

We look forward to gathering with you in the coming months and sharing in fellowship, tradition, and fun.

Fraternally,

Scott Giannone
Alexandria Shriners 4-Wheelers & Calliope

Director's Staff

Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

The holiday season is behind us, and the New Year 2026 is beginning. We wish everybody will have a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Our first parade of 2025 will be the St. Paul Winter Carnival parade on January 24. See the Chief's Corner or Blast for time of the line up. Our 2nd parade will be St. Patrick's Day at Maple Lake, MN. Stay tuned for time of the line up.

On a sad note, there will be no Shrine Circus this year because of construction on the Coliseum. We all look forward to 2027 and another Shrine Circus. Our next dinner meeting will be on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. As of this writing, no

location has been determined. There are many Osman events scheduled this year, check out the Chief's Corner or Blast for more info.

Keep on rollin with the Directors Staff,

Kent Swedberg



Director's Staff Holiday Dinner Party



Neil Hanson

Austin Area Shrine Club & Oriental Band

The year 2025 came to an official end for us as we hosted our annual Holiday Dinner on December 11th. We were fortunate to have respectful weather that allowed several out-of-town guests to join us. After an excellent meal that included a choice of chicken, walleye or pork chop, we were entertained by the Austin High School Austinaires.

The Austinaires are a select group of students who audition to be included. Their appearance with us is a tradition that has lasted for many years, The director is a former student who recalled singing for us when he was a student. Both the Oriental Band and Shrine Club donate to their program.

At this dinner, donations were made to both Osman Shrine and Osman Auxiliary. Laurie Miller represented the Auxiliary in accepting their check. This year the pop can program was able to provide a \$9,000.00 donation for the year. We'll try for a higher amount in 2026. Ill Sir Mike Meyer accepted the Osman donations.

A thank you to Ill Sir, Mike Meyer; Chief Rabban, Brian Miller; Ass't. Rabban, Wiley Davis; 1st Ceremonial Master, Chris Chopp, and Past Potentates Jim Gratiyas, Bruce Thomas, and Larry Norte for being with us. We also had Shrine widows Helen Hecimovich, Bonnie Newell, Mary Pecht, and Audrey Colligan attend. It was truly appreciated.

Officers for 2026 were installed and they are Roy Jones, President; Gary Brolsma, Vice President; Neil Hanson, Sec'y -Treasurer, and Brad Stout, Business Mgr.(Band).

Hoping all Clubs and Units have a safe and successful 2026!

Neil Hanson, Secretary



Austin Austinaires performing with the Shrine Officers



Mark Mincks and his Certificate for serving as President.



Laurie Miller accepting a check for the Auxiliary from Neil Hanson and Mark Mincks



Neil Hanson and Brad Stout at the registration table

Rochester Area Shrine Club

Another year is in the bag for all of us, including the Rochester Area Shrine Club. It was a quite successful twelve months, with activities nearly every month; and we look forward to an even better run in 2026. And this gives me the opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Looking back, we had many fun social activities such as the Sweetheart Dinner, the Family Fun Night, the Summer Picnic at the Norte Ranch, the Holiday Party, and a new event, a New Year's Eve Bash at Autumn Woods Campground. But we also had fundraisers such as the Big Iron Classic and the new Community Fun Festival. Also, many Rochester Area Shrine Club members worked at the Osman Circus on the State Fairgrounds in St. Paul, as well as participated or worked at the golf tournament at the Lost Spur and at the "As the Leaves Fall" volleyball tournament in Pine Island, a fundraiser for the Shrine Children's Clinic.

It'll be much the same in 2026 as we strive to serve our Shrine purpose of Fun, Fellowship and Fraternity. My thanks to all the Nobles and Ladies who helped in any way this past year on any of those activities. My goal as President this year is to get more involvement from our club members throughout the various units. I also want to emphasize what we all know: that we wouldn't be able to accomplish all that we do without the support and hard work of our Ladies. Thank you ladies! You're the best!.

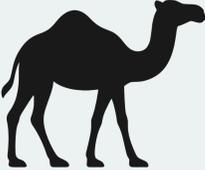
At our November meeting we elected the 2026 Officers. They will be D.J. Titus, Secretary/Treasurer; Dan Groteboer, Vice President; and myself as President. (I'm still trying to identify the heckler at my SHORT Installation Speech :) He'll be dealt with!) As I said that night, I look forward to seeing everyone in 2026...and that includes everyone throughout Osmanland.

Here's to a great Shrine Year for us all!

Mike Smith

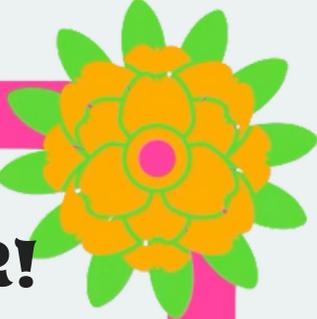
**BLACK
CAMEL**

Ronald Anderson
11/29/2025



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C. Chopp

**GOOD
CHEER!**



Bryan Jennings
Tom West
Gary Winters
Jerry Johnson
Tom Polzin
Bryan Jennings
Peter Ekholm
Roger Berge

Dragon Patrol

We've turned the Calendar Page to 2026—as hard as that is to believe sometimes—and that means we've begun the long grind to what promises to be an exciting year for the Dragon Patrol, and in particular, Chang himself.

First of all, I'd like to thank Art Pavlish for all he's done for the Dragon Patrol and the individual members throughout his 16-year run as our Secretary, as he "retires" from that role; and for the same hard work before that as a member in very good standing. Let's face it, Art, with his lovely lady Donna right beside him every step of the way, has been Mr. Dragon Patrol for most of those years—certainly for as long as I've been a member. He's who we all went to when we needed information, advice, or reminders about what to do and how to do it when it came to the many DP tasks throughout the year. He was definitely the rock I leaned on time and again years ago in my first go 'round as DP President. I wouldn't have made it without him. Well, guys like PP Bruce Thomas, PP Larry Norte, Doug Brick, Ron Lamkin, Bert Aikens and Bill Hubbard kept me on the straight and narrow, too, which is a good thing! Anyway, thank you, thank you Art...and Donna.

As for the year ahead, it appears that Chang will finally get his new body, as I understand it's being constructed as we speak. It will be Chang's 4th re-incarnation as our mighty dragon. And the other Big News is the fact that Chang and the Dragon Patrol will reach their

1,000th parade with our first parade this year... and yes, we are excited. We haven't finalized a plan yet, or know for sure where it's going to be... but we hope to get that all worked out soon. We'll let everybody know and we'd certainly like to invite anyone who's interested to come to the parade and/or observance of the milestone.

You know, to me, there's been nothing more satisfying or rewarding than being able to parade with Chang and bring smiles to so many faces every summer...and to be able to meet and become friends with so many people--whether they be fellow nobles, ladies, or residents of the communities we visit. We've gone to so many interesting cities and towns, big and small, throughout Minnesota and from Moose Jaw to Charlotte, North Carolina. We've made memories and made friends...and if you haven't been in on that, you really need to. It's the most fun you can have...legally! So if you're able-bodied and would like to get in on that fun, we're always looking to welcome new members. We need some young guns to take over for us "old" codgers!

Our first meeting of the year will be Wednesday, February 25, at Fat Willy's. Come for the 6:00 Social Hour, stay for the meeting at 7:00.

To all the Nobles and Ladies out there, Happy New Year, and best wishes for a successful one. Remember, we parade, so kids can walk.

Mike Smith

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Rochester Daddy'Os

Happy Winter from the Daddy'Os!

I hope everyone is having a good winter, wherever you are. Some are in warmer climates; some enjoy the winter activities. Personally, I wish it was a little colder.

We had our 1st unit meeting, where we set a tentative agenda for Spring. Our first wrench day (maintenance on the trikes) will be Mar 28th, weather permitting. If that doesn't work, April 25th still gives us time to get ready for the parade season. Parade requests are already coming in.

Our Holiday Party is on January 24th. There is a flyer in the Blast with all the details, of course hoping for good weather & attendance.

Many thanks to Ron Hanson for being our President this past year. We had a very successful year and are planning on building on that success this year and beyond.

For anybody with the inclination to join us in a parade, you would be very welcome. After a brief practice session, the trikes are easy to run and very fun. We have more trikes than riders, so the more the merrier.

So, wherever you are, let's have a good year with lots of comradery and fellowship, let's represent the Shrine the best we can, and do what we can to help children in need.

*Victor Gammell
2026 President, Daddy'Os*

January Birthdays

STEVE HINCK * RONALD J DAVIS * ERIC K ANDERSON * DAVID A KOENIG * ALAN L BEELER * KAY E MOSS
MARNIE F WILL * STEVEN GENZ * RONALD C LARSON * CHARLES P LINNELL * ROBERT TRACY * BRADLEY J STEPHANS
DAVID A RAHM * JAMES M JUDISCH * BRIAN L LAUBER * MATTHEW A MORENO * DONALD E HEGGEDAHL
BRAD W STOUT * THEODORE M VEILLEUX * GARY HOVEN * PETER ANAGNOS M.D. * LARRY L GUSTAFSON
MICHAEL DENKE * TODD A SANFORD * WAYNE L LONGWELL * JOHN D MILNE * BRYAN B KIRKES * SVEN K LINDQUIST
NICHOLAS CASCI * LAMOINE J HATTON * JOHN B BREWER * PAUL J BRIDENSTINE * SCOTT J SPAETH
RICHARD C WAGNER * FRANK A PETERSON * RICHARD W SCHUBBE * JAMES R TUORILA * ROBERT A PIEPER
RONALD C CLARSTROM * CHRISTOPHER D JONES * JON O ADAMS * ROBERT J WAGNER * SHAWN R CARRICK
BRIAN J HOFFMAN * DANIEL MUELLER * RANDY DOHRN * CHAD A BLONIGEN * DAVID S LOUT * JOHN D MADDOX
MICHAEL L FEATHERSTON * ERIC V JOKINEN * THOMAS D EINEKE * GREGORY J PEPIN * MICHAEL D SPARROW

February Birthdays

DAVID T KOMPENLIEN * DAVID Z CONOVER * JAMES E HERRIOTT * ROBERT V MISNER * ROBERT G SUK
CHRISTOPHER R BARTA * LOWELL E ANDERSON * MARK KRAUS * DAVID R NIEBUHR * TERRY C BRINDLEY
ROBERT J SELDEN * STEPHEN E NEISWANGER * JAMES F SOLIN * GREG WENNES * DAVID W MEIER * PAUL M PETERSON
MATHEW WOODWORTH * KYLE A EMANUEL * DUSTIN D DOHRN * WALLACE L LARSEN * PAUL M WOLF
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CHARLES J MCKENZIE * ROBERT L DARLING * LEON J TRAEGER * WILLIAM WEINAND * JAMES R SMITH
RANDALL J CIRKSENA JR. * MICHAEL D BRADY * JERRY R DOHRN * SCOTT BANICKI * JACOB N NEIS * MARK S GALLOWAY
ESTEBAN LEZAMA * PERRY M JOHNSON * MARK B SWENSON * DAVID BOGUSLAWSKI * DEAN W MEIXELL
EDWARD GERWILL * IAN S GARDINER * ROGER D PLATH * ROBERT D BOESEN

Osman Pipe Band

Greetings Nobles, Ladies, and Friends,

The winter months are upon us. We are two months away from St. Patrick's Day and the kick-off to our parading season. We may not be parading yet, but the group isn't idle. This time of year is spent inducting new officers, meeting new Divans, learning new music, and working on our playing skills for the upcoming year.

On December 15th the band had our annual Holiday Party at Lucky 13's in Roseville. We were honored to have Chief Rabban Brian Miller, his lady Laurie, Assistant Rabban Wiley Davis, and his lady Shelly from the Divan to join us and to induct our 2026 unit officers. The night was filled with good fellowship, food, music, and drawings for some nice wooden snowmen made by our own President, PP Rich Purcell.

The 2026 Pipe Band Officers are:
 President: PP Rich Purcell
 Vice President: Dr. Peter Anagnos
 Secretary: Mitchell Born
 Treasurer: Dan Flicek
 Pipe Major: Dr. Ralph Magnusson
 Drum Major: John Hepola



2026 Officers Brian Miller, Mitch Born, Ralph Magnusson, PP Rich Purcell, Peter Anagnos, John Hepola, Dan Flicek, Wiley Davis

On Friday, January 9th the band helped our Zuhrah friends pipe in their new Potentate, for 2026, Steve Scheffert. We were also honored to play 2025 Potentate Clif Bailey off into the sunset...or to the bar, as he handed over the gavel and ended his year as Zuhrah Potentate. The group is happy to have our bass drummer back! On Saturday, January 10th we were honored to play in 2026 Osman Potentate, Brian Miller and his lady Laurie for their Divan Reception.

By the time you read this the group will have played for the St. Paul Scottish Rite as they host their annual Robert Burns Dinner on Saturday, January 24th. Mmmmm...Haggis!

The Pipe Band is always actively seeking new members, if you have ever thought of playing the drums or bagpipes, we have members who give lessons. We are a fun unit to be a part of and welcome anyone interested. We meet every Monday at 6:30pm. Our rehearsals switch between Plato Masonic building and Zuhrah Shrine Center. Reach out if you want to attend a rehearsal to see where we are that week.



The band piping in 2026 Zuhrah Potentate Steve Scheffert

*Mitchell Born
 Secretary, Osman Pipe Band*



The band playing for family and friends at our annual holiday party.



Serving Dinner at the Zuhrah annual stated meeting. (L to R: Ted Martz, Dan Flicek, Peter Anagnos, Eric Knutsen, Mitch Born, PP Rich Purcell, Ralph Magnusson, Dean MacFarlane)

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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2026

2ND ANNUAL RYAN COLLIGAN
MEMORIAL CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Cornhole Check-in - 11:30 am; Start Time - 1:00 pm
\$80 per 2-Person Team - 32 Team Limit
Double Elimination, 50% Payback
Registration Opens December 5th at:
SCORHOLIO.com
RYAN COLLIGAN MEMORIAL FUNDRAISER

Ryan Colligan, a beloved member of the Osman Shrine and our community, suddenly and unexpectedly passed away due to a tragic accident on August 11, 2024. Ryan was a devoted husband and father, a friend, a brother, a patriot, and a beacon of kindness and generosity to everyone who knew him. His warmth, humor, and unwavering commitment to his family, the community, and the Osman Shrine touched countless lives and he is sorely missed.



This is an indoor cornhole tournament, Osman Shrine will provide the bags and boards to be used.

Pull Tabs
Silent Auction
Concession Stand (Cash)
Lost Spur Bar
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WILD!

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Osman Auxillary

Greetings and a Happy New Year to all of our Osman Auxiliary Members and friends! I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays with your family and friends.

The Osman Auxiliary wants to congratulate our newly elected Potentate, Brian Miller, his Lady Laurie, and the 2026 Divan. We wish you a great year, and we are looking forward to working with you throughout 2026.

The Osman Auxiliary had a very successful 2025, because of the generosity of all of you. Thank you so very much!! Your financial contributions, toys, blankets, gift cards, tabs, money designated to purchase toys were all greatly appreciated. We attended the Osman Parade to Glory in December, and we were again so grateful for the generosity of the Osman Nobles. We sincerely appreciate the generosity of the Clubs and Units!! Thank you so much. We could never do what we do for the children at Shriners Children's' Twin Cities without your kind generosity and support. Your generous donations absolutely help us with our mission to provide wheelchairs, adaptive equipment and provide for



Osman Auxiliary members enjoying the Auxiliary Holiday Luncheon

special needs for the children at Shriners Children's' Twin Cities. Thank you, thank you, and thank you!!!!

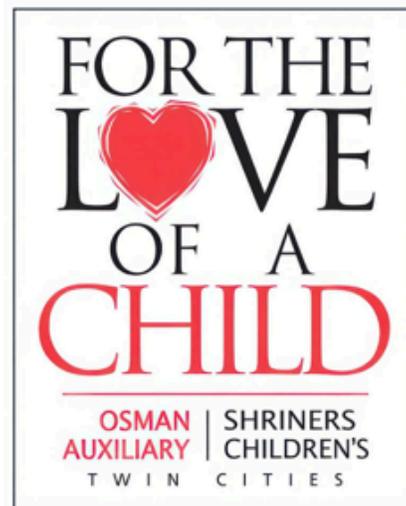
I also want to especially recognize the Austin Area Shrine Club and Oriental Band. I have previously reported on their pop can/tab collection, recycling project. In 2025, they donated a total of \$9,000.00 to the Osman Auxiliary which they earned from their recycling project plus they gave us

many toys for the children. That is absolutely phenomenal! We know how hard they worked to keep this project going and to earn this much money, and we really appreciate this unbelievably fantastic donation. Thank you so much!!

Thank you to all of you who are collecting and donating tabs for the Auxiliary to help the children at Shriners Children's' Twin Cities. We are so fortunate to have so many people collecting tabs for us. In addition to all of you locally who collect tabs, we are



2026 Osman Auxiliary Board: Diane Johnson, Kathy Flicek, Dawn Swanson, Cathy Sportelli, Elizabeth Ekholm, Shelly Davis, Laurie Miller, Chairman Denise Clymer, and Rose West



receiving many tabs from Arizona. Mark and Cathy Sportelli bring back many tabs from their friends in Arizona every spring. PP Rich Purcell and Lady Sharon just received 50,00 tabs from their friends Keith Constable, Andy Gardner and Toni Erickson from the Pebble Creek Community in Goodyear, Arizona. Their friends have collected over 100,00 tabs this past fall and winter. Our granddaughter, Maddie, who belongs to a Service Sorority at UMD has taken on the tab collection as one of their service projects to raise money for the WGA 4 Kids Wheelchair Fund. She has the

Sororities and Fraternities collecting tabs. To make it more fun and to collect more tabs, she has started a competition where a traveling trophy will be awarded

to the group who collects the most tabs. We so much appreciate all the tabs we receive, and we really appreciate all the work Mark and Cathy Sportelli do to get the tabs ready for sale and take them to the recycling center. Thank you all!!!

Our last event for 2025 was our Annual Holiday Party held at the Lost Spur/Osman Event Center. Chef Mike prepared a fabulous lunch, and we were entertained by Flute Cocktail. It was a very pleasant afternoon filled with music. A very special thank you to the whole Auxiliary Board who planned and hosted this event.

You should have received your Membership packets by now. We appreciate our current members and hope you will all renew your membership. In



Keith Constable, Andy Gardner, and Toni Erickson giving tabs they collected to PP Rich Purcell and Lady Sharon

addition, we would love to increase our membership. Please invite any of your friends, relatives or neighbors

who would be interested in joining us as we help the



Rose West's Granddaughter Maddie Gray giving her the second collection of tabs from Maddie's Service Sorority at UMD

children at our Shriners Children's' Twin Cities. Membership is open to all men, women and young adults. You do not need a



Osman Auxiliary Members presenting Illustrious Sir Brian with his Wheaties Box.

Shrine affiliation to be a member. You can be involved as much or as little as you like. Membership is only \$15.00 per year. If you are not a current member and would like join the Osman Auxiliary, please contact Kathy Flicek, Membership Chair, kmflicek@gmail.com or #651-454-7868.

The Osman Auxiliary Board has been busy planning the calendar of events for 2026. The schedule was included in your membership packets. Please mark your calendars now for our first three events: March 5, Thursday evening, 6:00 PM, BUNCO with a Taco Bar at the Lost Spur/Osman Event Center, April 18, Saturday, Luncheon and Style Show by Baglios, 11:30 AM at the Lost Spur/Osman Event Center and May 14, Thursday, 11:30 AM, Luncheon and Theater at the Sidekick Theater, 11411 Masonic Home Dr., Bloomington. The Theater Production is "Birthday Candles".

This is my last article for the Osman as after 14 years, I am "turning over the reins" to

Denise Clymer. I am very excited to have Denise as the new Chairman of the Osman Auxiliary. I know she will do a fabulous job. It truly has been an honor and my distinct pleasure to serve as your chairman. Thank

you for all of your continued support.

Rose West

Getting to Know the Osman Shrine

- a Brief History in Review



Geo. R. Metcalf
Potentate 1889-1890

Masonic / Shriner accolades:
 He was the 24th Worshipful Master of the St. Paul Lodge #3.
 He was the first Osman Potentate from 1889-1890.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Our next issue of the Osman will be the March issue. Articles are due on the 10th of February. Moving forward we will be putting out a monthly issue. Please submit your articles, advertisements, etc. by the 10th of the prior month. Thank you for your understanding and consideration. C. Chopp

Dr. George Reuben Metcalf was born on 6 December 1848 in Brattleboro, Vermont. He attended and graduated from Columbia University Medical school in 1874. He became a freemason in 1870 while attending medical school at Columbia University (although the exact lodge he was raised is unknown). In 1874, he started his medical career in Syracuse, New York where he met his wife Julia Bowen French (1854 - 1922) who was born in Mexico, New York. They married in 1875 in Mexico, New York. They had a son (George Putnam Metcalf) who was also born in Syracuse, New York on 29 November 1876. In 1883 he moved the family to St. Paul, Minnesota where he became a prominent physician, freemason, and shriner. In the 1895 census it showed that he lived in St. Paul, Ramsey Ward 3 (110 West 4th Street) where the St. Paul Public Library and James J Hill Library were later built. It is noted that his older brother, O M Metcalf who was a lawyer also lived in the same building. It is unknown if O M Metcalf was also a fellow mason or shriner. Unfortunately, George met the black camel on March 1, 1905 after succumbing to a seizure while he and Julia were touring Italy. He was subsequently buried at Prospect Hill Cemetery in Brattleboro Vermont

*Dr. Peter Anagnos,
2nd Ceremonial Master*

Potentate's Reception 2026



JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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