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Pote's Notes

Ill. Sir
Brian D.
Miller



Our highlight this month was an amazing Potentate's trip to Alaska, cruising on the Nieuw Amsterdam with Holland America. On August 22 nd , we were joined by 63 guests for our trip, including Shriners and their Ladies, family, and friends. We met in Vancouver, where we enjoyed a tour of the Vancouver city highlights before reaching the harbor and embarking on our trip. Holland America did not disappoint with elegant settings and exceptional accommodations, a huge array of delicious foods and beverage choices, outstanding specialty restaurants and entertainment, and wonderful service.

We cruised along the inside passage, taking in the picturesque panoramic Alaskan views and enjoying the camaraderie. We stopped in Ketchikan, Juneau, and Skagway, where we enjoyed getting to know the quaint little towns, their culture, amazing local foods, beautiful scenery, wildlife, and points of interest. As we continued cruising through the Glacier Bay National Park and Hubbard Glacier areas and were awed by the breathtaking scenery before arriving at Whittier, where we disembarked from the cruise line.

We had 40 guests who wanted to experience more of Alaska, so we continued on to Seward for a post-cruise trip extension. Seward offered the possibility to go deep sea fishing, cruise along the Kenai Fjords, watch glaciers calve, see Alaskan wildlife, and choose from a variety of excursions and restaurants.

While deep sea fishing, we filled two boats and caught halibut, rock fish, and cod. Once we caught our limit of halibut and rock fish, the cod was a pleasant bonus. Some guests enjoyed a second day fishing on the Kenai River for Salmon while others cruised along the Kenai Fjords viewing the ocean wildlife, stunning landforms, and an up-close view of glaciers calving. We had three boats of four searching for salmon. All three boats caught salmon, but not all were keepers! For those who love seafood, we enjoyed some of the best fresh seafood ever, and look forward to enjoying the seafood we caught and brought back with us.

I think we all had a great and memorable time on the Alaskan trip and I want to thank our travel agent, Mary Jane Brewster, and my wonderful Lady, Laurie, for the tremendous amount of work they put into making this trip a huge success.

September also included an Osman Family Saints Game event. We had a private area for a buffet and drinks before the game where we could relax and enjoy ourselves before the game started. Our seats were along the third base line, very close to home plate. It was great to see everyone who came out. Although the St. Paul Saints lost, it was a beautiful day and a good game. Laurie loves fireworks and insisted we stay afterwards through the entire display. They were pretty impressive.

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We followed up the next day with the Osman Golf Classic. Illustrious Sir Anders Haugen continues to help run the tournament along with the Osman Auxilliary, and it has continued to be a huge success! We had a full slate of teams, two starting at each hole, along with several special competitions on the course. The Osman Clowns added another bit of entertainment at the ninth tee box and the St. Cloud Hecklers at the fourth. And the good meal and camaraderie afterwards added to the fun. This event just keeps getting better every year!

I want to thank Mark Sportelli and crew for cleaning up the warehouse in preparation for the off-season. Thank you, Mark for heading up this effort and thank you to all who helped and worked so hard. I also want to take the opportunity to thank all the Clubs and Units of Osman. Your efforts make Osman outstanding. I am very honored to be trusted with leading this great organization for 2026.

Let's keep having fun!

Illustrious Sir Brian Miller



The Osman Alaskan trippers at Mendenhall Glacier, Juneau AK.

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Club & Unit NEWS

Austin Area Shrine Club & Oriental Band


Neil Hanson

As the month of September began, it also brought an end to the 2026 parades for the Oriental Band. Like many of the units we struggled with available members, and had as few as five and as many as ten on the parade trailer. It is great to see the trailer full when we represent Osman and our purpose for participating in parades.

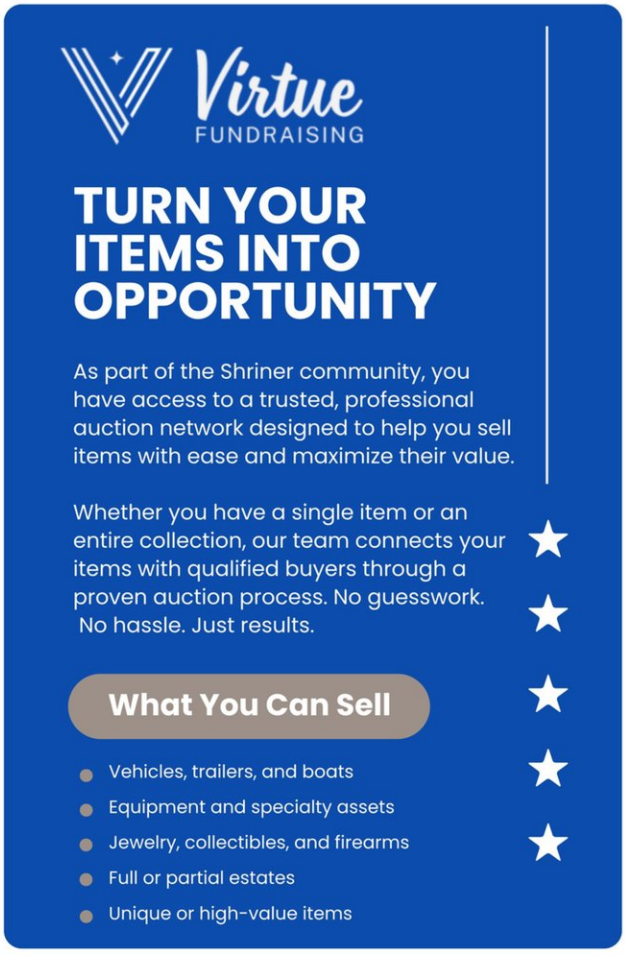
What a difference. But we know work schedules and family functions are important priorities. We did manage to participate in thirteen parades and promote Shrine HealthCare for Children. We withdrew from two parades for lack of numbers and lost one due to a communications issue.

The Oriental Band Cook-out was Saturday. September 19th at the VFW in Austin. This has become a tradition as we call an end to the parades for another year.

The Shrine Club is still in the pop can business for the Auxiliary and will most likely be presenting a check at the cook-out on September 19th. We have some repair work that needs to be done on a couple of the pop can trailers. And, it's interesting how member(s) of the community keep watch over some of them.

Again, we reach out to any Noble in the area who's not a member of a unit. We would love to have them contact us. We'll be glad to work with them.

Neil Hanson, Secretary





Osman Pipe Band

Greetings Osman Family,

By the time you read this, we will have done our last parade for the season. The band has had a busy season with some of our standard parades and even some new events that we have never done before.

Over the 4th of July we paraded in Apple Valley and then the following day we travelled to Augusta, Wisconsin where the band played in their annual "Bean and Bacon Days" parade. The band took 1st place in our category so henceforth, we shall now be called the Award Winning Osman Pipe Band!

We held our annual summer picnic at PP Rich Purcell's house and were excited to host our Illustrious Potentate, Chief Rabban, and their ladies as we shared some fellowship before performing a small concert for the neighbors (both willing and unwilling!).

We started August by parading in Watkins for their Wurst N Kraut Fest parade and then entertained the crowds at some of the local watering holes. We then had a very special event where we were invited to play in Arcadia, Wisconsin at the "Ashley for the Arts" Festival on one of their stages. One of the headliner acts when we performed was the Gene Simmons Band so now we can say we opened up for KISS...kind of...sort of...close enough?



Eric Knutsen, Ted Martz, John Hepola, Ill Brian Miller, Lady Laurie at the band's summer picnic

Our next upcoming events will be the Wyoming Stagecoach Days Parade on September 19th and we finish the season helping our Zuhrah members with their Camel Crawl on October 3rd.

We are always looking for new members. Now is a great time to join because with some dedicated practice, you could be ready to parade with us when we start the new year's parade season. We rehearse every Monday night. We switch off between Plato Masonic Center and Zuhrah Shrine. Free lessons are available on the Great Highland Bagpipes as well as Highland Drumming. Reach out to us if you have even the slightest interest. We are a very fun and welcoming unit.

Mitch Born
Secretary, Osman Pipe Band



The band posing with some of our local benefactors in Watkins.



The band on stage at the Ashley for the Arts festival.



The Award Winning Osman Pipe Band at Augusta, Wisconsin



The band enjoying our mini oasis and preparing for Apple Valley



The band at PP Rich Purcell's House where we trade our Kilts and Ghillies for shorts and flip-flops



The band preparing to march on the 4th of July in Apple Valley

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Dragon Patrol

The end of another parade season is here and while it may be bit of a reprieve, or relief (!), it still brings a bit of sadness that another exciting, event-filled summer has passed. There's nothing to me, at least, like spending afternoons or long days with my Shrine brothers, who, really, are just an extension of our own families. We care about each other like real family and we're there for each other along the way. It's a journey. A series of adventures. That's what makes it special.

As I noted last month, we wrapped up our parade season with parades in September in Kellogg, Wykoff and Warrens. At Kellogg we were fortunate to meet and visit with (and have a very special picture taken with!) Miss Minnesota, Anna Brennan, as well as Miss Wisconsin Teen Meredith Rosemurgy. Chang got in on the act, as well, with a blast of dragon smoke for the ladies, probably something they never anticipated getting when they were crowned! We hope it provides a pleasant and lasting memory for them, as well.

Yes, the memories! The many hours on the bus rides through the years to parades: while that may sound tedious to many out there, I, on the other hand, enjoyed the many conversations in years past with longtime Shriners like Bill Hubbard, Bert Aikens, Jerry Korstad, Tim Bass, Art Pavlish and so many others. More recent and other current members, too, are fun traveling companions and the good-natured ribbing we supply each other with is priceless... good thing we are all thick-skinned and have a good sense of humor!



Ahh, it's good to be The King (with apologies to Mel Brooks)! Seated on the knee of PP Bruce Thomas prior to the Kellogg Watermelon Festival Parade September 13 is 2026 Miss Minnesota Anna Brennan. Miss Brennan, a senior journalism major at St. Thomas, joined a host of other royalty at the annual celebration at which the Dragon Patrol paraded. With them are, from left: Joel Starks, Al Shufelt, Jason Clemens, Jason Kennedy, Ron Hanson, Mike Smith and Chris Koenig.

And the many communities we visit: all are unique. Just in the Midwest, we've paraded from Hinckley to Welcome; and from Lewisville to Warrens and about 50 other communities in between since I've been a member. I enjoy visiting each of these cities and villages, taking in their celebrations and seeing the places that make up this great region of ours. Plus, knowing WHY we do it, for the kids benefitting from Shriners Clinic Twin Cities, makes it even more special. Expand that to the Midwest, travelling from Moose Jaw to Madison, and we've covered a whole lot of territory in my years. To me, it all has been worth every minute of my time.



Parading in Wykoff September 26 are, kneeling from left: Chris Koenig and Jason Kennedy.
Standing: Dan Flicek, Doug Brick, Mike Smith, Jason Clemens, PP Larry Norte, Al Shufelt and Paul M Peterson.



For their final parade of the season the Dragon Patrol traveled to Warrens, Wisconsin, for the Cranberry Festival September 27. Pictured are, kneeling from left: Mark Sportelli, Chris Koenig, Dan Flicek and Jason Kennedy. Standing: Dan Rasmussen, Paul M Peterson, Mike Smith, Doug Brick, Jason Clemens and Al Shufelt.

Quickly, I want to thank Dan Flicek and Mark Sportelli for driving down from the Twin Cities to help us out at Warrens. I know they enjoyed it, but it was a long drive. Thanks too, to ol' Left-Eye Dan Rasmussen for being with us that day, as well. Even though he's a longtime regular fixture with us, right now he has a lot on his mind to deal with, and we all will be there with him in spirit, if not physically. Lastly, hats off to Al Shufelt for willingly taking on the role of our Gong Man this summer...after MANY incredible years spent in the tail and body of Chang—right up to 93 years of age! Amazing! I guess that's what taking care of yourself through the years does for a guy. I should have learned that!

That's all for now. We're turning our attention now to things like Work Day on the bus and dragon, Election of Officers, Parade to Glory, and our Holiday Party. We hope 2027 is another great year for Chang and the Gang! Remember, we parade so kids can walk.

Mike Smith

Rodchester Area Shrine Club



Past Potentate and RASC member Larry Norte and RASC President Mike Smith pose with Tristan at the "As the Leaves Fall" Volleyball Tournament at the Trailhead Grill in Pine Island September 19. Tristan was treated at Shriners Children's Twin Cities for severe curvature of one of his legs. Thanks to several operations there, the curvature has been greatly reduced to 3% and he's able to lead a much more typical childhood life. His parents were the Guest Speakers at the fundraising event for the Clinic put together every fall by Samantha (Norte) Lambert. Over the years Sam's event, which includes a Silent Auction, has raised many thousands of dollars for the Clinic by way of the Osman Auxiliary. The family is from Cedar Falls, Iowa.


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2026 Pote's Alaskan Cruise



The whale watching was wonderful



Osman Potentate Brian Miller
and Lady Laurie



Chris, Eric, and LeRoy
perform the Beaver Degree

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A TOAST!



The dinners aboard the ship were superb!



The Lockhorsts visit a distillery



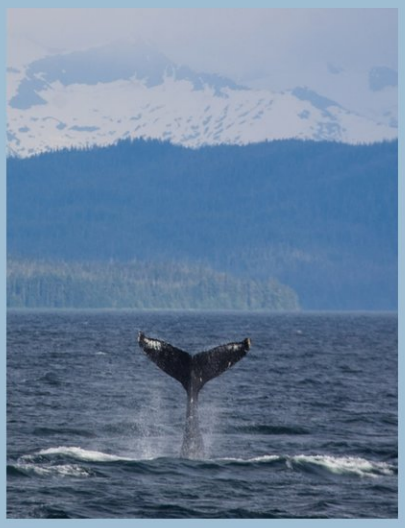
Dr. Pete & Chris C. with an Alaskan bear!



Chris Henry with drinks on the lido deck



The White Pass train line



We were able to see several Humpback whales

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Todd and Patti Sanford



The Seward, Alaska group



Illustrious Sir Brian Miller caught a Salmon!



The Lumberjack show was entertaining



Rich and Sharon Purcell



Touring around Vancouver



Floatplanes are a common mode of transportation in Alaska

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A fishing trawler



IS Michael Meyer, IS Brian Miller and Chris Johnson



Karen Chopp



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Laurie Miller and Dawn Swanson



Bears are big in Alaska



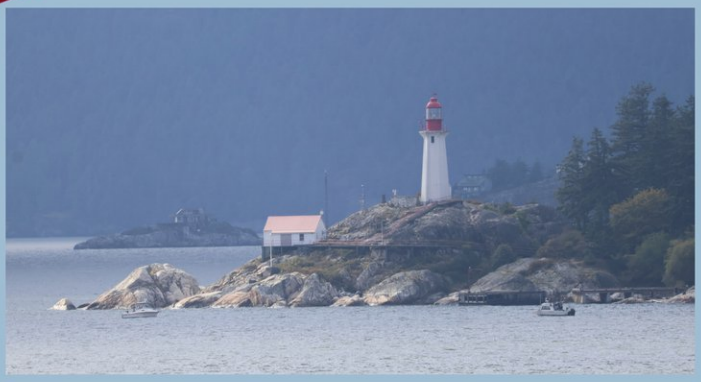
Ill. Sirs Brian Miller and Rich Purcell with Ladies Laurie and Shannon enjoying some Ice cream



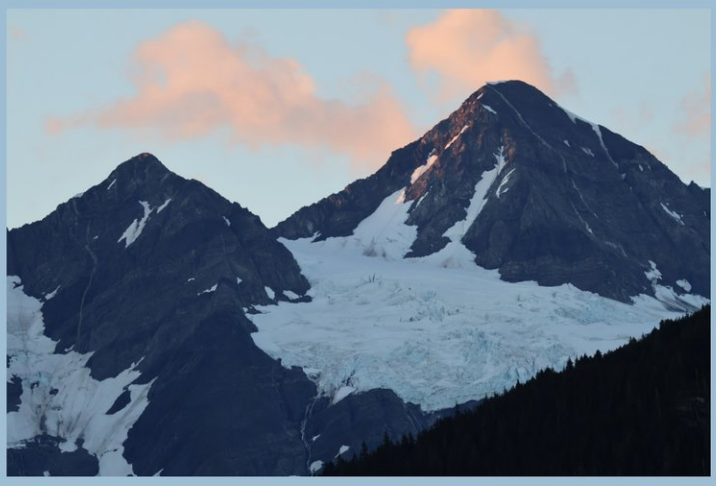
LeRoy and Dawn at Mendenhall Glacier



Our first port stop was Ketchikan



Point Atkinson Lighthouse, West Vancouver, first lit in 1875



Beautiful Alaska mountains!



Our trusty cruise ship

The Nobles of the Renaissance
a.k.a. - Makers and Mentors Club



Formation of the Nobles of the Renaissance is for the purpose of promoting fellowship through discussion and work on a wide variety of projects (crafts) including woodworking, leatherworking, resin casting, glass working, beer brewing, wine making, engraving, metal working, sign making, 3D printing and many other crafts. If you can think it, we can try to build it.

The plan would be to meet once a month at various homes or shops for a specific project. The focus of the projects would be to impart the knowledge of the craftsman gained over the years while individuals are creating their project. No experience is necessary, only the desire to learn something new.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact me at echodoc2000@yahoo.com and I will add you to our list. Once we have established our membership, we will meet to elect officers of the club in May.

Dr. Peter Anagnos, 2nd Ceremonial Master

A NEW CLUB TO JOIN!

The Osman Shrine Alchemist Club



Osman Shrine is proud to present the formation of the Alchemist Club (a.k.a., The Ritual and Research Club) for the purpose of gaining light through exploring the mysticism, rituals, signs and symbolism associated with Masonry and its appendant bodies. This is for those who want to embark on the more esoteric journey across the cold sands.

The plan is to meet monthly either in person or virtually for the purpose of discussion into our research. Every topic is open to explore.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact me at echodoc2000@yahoo.com. If this is something you would like to explore, please let me know and I will add you to our list. We will have our first meeting in July to elect officers.


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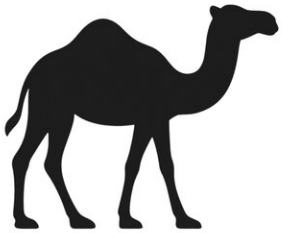
Tom West

BLACK CAMEL

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visits

reported!



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Osman Auxillary

Fall greetings to you,

We are in the season of team pumpkin spice latte and apple pie or team not so fast, cabin, swimming and one more boat ride. I look at it as a win, win. I could make an apple pie to go to my friend's cabin and have a pumpkin spice latte on the pontoon. Either way it's another season to experience and enjoy. We are hopeful that you will attend the events we have been planning. Watch for them in emails, the Osman Magazine, and the Osman Blast.

We have had a lot of fun these last few weeks. The Potentate's Cruise was a wonderful time with 63 attending. Everyone had fun seeing whales, eagles, glaciers, even a bear on the shore, and so much food!! Potentate Brian and first lady Laurie hosted a lovely reception on the ship in an area with a stunning view. They asked Erik Mundt, Chris Chopp and LeRoy Swanson to do the Canadian beaver degree like the one that was done on PP Jim Gratias and lady Connie's cruise. So along with their ladies, they put together an entertaining and lively degree. They invited us all to participate. They also made a plan to donate the money raised to the Osman Auxiliary. They presented me with $590.00. We can't thank them enough for always thinking of the Osman Auxiliary.

Our Annual Blood Drive was September 8th. Dawn Swanson is the chair of this event; she does a wonderful job coordinating the Red Cross and the volunteers. We enjoyed visiting with the donors. They live or work close to the Spur and are very interesting. Our goal was 29 donors and we collected 25 units. We had 4 first time donors, and 2 walk-ins. It was a very successful day and lots of fun. Thank you to everyone who helped and donated.

FOR THE LOVE OF A CHILD

OSMAN AUXILIARY | SHRINERS CHILDREN'S TWIN CITIES



Chris Chopp, Eric Mundt, and LeRoy Swanson donate the money to Denise Clymer of the Osman Auxiliary from the Beaver Degree

The 11 th Annual Golf Tournament on September 13 th was a huge success. Your dedication and support keep it going strong. We had 18 teams. It was a beautiful day, the rain stayed away!! So many great people make this a fun day. I had the privilege of greeting golfers on the 1 st hole with Lady Shelly Davis. We hugged and cheered (quietly) all the teams. Thank you to PP Anders Haugen, Kathy Flicek, and Cathy Sportelli for their time and hard work to make this so successful!! Looking forward to next year already.

Austin Shrine Club / Oriental Band end of parade season picnic was held on September 19th in Austin at the VFW. It is always so much fun to catch up with everyone. The Osman Potentate Brian Miller, some Divan members and their ladies along with a few others of us were able to attend. They have the best food at this potluck, and the burgers, brats, and hot dogs were cooked to perfection. They presented the Osman Auxiliary with a check for $5,000.00. Yes, if you were wondering I did cry. They are so dedicated and generous. We are so grateful for their support. Mary Hanson and her daughter Kim gave us 2 bags full of crayons, coloring books, puzzle books, and children's books. The timing is perfect for Christmas bag planning. Then if all that isn't enough, they had a meat raffle and that's always exciting. PP Bruce Thomas helped sell tickets. I'm not sure how this happened, but DeNeil Weisbrod and I both won. We appreciate this so much, it's so fun!!

Pizza, Puzzles, and Pitchers will be happening Friday, October 2nd . I will give the update and some fun pictures of the great teams next month.

Greeting players at the golf tournament on hole 1



Nick St. Claire, Dan St. Claire, Denise Clymer, Steve LaBoda, Eddie Clymer

We had a great welcoming team at the annual Osman Auxiliary Red Cross blood drive!



Dawn Swanson, Shelly Davis, Rose West, Laurie Miller, Elizabeth Ekholm



Dawn Swanson, Kathy Flicek, Darlene Strain, supporting Denise Clymer as she donates at the blood drive!



Sue Bay & Laurie Miller

Austin end of parade season picnic. Donations of crayons and coloring books being presented to the Osman Auxiliary Shriners Children's Twin Cities



Denise Clymer, Neil Hanson



Kim (Neil & Mary Hanson's daughter), Mary Hanson, Denise Clymer

We are looking forward to our luncheon on Saturday, November 14th at the Lost Spur. We are going to have a clinic representative who will speak about the patients after lunch. We are also so excited to incorporate an appreciation to our Shriners on this day. We are always amazed by the amount of money our Shriners raise working so diligently at parades and fundraisers. The Osman Auxiliary wants you to know how much your support means to us. We truly couldn't do what we do for the children without you. If you have been saving tabs, please bring them to the Spur anytime it's convenient for you. You can also bring them during any of our events. We are so appreciative of you collecting them. Mark and Cathy Sportelli have been watching the price and are ready to take them in to get the most for all your efforts saving and delivering the tabs. They are so dedicated to this project. We can't thank them enough. We have created a new label to put on the collection container. We are working on getting them to our events so you can change over the existing one.

The Osman Auxiliary Board is looking forward to seeing you. We all enjoy catching up with you and hearing what you have been up to since we last saw each other. As I say all the time, I feel so fortunate to be a part of such an outstanding organization and this Osman Auxiliary board is so amazing. It is truly an honor and a privilege to work alongside them. I'm grateful every time we meet. We would love to have you join the Osman Auxiliary. We email you information on fun events and important news when applicable. There are only a few opportunities to help at any events. You are not obligated or expected to do anything. We appreciate your support and we love seeing you at events. Contact Kathy Flicek or any of the Osman Auxiliary Board if you have any questions.

Enjoy the beginning of Sweater Weather!!
Thank you for all you do,

Denise Clymer
Chairman


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FOLLOWED BY
OSMAN SHRINERS BAR CRAWL
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Getting to Know the Osman Shrine - a Brief History in Review

Azariah Theodore Crane (A T C) Pierson - Osman's 1st Recorder.

A.T.C. Pierson was born in Speedwell, New Jersey on August 29, 1817. The family moved to Ohio in 1819 and then to New York in 1827. He graduated from the Barclay Street Medical College (now known as the New York Academy of Sciences) the same year, but did not practice medicine. While still living in New York, A.T.C. Pierson became initiated into Freemasonry in 1951, that same year he moved to Minnesota Territory.

A.T.C. Pierson came to St. Paul in 1851 as a confidential clerk for the Northern Superintendency of Indian Affairs overseeing the development of the Indian reservation system with the Winnebago's, Chippewas, and Dakota Sioux, a position he held until the Indian outbreak in 1862. It is speculated that he resigned the position disgusted over the handling of Indian affairs in Mankato where there was a brief 6 week Dakota War and 38 Dakota Sioux were hanged. He was then appointed as chief "draughtsman" in the office of the United States Surveyor General in St. Paul.

A.T.C. Pierson masonic journey continued in Minnesota where he was a member of Ancient Landmark Lodge, St. Paul Scottish Rite and in 1853 became a founding member and the first High Priest of the Minnesota Royal Arch Chapter No. 1. He also convened the 1853 convention to form the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, serving as the Grand Secretary and later Grand Master (1856 - 1863). He achieved the honor of the Scottish Rite 33rd degree in 1859. He was prolific in the expansion of Freemasonry in Minnesota where he was affectionately known as the "Father of Minnesota Freemasonry.".

1884, A.T.C. Pierson traveled to Chicago with William H. Wright, Isaac L. Mahan, Richard T. Flournoy, William Rhodes, Newton J Willey, Charles Howard and C. M. Truman to petition the Imperial Council in the Medinah Temple for dispensation to organize a Temple of the Order in St. Paul. Monday evening, July 13, 1885, a meeting was held at the Ryan Hotel with the same members



A. T. C. PIERSON.
CHARTER MEMBER OF ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE AND FIRST GRAND MASTER OF MINNESOTA.

where C. M. Truman presented the Commission from the Imperial Council appointing him as Deputy of the Imperial Council for the State of Minnesota and also dispensation for the same body authorizing the petitions to open a Temple under the distinctive title of Osman Temple and to confer the Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of the Ancient Arabic Order. A.T.C Pierson was elected as the first Recorder of the Osman Temple in 1885. He was instrumental in crafting the Osman Temple bylaws. In 1887, Orville G Miller replaced him as Osman Temple Recorder. A.T.C. Pierson died on November 26, 1890 from Bright's disease and was buried at Oakland Cemetery in St. Paul.

Dr. Peter Anagnos,
2nd Ceremonial Master

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 6:00 - 7:30 pm Meat Mavericks Officer & Membership Meeting	6	7	8 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Osman DaddyO-S	9	10 3:00 - 10:00 pm St Paul Saints Osman Shrine Family Day
11 Osman Annual Shrine Golf Tournament The Lost Spur	12	13	14	15 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm LOH stated meeting	16	17
18	19 6:00 - 8:00 pm Provost Guard 6:00 - 7:00 pm Sportsman's Club Membership Meeting	20	21 5:00 - 8:30 pm Mankato T-Birds	22	23	24 3:00 - 5:30 pm Fall Ceremonial 6:00 - 11:00 pm Halloween Pub Crawl
25	26	27 5:30 - 8:30 pm Divan Meeting	28	29	30	31 The Pote's Pheasant Hunt 8:00am @ Orlando Game Farm Cannon Falls

If your Club or Unit would like your activities listed on the calendar please contact the Osman Shrine office 651-452-5660, jeff@osmanshrine.org

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7:00 PM
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