THE ZENOBIA HADJI

A Record Of The News, Tidings & Events of the Zenobia Shriners,
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Shriners International

PERRYSBURG, OHIO ZENOBIA SHRINERS November 2026

The Pote's Notes

UNITY: TOGETHER WE CAN

Greetings Nobles,

Here we are into November! My hope is that all our Nobles had a great October. We had a busy month in October. We started off with our Sportsmen's Extravaganza. The event itself went very well, as a fundraiser not so much. I want to thank everyone who came out for set-up and tear-down and everything in between. Special thank you to Georgia Durain for making sure we had checked what we needed and staying late to make sure the stage, tables and chairs got picked up. To the set-up and clean-up crew who helped, this event could not happen without your help. Finally, to everyone who transported the stage equipment, drinks and whatever needed brought over and taken back. We received great feedback on how well it went.

We also had an Adult Halloween Party on the 24th of October, followed by the Kids Trunk or Treat. We had a great turn out for the adult party, hosted by our 1st Ceremonial Master Jessee Spillman, Lady Jessie and their committee. If you weren't there, you really missed out. A great time was had by all. The next afternoon we hosted the kids Trunk or Treat. There were many trunks to get treats from and a lot of activities inside for the kids. Thank you to Ill. Sir Gable and Lady Joan for your hard work putting this together.

November brings us to the Lady Divan Purse Bingo. It will be held on Saturday, November 7. This will be the fourth year of this event and it has gotten better every year. Make sure you tell your ladies and neighbors to fill this event up. They also are taking donations to the Purse Bingo. Contact Lady Tiffany for questions.

Saturday, November 21, is the day of our Fall Ceremonial. If you have any Master Mason who wants to join, please get those petitions in. We will take them the day of. Doors will open at 3:00 p.m.

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Respectfully yours,
Scott

DAVID HEFFLINGER APPOINTED SECOND CEREMONIAL MASTER

Illustrious Sir Scott Harder has announced the Second Ceremonial Master will be Noble David J. Hefflinger. Noble Hefflinger and his fiancée, Debbie, are looking forward to the new adventures of this journey.

Noble Hefflinger is a member of Mt. Cory Masonic Lodge #418 and Rubicon #237, along with the Hardin County Shrine Club. He is a member of the Findlay Clowns, where he has served as the president for the last two years. Noble Hefflinger has served on the A Team and is a Charter member of the Pit Masters.

Noble Hefflinger has dedicated more than 46 years in the fire service. He retired from the Findlay Fire Department after 30 years of service. An additional time of more than 16 years has been served to local volunteer fire departments.

After retirement from the Findlay Fire Department, Noble Hefflinger served as Director of Emergency Services with 1-800-Board Up for 12 years. He also was a member of the Hancock County Firefighters Association, where he served as their president.

Please welcome Noble Hefflinger to the Divan. His leadership experience will be a bonus addition to the Zenobia Shriners.

Sir Knight David Hefflinger

RECORDER'S REPORT

Nobles, ladies and friends:

We should be thankful for our blessings every minute of every day of the year, but there's something special about Thanksgiving that cements that for us.

November will be busy, with Purse Bingo on the 7th, Shriners Children's - Chicago 100th Anniversary Celebration on the 14th and our Fall Ceremonial on the 21st. Please know we will receive and act on new member petitions up to and including the day of the event. As you all know, the more the merrier!

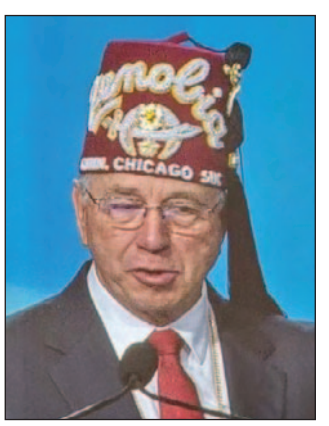
If you walk around and think the place looks and smells cleaner, that's because it is! Our thanks to Illustrious Sir Dan Slavin, who has taken on the task of general janitorial duties, and he's jumped in and done a phenomenal job! If you see him lurking around sometime, please be sure to thank him for his efforts.

As the winter holidays approach, you may wonder what days the office will be open. We have elected to mirror the vacation days of Shriners International, so any days they take off, our local office will as well. For November, that means we will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, as well as Friday the day after, November 27.

I look forward to seeing you at our stated meeting on November 12, if not sooner. I wish each and every one of you Thanksgiving blessings all year round, but particularly during this special time of year.

Yours in the faith,
Charlie

Shriners Children's Chicago



On October 11, I was in Chicago cheering on my son, Matt, and 40 other Team Shriner Marathon Runners at the Chicago Marathon. The team raised over $110,000.00 for the hospital and, even more importantly, spread the good news about what we do in Chicago.

On October 17, I traveled to Bloomington, Illinois, to be with the Ansar Shriners for their celebration of Chicago's 100th Birthday.

On Sunday, the 18th, I traveled from Bloomington to Chicago for a special day at Brookfield Zoo, marking a collaboration with Shriners Children's Chicago.

Saturday, November 14, is the 100th Anniversary Gala at The Medinah Country Club. Please look for the notes on The Zenobia Facebook page for special trips to bid on!

Keith Tuttle
Board Chairman, Chicago

OFFICIAL CALL OF THE POTENTATE:
NOBILITY OF ZENOBIA

MONTHLY STATED MEETING

Thursday,
November 12, 2026
at 8048 Broadstone Boulevard
Perrysburg, OH 43551
Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST: CHARLES MURPHY, RECORDER

Zenobia Website: www.zenobiashriners.com

Hillbilly Notes

A Great Big Hillbilly Howdy
Ta All Ma CUZZINS
and all you FLATLANDERS!

As I am writing this, I am amazed that November is here already! Next month will be CHRISTMAS!! Where did 2026 go? All we can do is enjoy what is left of this year!

Our September meeting went quite well!! There were 17 in attendance, that included two Past Potentates, Ill. Sir Dennis Gable and Ill. Sir Kevin Ridgeway! We are always happy to see Zenobia's royalty at our meetings!

Not quite royalty yet, but we appreciate our Divan Rep., Oriental Guide Steve Hessler, making that long drive to be with us each month!! Thank you, Steve!!

After opening the meeting, Rod (Old Guy) introduced our officers and their ladies, as well as the visiting royalty!

Our Guardian of the Still, Jim "Hambone" Hamilton, was unable to join us due to a conflict at home.

Next came reports. Our Keeper of the Cob, John "Tin Man" MacPherson gave his report on our last meeting. And as our Guardian of the Still was not with us, John had his report on our finances and gave that report.

Next up was parades. That busy Cuzzin – Tin Man, being our active parade person, gave us an update on his and Lynn's parade participation.

Meetings were discussed. Our next one will be Friday, November 6, back at Charlie's Taverna in Maumee. That will be an important one, as that is nomination time for next year's officers! And NO, we have NOT solved that problem yet!!!

The floor was turned over to our Divan Rep., Steve, for an update on Zenobia's happenings. We closed with prayer.

As I close this month's Hadji article, please remember to Honor our Veterans on November 11! Also, give thanks and enjoy Thanksgiving Day on November 26. All for now!

Honor the Cob!
Old Guy

ZENOBIA CAMPERS

Greetings from the
Zenobia Campers!!

November is the time to be thinking about buying those Christmas presents. I know it's not that time already! But, YES, it is!! Don't wait till December and say, "Where did the time go???" (Like I do.)

Back to camping! September was John and Lynn's month to be our Wagonmasters! And were they ready!

On September 8, six Campers' Units arrived at Maumee Bay State Park. After setting up, we were treated to an evening meal of goulash with cornbread and, as always, other Campers brought some side items! A very nice welcome!

On Wednesday the 9th, it was breakfast and lunch on our own. For the evening meal it was a visit to the Oregon Inn. A very nice meal!!

Bright and early Thursday morning we were up and off to the American Table (on Wheeling) for breakfast. I always enjoy their food! Lunch was on our own. But then came the main event! Our World Famous POT-LUCK! John brought his grill and grilled beautiful "THICK" pork chops, as well as furnishing applesauce!! And as I said before, all of the rest of the Campers bring something to go with what the wagonmasters are furnishing! A real feast!

Then comes Friday. The sad day. The end of that camp out! As a sendoff, John and Lynn provided us with fresh donuts of various kinds! Then pack up and depart.

The end of another GREAT CAMP OUT!! Thank you, John and Lynn! AND, as always, we ended each day with a CAMP-FIRE!

Next up, Rod and Ellen chose to return to Vacation Land Travelers in Castalia for several reasons. First, they do have a wonderful shelter house, in which we can escape to in the event of cold, wind, rain or SNOW??

It was in the middle of OCTOBER!!! And it was our LAST Camp OUT! October's campout took place on October 12 to 14, departing on the 15th.

We planned on a great time!! More in next month's column.

The Camp-Ins start in November. That is where we meet at a restaurant once a month for a meal and conversation.

Well, that wraps up this month!

Remember to "Keep the Campfires Burning!" **Rod**

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Wallace Powell - Emeritus

APPOINTED OFFICERS 2026
Jessee Spillman - First Ceremonial Master
David Hefflinger - Second Ceremonial Master
- Chaplain
Bethel Green - Director of Units
- Marshal
Ken Kohn - Captain of the Guard
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Advertising of activities and fund raising in this publication are for Shriners activities and not for the Shriners Children's, unless indicated otherwise.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT

The Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, Inc., promotes fun, fraternal fellowship and philanthropic endeavors supporting the Shriner's Children and community-based charities. If you would like more information or are interested in joining, let us know.

Please contact me If you would like to make a Craft Day prize or cash donation.

Sunday, January 17, 2027

Time: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Zenobia Shrine

8048 Broadstone Rd, Perrysburg, OH 43551

Registration Fee: $35*

Questions ??? Call Chere Foster 419-461-7361; Email: **chere@toast.net**

Mail To: 7361 Heller Rd., Whitehouse, OH 43571

Checks payable to **Dendarah Court #10**

*Non-refundable *No Rain checks

Registration deadline January 10.

INCLUDES: Lunch, Dinner, Tea, Coffee, Demos, Prize Drawings, 50/50

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This takes the place of the Petition in the Hadji. It's a wonderful website!

Presentation of checks from the stated meeting.

Todd Williams, Charlie Murphy and Fred Keith, Jr., members of the Board of Governors at Shriners Children's Erie, presented a check on behalf of Zenobia Shriners and the North Baltimore Lodge Charity Golf Outing for $2,200 to Michael Kerns, PP, chairman of the Board of Governors.

Fostoria's Dell's restaurant is offering a pork sandwich and fries special for $10.99 each Monday in December 2026. All proceeds go to Zenobia Tiffin Hornets Shriners riders to support the 2027 parades. Pictured are Zenobia Shriner and Tiffin Hornet rider, Karl Omlor, owner of Dell's, and Jeff Kuhn, PP 2006 and Life Hornet.

ZENOBIA-KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 84TH ANNUAL DINNER IN FINDLAY

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2026 SPORTSMEN'S EXTRAVAGANZA

Zenobia Shrine
ALL UNITS & CLUBS
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Host Tiffin Shrine Club

Christmas All Shrine Clubs & Units Installation Dinner Event

Saturday, December 12, 2026

TIFFIN AMVETS DINING HALL
1909 SR 100, Tiffin, Ohio 44883

Cash Bar Social Hour 5 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m.

Chicken Piccata Dinner $25 Each
Will Offer Vegetarian $25 Each
Please state on check

Checks must be received by Dec. 4, 2026
Your Check is your reservation NO EXCEPTIONS

Make check out to Tiffin Shrine Club

Send your check to:
Rob Ochier
708 Mt Vernon Drive
Fostoria, Ohio 44830

Questions call 419 939 3791
Ill. Sir Jeffrey Kuhn

LOYAL ORDER OF WATER BUFFALO

YABBA DABBA DOO!

The Zenobia Water Buffaloes hit the lanes for our bowling day, and Noble Steve Welling did something Fred Flintstone never pulled off. He rolled a PERFECT 300 GAME.

Twelve strikes in a row. Not a single pin left standing. We're pretty sure he got some help from the Great Gazoo, but we're counting it anyway.

Thanks to everyone who came out with their families and friends. It was a rollicking good time, just like we promised.

Want to be a Buffalo? Petitions are in the office. One time initiation fee, no dues EVER. Call 419-661-9200 to find out more.

Second Ceremonial being installed.

2026 POTENTATE'S BALL

Jeepsters Ron Smith and Jack Green provided transportation for part of the Queens Court at the Apple Festival parade.

NOVEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Firelands SC	3 Motorcycle Escorts Temple Guards	4 Badge Appreciation Night	5 Marksmen Patrol	6 Hillbilly"s	7 Findlay SC Purse Bingo
8 Campers	9	10	11	12 **Stated Meeting**	13	14 Roadrunners Shriners Children's Chicago 100th Celebration
15	16 Jeepsters Pitmasters	17 Highlanders Directors Staff	18 Hornets SC-Erie	19 Clowns Pilots Marksmen	20 Wiseguys	21 **Fall Ceremonial**
22 Divan Ladies Holiday Bazaar	23 LoH (E-Board)	24	25	26 Happy Thanksgiving	27 Tiffin SC	28
29	30					

DECEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Motorcycle Escorts Temple Guards	2	3 Patrol Marksmen	4	5 FindlaySC
6 Children's Christmas Party	7 FirelandsSC	8	9	10 **Stated Meeting** PastMasters Cabiri	11 New Masters Night	12 Roadrunners Tiffin Shrine Club Dinner
13 Campers	14 LoH (E-Board)	15 DirStaff Highlanders	16 Hornets SC-Erie	17 Clowns Pilots Marksmen	18 Wiseguys	19
20	21 Pitmasters Jeepsters	22 SC-Chicago	23 SC-Ohio	24	25 **Christmas**	26
27	28 LoH (Dinner mtg)	29	30	31 **New Year's Eve** Euchre Fun Night		

TRUNK-OR-TREAT THANK YOU

Trunk-or-Treat 2026 was a success because of all the volunteers. Thank you to all who participated in some way. Your help put many smiles on little costumed faces. It could not have happened without all the help from the Nobles and their ladies, Dendarah and Rainbow.

A special Thank You to the clubs and units who donated so that materials could be provided. That would include the Roadrunners, Highlanders, Jeepsters, Patrol, Cabiri, Fremont SC, Firelands SC and Campers.

Again, this year there were a large number of trunks with various decorations. The children enjoyed your decorations and especially appreciated your treats. It was nice to have some new businesses included.

Events are more fun and successful when many are involved. Thank you, again, to everyone for being a part of our exciting Trunk-or-Treat.

KNOCKING OPPORTUNITY

Units, Clubs and Affiliates take the opportunity to submit a picture of your meeting or event to be included in the Hadji.

MIGHTY OTTERS SLED HOCKEY SEASON UNDERWAY AT SHRINERS CHILDREN'S ERIE

The Mighty Otters Sled Hockey Team is gearing up for another exciting season. Practices are held from 5:30 to 7 p.m., at the Erie Insurance Arena, where athletes come together to build skills, compete and enjoy the camaraderie of the team.

Much like the Shriners Children's Erie Wheelchair Basketball Team, the sled hockey program provides patients with the opportunity to participate in adaptive sports in a supportive and encouraging environment. Athletes build lasting friendships while enjoying the many physical and social benefits of being part of a team.

Those interested in supporting the Mighty Otters by providing refreshments for a game or practice are encouraged to contact Michelle DeRooy, CCLS, at MDeRooy@shrinenet.org

For game schedule phone (800) 873-5437

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Thanks to all who helped at the Cabiri beef raffle during the Sportsmen's Extravaganza. Your participation made it easier and a fun time. The beef was a hot commodity and turned out to be another successful event for our unit. Special thanks to Flying K Ranch for their support of our project.

In September, it was nice to have so many past potentates attending the Potentate's Ball at the Hancock Hotel. Our group, in support of Potentate Harder and Lady Tiffany, certainly enjoyed the fellowship, the dinner, dancing and desserts!

Our next "social" activity will be our holiday dinner. It will be on Thursday, December 3, at the Toledo Country Club, in conjunction with the Patrol. This also will be our installation, so you are encouraged to attend. Watch for the notice and make plans to participate.

Remember that Temple elections will be held on Thursday, December 10. It would be a positive display to have a large number of PP's attend to support the candidates.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers those members who are experiencing personal issues. May better health come their way.

Patrol

Members, be on the lookout for your holiday invitation. You may have already received it, so respond quickly to make your reservation. Our Christmas dinner and installation will again be held at the fabulous Toledo Country Club on Thursday, December 3. Make your reservations with President Todd Miller PP or through Bud Crary.

A big "thank you" goes out to all the members who helped at our table for the Sportsmen's Extravaganza, Black, Binder, Erfman, Crary and several worked other parts of the event. Time put in is greatly appreciated. A special thanks goes to Tom Binder, PP, who arranged the freezer for us to offer. The event is considered a success. Well done!

The October 29 euchre tournament was another success! Thank you to all who attended to enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun playing cards. It is the participants that make the event wonderful. Our next "fifth Thursday" Euchre Tournament is December 31.

We still have a couple of holiday parades to participate in this year. Are you still thinking about riding in a parade? There is still time to join with Patrol and view the parade from the inside! Talk to a member or come to a meeting. Patrol is at Zenobia every Thursday evening.

A final reminder that dues are due to Bud Crary. He will welcome your payment made in any form. See everyone at our November 5 business meeting.

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2026 - ZENOBIA'S CLUBS & UNITS A-to-Z

Schedule of Meetings - Some of the Who, What & When of Zenobia

UNITS	Who to Contact	Phone No.	Meets
CAMPERS	Lyle Clapsaddle	419-356-3746	2nd weekend (May-October); 2nd Sunday (November-April)
CLOWNS	Chuck Insley	419-306-9559	3rd Thursday
DIRECTOR'S STAFF	Sonny Bunde	419-474-6022	3rd Tuesday
HIGHLANDERS	Dave Coy	517-263-6468	3rd Tuesday at Zenobia
HORNETS	Ken Egbert	419-618-4626	3rd Wednesday at Tiffin Temple
JEEPSTERS	Jack Green	419-457-6488	3rd Monday
LANCERS	Jerry Denny	419-389-4962	
LEGION OF HONOR	Boyd Durain	419-957-8404	2nd/4th Monday (2nd E-Board, 4th Dinner Meeting)
MARKSMEN	John Weslow	419-618-1906	1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at Zenobia
MOTORCYCLE ESCORT	Randy Sikorski	419-262-2152	1st Tuesday
MOUNTED PATROL	Leroy Williams	419-346-2189	TBA
MYSTICS	Howard Shirling	419-409-0687	
PAST MASTER UNIT	Jim Taylor	419-704-4407	Variable
PATROL	Kenneth Janicki	419-351-9823	1st Thursday
PILOTS	Jeff Hamons	419-304-0011	3rd Thursday
PIT MASTERS	Dave Hefflinger	419-265-3339	3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Zenobia
ROADRUNNERS	Bruce Tuttle	419-265-1195	10 a.m. second Saturday of Jan./Mar./May/Sep./Nov.
TEMPLE GUARDS	Al Linke	419-699-6822	1st Tuesday
WATER BUFFALO	John Mann	419-661-9200	Meetings TBD
WISEGUYS	Robbie Franks	419-514-9666	3rd Friday at 6:30 p.m.
CLUBS			
FINDLAY	John Hayes	419-788-3496	1st Saturday a.m. (usually)
FIRELANDS	Tom Gilbert	419-668-5715	1st Monday (usually)
FREMONT	Steve Kelly	419-603-2696	3rd Thursday
NORTHWEST	Keith Winnie	419-782-6347	4th Thursday (usually)
OTTAWA COUNTY	Lyle Oberhaus	419-707-1962	Meetings TBD
TIFFIN	Rob Ochier	567-220-9676	4th Thursday (usually)
VAN WERT	D. Chris Wilson	419-447-6882	Contact for schedule
AFFILIATES			
CABIRI	Dennis Gable	419-603-8053	2nd Thursday at 5:30 p.m., before Stated Meeting
DENDARAH COURT #10	Melissa Miller	419-344-3881	2nd Wednesday at 7:15 p.m., except July and August
HILLBILLY'S CLAN #75	Rod Wilhelm	419-262-5401	1st Friday of the month, except July, Aug. and Dec.

(It is the responsibility of the Units - Clubs - Affiliates to report any additions or corrections to the Hadji Editor or Zenobia Recorder)

Units - Clubs - Affiliates — Check Your Mail Box at the Shrine

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