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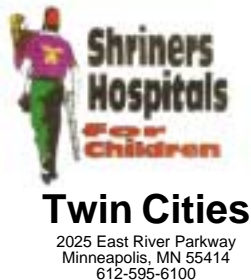
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Temple Potentates, Temple Recorders, Temple Editors
FROM: William W. Larson, Chairman, Board of Governors
DATE: February 4, 2004
SUBJECT: Chief of Staff Appointment

We are pleased to advise you that Dr. Stephen Sundberg has been appointed .6 FTE Chief of Staff of the Twin Cities Hospital. This arrangement, which is consistent with practices at other Shriners Hospitals, has been approved by the Board of Governors and Board of Trustees. We anticipate that this move will facilitate the recruitment of additional medical staff and therefore enable us to see more patients at the Twin Cities Hospital. Dr. Sundberg brings many years of Shrine experience to his position as Chief of Staff.

For many years Shriners Hospital for Children/Twin Cities has enjoyed a working relationship with Gillette Children's Specialty Health Care in St. Paul, and the arrangement with Dr. Sundberg is expected to strengthen that relationship.

We hope that it will now be possible to begin to reinstitute screening clinics and application clinics and thereby begin the process of rebuilding our patient base. We thank you for your patience and support this past tumultuous year and hope that you will enthusiastically join us as we rebuild the Twin Cities Hospital.



From the Potentate



February Newsletter, 2004

Your Divan met in Grand Forks for what I term as a "productive retreat". In our ten hours together, we discussed some difficult and thought provoking subjects that will have a definite impact on El Zagal Shrine.

In addition to our discussions, we attended a UND Sioux and Denver Hockey game. What a great game and a fun time to get better acquainted with our fellow Divan members and their ladies! (UND won 6 to 1).

Our Shrine Center will get a minor upgrade this spring. We want our building in tip top condition as we get ready for two major events - the visit with our Imperial Potentate Burt and his Lady Sharon on April 24th and the Midwest Shrine Session on August 19 - 21, 2004.

We voted to move forward with the purchase of a new metal awning cover for the entrance of our Shrine Center, new carpet for the foyer and offices and new tables in the Potentate meeting room. We hope to get additional chairs to replace the sofa and old chairs located in the lobby area.

This will not only enhance and make our facility inviting for our guests for the two major functions, but make it inviting for those who may choose to rent our Shrine Center for functions like weddings, anniversa-

ries and other groups that have expressed interest in selecting our building as their meeting place.

Our Promotions Committee is working at a "break neck speed" to sell our facility to possible clients. They have scheduled numerous functions for the remainder of the year and are looking to fill the calendar with many more activities. These outside activities not only bring us rental for the use of the building but we gain a great deal with sales from our Arabian Room.

For example, your Committee decided to donate our building for a "fund raiser" for a family whose son was diagnosed with cancer and another son involved in a serious auto crash. From this event, we not only had exposure to a packed house but we had sales in excess of \$3000.00 in our Arabian Room! It was a "win-win" for all!

All of our volunteers are working hard however I must cite the Promotions Committee this time for their tireless efforts in promoting activities in our facility. Besides the Nobles on our promotions committee, our ladies in Joan Deal, Vicki Benz, Marie Mueller and Corina Emil, have selected carpet samples, color swatches for chairs, designed plans for decorating the south end of the Arabian Room to give it a "sports bar look", and the list goes on

and on! They and the entire committee along with Mike Karczeuski, Jeff Volk and Wally Taylor, our Trustees in charge of our buildings need to be given a pat on the back for their countless hours of work and dedication.

If you haven't noticed, the Oriental Band replaced all of the light fixtures in our main hall at a cost of some \$2500.00!

As with any project, nothing comes without a cost. We will spend approximately \$10,000.00 to cover the cost for the listed improvements. We have been given some money via the Parade to Glory but certainly need more. The Divan decided that if we want outside groups to rent the Shrine Center, we will need to get it presentable and attractive for our guests who may choose our El Zagal Shrine Center.

If you as an individual or your unit see this as a worthwhile cause, we invite you to participate in any size gift that you feel is appropriate. We are stretching the budget but also know that we must invest in our Shrine Center to get it ready for rent and attractive to all of us!

Until next time, work hard and "Play More in 2004". It will make all of us shine a bit brighter as we continue our efforts in making things better in our quest to serve others and especially the kids in our hospital system.

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ND SHRINE BOWL

The 2004 ND Shrine Bowl is July 10th at the FargoDome. The Banquet starts at 11:30 with the 11-man game at 4:00 & 9-man game to follow about 7:00. We want to have a short parade in the parking lot of the dome after the banquet. So plan to attend and support your unit and the games. Remember this is the only thing we do as Shriners that profits go directly to the hospitals & our transportation fund.

We need help selling ads for the program so get your ad packs now!

Contact Scott Fredrickson, Tom Staiger, Jerry Gilbraith or me to find out how you can help.

Randy Gilbraith

Football Chairman

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News From the Recorder

Get ready for the Circus. Circus plans are being finalized across the state and East to DL. Lets hope that all are a great success. If you have not yet sent in your list of new officers and your year-end financial report, you are LATE. Please get them in. The MSA winter session was held in Fargo the 2nd weekend of February and went well. Lots of questions but also lots of answers. I would really like to encourage all the units from Detroit Lakes to Dickinson to PLEASE get information to the Camel tales on your up coming events for the year. We definitely would like to get your information on

the calendar and help you promote your functions. You can e-mail your info for the Camel Tales to ken.maxson@wallworktrucks.com.

Don't forget to send in Parade Requests for the Pote to authorize you to Parade. I also need to know if your unit has any changes on your insurance. Get those new prospects to one of your meetings and teach them what the Lodge, Rites and Shrine are all about. This will build your unit and El Zagal. Any questions, let me know at pote97@nbinternet.com. Till next time.

Dave

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With the Miatas still safely tucked away in the garage and not much going on in Escort land, except for the honor of escorting Imperial Potentate Bert Oien and other dignitaries at the MSA winter session held in Fargo, we would like to take this time to tell you about some of the accomplishments of our own members.

Starting with Pat Smith who is always available for Escort functions. Pat recently achieved the honor of becoming a 33rd degree Mason. He is Treasurer Emeritus of El Zagal, volunteers at the Masonic Center and Scottish Rite. Congratulations Pat on reaching the pinnacle of your Masonic efforts.

Along those lines we also have a young man in our midst by the name of Al Dybing who has become Worshipful Master of Shiloh Lodge. Al is also working on his doctorate degree at NDSU. And Tom Jones (it's not unusual) has risen to the rank of Sr. Deacon of Shiloh Lodge. Congratulations to these two gentlemen.

We also have two fine gentlemen on the Divan line. Bob Wedberg (EMP associate member) is the Oriental Guide and Bruce Nereson is Marshall and

also President of the Escort Motor Patrol.

Our own Kerry Heflin is Circus King (aka circus god) with Terry Lunde and Phil Trebnick watching out for the king. Speaking of Terry Lunde, he is also Housing Chairman for the MSA and El Zagal. Phil Trebnick is President of the Midwest Motor Corps Association and Glen Bender is a Midwest Motor Corps judge.

Gary Anderson is El Zagal's Shrine Center accountant, co-chair of the Wild Game Feed, heads up the committee putting together the April visit by Imperial Potentate Illustrious Sir Bert Oien, volunteers for most anything and is just a good guy all around.

So, you can see that we are an active and committed group. If anyone has been forgotten, we apologize in advance.

Please remember to support the Sabin Lions Club gala on Thursday, March 25th. this is an event that is near and dear to the hearts of the EMP's and we look forward to seeing you all there. If you wish any more info on this event, ask any EMP as they would be glad to help.

Stay warm!
Jeff

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Hello every one, thank God this winter is just about over, I am really looking forward to spring. In just two months we will have the bikes out, I hope we will have riders to ride them. Think members! The circus is going to be here soon, and we are going to need help with the noveltees not only for the circus but before the circus so call and find out what you can do. I know its been a long winter but you guys have to show up for meetings, the first tuesday of every month. I know I haven't been to a lot of Tues night club, but I'm going to make better effort. I'm going to call some of you and invite you.

I don't know if you all know Randy Swanson has fulfilled his two years as president, and we thank you very much Randy for a good job. Mark S Schmidt is vice president and Dick Hall is the treasurer. Butch Kouba is Secretary and I've been elected President. I will do my best. Hope to see you all soon.

Mike 57 Directors Staff

A Big Thank You to the Jamestown Clowns - Joe Dettmer, Arlie Lind, Nick Scherbenske; for helping the Directors Staff serve hamburgers on Saturday the 7th, during the MSA Winter Session clown gathering at the Shrine Club House

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Jamestown Clowns

Since our last writing the Clowns held their annual Christmas party. The prestigious Big Bozo Award was given to Floyd Scouten for shingling the wrong house this summer. Penny pinching Floyd said that mistake cost him a lot of money but it was well worth it to receive the Big Bozo award. Everyone contributed to the meal at the Christmas party, despite Joel Lees' effort to have it subsidized through the farm program.

January meeting there was a transfer of power to our new President Kent Fronk Aka hODDgee. Out going President Rick Boschee wished him well but has doubts that this next year will be the best year we'll ever have. President Fronk immediately started to raise money by trying to sell a Motor Home in the parking lot of his business. Now he's trying to sell part of his parking lot to the state. Looks like he'll do anything to top 2003.

Now I'd like to address the letter written by the Mobil Nobles in the February Camel Tales. The Mobil Nobles referred to themselves as "the very finest light calvary." Just a friendly word of advice. General Custer said the same thing. We sensed a lot of anger in that article even though we

just wanted to help the Immobile Nobles from being so slow in parades in order that they might become Mobil Nobles again. Now the Clowns are willing to help the Mobil Nobles get their anger under control. We have contacted the Jamestown Hilton just on the southern outskirts of the city for an anger management seminar. They have guaranteed us that they will have 20 padded suites and counselors available to help the Mobil Nobles overcome their affliction. We have this set up for April 31, 2004 with check in at 8 AM and check out is anybody's guess.

As far as an apology, yes the Clowns are very sorry we didn't see the real problem right away and get help for the Mobil Nobles at our fine facility in Jamestown. Their dilierious babbling was an obvious sign of illness and we should have seen it sooner.

The Clowns greatest hope is that all units will come to the aid of our poor distressed brothers of the Mobil Nobles and when you see one of them give a dollar or two to help defer some of the transportation costs of their pilgrimage to the Jamestown Hilton.

In closing, Mobil Nobles just remember this phrase: Clowns rule, Mobil Nobles drool.

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RITUALISTIC *divan*

What a difference a month makes!!

President Greg G. got the meeting started at the new 7:00pm start time. Twelve R.D.'s were present and discussions were held on working the cotton candy at the circus, Medora Ceremonial, the football game in July, Midwest Ceremonial, Saturday burgers, etc., etc. Lots of workers will be needed for these functions.

Next we voted on and accepted two new nobles to our ranks; Rich Ellsworth and "Swede" Thurn, who rejoins us after a too-long vacation. Welcome to the A.A.O.A. (or R.D.'s)!

There was some discussion as to the chartering of a bus for the Medora Ceremonial. That would mean we would need only one vehicle to haul the robes and stage props!! We'll look into it and maybe the Oriental Band would share in the bus ride with us?? But Ray A. objected to any music that might be played by that organization as being unfit for human consumption!

Once again the black camel paid a visit to our R.D. oasis and asked Eddie "The Clip" Gaul to climb aboard. Eddie was one of the founding members of the R.D.'s - and for years the treasurer, and of course, he was in charge of make-up and costumes! Eddie

was a very interesting noble. He loved playing golf; had three holes in one and when asked after his last hole in one, if he was going to put the clubs aside, he remarked that there were 18 holes on a standard golf course and he needed 15 more to round out his career. The "Clip" had a suitcase full of rubber Halloween masks and would entertain us by donning them one after another and doing his interpretation of each mask! Lady Kay would sit and smile and shake her head at these antics. We'll miss "The Clip" even though he was living in Arizona these past few years and he hadn't made his summer trips back to Fargo. Well done good and faithful servant, "til we meet again.

President Greg urged us to get out and sell circus advertising and make plans for April 3, 4, and 5th in manning the cotton candy machines. We need everyone's help!

I ran across this the other day and thought a chuckle could be had, "Never try to teach a pig to sing; it wastes your time and it annoys the pig"!!

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PROVOST GUARD

Well it's March and winter is supposedly drawing to a close. One of the first of our upcoming events is the MPA in Bloomington on the 19th, 20th and 21st of March. The Zurah Provost Unit is host this year. If you have not made it to one of these events, I urge you to make every effort to do so.

The Circus is on April 2nd, 3rd and 4th. As many of you know this year kids 9 and under get in free on Friday night. It is hoped that this will create a "buzz" about the Circus and increase our attendance. In order for this to come off we need everything ready to go by 6 pm on Friday. While our unit ushers and is ready to go when the doors open, I would ask that as many of you as possible show up during the day to help set up booths and prepare novelties. Also the advertising deadline is March 15th.

Thanks to all who helped out at the recent Temple functions and promotions. The Superbowl Party was well attended and among the food served was the bratwurst we donated to the Temple and was prepared using the Patented Provost Method. As I write this the Daytona Party and Wild Game Feed have not occurred yet but will have by the time you read this and I'm confident all will have gone well.

A number of us attended the winter session and thing are looking good for the MSA. Also thanks to Bryan Shinn for lining up the article about Imperial Potentate Burton Oien in the Fargo Forum.

Till next time.
Scotty Uhrich
Scribe

2003 Shriners Hospitals for Children Facts & Figures

For over 80 years, Shriners Hospitals for Children have provided some of the best medical care in the world, totally free of charge, to approximately 735,000 children with orthopaedic problems, severe burns and spinal cord injuries. Founded in 1922, and today supported by the more than 450,000 members of the international Shriners fraternity, this network of pediatric specialty hospitals is located across the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

The orthopaedic Shriners Hospitals are dedicated to providing specialized medical and rehabilitative services to children with congenital deformities, problems resulting from orthopaedic injuries and diseases of the musculoskeletal system. Some of the most commonly treated disorders include clubfoot, limb deficiencies and discrepancies, scoliosis (curvature of the spine), osteogenesis imperfecta (brittle bone disease), cleft lip and palate, craniofacial abnormalities, juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, and problems related to spina bifida, cerebral palsy, dwarfism and muscular dystrophy. The orthopaedic hospitals in Chicago, Philadelphia and Sacramento also provide spinal cord injury rehabilitation.

Located in Galveston, Boston, Cincinnati and Sacramento, the burn Shriners Hospitals have been leaders in burn research and treatment since opening in the mid-1960s. Treatment is provided for severe burn injuries and related scarring, along with physical and emotional rehabilitation. This vast experience and knowledge has had far-reaching effects on burn treatment techniques worldwide.

With the approval of 35,133 new patient applications in 2003, Shriners Hospitals had an active patient roster at year-end of 187,328 children. Since the first Shriners Hospital opened in Shreveport, La., in 1922, there have been approximately:

- 9,164,963 X-rays taken;
- 6,824,375 outpatient & outreach clinic visits;
- 1,194,249 braces and prostheses applied;
- 717,106 operations performed; and
- 15,942,821 physical therapy treatments.

Shriners Hospitals' total budget for 2004 is \$596 million, of which \$554 million is targeted for operating expenses (including \$25 million for research) and \$42 million for buildings and equipment expenditures. During its 82-year history, approximately \$6.5 billion has been spent to operate Shriners Hospitals, and over \$1.2 billion has been spent on construction and renovation costs.



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– THE PLAINSMEN –

God dag, brodene og venner. Vaer er kaldt menvern snart kommer med fugler og blomster. (Good day brothers and friends. Weather has been cold, but spring will come soon with birds and flowers.)

The Plainsmen left the old year with a wonderful **Christmas Party at Diane and Harvey Schilling's beautiful home.** Everyone had a great time there with fine food, good company, and some singing as well.

We began the **NEW YEAR** with our **Annual Brunch** at the elegant **Apple Creek Country Club,** thanks to **Dan Halvorson.** This is a great place to eat with a view

extraordinaire from the dining area overlooking the golf course, now covered with a blanket of snow.

President Dan Wahlman performed his duties in a masterful way, introducing our lovely special guests; **Norma Boutrous, Millie Heid, Mildred Nelson, Vi Nicola, and Corrine Anderson.** These ladies are **widows** of our departed **Plainsmen brothers.** **Dan** then made a special presentation of the prestigious **"Plainsman of the Year"** Award to our super producer, **Ben Klein,** a most deserving member, for all his work the past several years for our group.

Dan then passed the gavel,

so to speak, to the new **President, Robbie Robinson,** and also introduced 1st Vice **President Hal Peterson,** and **2nd Vice President Joe Perry.** These guys have been the Three Musketeers for many years.

President Robbie spoke of the activities for the coming year where we are especially involved with our new **Potentate Harvey Schilling.** These include:

March 21, Sunday, 2:00 PM-Sing at the Heritage Center

April 24- Fargo for the Imperial Potentate's visit

June 4-5-Medora Ceremonial

July 3-6- Imperial ceremonial in Denver

August 19-21-Midwest Ceremonial in Fargo
September-Ceremonial in Bismarck

Nils Pearson and his lady, **Joanne,** left Bismarck to attend the **Illustrious Sir Harvey Schilling and his Lady Diane Cruise.** We have some concern whether Nils will fast too much on this trip, but know they will all have a wonderful time.

Takfor cist og tak for nar. (Thanks for the last time and thanks for now)

gamle harv (Old Harv)
Harvey Melstad

Vold, all good men. Four of the six are Shriners. But we need to sign up the other two. Happy Birthday to those who have a birthday in March. Winston Dolve, little Harry Meshefski, Wayne Miller, Craig Muller, HotRod Schaffer, Bobby Sussex, and Jerry DeLoss. Happy Birthday Brothers.

Yours in the Faith
Jerry DeLoss

MOBIL NOBLES



Attn: All ships at sea and all Mobile Nobles. Our President Hot Rod Schaffer and nephew to our Illustrious Sir Harvey Schilling (so you had best listen to him) would like to send an apology to the Jamestown Clowns for our last article in the Camel Tales. Here to for Don Kramer is not to use those big words or anything with two or more syllables as the clowns will not understand it. Rumor has it, this was the main reason they did not have an article in last months Camel Tale.

Bob Moore mentioned the other morning the Patrol was thinking about new jackets and on The back it would say the Patrol would like to join the Mobil Nobles—don't be bashful Fellas, we would love to have you. Did I get this right Bob? Grandpa Routledge PP called the other night, saying he and Grandma Routledge were leaving for Spokane for the weekend and would miss the Valentine Party. But one month old Elizabeth has been with out her grandparents too long. Monte said they have been busy buy-

ing film, camera, flood lites, backdrops etc to take with them, but the most expensive thing would be that third seat to hold the big teddy bear. Congratulations Montie and Linda. Don't forget the 37th Annual Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner to be held on March 20, its on a Saturday this year. Come and enjoy. Two Scottish Rite members received their 33rd degree this last fall, Pat P.Smith and Dr. H.Allen Ohrt. Four Brothers received the KCCH this February-Bill Anderson, Roy Leeper, Chris Christianson, and John

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If you could help please call 371-7264 to be put on the list.

Thank you!

"EL ZAGAL FOREVER"

WOW!!! I apologize for the error in the February issue. The *EF* names and categories are really off track. Since the first of the year we had pledges of \$30,000.00 and \$25,000.00. This created in my mind an additional category. The PALLADIUM category was added between Silver and Gold moving the Platinum to \$25,000.00 and above and in doing so created the errors. Corrections have been made. It is great to see these checks and commitments come in and grow our *EF* fund. Your administration and trustees are helping as they have not touched either fund since its inception so these funds continue to grow. Keep thinking about what El Zagal means to you and consider a contribution to "*El Zagal Forever*" either by a check, a payment plan or a bequeath in your will. If you pledge just \$5.00 a week for 5 years your name would be in the

PALLADIUM category. Keep it growing. "THANK YOU" to those of you who have given or committed.

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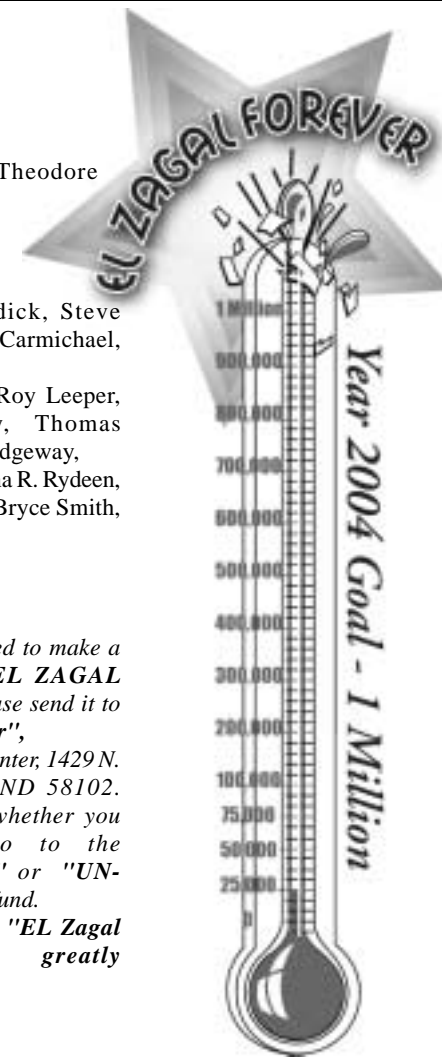
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If you have decided to make a donation to "*EL ZAGAL FOREVER*", please send it to "*El Zagal Forever*", El Zagal Shrine Center, 1429 N. 3rd St., Fargo, ND 58102. Please indicate whether you wish it to go to the "*RESTRICTED*" or "*UNRESTRICTED*" fund. Your support of "*El Zagal Forever*" is greatly appreciated!



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MIXED STAG

March 16th

"ATTENTION LADIES"

We have missed you and want you to know that Jeff Volk, Trustee and Lowell Mueller, Divan member have established firm dates for "Mixed" Stags at El Zagal once again. They will be held every 3rd Tuesday of the month. Serving starting at 7:00 pm. Come on out, we would love to have you.

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FROM: MSA 2004 COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: HELP NEEDED FOR MSA SUMMER SESSION 2004.

CAMEL TALES PLEA

The cost of our printing and mailing our Camel Tales seems to go up every year. Even though quotes are requested from printers from time to time, the cost of printing and mailing is close to \$15,000 per year. Yes we now have it on the Web but only a small percentage would opt not to have it mailed. This savings would be very minimal.

This is a plea to all Nobles for a contribution of \$11.00 per year to help defray the costs incurred. That amounts to 1.00 per month. This would really help. Anyone wishing to contribute can make the check out to "El Zagal Administration". Wouldn't it be great if we could get 100% participation. Thanks in advance to those of you who do. My check is already in.

Dave E. Larson, Recorder

We just finished the MSA winter planning session, and I will say it went very well. Our El Zagal discussion leaders did a great job, the accommodations were good, and the food and beverage service was excellent. I received many positive comments about the entire affair, we can be very proud. Our Housing Chairman, Terry Lunde tells me that the Visiting Shrine Centers are happy with their hotel and motel accommodations, and that is a big plus. NOW, AS WE START TO ENTER THE HOME STRETCH, WE WILL NEED HELP FROM THE NOBLES AND LADIES OF EL ZAGAL TO MAKE SURE OUR SUMMER GUESTS ENJOY THEIR STAY IN OUR GREAT CITY. THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME AREAS WHERE HELP IS NEEDED.

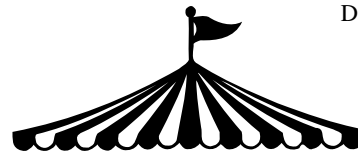
- PROGRAM BOOK SALES
- HOSTS/GREETERS AT HOTELS. Couples would be good, but individual Nobles would be OK..Need to be knowledgeable about the city & area, familiar with the pro, ram, etc. Thursday would be the most important day.
- ASSEMBLING REGISTRATION PACKETS. We will be working with the Convention and Visitors bureau on this, they are a great help. This would probably occur on Monday Aug. 16.
- THURSDAY NIGHT FESTIVITIES AT EL ZAGAL SHRINE CENTER. Hosts, servers, general help.
- FRIDAY NIGHT: HELP AT SHRINE CENTER: After the Shrinorama we will need ticket sellers, servers, general help.
- SATURDAY: HELP SERVE AT THE OASIS FOLLOWING PARADE-This will be at the Civic Center.

UNIT PRESIDENTS: PLEASE READ THIS AT EVERY MEETING YOU HAVE FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, Ask members to sign up for things they would be interested in doing.

THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO SHOW OFF EL ZAGAL, AND OUR GREAT AREA, LET'S ALL JOIN TOGETHER TO MAKE THIS A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE FOR OUR VISITING SHRINERS & LADIES.

Yours in the Faith

Devine "Jake" Ochner / Director General, MSA 2004



CIRCUS REPORT

We are now one month away from our circus and everything is looking good. Your committee members are working hard to accomplish this.

Nobility tickets should be in your hands by now. If you pay for the tickets and send them back you will be rewarded on the Diamond Board. Any new

Nobles that have not worked the circus before and would like to help, please phone me at 701-235-1327. Whatever time you can spare would be appreciated. I would like to thank all you workers for making our great Shrine Center a success.

See you at the circus!
Kerry Hefflin, Chair

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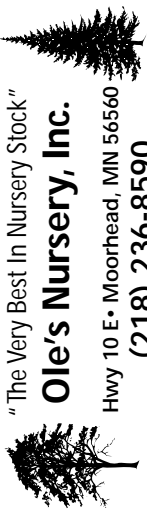
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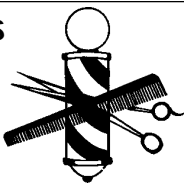
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7	8 DUSTERS CHANTERS	9 MYSTICS JAMESTOWN CLOWNS TUES NITE-CLUB - KC SHRINE NITE	10 BAND PRACTICE	11 PLAINSMEN	12 MISS SLOPE SC	13 KIDS WINTER DAY
14 FRONTIERSMEN	15 INDIANS ORIENTAL BAND COLOR GUARD HONORED LADIES	16 TUES NITE-CLUB - MIXED STAG	17 VIKINGS	18 PLAINSMEN WHEELERS ADA SC MTG	19 MISS SLOPE SC	20 SPAGHETTI DINNER MOBIL NOBLES
21	22 CHANTERS	23 UUC MTG TUES NITE CLUB	24	25 PLAINSMEN	26 MISS SLOPE SC BISMARCK CIRCUS	27 BISMARCK CIRCUS FRONT FENDERS
28 BISMARCK CIRCUS	29 DICKINSON CIRCUS	30 DICKINSON CIRCUS TUES NITE CLUB	31 JAMESTOWN CIRCUS	<i>Oriental Dinner</i> Friday, April 23 by the Oriental Band		

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