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Potentate's Message

Greetings
El Zagal
Nobles
and
Ladies.

My Lady Diane and I have been busy putting on a lot of miles these days, visiting our neighboring Shrine Temples. We attended the Zurah Potentate's Ball in Minneapolis. Our hosts, Potentate John T. McQuay and his Lady Dorothy, put on one heck of a good time reception and ball. Their theme was western, having to do with John being in the Zurah Horse Patrol. All their unit hospitality rooms were made up with a western theme around the pool area.

Our next excursion took us to Deadwood, S.D., for the Naja Shrine Temple Potentate's Ball. Our hosts, Potentate Doug Kloppel and his Lady Donna, also had a western theme for their Pote's Ball. They had black jack and slot tournaments at Deadwood

Gulch Resort. This was their host motel. They had numerous Potentates from Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana and North Dakota in attendance.

I no sooner got in the garage and had to leave the next morning for Duluth. The Aad Shriners were having a Ground Breaking Ceremonial in Hermantown, Minn., for their new Shrine Temple. Our hosts, Potentate Richard Gudkowski and his Lady Mary, were busy greeting and entertaining all the visiting Shriners. Imperial Potentate Raoul L. Frevel Sr. and his Lady Rosie were there to support the Aad Shriners and take part in the history-making Ceremonial.

Tomorrow my Lady Diane and I will be getting on a plane headed for Cancun, Mexico. We will be graced with the company of other fellow Shriners and their Ladies, who are seeking the warm

suns aqua waters, and white sands of a Mexican Riviera paradise. We are heading down for the El Zagal Temple Potentate's Trip. We will be staying at the Playa Del Karmen. By the time you and I read this, I probably will have been severely sunburned and putting on new skin. I am hoping to find shelter and camel's milk to survive the hot suns and hot sands.

Let's talk membership. Membership Chairman Eric Nelson has put together some activities that are going to need your involvement to succeed. We need prospective members and their wives and/or girlfriends to attend Rush Night at El Zagal Temple on March 26. We will be promoting the Shrine Units. There will be unit presentations, hors d'oeuvres, and live music following. So please bring someone with you, come out to your Shrine

Temple, show it off, dance and have a great time promoting Shrinedom.

This will lead us up to our "Street to the Shrine," to be held on April 23. This event will be shared with our Masonic Brothers next door. We will begin with the Masonic Degrees next door, and finish with the Shrine Degree here at El Zagal Temple. So please help us build up membership for our Masonic Fraternity and our Shrine Units.

I hope everyone will have successful Shrine Circus this year. Joe Jacob, my Potentate's Aid, and I will be attending all the circuses across El Zagal Land. So please get out and support your Temple at the Shrine Circus.

So I again ask for your support in making "El Zagal Thrive In 2005."

Yours in the Faith,
Steven R. Hanson, Potentate
2005

Hilse tll alle brodene og venner; (Greetings to all the brothers and friends) President Hal Peterson called our meeting to order, gave us a pep talk, and did the business part of our meeting. He mentioned the great work of our two top salesmen, Ben Klein and Vern Johnson. They could sell beer to the WCTU. They are great.

Our able director, Jerry Christianson, gave us a good workout with our repertoire of songs. Vern Cermak is back again, making music with a new keyboard, and a patch in his side for a blowout he had repaired. He is looking good and it is great to see his smiling face again.

We welcomed a prospective new member, Jerry Saude, who plans to join soon. He is married to Sonna Anderson, whose father was Harold Anderson, also a Plainsman. We welcomed the return of our greatest Swede, Nils Pearson, who had his other knee replaced and is able to get around with a bit of help. I notice that a great many of our guys would no longer qualify as true antiques, since they don't have all original equipment, and many have other repairs.

Rumor has it that our famed Director, Harvey Schilling, will soon return. He and his Lady Diane, having been wintering in sunny California. They were visited by Chuck and Janet Esser. They met again in Mesa, Ariz, where

they joined in with Shriners Ted and Adeline Thiede, Burton and Etheleen Hoovestol of Bismarck/ Mandan, and Bill and Doris Crawford from Billings, Mont. They had a sing a long at the Hoovestols' beautiful home, with Harvey playing the accordion, in celebration of Chuck's birthday. Chuck said they all had a wonderful time.

The Debate Society continues to meet Mondays at 3 p.m. with Dr. Neill Burnett (note the double consonants) as its leader. A great contribution was made by a member last Monday, who reported on the beer diet. It seems that the temperature of cold beer is such that it requires more calories to warm your body than contained in the beer. Thus, if you drink cold beer, you will lose weight. Such wisdom. It can help one justify most anything. There being no objections, this report was duly accepted and so noted by the record keeper, Jerry Christianson. As always, should you wish to share this wisdom, call him. George Anderson kept the popcorn coming and Duane Robey ordered the foamy kool aid. Things are really organized there.

That is most of the news from Bismarck, where all the women are wise, the Plainsmen are grateful, and the rest can only wish.

Tal for nar. (Thanks for now)
—Gamle Harv (Old Harv)

FARGO CIRCUS

Dear Circus Helpers:

Well here we are again at Circus Time, I hope you're all ready, the circus committee did a good job getting ready for this years circus April 8, 9, 10, 2005. Friday Nite will be big again a hope rides start 1 hr. before and after each performance so ticket sales people should be ready 1 1/2 hrs before start time, as should be all our concessions. If anyone wants to dress up like a clown please do, any age. I want to ask any nobles ladies or children of El Zagal to help us at the circus, any amount of time you can give is very welcome. I want to thank everyone in advance for your hard work. Your the ones keeping El Zagal strong. I would also like to thank Dave Larson and Laurie Olson for stepping up to the plate during Lisa's illness. The circus owes them both a debt of gratitude.

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We are busy, at least Ron is, getting ready for opening of the circus' east El Zagal swing which starts April 6 at the Jamestown Civic Center. And then on to Detroit Lakes and Fargo. Meetings have been held, and more may be, with the Jamestown committees and the cooperation is so good that a smooth operation is assured. Just a word to the corps and club... we can use all the good help we can muster. It is a long and busy day. That is Wednesday, April 6. The van will leave Valley City at 10 a.m. if you want a ride and to help with the set-up. The operation that starts a 1 p.m. Our spirits have been buoyed

by some fine reports from our Twin Cities Unit of the Shrine Hospitals. We sent a little girl down there recently and have had nothing but glowing reports of how well she was treated and the appreciation the family has for the doctors and staff there. There seems to be a spurt of new activity there and we hope to inform the public here of what we have to offer them.

President Bott has laid out some busy plans for the summer including several invitations to parades. Some to places so far away that we feel like missionaries for the Shrine. We'll carry the word!
-Chuck

Hospital Dads

Our thanks to the units and individuals who have payed 2005 dues and sent gifts for the club.

With the dues and gifts we are able to help supprt hospital activites and that cannot be supported by transportation funds.

If you haven't sent in the dues or haven't joined, please do.

It's the best five bucks you'll ever spend, this year and years to come!!

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ORIENTAL BAND

My left arm is in a cast because of ice. I just drank my supper. My lady is shopping for clothes for the Potentate's trip. It just does not get any better than this for a mere mortal Oriental Bandsman!
The *Oriental Dinner* is coming up Friday, April 22. This is the major moneymaker for the Oriental Band. We require all members to help with this project. We need everybody, even if we have to pick you up and transport you to the Shrine Center.

The Arab Patrol hosted the third annual bus trip to Winnipeg on March 11 through 13. Thirty people enjoyed a weekend of fun and fellowship. We were fortunate to have two couples from the Vikings join us again this year. Thank you Sue, Denny, Connie and Jerry for coming. Also, a thank you to Chris and Dawn for inviting their friends, Darin and Rochelle and to Bob and Joyce Moore for bringing along their longtime friends, Larry and Marge Bessette of Valley City. We saw a terrific dinner show, "Batman and Boy Blunder; we enjoyed a little gambling at two casinos, did some shopping, ate dinner at an Irish

Next item... we are going to charter a bus for the MSA. in Rapid City next summer. We are going to leave on Tuesday and return on Saturday after the parade. In other words, we are going to spend some extra time at this event. Exact time and places we will visit are going to be released in the future. There are 47 seats available. The Oriental Band will not fill these seats, so if anyone else wants to join us for an extended trip, please

contact any one of us. The circus is right on the heels of this article. Mike Karczeuski decided this would be a good weekend to get rid of two daughters and gain two son-in-laws. This family has always been a mainstay for the cotton candy stand. Mike, I really think it would be cheaper to make cotton candy! And there will be parades this summer. Welcome back Snowbirds!
-Ken Maxson

Arab Patrol

Pub and enjoyed the hospitality room at the hotel. Thank you to Rick and Laurie Oberg for coordinating along with help from Jeff and Becky Olson and Dawn Oberg and Chris Nelson. Also thanks to Joel, our bus driver, from Richards Transportation for putting up with a bunch of "silly" Shriners! The group got to wish Audry and Howard Thon congratulations on their 46th wedding anniversary on Sunday, the 13. The Patrol had planned to greet the newest addition to Brent Michelsen's family, little baby Jack, at their monthly meeting on March 7, with showers of good wishes, but they were unable to attend.

Brent and his wife hope to be able to bring Jack and his little sister to April's potluck. Plans continue for the annual Smelt Fry, hosted by the Arab Patrol, for May 12 at the El Zagal Shrine Center. Hours are 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Sorry, no children are permitted for this event. Many of the Patrollers will be helping at the Shrine Circus, either selling snow cones, or helping in other ways. The Arab Patrol always has a good turnout for helping at the Circus. Many of the Patrollers are beginning to make plans to attend the MSA in Rapid City, S. D., September 1 through 3, 2005.

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The sun's getting higher in the sky, and weather is changing on the warmer side. These are the ingredients for the Escort Motor Patrol (well and deservedly regarded as El Zagal's premier crowd-pleasing unit at parades and such) Miatas to get their gears in order. It won't be long now 'til the practice field will be beckoning and parades will be scheduled. What's on for this year? Our major objective is to bring back another first place when we return from the Rapid City Midwest competition in September. Plans are already underway to achieve just that. A hearty welcome to two new EMP members — Dwight Fercho and Terry Lunde. They'll be getting their "baptisms under fire" at drill practice so they'll be ready to go when parade season hits. They'll quickly learn that it's much more fun to drive and ride compared to others who have to walk down the street. You might say, "no sweat on our parts" even though hair can blow around a bit sometimes. Driving to and in parades is one of the EMP's greatest membership "bennie." Think about it that if you're considering joining El Zagal's flashiest and most crowd-pleasing unit. For you newer Nobles searching for a unit, the Escort

Motor Patrol certainly ranks as a No. 1 choice. If any of you are interested, consider coming out to a practice session when they begin. We promise dry and warmer weather for our practice sessions. In the meantime, you might like to attend a unit meeting (first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Shrine Center) and meet our members. We'd be happy to show you our Miatas and let you sit in the driver's seat, so you'll know of the pluses our unit enjoys. Just think! Tops down on a warm sunny day. Driving your own convertible that you didn't have to buy. And if you're single, having a "babe magnet" for transportation to and from our driving activities, while you didn't have to buy it yourself. We have a great social season as well. Any number of parties and events, including the traditional unit picnic at the Detroit Lakes Water Carnival. As we are the Escorts, you'll see us as well escorting at El Zagal functions. We're the ones who stand out in the crowds. And we'll have Escort Motor Patrol on our fezes. For the time being while the weather still remains on the cool side, and the Miatas are waking up from their winter's nap. Drive safe, and safely.
—Amanuensis



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The good news this month is that the Twin Cities Hospital is now fully staffed with orthopedic surgeons. Our new doctor is Dr. Bettina Gyr, who comes well qualified to the position. She is currently an assistant professor in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery and pediatrics at Texas Children's Hospital/Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. Dr. Gyr performed her general surgery and orthopedic residency at the University of Virginia. She is no stranger to the Shrine Hospital System, as she holds a fellowship with Intermountain Shrine at Salt Lake City, Utah, as well as the University of Utah. With the addition of Gyr, the Twin Cities Medical Unit is fully staffed with surgeons. Our new doctor will be commencing her work on April 4.

In the short space of four months, the top three medical positions at the hospital have been filled. Given the fact that pediatric orthopedic surgeons are in short supply in the United States, this is nothing short of miraculous. It is but one example of the commitment the Board of Governors and administration has to keep the Twin Cities Unit functioning at the highest level of expertise and efficiency.

Now, we must turn our attention to bringing new patients into the hospital. Patient numbers are increasing, but slowly. Forty operations were scheduled for the month of February, and approximately 400 patients are waiting to receive clinic appointments. Scheduling is now complete through April 30, but we need new patients if we are to operate effectively beyond that date. Hospital staff are currently in the process of setting up screening and applications clinics (Fargo's screening clinic will be held on June 3.) and these efforts should yield a number of new patients. Finally, Hospital Visitation Day will be held May 20 at the hospital. If you have never had a chance to see the Twin Cities Hospital, you should attend. You can get more information by contacting me at 701-663-0002 or the Public Relations Department at the hospital, 612-596-6100. An interesting program has been planned, and you'll want to be on hand!
—Dean F. Bard, Board of Governors

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On April 23, 2005, El Zagal will offer an opportunity for a non-Mason to become a Shriner in one day.

The day will start at 7 a.m. with a continental breakfast at the Fargo Masonic Temple. The Entered Apprentice Degree is at 8 a.m. The Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees will follow and should be completed by 4:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

The new Masons who are going to become Nobles, and their ladies, will have a dinner at El Zagal followed by a Mini-Ceremonial. El Zagal Petitions for the Mini-Ceremonial in Fargo must be accompanied by a check for \$185 which includes the Fez and meal. Petitions for Freemasonry must have a separate check for \$100 made out to the Lodge the candidate is petitioning. Lodge

fees may vary if the candidate is petitioning lodges other than East Gate, Shiloh, Sunrise or Daylight, so check with the Lodge you are joining, if it's not one of the Fargo Lodges.

The deadline for petitions to the Masonic Lodges is Friday, April 1, 2005. This is to allow the lodges time to process the petitions. Petitions may be turned in to El Zagal at any time. Indicate on the petition that the petitioner is going through the one-day class and which Lodge he is joining. Please submit petitions as soon as possible. We would like to get information to the candidates and contact them in advance of the degree work.

This one-day class and Mini-Ceremonial, or any part of it, is available for all Lodges to have their candidates participate in. You may bring a candidate for

the Masonic degree portion only. If you have a Shrine candidate who is already a Master Mason, he can participate in the Fargo Mini Ceremonial or Detroit Lakes Ceremonial (June 10-11, 2005). Please indicate on the petition what the candidate desires to participate in. First-line signers are expected to be with their candidates for the Masonic Degrees or request a guide/mentor to accompany their candidate. This can be requested on the petition.

Petition packets are available at El Zagal for both the Masonic degrees and Shrine. If you have questions or concerns please call Eric Nelson at 239-6161 / C- 866 2406, or email ericenelson@cableone.net

Big Band

The old saw says, "April showers bring May flowers." Equally true for the Big Band late March and early April mean it's time for the annual Circus Band to rehearse since the "Circus is coming!"

To that end, the call is out for any and all able-bodied musicians to plan to attend the scheduled rehearsals on Wednesday, March 30 and April 6, both at 7:30 p.m. and downstairs at the El Zagal Shrine Center.

Noble Josh Argall will conduct both practice sessions, then get out your black slacks and white shirts or blouses for the six pre-circus concerts on April 8, 9 and 10. The concerts will all be in the FargoDome at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 8; 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 9; noon and 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 10. Band personnel should park in the west parking lot and enter the west door. **Be sure to sign in as a member of the big band!**

We're all looking forward to the usual great band and warm association among our many outstanding musicians. Additional information is available from Big Band Unit President Chuck Munro, Secretary Daryl Hanson, Treasurer Lawrence Woodbury or Director Josh Argall.

-Noble Harry Moore

2005 GAME FEED

Thanks to All... for the work involved with the 2005 Wild Game Feed. To list everyone that had a part in making this a success would be countless and we would not like to miss anyone of you. This is probably the only Shrine function that includes members, ladies, prospects and non-members to work together and make this come together.

· Prep People on Wednesday and Thursday – you know how to roll those meatballs and get more than 1,200 done, all the same size and fitting in the pans. For the guys doing the roll-ups; just a few more until we run out of bacon or cannot fill a pan! Know a few world problems were also solved.

· Meat Cutters – just the right number of cubes and slices to make the recipes a go.

· Set-up Upstairs – took a lot of stress off the people downstairs to keep hors d'oeuvres ready and available.

· Line Servers – although you might "never eat Wild Game" doling out sample servings and encouraging everyone to "try a little of this" was great!

· Ticket Takers and Beer Sales – next year will see that in El Zagal there will be beer!

· Raffle Sellers – sales were hard but you did a great job!

· Cooks and Kitchen Helpers – the recipes and supplies were there, just needed your help. Great to have people

come in and say "What can I do to help?"

· Clean-up and Busers – the dishwasher never quit running and the tables were always ready for someone to sit down and enjoy.

· Meat Suppliers – Without you, this would not have happened! Any leads on some exotic meat? Let us know.

· Ticket Sellers – Good to know the pre-sales to help with planning.

· Advertising – Need some help to get the word out. Posters and radio support were great!

A lot of time getting menus and food available together was spent prior to the Feed night, but without the efforts of everyone else, this event

would not have gone so smoothly.

Bottom line, for you to know \$6400 – money to be designated for Shrine Center improvements.

Looking forward to another successful year. Plans are to have the 2006 Game Feed on February 17. Need to have game no later than February 1, 2006, and any suggestions for the menu or other ways that we can improve would be appreciated. Always remember, we may ask for your help to fulfill those suggestions! Everyone that had a part in this event, give yourself a pat on the back!

Thanking you all,

-Gary, Judy, Larry, Rick, and Emily



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When the clowns can't go away for the winter, they have a "winter picnic." The children of clown members digging for presents was one of the activities at this year's event.



Relaxing at the Clowns' Winter picnic are (left to right) Carol Lees, Jack and Yvonne McGregor, Tina Westereng, Gannon VanGilder, Charlie Skeel, Arlie Lind, Richie Wolf (Clown President) Rita and Nick Scherbenske.



Other guests at the Clowns' Winter Picnic included Cheryl and Jerry Oldham, Kirsten Eastvold, and Johnny Klingenberg.

EAST WEST SHRINE GAME
FOOTBALL'S FINEST HOUR

January 21, 2002

Dear Brothers Sir,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the East West Shrine Game, the Joint Boards of the Iowa and Colorado Corporations, and Ralph Smith, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, we would like to thank you and your Temple for the participation and support of college football's "Finest Hour."

"Strong Legs Run So That Weak Legs May Walk" has been our theme for the past five years and has been delivered to millions of people over the ESPN network, giving us a "Window to the World" in which to spread our message about Shriners Hospitals.

The 8th Game was a real show of sportsmanship with both sides wanting others. The East team beat the West by a score of 45 to 27.

We set a goal of 20% Noble response and participation for each Shrine Center and are pleased that several Temples realized that goal. We are asking you to convey this goal news to your Nobles and let them know that if they have not yet contributed, it is not too late to do so. All contributions through March 15, 2002 will be in support of the 8th Game. Proceeds benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Contributions may be sent to:

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Our sincere thanks to you and your Shrine Center. Your support makes winners of our kids, our Hospitals and all of Shriners.

Yours in the Faith,
David L. Ponce
David L. Ponce, Sr.
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June 10 - 12
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When making reservations please reference the Detroit Lakes Color Guard/El Zagal Spring Ceremonial.

(They also have suites available that will sleep four to six people)

The following is a tentative schedule for the Spring Ceremonial. The final schedule will be published in *May Camel Tales*. Please submit your registration to Dave Larson at El Zagal's business office.

Costs for the Ceremonial will be: Nobles: \$26.50
Ladies: \$33.50

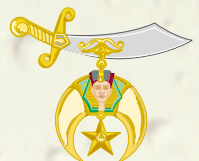
The registration will cover Friday evening Fish and Chips, Beach Blast, Moslem Feast, Ladies Luncheon and the Saturday evening Hoedown meal and entertainment.

FRIDAY JUNE 10TH

11:00 a.m.	Golf Tournament, Site to be announced
5:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Fish and Chips Dinner
8:00 - 12:00 p.m.	Beach Blast with entertainment,

SATURDAY JUNE 11

8:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Fez Fitting, Orientation, 1 st and 3 rd Section, Fez Presentation
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Moslem Feast
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Ladies Luncheon
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Parade
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Hoedown meal
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Special entertainment
9:00 - 11:00 p.m.	Bonfire



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'57 Director's Staff

The nice weather, the sight of the motorcycles with fully charged batteries ready to rev up, circus meetings, Rush night, a one-day ceremonial, and the CIRCUS! Wow, the fun never ends in El Zagal Land. The Director's Staff has been busy all winter, and it's only going to become more fun.

I hear some Buzz, that there's some goings-on at the Down Under after the Friday night circus performance. Have to check with Steve or Emily G. to confirm.

We would like to thank the circus committee for allowing The '57 to make some changes in our location in the Fargo Dome for our novelty booths. This will make doing our business there easier. Vern Kroshus held a meeting for all Director's Staff members, to allow input

concerning pricing and ordering of circus novelties. The meeting was well-attended and well done, thanks Vern!

The unit members were very busy preparing for Rush Night. We will open up some eyes. At the time of this letter being released, we will hope to have let many know how great the '57 Directors are. We are the most award-winning unit in the nation. We have an open invitation to anybody wishing to ride motorcycle with us, or becoming involved in any of the many functions our unit takes to task. We Have Fun! Come and join us.

There's always more to print, but at this very time, I'm off to Arizona to see how Sandy has behaved down there the past week. I'm taking bets.

Ridin' Soon!
-BK

GREETINGS: MOBILE NOBLES AND LADIES.

The spaghetti feed is well behind us. It is believed that we served about 638 people. It was a lot of hard work. And I would like to thank the extra help we picked up along the way. I have 2 birthday boys for the month of April Joe Rulifson and Irving Storsved. As far as new unit cars go I have nothing to report at this time. Good bye for now. #34

**Next auxiliary meeting is
April 16 at 10 a.m. at the Shrine
Center**

PROVOST GUARD

For those who write for the *Camel Tales*, March can be one of the cruelest months. The events of January and February have past, those of April and May are yet to happen and there sits dull old March with little going on. But if you wanted to hear me whine, you would have blown a dog whistle. So let's make the best of what we got. The MPA is just around the corner as I write and I'm sure will be enjoyed by all. Our attendance is going to be down this year, which I suspect has a lot to do with the way Easter falls this year. The Circus is almost upon us and by the time you read this it should be going on in Bismarck. We all hope for a successful year and look

forward to seeing how are new producer, Circus Spectacular works out.

Once again this year, our lovely Lady Provost will usher the handicapped in to their seats and the mighty men of the Provost will rigorously guard the reserved seating. A little known fact, Merle Gulleckson not only feeds the hungry Shriners at the circus, but he also provides the hay that feeds the elephants in Fargo. Talk about having to satisfy a wide range of tastes! I'm looking forward, as I'm sure we all are, to the one-day class later this month. I hope we do well and bring a lot more new members.

Well, that's all for now.
-Scotty Uhrich, Scribe

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COLOR GUARD

Greetings Nobles and Ladies from the Detroit Lakes Color Guard. Spring is not far away and with that comes the return of the Snow Birds. Please note the article in *Camel Tales* regarding the block of rooms that have been set aside for the Spring Ceremonial. Units and/or individuals need to make reservations by May 27 as after that date the remaining rooms will be available to the general public. This information may seem a bit early, but time does fly and we will only have May *Camel Tales* to get the information out to all the units for registration and hotel reservations. The Color Guard has a fun weekend planned for all who attend and as always it should be a memorable one. One of the Color Guard members, who is a retired law enforcement officer, brought us some disturbing news. After many hours of research this individual informed us that Becker County has a law on the books, Section 31C Article 4651, that prohibits any clown activity in Becker County during the hours of 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. This law, which we were totally unaware of, has major implications on one of El Zagal's shadiest units, **The Jamestown Clowns**. The reason the word "shadiest" was

used is because the night time is when they normally come out to play and create all their havoc upon all of us unsuspecting, law abiding people. We did, however, meet with the County Commissioners last week to see if they could possibly wave Section 31C Article 4651 during the Ceremonial. Well, that was the wrong thing to do because now they know that the Clowns are planning to be in Detroit Lakes and they have budgeted for extra law enforcement that weekend. The Color Guard is still working on this problem and we are hopeful it will be resolved by the time the Clowns arrive in Detroit Lakes. It might be helpful if the Clowns could send us a letter of recommendation from the Jamestown Police Department, which we could present to our law enforcement departments. (Scratch that idea, as the Jamestown Police Department is aware of the potential dangers the Clowns can inflict upon an unsuspecting community). Don't worry Clowns... we'll figure something out. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in Detroit Lakes June 10 - 12. Remember to display those colors proudly
-The Guard

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RECORDERS' REPORT

I am happy to report that Lisa is getting ready to come back to work after her recovery. She had a bad spell towards the end of February and had to have some surgery. When you talk to Laurie or see her, tell her thanks. In Lisa's absence, Laurie was a lifesaver in getting the accounting done and getting the reports and checks processed. Thanks a million, Laurie. Everyone is getting ready for the five Circuses and hopefully the weather will cooperate so all are a success. Good luck to all. The new lawn mower/snow blower tractor arrived on February 23 and that night we got four inches of snow so Lenny must have gotten up before the chickens to try it out. He says it is just great not to have to fix something before using it. We were able to purchase the new tractor thanks to contributions from Provost, Clowns, Escort Patrol, Oriental Band Aids and the Sheyenne Valley Shrine Club. The one-day class is scheduled for April 23 in Fargo. "All the Way in One-Day" petitions should be in by April 1. The initiation fees are \$185 for El

Zagal and \$100 for the Masonic Lodges in Fargo. Other Lodges may be different. The El Zagal fee covers the dues for 2005, the Fez and meals for the candidates and their ladies. NOTE: Bryan Shinn, our PR guy, is working on getting our name out. The board is continuing a program for 2005 that was started last year. If you have not found it yet, go to www.123fargo.com and type in El Zagal, or go to "movies." Go to our site, www.elzagal.org, and "click here" at the bottom of the page. Leo Worner, RD member, is our webmaster and has linked our home page to the El Zagal page on 123fargo.com. Check it and tell your friends.

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-Dave E. Larson, Recorder

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Once again we want to thank all the ladies in El Zagal land for all of their hard work. Please accept this invitation to the annual ladies appreciation luncheon.

BISMARCK LUNCHEON

April 23, 2005
11:00 a.m. Social / 11:45 a.m. Lunch
Am-Vets Club in Bismarck

FARGO LUNCHEON

May 8, 2005
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Shrine Center in Fargo

As before, the ladies in the West are asked to bring a silent auction item including homemade goodies or craft items. In the East we ask you to bring a spring plant, or garden or patio accessory for auction.

To sign up so that we have a count, please call:
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-Diane Hanson, Potentate's Lady

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