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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE SHRINE LEGACY...AN AMAZING BROTHERHOOD, HELPING KIDS & SERVING THE COMMUNITY ... WHAT'S YOUR SHRINE LEGACY?



Greetings Nobles and Ladies, I'm hoping that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! What a busy start to 2018 at El Zagal...with Roasting Ringo on January 5th and the Annual Meeting and Banquet on January 6th.

I want to thank Illustrious Sir Blake "Ringo" Wrigley and his lady Cathie for all of their hard work and dedication to the Shrine. What a great ride it has been with Ringo these past 7 years and it sure holds true that the more you "Party"cipate the more fun you will have! What a great Roast...it's a miracle we got through that in one night! Kudos to Jeff Woods for being the MC and to Labby's for catering the event. A good time was had by all.

The Yoshi's hosted an all nobles breakfast the next morning so I BIG thank you for all those that chipped in to make that a great success. The annual meeting started with 85 nobles in attendance. We got right to business as a historic Bison game was in our future.

Thank you to Jeff Woods, Treasurer, for putting out the budgets in his State of the Temple Address. Everything is going well by all accounts and we look forward to a successful 2018 as well.

At the Annual Meeting, elections were held and I wish to congratulate the Divan on their 2018 elected positions. They work very hard, do a fantastic job for all the nobles of El Zagal, and I'm looking forward to working with this great group of guys in 2018 and beyond.

I had the privilege of being elected Potentate of El Zagal Shrine for 2018. It is truly an honor and I deeply Thank you for the faith that you have entrusted in me to be your Potentate. I will work very hard to serve El Zagal and be the best Potentate I can be.

It was my privilege also to appoint noble Travis Will as the 2nd Ceremonial Master for 2018. Please help me welcome Travis and his lady Meghan to the Divan. I know that they will be great assets to El Zagal and they will make the Duster's proud!

With the business of the temple completed in short order we were on to lunch provided by the Vikings. A huge Thank you to the Best Unit in El Zagal "The Vikings" for putting on our lunch with some of the best knephla soup in the realm.

Congratulations to the NDSU Bison also as we watched them pull off their "6 Pack". What a true football legacy! That evening we had a social and a banquet at the Delta by Marriott in Fargo. The Crop Dusters played music while we had hors'd'oevers and cocktails. Thanks again to the Vikings for hosting this social. I especially want to give a

huge Thank You to PP Clarmont & Patty Ulven and PP Rick & Laurie Oberg for being host couples. I appreciate you so much. Thanks also to PP Matt Sturlaugson for being the MC of a great evening.

The Fez and Thistle Drummers and Pipers (Oilers) gave us quite a Grand Entry indeed! Thank you for a great performance and I look forward to seeing your talented group of musicians again soon!

The Parade to Glory was a HUGE Success. The clubs and units of El Zagal raised over \$370,000 for El Zagal and our charities in 2017. Congratulations on your hard work and let's see how far we can take that energy and talent into 2018!

We had some very special guests that evening that I wanted to take a moment and thank the Grand Master of North Dakota Mark Williamson and his Lady Kristi for attending. They are great leaders for Masonry in North Dakota and I'm happy to call them friends. Also attending were my friends from Deadwood, SD, The Potentate of Naja Shriners, Kip Wagner and his Lady Kristi and from Winnipeg, Canada, the Potentate of Khartum Shriners, Al Allard and his Lady Judy. How thankful I am to have them travel all that way to share in our special night!

A huge Thank you for my family; that we could all be together and celebrate, especially my kids Regan and Jack. I love you guys. Also, to my Lady Tiffani, I couldn't have done it without you and I thank you with all my heart.

To wrap up the most fantastic evening we had "Slamabama" play for our dance. They were spectacular! What a great time we had! Thank you all that came out and participated ...it means the world to me and I hope that you all had as much fun as I did!

Here are some upcoming events that I know that you will want to mark on your calendar. January 24th at 7pm we will be having an all unit leaders night at the Shrine. Please come for that to discuss some of the fun things happening at El Zagal and to give your input on various topics.

On February 2nd and 3rd we will be taking a bus trip to Deadwood, SD for the Winter MSA. 20 nobles have registered so that will be a fun road trip! Mark your calendars for the return trip back for a historic Summer MSA on August 16th and 17th. Great family fun!

After getting back from MSA we will be having a HUGE Super Bowl party on February 4th. This is something that we haven't done in a very long time so come on out and have a great time watching the Super Bowl. Hey! never know, the Vikings may even be in it!

On February 10th we are having a Pote's Masquerade Ball

at the Sanctuary downtown Fargo, with transportation and rooms at the Clubhouse Hotel. It will be a one of a kind event so please call Lisa at the office and RSVP TODAY!

The Wild Game Feed is fast approaching on February 17th. This is truly a fantastic event that has been getting bigger and bigger each year. This is one of the biggest fundraisers for El Zagal buildings and grounds we have. So come out and support it and you will have a great time and might even be a lucky WINNER in the process.

On February 23rd we will be heading out to Jamestown for their Shrine Club Stag and their Annual Chili cook off the next day. Always a great time in Jamestown!

As you can see this is only a few of the many things that we have going on at El Zagal. Nobles...the calendar is full in 2018! Grab a friend and get out and be a part of your Shrine.

Last, before I close, I wanted to talk about Membership. Every event that we have at El Zagal we will be promoting Membership! Here is a fun fact for you...El Zagal Shrine has had positive growth in membership (Gold Temple) for the past 5 years. Of the 14 temples in the MSA, only one Temple has been Gold since 2012...El Zagal. In 2017, of the nearly 200 temples in Imperial, we were one of the 22 Gold Temples and we are one of the 2 Gold Temples to be Gold for 5 consecutive years!

At the Annual Meeting it was reported that we have done it again! For the 6th year in a row El Zagal is a Gold Temple with a +5 gain in membership. Congratulations to all of El Zagal on another great year of Membership. Imperial has given us a goal of 79 new nobles by July 2018. We have a great start already and will all of our hard work we can achieve this great goal. I know that we can do this!

Here is a quote that I would like to leave you with, "we rarely succeed at anything unless we have fun doing it" -- Rev. John Naus. Let's have some FUN!

Yours in Faith,
Jason "Rocky" Rockswold
2018 Potentate

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EL ZAGAL SHRINE Saturday Burgers

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Bloody Mary Bar: 11 am – 2 pm

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March 3-10-24-31

April 14-21-28

EL ZAGAL SHRINE CIRCUS MANAGEMENT MEETINGS

Saturday, February 10: 10 am

Saturday, March 3: 10 am

Saturday, March 24: 10 am

FARGO CIRCUS APRIL 6-7-8, 2018

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Mike Dow.....Asst. Rabban
Dennis Sand.....High Priest & Prophet
Steve Larson.....Oriental Guide
Jeff Woods.....Treasurer
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El Zagal Monthly Unit Meetings

Arab Patrol – El Zagal Temple – 1st Monday

Big Band – El Zagal Temple –
1st & 2nd Wednesdays

Chanters – El Zagal Temple – 2nd & 4th Mondays

Clowns – Jamestown Masonic Center –
2nd Tuesday

DL Color Guard – Detroit Lakes club house –
3rd Monday

Directors Staff – El Zagal Temple – 1st Tuesday

Dusters – Bismarck Masonic Center –
2nd Monday @ noon

Escort Motor Patrol – El Zagal Temple –
1st Monday

EZ Wheels – 3rd Wednesday – Jamestown

Flag Corp – Valley City – 3rd Saturday

Frontiersmen – Dickinson –
Monday following 2nd Sunday of month

Hazen Spinners - 1st & 3rd Thursday

Mandan Indians – 3rd Monday

Missouri Slope Shrine Club – Amvets –
Fridays @ noon

Mobil Nobles – El Zagal Temple – 1st Friday

Mystics – Jamestown Masonic Center –
2nd Tuesday

Oilers – Bismarck – 1st Monday

Oriental Band – El Zagal Temple –
1st & 3rd Mondays

Outdoors Unlimited – El Zagal Temple - 3rd Tuesday

Provost – El Zagal Temple – 1st Thursday

Promotions Committee –
1st Wednesday @ 7:30 PM

Rangers – 1st Wednesday

Rednecks – Beulah/Hazen – 2nd Tuesday

Ritualistic Divan – El Zagal Temple –
2nd Tuesday

Saidin – Bismarck – 3rd Thursday

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Hospital Auxiliary

MAKING a BIG DIFFERENCE

As we welcome in the year 2018, it is once again time to gather together as we represent the El Zagal Shrine Auxiliary.

We would like to extend congratulations to our new Potentate Jason Rockswold and his Lady Tiffani, and a big Thanks to our Past Potentate, Blake Wrigley.

It is indeed a pleasure to report that at our December meeting our monetary donation to the WGA 4Kids was \$8,000 plus many handmade items: headbands, scarfs, caps, pillows, and blankets for a total of 659 items. All material and yarn is paid by the auxiliary and all labor was done by active auxiliary members. Way to go ladies.

We were founded for the purpose of assisting children at the Shirmers Hospital for Children, who are physically challenged, to gain independence by providing mobility and therapeutic equipment at no cost. We invite you to join our worthwhile organization.

The annual meeting for the WGA 4Kids is April 23 and 24th, 2018 in St. Paul/Mpls.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Feb 10th at 10am at the Shrine Temple.

Enclosed in the membership mailing is our year's schedule of our meetings.

Remember: Friends are the sunshine of life.

Barb & Judy

Twin Cities Shrine Hospital Report

By the time this goes to print I will have attended my first Twin Cities Hospital Board of Governors meeting & orientation. I am so looking forward for the challenges that are ahead. I have been digesting the info that the great folks in Minneapolis have been sending me. One thing I know for sure is that Monte Routledge did a fantastic job and we are lucky to now have him continue in Emeritus status.

I will have more detailed info to pass along in the future but I can report that **OUR** hospital did have a good year in the service we provide. Monte has informed us before of some of the great new things that we are now doing. We will need to be vigilant in seeing future success and growth of service at **OUR** hospital.

I have already received valuable feedback from some of you at the annual meeting this month and I will rely on that going forward. That communication

and caring is vital for the success of **OUR** hospital. Are you seeing a trend here yet?

Some of you know that my father was a Shrine kid growing up in Canada. He and my grandmother would take the train from Moose Jaw to Winnipeg. This is my first connection to our fraternity.

I want to thank Blake Wrigley (#BS Troop 229) for nominating for consideration. (Who knew we would grow up and be responsible?)

Finally, a thank you to Greg Deal who brought me into the Shrine in 2004. Whose life will you improve by asking them to become a Shriner?

Kelly Wentz
Twin Cities Shrine Hospital
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Race Time: 8:30 AM

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El Zagal Temple Annual Meeting (January 6, 2018)

Called to order by Illustrious Sir Blake Wrigley, Potentate, at 9:05 AM.

Doors tiled by the Elite Provost Guard and all Nobles were reported to be in good standing: 85 registered.

Invocation by Dennis Sand.
Shrine Pledge by Chief Rabban, Jason Rockswold.
Roll Call of the Elective Divan by Recorder Bob Wedberg; followed by the Official Call of the Annual Meeting.
Motion by Bob Wedberg, PP, and seconded by David Rott, PP, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last Stated Meeting. Motion carried.

Introduction of Dignitaries – Most Worshipful Mark Williamson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, MW Arnie Ellingson, PGM, and Illustrious Sir Ed Samuelson Jr., PP, PGM, MW David Bickel, PGM.

All reports were given as listed in the agenda. These reports are available in the Temple office or from the presenter.

- Membership – 2017 – Noble Richard Pallay III
 - Start – 1048
 - Created – 46
- Affiliations - 1
- Restored – 3
- Demits – 15
- Suspended – 12
- Deaths – 18
- 2017– 1053
- Net Gain – (+5 overall)

Motion to suspend 12 Nobles(see attached list) for nonpayment of dues by Bob Wedberg, PP, and seconded by Noble Roger Ellsworth. Motion carried.

Football – Shane Heiberg(Attached)
Hospital Representative – Lyle Durr (Attached)
Hospital Board of Governors – Kelly Wentz (Attached)
Circuses –
Fargo – Bruce Ridgway (Report on File)
Jamestown – Kevin Thoele (Attached)
Bismarck – Not Presented
Dickinson – Illustrious Sir Blake updated the Nobility on Circus Board elections.
Detroit Lakes Color Guard – No Report

Onion Sales – Joe Jacob -- 8000 pounds sold -- Proceeds to El Zagal Buildings & Grounds - \$4280.00

Wild Game Feed – EZ Outdoor Club President Roger Ellsworth discussed the 2018 event which will be held on February 17th.

State of the Temple Report – Treasurer Jeff Woods

Arabian Room – Assistant Rabban Rick Qual/1st Ceremonial Master Steve Larson
NOP – Chief Rabban Jason Rockswold/OG Dennis Sand
Buildings & Grounds – HP&P Mike Dow/2nd Ceremonial Master Roger Ellsworth

Current Administration – Illustrious Sir Blake Wrigley Reviewed the residual distribution for the 2017 Administration.

Investment Portfolio Review – Treasurer Jeff Woods
2020 Fund –Assistant Rabban Mike Dow
Necrology Report – Mobil Nobles (See Attached List)
Old Business - None

New Business – Illustrious Sir Blake Wrigley
All Units/Clubs required to have the Recorder/Treasurer as signatories on all Financial accounts.

Units/Club and Circuses not submitting financial reports by February 1st of each calendar year will assessed a \$500 fee by the Administration.

Financial Group consisting of the Potentate, Treasurer, and one member at large (Blake Wrigley for 2018) to assist units and clubs in financial matters.

Election of Officers conducted as per the Agenda:

Jason Rockswold nominated for Potentate by Rick Oberg, PP. No further nominations. Motion to cast a unanimous ballot by Justin Swank and seconded by Gerald Pulvermacher. Motion carried.

Rick Qual nominated for Chief Rabban by Ed Samuelson Jr, PP. No further nominations. Motion to cast a unanimous ballot by Justin Swank and seconded by Gerald Pulvermacher. Motion carried.

Mike Dow nominated for Assistant Rabban by David Rott, PP. No further nominations. Motion to cast a unanimous ballot by Justin Swank and seconded by Steve Larson. Motion carried.

Dennis Sand nominated for High Priest & Prophet by Matt Sturlaugson, PP. No further nominations. Motion to cast a unanimous ballot by Justin Swank and seconded by Roger Ellsworth. Motion carried.

Steve Larson nominated for Oriental Guide by Brad Richards, PP. No further nominations. Motion to cast a unanimous by Justin Swank and seconded by Roger Ellsworth. Motion carried.

Jeff Woods nominated for Treasurer by Matt Sturlaugson, PP. No further nominations. Motion

to cast a unanimous ballot by Justin Swank and seconded by Roger Ellsworth. Motion carried.

Bob Wedberg nominated for Recorder by Matt Sturlaugson, PP. No further nominations. Motion to cast a unanimous ballot by Justin Swank and seconded by Joe Jacob. Motion carried.

Motion by Bob Wedberg, PP, and seconded by Joe Jacob that the 7 elected Divan Officers conduct the business of the El Zagal Holding Company. Motion carried.

Motion by Bob Wedberg, PP, and seconded by Roger Ellsworth that the 7 elected Divan Officers be representatives to the Midwest Shrine Association.

Motion by Bob Wedberg, PP, and seconded by Joe Jacob to elect the Potentate, Chief Rabban, Blake Wrigley, PP, and Matt Sturlaugson, PP, as representatives to the 2018 Imperial Session.

Illustrious Sir Blake reported that the Installation of Officers would take place during the evening festivities at the Marriot Delta.

Illustrious Sir Blake thanked the Nobles of El Zagal Temple for allowing him to serve as their Potentate for the year 2017.

Illustrious Sir Blake presented awards to the following: Les Schmidt, PP, David Rott, PP, Joe Jacob, Jamestown Mystics, Jamestown Clowns, Detroit Lakes Color Guard, and El Zagal's Director's Staff.

2018 Budgets – Jeff Woods
Motion to approve 2018 Budgets by Lowell Thompson, PP, and seconded by David Rott ,PP. Motion carried.

Incoming Potentate Elect - Jason Rockswold
Travis Will introduced as El Zagal's Second Ceremonial Master.

Memorial Service –Thank you Mobil Nobles for a most dignified presentation.

Motion to adjourn - Roger Ellsworth and seconded Joe Jacob. El Zagal's Annual Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM by Illustrious Sir Blake Wrigley

Respectfully Submitted,
William R Wedberg Jr., PP, Recorder



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Pictured (L to R): Todd Skunberg, Dan, Rocky
PLEASE WELCOME: Dan Pozarnsky
 He received his cold sands January 8th, 2018, during the Arab Patrol meeting.

Director's Staff

*A Little Running;
 Lots of Refreshment*

Well, we survived the Holidays and began the New Year. We helped roast Illustrious Sir Ringo. What a great year. Well done!

We welcomed our new Potentate Rocky at the Annual Meeting and Banquet. Best wishes to Rocky and his Lady Tiffani for a great year! We, the Director's Staff, are committed to help you make your year at the helm of El Zagal the best it can be.

We pulled the trigger. We decided to buy new Motorcycles. We ordered 8- 2018 Harley Davidson Street Glides. We will be moving up to the heavyweight class and the competition will be tough.

Now the task at hand is to sell our old bikes. We have one sold and have 5 more to sell. There will be an ad in this issue listing them. If you know of anyone looking for a great bike these are in great shape and well taken care of. Please contact me or any Director's Staff member.

We have the wheels in motion (no pun intended) for our biggest day of the year. Our annual Shriner 5K and Suds and Spuds are set for Saturday April 21st.

You can sign up at El Zagal or Beyond Running for the 5K. The run/walk leaves El Zagal at 8:30 am and winds through the neighborhood surrounding our Shrine Center.

Suds and Spuds begins at 4pm and runs to 7pm. We have much in store again this year. We have our celebrity judges returning again this year. They are Lisa Budeau, Lisa Green, Dave Jacobs, Robbie Daniels, Moose Johnson, Lady Tiffani and Illustrious Sir Rocky. We have the "Crop Dusters" providing music also.

All of our members have tickets for sale for Suds and Spuds or you can buy them in the Arabian Room. The cost is a mere \$25. This year we plan to have at least 60+ beers to taste and many potato dishes provided by the competing chefs. Did I mention it's only a mere \$25?

We always are looking for Silent Auction items. They can be anything from a gift card, sweatshirt or use your imagination, the sky is the limit. All the proceeds from our Silent Auction go to our Transportation Fund.

Don't miss out on this amazing event! It's a great way to bring potential members into our Shrine Temple to see what we are about.

I tip my hat to the Nobles of the Director's Staff. They are a hard working unit that always answers the call. Always! I'm proud to be a part of such a great unit!

Until we meet again
 Yours in Faith,
 MD

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Color Guard Croonings

Well here we are at the start of a new year, and that means new officers for the Color Guard and across El Zagal. The elections are all over, and it is time for all these newly elected “officials” to start paying off on their campaign promises.

The Color Guard elected Paul Meszerros as President, and in his campaign, he offered to buy each and every member a case of beer and a can of sardines! What a guy! Something smells “fishy” tho, as he is already trying to get out of the sardine promise!

The Vice President turned out to be Ian Somerville, who showed up at the Color Guard Christmas party wearing a smart but see through top with matching pumps. New look for Ian, but hey! It is a new year!

Elected to the most popular position in the Color Guard, Greg Neisen takes his place behind the bar – mixing up your favorite adult nonalcoholic beverages. (yeah right)

New man on the check book crew too – literally! Ryan Hendrickson was elected co-treasurer. He is kind of a new man too after losing 350 pounds – or something like that!

On the keyboards, you will find the saucy but smart Jesten Hayle. Not to be weird, but I hear Jesten has the best fingers in town!

The Color Guard had the pleasure of attending the Annual Meeting for El Zagal, and even had a skit for outgoing Potentate Blake Wrigley. Lots of material this guy gave us this year, but we ended up poking a bit of fun at ourselves. Jerome Tappe even fell off the stage! What a performance, but then again, we are used to seeing Jerome Tappe fall down off of things!

The Color Guard also presented Past Potentate Blake Wrigley with a flag that was flown over El

Zagal. Actually, I understand the flag was flown over some bar in Arizona, and that was compliments of Past Potentate Brad Richards. Not sure how the “acquisition” was done, but it’s all over now, and not a day of jail time was served!

Early in December, the Color Guard traveled to the Crab Feed at El Zagal. It was advertised as “All you can eat”, so our very own Brad Klein took advantage of that! I don’t think he has eaten anything since! He ate so much crab, that his legs are starting to LOOK like crab legs!

We move on to circus time in the lakes area. Planning has hit a bit of a roadblock, as most of the Color Guard – with the exception of this reporter, have retreated to warmer climates. That is ok tho – we have lots of places to visit and mooch from now! Thanks Brad, Jerry, Lowell, Jerome, Greg & Paul!! We would be remiss if we didn’t congratulate Past Potentate Blake “Ringo” Wrigley on a truly successful year! You made it buddy! What a great year you had, and our livers prove that! We also want to congratulate Jason “Rocky” Rockswold on becoming the new Potentate of El Zagal! We are looking forward to a great year with you at the helm, and the Color Guard promises to behave a bit better than we did in Ringo’s year!

Join us for a meeting – we would love to have you! Especially if you come and cook! Our meetings are the 3rd Monday of each month, and you are always welcome. We will try to have Past Potentates Ponderings, but hell; they are all down where it is warm, so you will have to settle for Color Guard Goulash! Dinner and meeting to follow.

Remember, it’s a great time to be a Shriner, but there is **NOTHING FINER THAN A COLOR GUARD SHRINER!**

Don’t freeze your pickles!
Lars

Jamestown Mystics

In a Fundraising Frenzy

Hello Nobles and friends. The Jamestown Mystics wish you a Happy New Year!! 2017 was a great year for us. Membership continues to rise. The new guys are all anxious to go out and get stuff done. Bunch of go-getters I tell ya. The older guys are still very active and passionate as well. Got some good vibes going on in the unit.

A huge thanks to outgoing President Paul Witthauer. Fantastic job! Paul is a big reason I joined up. Thank you! Set the bar pretty high for incoming President Jeff Oster. I doubt Jeff is very intimidated, he’s been Prez several times before and has done amazing things. We are in good hands and we’re all looking forward to making 2018 a year to remember.

Well I hope everyone had a great holiday because it’s “Go time” now. We have many events coming up. Our annual fish fry is right around the corner. That’s a great fundraiser. It keeps getting bigger every year. Last year we ended up having like four pieces of fish left. Yikes! That was close. It’s a bunch of fun and another great platform to recruit.

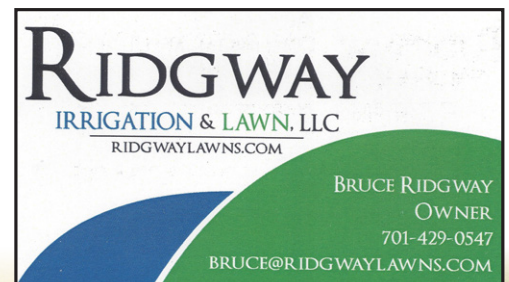
The James Valley Shrine Club is hosting it’s annual Big Spenders Stag Night on Friday, February 23 at the Masonic Lodge. Seventy five bucks a ticket. All you can drink and all you can eat (the food is awesome by the way). All sorts of games and raffles. I won a slab of bacon last year!! WooHoo! This event really is a blast.

I went for the first time a few years ago and it is the reason I decided to become a Mason and then a Shriner. I met all the guys, asked questions about what Shriners do and fell in love with the organization. This event is massive for recruitment. It worked on me. Plus there’s bacon. Hope to see many of you there.

We are still selling gun raffle tickets too. One of our flagship fundraisers. It’s a hundred dollars but there are only 400 tickets sold. Pretty good odds for any raffle. I just know I’m going to win this year, I don’t care if it’s a .22. This is the year. If you’re interested just get a hold of a Mystic.

We’ve got many more events to talk about next month. Busy busy.

Until then, Thank You for being Shriners and God Bless.
Jamestown Mystics



Bismarck Dusters

Happy Holiday Happenings & Cranking it up for 2018

As is customary, the Dusters are alive and well as we get "cranking" for the New Year. But first, we need to report on some of the happenings at the end of 2017.

The thing that stands out in December was the Duster's annual Holiday Party held at the Bismarck Masonic Center on the evening of December 9 – a great party hosted as usual by President Kim Lewis and his lovely wife Georgia. A few of the snow birds were gone and they missed a great time.

It was the month when the monthly meeting of the Dusters saw the formal installation of the Duster Vice-President Bob Bartosh installed (in ample form) by Past Potentate Jay Buringrud.

At that meeting a contribution of \$1,000 was approved to El Zagal Forever. President Kim reminded the Dusters of the upcoming annual meeting in Fargo and said hotel reservations need to be made.

Moving into the new year, it must be noted that the Dusters wish to congratulate Past Potentate Blake on providing El Zagal with a great 2017 – a heart-felt THANK YOU!

A good number of Dusters and other Shriners from the Bismarck-Mandan area attended the annual meeting on January 5 and 6, 2018. The report was that all had a great time and welcomed our new

Potentate "Rocky" to lead our great El Zagal for another year. (We wonder what a "Rocky" year will be, after a "Ringo" year) – only time will tell!

It was also this meeting which Duster Travis Will was installed as the youngest member of the El Zagal Divan. Congratulations Travis!

At the annual meeting, President Kim reported that, including the annual Fly-In proceeds, the Dusters provided in excess of \$17,500 to the "Parade of Glory" for El Zagal.

While the past year was good and active, the new year is off to a good start with scheduled events as follows: Continuing activities for the annual Shrine Circus in Bismarck on April 13 and 14; monthly Duster socials; Lodge 5 "Ladies at the Table" set for February 27; the fall Ceremonial hosted by the Dusters in September, and the likelihood of two new Dusters that are currently going through their degrees in Masonry.

Lest I overwhelm this issue of Camel Tales, lets keep 'em rollin'...rollin'...rollin'

**Scribe pro tem,
Jerry Skogley**

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Oriental Band Hopeful New Year's Resolution

Greetings Nobles and Ladies! The Oriental Band is wishing everyone a great year in 2018!

Our February meeting will be on February 5th at 7:00 pm

We would like our New Year's resolution to be filling our parade trailer with new OB members - please check us out or ask any of us about our unit! We would be happy to hear new ideas and input for the band in its coming years!

We lost a great Shriner and OB member in early December! Larry Fritz will be missed and we would like everyone to keep Judy and his family in their prayers!

It's that time again to start thinking and planning for the El Zagal Shrine Circus. Please get out and sell that advertising and circus plaques to help in funding our temple!

Quote: "When you realize the value of all life, you dwell less on what is past and concentrate more on the preservation of the future." --Dian Fossey

Yours in the Faith,
Steve

EZ Wheels Club

Beans & BS Bring In the New Year

Greetings! What a great way to start the New Year. First the Roasting of Ringo.WHOOOO! Thank you Illustrious Sir for giving us the opportunity to "party" cipate.

Next was the Annual Meeting, FCS Champions NDSU Bison and our new Potentate Jason "Rocky" Rockswold. 2018 is looking to be another great year!

Our club is getting ready for our 1st Annual CornHole Tourney coming up on March 10 at the

Knights of Columbus in Jamestown. (See ad below)

We are selling sponsorships for the boards and building them ourselves. What a great way to get involved, get to know our fellow members and have some fun. Hopefully, all our fingers will remain intact!

You are invited to form a team and join us, hope to see you there.

Keep the shiny side up!
Fluff



When:

Saturday March 10th at 12:00 pm
at the Knights of Columbus in Jamestown

Registration:

- Must be pre-register before the tournament
- Pre-registration is at the Corner Bar in Jamestown or call (701)952-2337 and ask for Sheldon
- Team check-in goes from 11 am to 11:45 am the day of the event
- No walk-on teams unless a pre-registered team does not show
- There will be no refunds for registration fees

Tournament/Teams:

- Teams of two
- Double elimination
- Cost is \$50 per team
- Tournament is limited to the first 64 teams

Proceeds are for the benefit of EZ Wheels Club Activities

If you have any questions please contact us on our Facebook page: EZ Wheels or by email at ezwheels2017@gmail.com

This event is for persons 21 and older only

Jamestown Clowns

Fundraising Comes In All Sizes

Hello to all Nobles and Ladies, I wish everyone a grand new year. I, for one, am hoping this year is filled with fun and good times, and social activity.

Roast the Pote went off like clockwork. Once again, the clowns came thru with a skit that will go down as one of the greats. Those that stayed home...you missed out! The whole night was fabulous.

Saturday night banquet was wonderful. Great food, great social, great band, and we ended up with a new Illustrious Sir! We welcome him and his Divan anytime for any event.

Parade to Glory was just as enlightening. Clowns once again had bragging rights, (by far). Now let's remember to get ready for next year when we have our own "nice boy" Rick Q. We will be asking that all clowns come and cheer him on.

The Potentate Chili Extravaganza is scheduled for February 24, at noon. I would think there will be a fantastic turn out. The location will have to be given out as an e-mail. As I am writing this, and not being the chairman for the event, PLEASE keep your attention on the E-mails.

I now need to talk to the culprit who has our little buddy's as hostage. We are gathering the kazillion million. We need proof they are still okay as of the date you read this. We are willing to meet you at a predetermined location; as long as it is dark, and very inaccessible. We will get back to you on that. Please treat our little friends very carefully, they are fragile. Remember we will pay. Read the March Camel Tales.

We will have more information on the kazillion million. It may take a semi trailer to haul that much, we are not sure. We are googling that amount to find out how large a container we will need. Maybe we can get the US treasury to direct a US mint to print a special onetime LARGE bill. Just keep reading this article in future months. We are doing all we can.

Thanks for reading this...

Weezer



EZ Outdoors Unlimited

"Sights" Set On Good Times

Great food, Guns and more, prizes galore...sounds like fun!

It's almost here, the El Zagal Wild Game Feed. Saturday February 17th, 2018. Food will be served from 5:00-8:00 pm, prizes and raffles till 10:00pm. I hope you all will be there. We will need a lot of help, so sign up for a shift and enjoy the event.

A special thanks, for those that have donated their wild game and to those that have dedicated their

time to help make this event a success. Not to mention all of the units that have stepped up and donated a gun. This is going to be a fantastic boost for our buildings and grounds. See you all there!

We are always looking for more members, please let all of the outdoor enthusiasts in your circle of friends, family and co-workers know about us. We meet every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm and we have many events on the calendar. Please join us.

Speaking of events...

February 20, 2018, we will meet at The Red River Marksman Center, for a night of shooting.

March 14-19, 2018, we are heading to Texas for a hog hunt. We have a few spots left; contact me ASAP if you are interested.

April is Circus month, of course.

May 1, 2018, May Day and the kick off of "Two Club Tuesday" at the El Zagal Golf Course.

See You in the Outdoors!

Roger Ellsworth



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Phoenix Rising Above the Tundra

The EMP, recently acknowledged as El Zagal's resident Phoenix Bird, has finally weathered those recent storms that had deterred its taking flight. But now, those contrary winds have sufficiently calmed that the unit can now spread its 'now rested wings' and take flight to achieve the glory that this premier unit brings back to its Fargo 'hanger.'

It is recognized, however, that normal winter weather systems can still sometimes affect its ability to take off and fly. Equally, those who fly in the country's northern clime must always recognize that when winter's here, that spring can not be too far behind (at least we hope so) when we can put our wheels down on unforgiving pavement and again soar in recognized glory!!!

It's a good thing the EMP can take to the skies as one intrepid member, Noble Ricky Pally, holds the

position of El Zagal's Membership Director. It is recognized the efforts by Noble Ricky to maintain and build membership requires every Noble's support at the Craft Lodge level to achieve these necessary gains for El Zagal.

The well-earned fame it brings to him and to El Zagal in the never-ending quest to build and retain membership remains vital to our temple's long-term health. That makes sure our annual efforts should, and eventually will, result in new, younger members who want to wear that 'funny red hat' and thereby enjoy the fraternalism, friendship and greatness of the World's greatest Philanthropy, by becoming a Noble of the Mystic Shrine on the northern tundra. Lots of things are in the works for the EMP. Recent elections will have been held with officers elected at the unit's fabled January Christmas Party. Actually, maybe not either, it just may be that the current

slate will have the privilege of remaining for another year in office.

Actual driving will begin as early as possible when the spring weather permits. Our objective is to develop and maintain a winning, crack driving team to compete at the 2018 summer Midwest and thus demonstrate to all the other Midwest Temples--that's how we're doing it right at America's Heaven on the Prairie.

Hey! any of you Nobles out there who would like to drive (and perhaps not-walk or can't walk) in parades, just contact us thru Lisa at the office. We'll get back to you. Skill in driving expertise is not required, but it helps (at least most of the time). Best of all, it's a lot of fun.

A comment on experience. If your elderly Scribe can do it, anyone can, and probably (no, almost assuredly) better.
Salaam es aleikum!

Amanuensis Gurnee
Scribe



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Mandan Indians

Big Changes Begin the New Year

Well, it's a new year and the Mandan Indians are still sitting around the campfire taking care of all the things we do.

The Shriners have had a big loss already this year. One of our Shriners, Greg Boyer, lost his wife at the young age of 58. Greg, and his wife and son, did a lot of work at the Shrine Circus.

We just got news that Bismarck is going to have Table Lodge, January 23 at 6pm – cost is \$15 per person. This has always been a big event for the Shrine Masons. And I heard that in February they are going to have “Lady’s at the Table” which is also a big event for the Shriners

Now, more bad news. There will be a big change with our Friday lunch. The Amvets want us to change our lunch arrangements because there are only about 10 Shriners showing up. We will now have to order off the menu. When you come, you will place your order up front and a server will bring it to you.

We are trying to get them to let us have coffee in the back because some Shriners come early to do the BS-ing we like to do. Now Ken, Ross and yes, Mato will have to get the coffee and serve it.

Anyway, enough about that; it is time to strike the teepee. You will hear more from Mato next month.

Chief Mato
Edward J C Dockter

El Zagal - Arab Patrol Wine Tasting Hors d'oeuvre Silent Auction Beer

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MARCH 2018

- 2: Arab Patrol Wine Tasting
- 3: Saturday Burgers
- 3: Circus Meeting
- 9: Newlywed Game
- 10: Saturday Burgers
- 10: Hosp. Aux. Mtg
- 17: Mobil Nobles Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner
- 24: Saturday Burgers
- 24: Circus Meeting
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- 31: Easter Egg Hunt



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