



CAMEL Tales

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



Greetings Nobles and Ladies...

Last month I wrote that spring was here and that meant circus time. Spring hasn't really shown up yet but the weather proved to be pretty good circus weather. As we write this, we just finished up 20 circus performances in 5 cities. By all accounts it was a successful Circus season in all areas.

Things started in Detroit Lakes and man do they know how to sell bike ads and Candy bars! They had 127 bikes and at least that many excited kids that got to take them home! We also created a new noble during one of the shows. Welcome new Noble Jon Anderson! The crowd was super excited to welcome a new Shriner! A great show was put on by a great bunch of volunteers!

Fargo Circus was next and I think that every radio and TV station in the area was running something about the El Zagal Shrine Circus. The media gave us a big boost and gave the Elephants and the El Zagal Band top billing!

For me personally, it turned out to be very special. I rode into the center ring on a 51 year old elephant named Libby with my son Jack. I'm not used to being around things bigger than me so that was pretty different but we had a great time!

The next day, I was escorted into the Circus on a 40' Viking Ship! That was a great experience for me and all the Vikings on board!

I was able to meet several shrine kids and their families that attended the shows. It was inspiring to hear their stories and hear how thankful they were for Shriners. One young girl named Sophie was one of the Grand Prize winners and wow did her excitement touch all of our hearts.

Another special moment for me during the Fargo Circus was that I was presented with a 2018 Honorary Ring Master gold whistle that means the world to me! Thank you again to Bruce Ridgway, Dick Hall and the Circus Management for this great honor!

We also had a very nice worker appreciation party on Saturday Night that was very well attended and a lot of fun was had with friends. We definitely missed having Merle in the kitchen throughout the weekend but a big thank you to the Kitchen Crew that kept all the volunteers and performers fueled up for all the shows.

One last story to share was that on Sunday a few of us attended the Sanford Hospital Children's center and brought the circus to a few kids. The kids were amazed by the juggling, and hool-a-hoop performers in their rooms and we made some faces light up with circus toys and stuffed animals. That was a powerful experience

that I won't soon forget so a special thank you to Scotty, Preacher, Jack and everyone else that put that together.

Then we were off to Jamestown for another Circus show on Tuesday. They had the crowd packed up to the rafters! They opened up the big overhead doors so the motorcycle jumpers could land. It was super tight but they brought the crowd one great finale'. Great job by all the volunteers that put on a fantastic show for the people of Jamestown. It is hard to leave Jamestown without a smile on your face!

The next weekend we were back at it again in Bismarck. The weather gave us a bit of a scare but the crowds sure managed to come out. They had 5 shows and gave away 20 bikes per show. The kids had a great time and so did we. They also have one amazing hospitality room, which was a welcome treat!

We also were able to do a "cold sands" while we were there and made a new noble. Scha "Mack" Gray became a Shriner and was fezzed during the evening show. The entire crowd welcomed him into the Shrine. He will be an Oiler playing in the Fez and Thistle Pipe and Drums group!

I was also honored to meet Ms. Miranda Morgan, Grand Worthy Advisor and several of the Rainbow girls of North Dakota. What an exceptional group of young ladies!

I was also able to meet a beautiful Shrine young lady named Rose and her family. Rose is 4 years old and she has been a shrine kid since she was born. It was special weekend in Bismarck indeed!

Last, we ended the fun filled Circus Season out in Dickinson. They worked very hard and put together an exciting show for a packed house. My hat is off to their new circus co-chairman Dennis Field and Rodney Kostecky. They had big shoes to fill and they did a great job! We look forward to working with them in the future.

I want to give a huge Thank You to all of the volunteers that made this one of the most successful Circus Seasons ever! It was great fun to be a part of this energy and spirit of what it truly means to be a Shriner and Shrine Lady. You are an amazing group and I'm honored and proud to be your Potentate!

Even though the circus season has come to an end the upcoming calendar is certainly still full at El Zagal. This next weekend we have the Shriner 5K, and the very popular Suds and Spuds!

Also that weekend there is a very important Screening clinic out in Bismarck at the Joint and Joint Center. They have almost 80 kids signed up for the screening clinic and 27 that they will be seeing for the first time! I'm super proud of Deb and Garrett Njos of Bismarck for all of their hard work and dedication to making this one of the biggest screening clinics in the nation. Thank you to all the volunteers that make this a special event for El Zagal and our Twin Cities Hospital.

Also coming up on the calendar, lady Tiffani and I will be traveling to the Twin Cities Shriners Hospital for Children to attend the 95th Annual WGA 4 Kids banquet. Several El Zagal ladies will be attending and I look forward to touring the hospital again, as well as the parent accommodation center.

The Sargent Central High School Student Council under the direction of their Advisor, Mindii Bopp, collected 54 Prom dresses that I will be delivering to the Twin Cities. The dresses will be worn by our Shrine Kids at their Prom. A huge Thank You to Mindii and those great kids from Sargent Central for helping donate to our Shrine Kids and making their Prom dreams come true.

On Saturday May 5th we have a Ladies Appreciation luncheon with a special guest speaker. Social starts at 11am and the luncheon starts at noon. There will also be a Vendor Show from noon until 4pm so check that out too! Please call Lisa at the temple office for your reservation as soon as possible. Ladies be sure to wear your big beautiful hats because following the Ladies Luncheon we will be having a Kentucky Derby party. Always fun and games at the Derby party!

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OFFICIAL CALL

El Zagal Shrine,
Shriners International State Meeting
will be held on

**Saturday, June 23, 2018
at 3:30pm**

at North Sargent Activity Center - Gwinner, ND

The purpose of this meeting is as follows:
To conduct any business properly
brought before the chair.
Please wear your fez.

Attest William R. Wedberg, Jr, Recorder
Yours in faith, Jason Rockswold, Potentate

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Potentate's Message

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Reservations are being made for the bi-annual Hospital Days trip May 18th-20th. The bus leaves El Zagal Friday morning at 10am as we head to Minneapolis. Friday night there is a Twins Baseball game against Milwaukee Brewers. Saturday we will be touring the hospital from 10am to 1:30pm. That afternoon and evening we will be enjoying downtown Minneapolis. Sunday morning we will be heading back to El Zagal.

This is a great event for new Shriners and their spouses to see first hand the good works being done at our Twin Cities Hospital. It is also an opportunity for us Shriners to be re-energized in what it means to be a Shriner and give to the greatest philanthropy on the planet. The bus is filling up fast and we have decided to make this a big every other year event so please sign up to reserve your spot today.

One last event that everyone needs to mark on their calendars is the Clarmont and Patty Ulven Spring Ceremonial is Gwinner, ND on June 22nd and 23rd. Plans are now finalized and included in the camel tales.

As you can see it's a fun filled weekend so plan on making that part of your summer. Can't wait to see you all and the new nobles having a great time in Gwinner! Please make your reservations today!!

As was stated last month, there are so many fun events going on all the time at Your El Zagal I hope that you grab a few friends and attend some of these events. Or just show up and meet a few new friends!

Spring is also about bringing new Nobles into the Shrine. Recently we had a Rush Night at El Zagal and several more are planned in the next few weeks to reach out to those interested in becoming a Shrine/Mason. If you need help with membership we are here to help you, just let us know.

There is a one-day class coming up May 5th, put on by Shiloh Lodge in Fargo. This is a great opportunity to bring in new Mason's. Get your petitions completed now so they can be acted on.

There are so many tools to help with membership you just need to use them and go for it. Use the IMRU Shrine Imperial referral system at webfez.shrinenet.org and see how easy it is to refer someone to be a Shriner. We have a great membership team in El Zagal...All of us!!

Yours in Faith,
Jason "Rocky" Rockswold
2018 Potentate

SWEET VIDALIA ONIONS

The onions should be here mid-May, so you can start getting your orders together. When they get here I will call the units. In Fargo, I will sit in the garage again for a couple of hours.

Onion Joe

EL ZAGAL CIRCUS MANAGEMENT CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU

On behalf of myself and members of your El Zagal Circus Mgmt. Executive Committee, we would like to congratulate all of our circus club members, your families and friends who all helped this year at our 67th Annual Shrine Circus.

To see all of our Units and Clubs so strongly represented with our set-up and with manpower made this all appear seemingly effortless! I'm so very pleased that we had so much support from our Divan and their families as well.

Thank you all again for your support and help with this year's El Zagal Shrine Circus!!

Bruce H Ridgway
Circus Chair 2018/2019

BLACK CAMEL

- Lewis Bystrom, PP
- Frank Bavendick
- James Mohler
- Ronald Satherhagen

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Overtime Bar.....Gwinner
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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 – 1st Monday**
- Saidin – Bismarck – 3rd Thursday**
- Vikings – Gwinner – 3rd Wednesday**

Hospital Auxiliary

OUR YEAR IN REVIEW 2017-2018

SEPTEMBER: We started our year with a Pot Luck and did the mailing for our upcoming fashion show.

OCTOBER: Our major fundraiser was held using our signature theme "All That Style." We received rave reviews from our attendees.

NOVEMBER: Planning for our Christmas Luncheon. Reports given on Fashion Show.

DECEMBER: Our Christmas Luncheon was held the 2nd at the Hilton Garden Inn. The auxiliaries brought gifts which go to the Children's Hospital.

JANUARY: Our membership renewal notices go out. Many thanks for a good response.

FEBRUARY: This is our craft month and meeting. Many fleece blankets were assembled.

MARCH: Our second craft month. We made the remaining fleece blankets. They are much appreciated at the Children's Hospital.

APRIL: This is volunteer month. Many thanks to all of you for your dedication and commitment. We also send out our bakeless bake sale mailing; much appreciated by our members.

MAY: The Potentates Ladies Appreciation Luncheon was held on the 5th. A much appreciated event by all.

In closing, it has been a great year. Thanks to the dedication and hard work of our members. Remember our motto: "FOR THE LOVE OF A CHILD"

Our next auxiliary meeting is September 8, 2018 at the Shrine.

Enjoy the summer
Barb & Judy



HOSPITAL DAYS TRIP Friday, May 18 – Sunday, May 20



Friday, May 18:

Bus leaves El Zagal @ 10 AM

Friday Night on your own
Or
Twins vs Brewers game
7:10pm / tickets \$ 57.00
(lower deck / 3rd base line)



Saturday, May 19

Hospital Day 10am to 1:30pm
(lunch at hospital / \$7 donation)

Afternoon & Evening open to enjoy downtown Minneapolis:
"Traveling Tap" rented @ 2:30pm / 2 hrs
Seats 16 -- first come, first served
(FYI: travelingtap.com)

Call Rick Qual to reserve a seat: 701-320-4700

Theatres / Museums / Shopping
Take the Light Rail to Mall of America



Sunday, May 20

Bus leaves for El Zagal @ 10 AM

Bus may stop at Farmers Market if requested

Contact Rick Qual with questions at: 701-320-4700

Staying downtown Minneapolis at the WESTIN, 88 South 6th Street
For room reservation Call WESTIN: 612-486-4900 / book under El Zagal
(Reservation MUST be made by May 4)

To reserve a seat on the bus contact Lisa at El Zagal:

701-235-7521 or info@elzagal.org

A \$25.00 deposit per person required
(Reservation MUST be made by May 4)



**Saturday, May 19
9 am – 1 pm**

*Come and go as you please.
Open-house style.*

**Shriners Hospitals for Children – Twin Cities
2025 East River Parkway
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Presentations will be stationed in hospital departments. You will be given a map upon arrival and can travel around on your own.

Families are welcome!

Trout pond and activities on the front lawn!
Lunch will be served from 11 am – 1 pm

**For questions, please contact Lauren Elm at
lelm@shrinenet.org or 612-596-6119**



Shriners Hospitals
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**Clarmont & Patty Ulven
Spring Ceremonial – Gwinner
June 22nd & 23rd, 2018**

Friday, June 22, 2018

Noon Motorcycle/Car Run Finish @ 5:00 pm at Crossroads Motel
 3:00 pm Golf Tournament @ The Springs, Gwinner - \$15.00/1 seat on cart
 3:00 - 7:00 pm Registration @ Crossroads Motel
 4:00 – 6:00 pm Ladies Long Island Tea Party @ Kate Decker’s Home
 6:00 – 11:00 pm Hospitality @ Crossroads Motel – Yard Games, Appetizers

Saturday, June 23, 2018

8:00 – 10:00 am Registration @ North Sargent Activity Center – Connected to NS School
 8:30 – 9:15 am Fez fitting and candidate registration
 9:00 – 10:30 am Ladies PJ Party @ Dilly’s Bar & Grill, Stirum
 9:00 – 9:30 am Orientation @ North Sargent Activity Center
 10:00 am Parade Assembly – Line up by North Sargent Bus Barn
 10:30 am Parade
 11:30 – 12:00 pm Social @ North Sargent Activity Center
 12:00 pm Moslem Feast @ North Sargent Activity Center
 12:00 – 2:00 pm Ladies Social & Lunch @ The Springs Golf Course Clubhouse
 1:00 – 2:30 pm 1st & 3rd Section
 2:30 – 3:30 pm 2nd Section
 2:00 – 2:30 pm Candidate Ladies Orientation @ The Springs Golf Course Clubhouse
 3:30 – 4:30 pm Stated Meeting
 4:30 – 6:00 pm Hospitality & Social @ The Gwinner City Park
 6:00 pm Grand Entry @ The Gwinner City Park
 6:30 – 8:30 Picnic in the Park – Fez Presentation
 9:00 pm Hospitality @ Crossroads Motel
 Live Music @ Cat Tales Bar & Grill

Ceremonial Registration: Contact El Zagal @ (701) 235-7521

Registration fees are \$ 65.00 per person, kids are free. Registration after June 8th, 2018 will be \$75.00 per person. Registration fees include everything but the golf tournament and Motorcycle Run.

Kid’s Activities: TBD based on sign up
 Dress: Casual – Unit Attire

Rooms: Motel rooms have been reserved in the surround areas on first come basis. They are reserved until May 15, 2018, so call and make your own reservations today.

Forman Inn & Suites, Forman, ND, 8 miles from Gwinner (701) 724-4094
 Lisbon Super 8, Lisbon, ND, 16 miles from Gwinner (701) 683-9076
 Harvest Inn, Oakes, ND, 26 miles from Gwinner (701) 742-2166
 There are camper spots available at the Crossroads Motel, Gwinner (701) 678-2444
 (These spots are for self-contained campers.)

There will be transportation available between hotels and events.

Oriental Band

Greetings Nobles and Ladies, I would like to thank all that helped with the El Zagal Shrine Circus and made it a great success!

The Spring Ceremonial will be here soon and we need to get the band ready for the 1st Section and parade in Gwinner,ND.

If you are looking for a unit to join, please check us out and have some fun! We meet the 1st and 3rd Monday’s at 7:00 at El Zagal!

Quote: “If I had to live my life again, I’d make all the same mistakes - only sooner.” -- Robin Williams

Yours in the Faith,
Steve




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Membership

*Commitment to Serve
An Honorable Endeavor*

This month, we celebrate the service of the men and women who either lost their lives while serving, on Memorial Day.

Patriotism and honor is not the only thing I'm proud to celebrate. I'm proud of this wonderful fraternity of nobles, and I am elated to remember all that we have accomplished in our respective communities. Hopefully, I am not alone in that feeling.

As we begin to prepare for the long awaited Summer, I hope we take a moment to remember why we work so hard: to take care of kids.

What is one way you can help kids that requires just a small amount of effort? Paying your dues if you haven't already! Thank you to all of those who have, but please remember to get those in. To make things easier, you can even call in to the office and Lisa would be happy to take care of your dues over the phone.

I salute all of the Shriners, from El Zagal and beyond, who have served and I will never forget your sacrifice!

Hoping my memory serves me correctly,
Ricky Pallay
Membership Chairman

P.S. I would love to hear from you! If you have any questions, comments, or concerns that are membership related, please email me at rhpallay3@gmail.com

Director's Staff

It Was Busy; It Was the Best

The month of April was a busy one! We began the month selling all the novelties we could at the Circus. Another success for El Zagal. Well done Bruce and the Circus Committee!

We then had our busiest day of the year. We had a great turnout for our 8th Annual 5K. It was a perfect day for a run. Of special note, we had a guy participate in the race, now 24, who was a patient of the Shriner's Hospital beginning at age 3. What a great testament to what we do!

Following that, we then held our 8th Annual Suds and Spuds. What can go wrong when you have Beer and Potatoes!

It's always a great sight to see El Zagal full of

people enjoying a great day! Well done Nobles of the Director's Staff! To put on one function is great, to put on two in a day is Amazing!

We have sold out our old Bikes. We will be taking possession of our new Bikes in the first part of May. Then practice starts and the parade season. We look forward to representing El Zagal!

We have a Raffle going on one of our old bikes. We will be selling tickets and have the drawing at our Fall Ride in September. The tickets are only \$10 to win a \$5000 Bike. Who can beat a deal like that!

Until we meet again,
Yours in Faith
MD

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Drawing will be held at the El Zagal Temple, September 9th at 6:00 PM
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City of Fargo Permit #R0007-18





Pote & son Jack enter center ring



Visit to Sanford Hospital Children's Unit



Shrine kid Sophie wins grand prize



Miranda Morgan Grand Worthy Advisor to Rainbow Girls



Newest member of Bismarck Oilers Scha "Mack" Gray

**Moments
Captured
at the
CIRCUS**

**MSA 2018
Summer Session
August 15-18, 2018**

Registration: \$100.00

Wednesday (8/15)

- Golf – sponsored by the Naja golf unit at Elkhorn Ridge Golf Course
- Trail ride – sponsored by the Naja Cowboys
- Motorcycle Ride – sponsored by Naja Motorcycle Corp

Evening

- Counter parts get together (individual groups)
- Naja Divan responsible for time and places

Thursday (8/16)

- 8 A.M. to 12 P.M. MSA officers meeting
- 8 A.M. to 12 P.M. Motorcycle Ride
- 2 P.M. to 4 P.M. Past Potentates and Ladies Social Lead Country Club (transportation provided)
\$25 each or \$50 couple
- 5 P.M. Parade line up (Deadwood Main Street)
- 6 P.M. Parade step off
- 7:30 P.M. Post-Parade Party @ Rodeo Grounds

Friday (8/17)

- 8 A.M.-12 P.M. Competition
 - Clowns – Deadwood
 - Motor Corp – Buffalo Chip
 - Chanters – Deadwood
 - Bands – Deadwood
 - Pistol shooting competition – Buffalo Chip
- 12 P.M.-2 P.M. **Ladies Luncheon – The Lodge at Deadwood \$35**
- 6 P.M.-8 P.M. Banquet – Deadwood Mountain Grand
- 8 P.M. Entertainment

Saturday (8/18)

- 9 A.M. Line up for Parade (Spearfish)
- 10 A.M. Parade step off
- Lunch to go after Parade

Notes:

- All Registration and hotels will be done thru Black Hills Central Reservations
- Dress Code for summer session will be Shrine casual
- Down times there will be blackjack, poker and slot tournaments prearranged at various Casinos for Shriners and Ladies
- All registration packets will be at the Deadwood Chamber & Visitor Center and will be given out as 1 temple group, not individuals

**REGISTRATION IS DUE AT EL ZAGAL SHRINE BY JUNE 15
PAYMENT DUE ALSO AT THAT TIME**

Jamestown Mystics

*A Noble Cause;
It's Effects Beyond Measure*

Greetings Nobles and friends, the Mystics say whaaaazzuuuup! Remember that commercial? It's still funny and relevant today. Well, maybe not relevant but still kinda funny. If you don't remember the ad, we're basically saying "Hi" but in a very dramatic and hilarious fashion. So, whuuuuzzaaap!

The circus came and went and it was a freak show! Not literally a freak show, I just mean it was really busy. We sold food, drinks, toys and raised a bunch of money.

It's held in the Civic Center and I haven't seen that place packed for decades. People were crammed to the rafters. Everyone had a blast, the performances were awesome and we were able to mingle with the community. It's a great event because we all wear our fez and show people who we are, some otherwise wouldn't have any idea we existed. Great recruitment tool. I really enjoyed the elephants.

There was a benefit held at the Lodge for Floyd Scouten. Floyd has been a member for many years and encountered some health problems. Both the Clowns and Mystics organized the fundraiser and it went off quite well. Hundreds of people showed up and it was a lot of fun. There were some guns up for auction as well. I didn't win one. Floyd is doing better and we all hope and pray for his continuing recovery. Hang in there Floyd!

There was a fundraiser for a local girl named Miley. She was born without an ear. That's just terrible. Brother Mystics Jeff, Joe and Scott showed up and donated a big check. I wasn't there but I heard it went over quite well. That's why we do this. Thank you fellas.

There are still a few gun raffle tickets left. I've got mine! Not sure why, as far as winning guns goes, I'm not very good. Other people are really talented at it, winning multiple times! That is not me. But it could be you!! Hundred bucks a ticket. Lots of cool firearms and you can win more than one. Even if you don't win (i'm used to it) you get to feel totally awesome about yourself for donating to such an admirable cause. Get hold of a Mystic or check out the Facebook page if you want to snag one before they're gone.

That is all for this month. Hope to see you all during parade season! Until then, keep on Shrinin' and don't forget to recruit. God Bless.

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Spring Is Finally Here!

Well, we hope spring is here, it's time for golf, motorcycle rides, camping, enjoying the lakes and much more.

Our last get together was postponed, due to snow, to May. And because 2 club Tuesday is scheduled on May 15th (our meeting night), we will go to The Shooting Park on May 22nd.

So mark your calendar, invite your friends, neighbors, ladies and kids (15 and older) out to Horace for a night of shooting. If you are new to the sport or an experienced marksmen, this will be a fun night.

We will start at 6:00 with a few rounds of trap or if the pistol range or rifle range has your interest, you can spend some time at that.

Then around 7:30 we will have a bite to eat and discuss our outdoors club and the Shrine.

I hope to see you there! Everyone is welcome, call me with questions.

See You in the Outdoors,
Roger Ellsworth

Mandan Indians

Busy With EA Degree

The Mandan Indians had the EA degree 2 times last month. We had our buckskins on so much we just about slept in them. This is OK because we like bringing in new Masons.

The Mandan Indians were all happy we got the trophy for the Chili Cook-Off.

We worked the Shrine Circus which we all like to do. It is fun just to see all the kids happy and some winning bikes.

Well I hope it starts to warm up here in North Dakota so we don't have to wear so many clothes. And the grass starts to grow so the cows can eat green grass and we don't have to feed them hay.

It is time to strike the teepee. I will talk to you next month.

Chief Mato
Edward J C Dockter

EZ Wheels Club

"Let the Good Times Roll"

What a spring...or is it? Our members are anxiously waiting to get our respective rides out and hit the open road.

Ron Qual was invited to display his lil International Rat Rod pickup at Toppers Car Show on April 7th and 8th in Fargo. A nice honor for Ron and his hard work.

Kevin Reuther just returned from Arizona Bike Week. A 1000 miles on his bike in a 3

day period sounds like heaven!

EZ WHEELERS will get together Wednesday the 18th and get our fix with a road trip for steaks and burgers to Bordulac Bar & Grill. I'm sure we will be asking Ron and Kevin all about their respective good times.

Until next time: You don't have to go fast, you just have to go!
Fluff

Jamestown Clowns

High Performance FUNraisers

Hello to all Nobles and ladies, Spring is finally here and everyone's disposition, in regards to attitude, is delightfully getting pleasant.

Circus is over, and what a grand circus we hosted in Jamestown. This reporter hopes our "nice boy" Rick is not overwhelmed by the fact he has big shoes to fill; looks like they are about a 14EE.

A Large THANK YOU to the divan for coming over for the circus. If Rick does hamburgers and soup in the hospitality room, that will give a break for Fluff to go back to pulled pork. However, personally I liked having ALL hospitality at the Civic Center. Somehow I think that will get fixed.

On a side note, Lars told me in confidence, but he didn't say "off the record" so I'm guessing he is good with telling everybody, "Jamestown does a fantastic job at everything we do for Shrinedom, AND the Clowns ARE the best unit in El Zagal,,,"by far" --- I think he is trying to move here.

Floyd's benefit is over. We did it again and proved we can show support for our own. The turnout was fabulous. The generosity once again, from the surrounding area, was outstanding as was the food that Jack and Lady Yvonne organized. They had a marvelous crew to work with. Just a Thank You doesn't do it. It's time to be proud once more for our unit and shrinedom! Good Luck to Floyd and Tammy with everything they have going on.

The Motorcycle Run information will be stated at a later date. Come and join the fun. This event has always proven to be a great fundraiser, or should I say FUNraiser. Even when it rains it's fun. Of course I'm usually driving the clown bus and it's always nice weather in there.

Get your parade gear certified and ready to go because this summer is going to be the best.

- Sanborn on July 4th 10am sharp, Bubba as always.
- Detroit Lakes Water Carnival July 15, Richy.
- Kensal Parade July 21, Bill Lipetzky is the man

- White Cloud Parade July 28 (Larry Kropp) is going to host, seems like the president's job, right?
- And more, but yet to confirm dates.

I, for one, am getting excited to see AND hear the fire truck; once Diesel gets the finishing touches on it. Does he need some help? We should all call him and ask. Think of the fun and camaraderie that could be sucked out of that shop. Can you imagine?? You are welcome.

Thanks for reading this...
Weezer

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Bismarck Dusters

Special Events Will Keep the Wheels Turning

The Dusters were out in force this weekend for the Shrine Circus. The unit is responsible for the sale of programs and, as usual, did their superior job in that regard!

It appears that the circus was a success, if attendance was an indicator. While out-of-town attendance was slight on Friday afternoon, that night and the three performances on Saturday were near sell-outs! Kudos to the Circus Committee!

The show was good and the crowd appeared to really enjoy it, particularly the animal acts. We look forward to next year when we can have another one.

As usual, the food in the hospitality room was not only good, but there was plenty! No one went away hungry – including the circus performers.

It was good to see a number of the Divan present as well as immediate Past-Potentate Wrigley.

The Dusters have a busy schedule ahead with the first event being the Band Day parade on Saturday, May 11. In addition to our regular monthly meetings and socials we are already scheduled for the spring ceremonial, Lincoln Parade Days, the Midwest in Deadwood, S.

D., and transportation for a Grand Lodge event to be held in Bismarck in August.

We also are looking forward to the installation of a new North Dakota Grand Master in Grand Forks in June, when our own Dale Sandstrom will be installed.

And, we can't forget the fall ceremonial to be held in Bismarck this fall, when the Dusters will host!

The usual large-attended Hospital Clinic was held Saturday, April 21. It is not only a screening but also an outreach clinic for current patients to be seen. The clinic continues to save a lot of travel for the kids and parents.

I expect to see a number of local El Zagal Shriners from the area attend Hospital Days in May in Minneapolis, with Travis Will having sent out a special invitation. For those who have not been there, it is definitely worth the trip.

We noticed a few of the snow birds back at our last meeting and expect to see the main flock at our next meeting in May. Until then, keep "em...rollin',rollin',rollin'!

**Scribe pro tem,
Jerry Skogley**



2 Club Tuesday Golf

Oh, the weather outside is frightful
Golfing would be so delightful
And since we have everywhere to go
Let it melt, let it melt, let it melt

As I draft this 2 Club Tuesday article, we have a pending snowstorm coming our way, but opening night was 20 days away, we still may make it.

If the course is open, our first night will be May 1st @ 5:14, or when you can get there. Our next scheduled night is May 15th, same time, same course.

Our chances are fair that we can golf then, bring mittens just in case. We then play again on June 5th. It's your membership, make the most of it.

Same rules as last year; use only 2 clubs for the entire round, extra clubs 1 stroke penalty. Keep track of your putts, and overall score. Turn your scorecards in at the Arabian Room. I will come up with some prizes of some sort.

Oh the snow is slowly dying
And my brothers, we're still wanting to play
But as long as there is beer
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Color Guard Croonings

Well, with circus time in the rear view mirror, we turn our attention now to more spring and summer type activities, like shoveling our sidewalks, snowmobiling and naked bungie jumping. So you see, we are back to normal here in Lakes Country! The Color Guard enjoyed a fantastic circus, and we want to thank all the volunteers who helped out, especially those folks who came from out of town. We really appreciated the help! We watched Gene Kelm, otherwise known as "sprinter" make more popcorn than you could imagine, but he is missing a foot, so if you found one in your popcorn, could you return it to him please?

All the area is abuzz with talk of what the elephant did while performing here in Detroit Lakes. Without going into details, we have now found a new job for our little buddy Gilligan (Gary Bennett). His new title includes exotic environmental services..... if you know what I mean! After 23 years of circus acts, this is the first time we had a conundrum with elephant "do-do". Gilligan stepped right up to the pot.....I mean plate tho and "flushed" the problem out! Good job little buddy!

The "sweet bunch" on cotton candy also did a great job. Jim Polingo came back again as one of the "spinners" along with the Cahlin Crew. They are so sweet, it was just "dripping" off of them - literally! Candy bars continue to be our bright spot. Normally, we sell 5000 candy bars, but this year, we stepped it up a notch. IF you are talking to the Clowns, tell them we sold 6700, but it appears after careful inventories were reviewed, we likely sold around 6400, but don't tell those Clowns!

After our circus in Detroit Lakes, we limped over to Fargo and sold a bunch of candy bars there too. 5 million I think was the number Greg Neisen told me. Of course, he got that number from Lady Sue, who got that number from Kirby Norman, who got that number from a blind man who couldn't speak English, so take it for what it is worth.

The Color Guard recently went through some sensitivity training from Past Potentate Ringo's class of etiquette. It was all about learning how to march in 3 parades a day and not have your picture taken. I think they "learned a lesson", and are all ready for the 2018 parade season. Let's hope so! They better be, cause Rocky is a lot taller than Ringo, and who knows what would happen THIS year!

Speaking of Illustrious Rocky, he was asked to get into the "Globe of Doom" at our circus, where you crawl into a metal cage while motorcycles drive around you at high rates of speed. We "measured" things up a bit, and realized we didn't have a torch to cut a hole in the cage for Rocky to stick his head out the top, so we had to give up on that idea..... to bad tho. Would have made for a great picture for Roast the Pote!

With all the political scandals hitting our country, I am here to report that the Color Guard is not free from scandal either. It seems a report has surfaced from a woman bartender that our very own President, Paul (Little Lars) Meszeros, was seen doing jello shots with her back when Paul was in 4th grade. The local Police department, assisted by the Department of Homeland Bar Security (DHBS) and the Internal Alcohol Service (IAS) are digging deep into this developing story. The local media have been having a field day with this information, and it is doubtful that Paul could ever run for higher office again amid all these allegations. Stay tuned for details in upcoming Camel Tales!

We are looking forward to a great summer season in Color Guard land. We will be launching several new projects as we transition from gaming to more traditional fund raising ideas. If you have an event you think the Color Guard should try, bring it forward. Our hope is to involve more members

in our events, have fun, and raise money for those kids! It's what we are all about!

In closing, I am reminded of what one of my close friends, Abraham Lincoln (no not that one, this guy lives by Vergas, MN) told me. He said that he has wanted to be many things in his life, but his ultimate and most lofty goal was to be a Color Guard Shriner. What a smart man he is, as he realizes that there are other units, but the Color Guard is the BEST DAMN UNIT IN EL ZAGAL!

Come visit us soon - bring your wallet or check book - I promise we will have a great time!

Hope your cucumber thaws!
Lars

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- 2: Party
- 3: Party
- 8: Party
- 9: Party
- 10: Benefit
- 12: Election Day
- 15: Party
- 16: Party
- 16: Jamestown Clown Ride
- 15-16: ND Grand Lodge
- 22-23: Spring Ceremonial
- 23: State Meeting: Gwinner
- 24: Reunion
- 28: Summer Party
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