



CAMEL Tales

POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

Greetings Nobles and Ladies!

I hope all is well with you and that you are staying safe and well.

Our year 2020 has begun with some sad news. The Black Camel has taken three of our Nobles. We lost Richard "Dick" Currier in January, Dave Reynen in February and Jerry Gilbraith in March. All three belonged for many years and gave their best to El Zagal. May they all Rest in Peace and may their families find comfort during this time of loss.

March started as a very busy month for us. The EZ Wheels Club held their 3rd annual Corn Hole Tourney and had a great crowd. Hope, Inc. held their annual Sled Hockey Tourney, and it was terrific to see two teams representing El Zagal. How noble to see our Fraternity participating in a fundraiser for a different—and very special--charity. Well done, sledders! PS – it really isn't as easy as the Hope, Inc. folks make it look ...

The Arab Patrol hosted their Wine Tasting in mid-March. How nice to see the upper level of our Shrine Center filled with folks enjoying wine, hors d'oeuvres and participating in a silent auction. Great fundraiser, Nobles.

Off to a great start with our Temple events ... and THEN the reality of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) set in. We had some major events that have had to be temporarily postponed. Here's a recap of some of the events and their status:

- The Mobil Nobles Spaghetti Feed is postponed
- The Mystics Fish Fry was postponed
- The "Decades" Birthday Party (scheduled for April 24) is postponed
- And, our biggest event of our year – our El Zagal Shrine Circus – is cancelled for the year

Our Circus Chairmen met and had to make the tough call to cancel the Circus for 2020. We just couldn't find the right time to reschedule that worked for our communities. It's too hard to hold a Circus in the summer when school is dismissed, and folks are enjoying lake time. And then come fall, there's the Bison! We can't compete with the Bison! We will all look to focus on preparing for our Circus in 2021.

I have to say a lot of hard work has gone into planning these events, and when they get scheduled again, they will be as great as ever.

Also due to the Coronavirus and subsequent health mandate, we have locked down our Temple for the safety of our employees. It's so vitally important that each of us does all we can to follow guidelines issued by the CDC, national/state governments, and our Imperial Shrine and North Dakota Lodge. We are limiting all non-essential contact where possible. If you need anything, please call the office of email info@elzagal.org. Fortunately, technology allows us to stay in touch even while practicing social distancing. As

a matter of fact, there has been a couple of Temple-related meetings that have been held through online video and phone.

We do have our staff taking care of business at the office. If it's essential you need to stop in, please use all precautions to protect yourself and our employees:

- Practice social distancing and keep six feet distance between yourselves
- Sanitize surfaces you touch
- When you return from travel, take the needed time to quarantine yourself which follows protocol of many businesses in our area
- Most of all, use common sense and Wash your Hands!

Our ND Grand Master has sent an edict that we will follow.

- All unit meetings and functions are limited to 10 or less people in physical attendance.
- All Degree work had been postponed.
- We need to limit our meetings to business only.
- With our Temple being closed, our Units and Clubs will have to meet offsite (with 10 or less), utilize video and audio meetings, or postpone until next month.

The Edict will be in place until May 1st and then reviewed at that time. We will see if we can return to business as normal -- I sure hope that we can!

We have high hopes that we can hold our Events in May. We have a One Day Class set for Saturday, May 2nd at Shiloh Lodge. If you have new Masons planning to attend that day, please get your Petitions in.

Also, that Saturday my Lady Lisa has our Ladies Luncheon scheduled. It is one of our best events. We, the Nobles of El Zagal get to show our Ladies how much we appreciate them! If any Ladies need to get signed up, please call our office and do so. Lady Lisa has a lot of fun in store for all you Ladies.

We will be remembering one of our brothers in May. A Memorial Service for PP Illustrious Sir Steve Garten will be held on Thursday, May 14th. His interment will be at 2:00 PM at the Fargo National Cemetery in Harwood, ND. Later that night--at 7:00 PM at Shiloh Lodge--there will be a Masonic Service. We

will gather afterward at the El Zagal Arabian Room for a time of reflection, celebration of life, stories, and a toast or two.

On Friday and Saturday, May 15th-16th, we will be at Fair Hills near Detroit Lakes, MN for our Spring Ceremonial in honor of PP Illustrious Sir Steve Garten and Lady Emily. Please get signed up as soon as possible because the cabins are filling up fast! Please refer to the itinerary for the registration links and other information.

June will be kicking off with some fun as well. On Wednesday, June 3rd we will be departing for our Pote's Trip. Look for the details in this issue. This will be a trip to see some of our other Shrine Temples, beautiful scenery and have a lot of fun and fellowship. Following our quarantining, we will all be anxious for some fresh and to get outside! There are registration links for the hotel rooms - get signed up as soon as you can.

We have some great news to proclaim in light of all our recent situations. Our PP Illustrious Sir Matt Sturlaugson has announced that he will be running for Outer Guard on the Shriners International Imperial Line. The election will be held at our Imperial Session to be held in Kansas City in July. Please wish Matt and Lady Mandii all the best and give them all your support. This is a huge commitment for them and their family, and quite an honor for all of us at El Zagal to be represented so well.

In closing, we are going through some tough times, but we will get through it. We will be stronger than ever and still have plenty of good times, rescheduled events, and a return to some sense of normalcy. So, in the meantime, stay safe, keep your social distance routines, disinfect and Wash Your Hands!

Until we meet again!

Yours in Faith,
Mike Dow
Potentate



POSTPONEMENTS / CANCELLATIONS

SUDS N SPUDS / 5K Through the Decades Birthday Party

MSA @ REGINA, SK HAS BEEN CANCELED

Official Call

The regular stated meeting of El Zagal Temple will be held on
Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 7pm
at El Zagal Shrine Center.

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. PP, Recorder Yours in faith, Mike Dow, Potentate.



*Illustrious Sir Mike Dow and Lady Lisa
Cordially Invite ALL ladies to the*
Spring Social

at El Zagal Shrine

Saturday, May 2nd

Social at 11:00 am / followed by a casual lunch

Stay and Play **DESIGNER PURSE BINGO**
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We Will Not Be Mailing Invitations

Reservations are required by April 27th

Please make our reservation with Cherie at El Zagal

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*It's also Kentucky Derby day
so dress accordingly with hat - if you choose*

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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

MEMBERSHIP

What's Your Character?

We are definitely in one of the most interesting times I've ever experienced. All of the cancellations, closures, people buying choices and etc. This is a time of testing a person's "true character" -- just go on Facebook and you'll be able to determine it pretty fast.

What's your "character" when bringing in new or keeping members? Are you talk, talk, talk or do you plant the seed and then listen? Are you always telling people what to do or are you listening for other people's opinions? And so on...

These are all types of things that will make a person determine if they are joining, getting involved or leaving. -- What's your character?

Stay safe and optimistic during these trying times.

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**EL ZAGAL
TEMPLE**

**ONE DAY CLASS
FARGO MASONIC CENTER
SATURDAY, MAY 2nd**

HOSTED BY SHILOH LODGE #1

8:00 AM: Registration

9:00 AM: Start Ritual Ceremony

12:30 PM: Lunch at El Zagal

5:00 PM: Conclusion of degree work

5:30 PM: "Cold Sands" Ceremony for any Masons
wanting to join El Zagal that day.

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The trip you all have been waiting for!! Let's bounce around MN, Wisconsin, and the UP of Michigan on motorcycles, convertibles, vans, redneck pickups, or whatever mode of transportation you desire.

Starting on June 3, leave from El Zagal Temple promptly at 8:30 AM. Don't bother having breakfast, because in a few short hours we will have brunch at an old fashioned logging camp. From there we will wind our way over to Duluth, to be hosted by Aad Temple. We will be staying at the historic lakefront hotel – Fitger's Inn. (Reservation information below).

On the morning of June 4, leaving Duluth, we will hug the southern shoreline of le lac supérieur, venturing to the Michigan UP on our way to Copper Harbor and Houghton, MI. In Houghton, we will be staying at the Super 8. (Reservation information below).

The next day, June 5, we leave Houghton behind as we head toward Marquette for lunch at Ahmed Temple. Then it's on to Green Bay, WI, to be hosted by Beja Temple. Yes, if you must, you can go to Lambeau Field. We are staying at the Comfort Suites, book early to get an AWESOME room. (Reservation information below).

The following day, June 6, we leave Packer country and head to Baraboo, WI, home of Circus World.

After all, it's what we are about. There will be tours of Circus World and/or House on the Rock. After the tours we end in Chippewa Falls for the evening. (Reservation information below).

The final day of the trip, June 7, we are heading home.

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 Wednesday June 3rd –
ROOM RELEASE DATE MAY 1st
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HOUGHTON – SUPER 8 –
 Thursday June 4th -
ROOM RELEASE DATE MAY 12th
 Reservations # 906-482-2240 --
 Rooms under POTE'S TRIP 2020
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GREEN BAY – COMFORT SUITES –
 Friday June 5th –
ROOM RELEASE DATE MAY 12th
 Reservations # 920-499-7449 --

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 cancelation policy
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CHIPPEWA FALLS -
 Glen Loch Inn / Country Villa Motel –
ROOM RELEASE DATE MAY 1st
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Steve & Emily Garten Spring Ceremonial Fair Hills Resort | May 14-17

Thursday, May 14

7:00 PM - Masonic Service for Steve Garten at Shiloh Lodge Fargo
 A celebration of life party will be held at El Zagal Shrine Center following the service

Friday, May 15

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Registration at Fair Hills Lobby
 10:30 AM Golf Registration at Wildflower Golf Course
 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM Golf Scramble at Wildflower Golf Course -Box Lunch Included
 11:30 PM – 1:00 PM Lunch at Fair Hills Dining Room – On Your Own
 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM Activities – To Be Announced
 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Pote's Reception
 8:00 PM – 12:00 PM Hospitality Room Open

Saturday, May 16

7:30 AM – 9:00 AM Breakfast Buffet at Fair Hills Dining Room – On Your Own
 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM Registration at Fair Hills Lobby
 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM Fez Fitting
 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM First Section (Candidates & Ladies)
 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM Third Section (Candidates & Ladies)
 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM Ladies of New Candidates Orientation
 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM Ladies Luncheon
 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Moslem Feast
 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Second Section (Candidates Only)
 1:00 PM – 5:30 PM Activities – To Be Announced
 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM Social
 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM Banquet
 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Fez Presentation & Unit Announcements
 9:00 PM – 12:00 PM Hospitality Room Open

Sunday, May 17

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM Breakfast – On Your Own
 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM Check Out

**Reservations for your cabin should be made by individual Nobles to: reservations@fairhillsresort.com
 or 218-847-7638

**Ceremonial Registration by Unit Only – No Billing – Registration Due to El Zagal by May 1st

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MAY

May 2: Ladies Spring Social
May 2: Masonic One Day Class

JUNE

June 3-7: Pote's Trip



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