



# CAMEL Tales

## POTENTATE'S MESSAGE *Family Fun & Fellowship*



### OFFICIAL CALL

The regular stated meeting of El Zagal Temple will be held on **Tuesday, August 10, 2021 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, Dennis "Fluff" Sand, Potentate.

### *Greetings Nobles and Ladies,*

Lady Tammy and I hope you all had a great 4th of July.

The month of June was a very busy month with a lot of activities. The ND Shrine Bowl was held on Saturday June 19th and was fun to see all the young men and their families at the banquet and at the games.

Lady Tammy and I returned in time to hear the band and be present for the drawing of the Clowns MC raffle in Jamestown. It was great to see Clown Nate Cook win the Harley and Shaun Englesrud win some cash!

The Spring Ceremonial was in Jamestown June 25-26. The James River Shrine Club which includes the Mystics, Clowns and EZ Wheels, put on a fantastic weekend with fun and fellowship, including putting Fez's on 11 new Nobles.

It started with a county fair theme Friday night which culminated in a heated race of 3 pigs... who would know that ol' Jake Mezaros could put the moves on Dave Hillerud and Kenny Daus like that?

Saturday started with the initiation, parade, Ladies Luncheon and Moslem Feast. Saturday evening brought the banquet, fez presentation with more frivolity from the Clowns. Unfortunately, the evening ended tragically with the passing of the Fluffamomial Chairman, Kevin "Diesel" Thoele. A great friend, Mason and Shriner and he was the driving force in making the Ceremonial a success this year and will be greatly missed by us all.

The Imperial Session of Shriners International was held from July 4-9 in Houston Texas. We participated in the business meetings, elections of Imperial Officers etc. Our own Imperial Sir Matt Sturlaugson was elected to the position of Imperial Marshall. I was honored to nominate Matt and escort Lady Mandii to the Ladies Luncheon. It was a very informative time, and it was great catching up with all our fellow Nobles and Ladies from around the world and making new friends! We all got to do a little dancing to the Bellamy Brothers Wednesday evening and I even got to dance with former Ambassador



Megan Johnson. So much fun meeting her and becoming friends! As I am writing this we are a week away from the OB Fishing Trip to Lake of the Woods. Looking forward to some great fishing. Shaun Englesrud has been working hard to get us all signed up and ready to have a great time.

The MSA Summer Session is quickly approaching. It will be in Sioux City, IA, August 11-14. Hopefully, you and your unit have signed up by now. There is a lot of activities planned and of course you don't want to miss the parade!

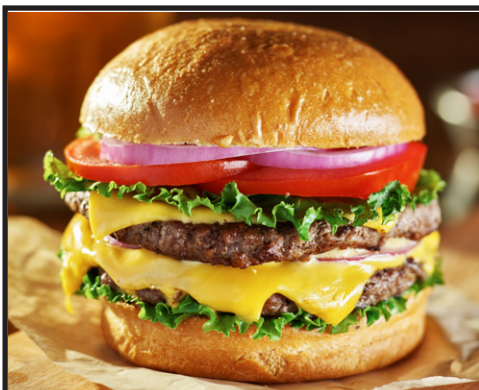
If you cannot attend MSA, there is another big event taking place in Jamestown on Saturday the 14h. The Jamestown Mystics have teamed up with the Lazy Fish on the Jamestown Reservoir to hold their 2nd Annual Fishing for a Cause. There will be fun for the whole family with air games, waterslide, door prizes, food and entertainment. Contact myself or any Mystic for a chance to win on their raffle. There are many great items on this raffle that you won't want to miss.

The next stated meeting will be held at 7:00pm on August 10. If you would like to eat before the meeting at 6:00, please call Andrea at 701-235-7521.

The S&L Pro Am is Wednesday August 25 and the Bob Lucy Fish Fry is on Friday, August 27 at the Jamestown Masonic Lodge.

Check the El Zagal calendar for upcoming events and don't forget to stop in the Arabian room for some refreshments including Tuesday night burgers. The units, clubs and even the Divan are taking turns on the grill.

Yours in Faith,  
**Dennis "Fluff" Sand**  
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# Membership

## It Might Be Time To Ask Again

It was good to meet and see 11 new candidates become Shriners in Jamestown last month; there would have been 15. However, four new members had other family commitments.

Since then, I see there are another nine new candidates registered. People are looking to join organizations that have fun and at the same time serve a bigger purpose.

Do you have a friend, customer, or maybe a relative that you have talked to about becoming a Shriner, but they just had to many other things going on to commit?

When is the last time you had that conversation with that person about becoming a Shriner where the timing might not have been right, but now it is?

Maybe, at the time, the person was shuttling kids from hockey, dance, basketball, or just too much travel in their job or whatever the case might be. However, things may have changed and it might be time to ask again.

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# Mandan Indians

I see the writing on the wall that it's time to say a little bit about the Mandan Indians.

The 4th of July has come and gone and the Mandan parade was good. It is just too bad the Mandan Indians cannot be in any parades any more.

But that's alright , we still can dress in our buckskins for the E.A. degree.

I hope Howard Anderson from Washburn, ND gets the Moon Lodge going again. The Indians get all dressed up for this.

At our last meeting Don Eck had four books on the Indians. One very interesting fact was that the Indians put masks on their horses. At the end of our meetings Don Eck talks of the Indians which is always interesting.

On July 9th, did we get rain!!! Every pot hole was full of water. We Indians better stop doing the rain dance for a while.

I better strike the teepee. More next month.

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# Jamestown Clowns

## *There Is No Limit To Our Greatness*

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Hello to all Nobles and Ladies,

August is here...almost. Parades have run their course, mostly.....The weather has been good for parades and such, that's all I have to say about that. Our perambulation has been an overall good one, as far as parades go. One more month and summer is over...almost. Fall will be on the horizon. WOW, the seasons are going by faster and faster. I blame the cell phones.

We had good participation on parades, not great but good. Everyone should be proud. Us Clowns always make a good parade a great parade. Just ask the Detroit Lakes Water Carnival people! Or Sanborn, or Kensal, or Wimbledon. Or Jamestown folk.

The Motor Cycle Run and party, was the best ever, ever!! A HUGE thanks must belong to Jay and Mark and their crew for the splendid, brilliant, glorious, and truly magnificent effort they put forth to accomplish this wonderful event. We all are in awe.

The July Shrine club evening was especially one of my favorites. Prime rib and jumbo shrimp? WOW! I still think we should make Aaron the cook for all events that I attend.

The Annual Fish Fry is August 27th. Please make this another wonderful event by being in attendance. It will be a monumental and dandy, outstanding, bang up prodigious, and fun event to attend. An early Thank YOU goes to Rod and his crew for all the hard work involved. And it is work. Everyone should pat them on the back.

"The Patch" as we lovingly call it. Steve says PUNKIN PATCH, will start SEPTEMBER 11 and run for 5 weeks or 6 if we need it. It has quickly become a community favorite and has been supported by a large area. I can't say enough. The Clowns are held dear to this community and they keep proving it year after year. We ARE THE BEST UNIT IN EL ZAGAL !!!

A quick side note: Jake has been a Bozo for most of his 104 years and now has proven it. Congratulations Jake for earning the sought after BOZO award.(It is greatly desired) It has been awarded only to a few of us. We know who we are.

Seth is running the tightest ship any of us clowns have ever seen. Maybe a revolt is in order...maybe not!! Just kidding Seth. HA HA HA. You are actually a push over just like your wife says.

Last, the time dependency of writing these articles makes them sometimes not current. As all of you know, El Zagal has lost a valued and wonderful Brother. Kevin Thoele was taken away from us far too soon. He had much yet to do, he was a hands on, willing to do what it takes guy, that will be genuinely and sincerely missed. We are all shocked and saddened yet. His family, Kimmer, and the girls, will be in our thoughts and prayers always. I hope they feel as we feel, part of our fraternal Brotherhood forever.

Weezer

## Mobil Nobles

### *Thunder Rolls Again*

After being knocked down by Covid-19, the Mobil Nobles are up and running again. We participated in the Jamestown Ceremonial parade with the help of the following Provost members: Blake Wrigley, Matt Sturlaugson and Shane Heiberg.

With Imperial Sir Matt Sturlaugson driving one of our sprint cars, we have the distinction of being the first unit in the history of El Zagal to have an Imperial Officer drive an El Zagal parade unit.

We were fortunate to have Past Potentate Blake "Ringo" Wrigley pick our slowest sprint car which helped to ensure the safety of fellow Shriners and parade spectators. It was priceless to see Ringo's facial expressions as we zoomed past him in parade formations. Thank you Provost for helping us out.

We are planning to be in the Detroit Lakes Water Carnival parade which is always a fun event. On the plus side the parade route is always full of spectators; but on the negative side, at the end of the parade you can expect to get doused in water by various groups with super soakers.

We know the Detroit Lakes Color Guard starts off the parade; but they seem to disappear at the end of the parade route. Could it be that the rumor is true that various Color Guard members are helping to shoot those water cannons at parade participants? As it cannot be confirmed, we will not spell out any Color Guard names that end with "son" like Lars, Han, Ander, and Thomp.

For those of you that use the calendar feature on your smart phone, mark down the date of March 19, 2022 for the next Mobil Noble Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner. We have been cancelled out two years in a row because of covid, so we are anxious to get going again. -- Oh, for those like me that do not use their smart phone calendar, we will have to wait until December when the 2022 calendars come out to mark the date down. We are all aware of the car shortages, especially with rental cars. Well that is not the case with the Mobil Nobles as we have more sprint cars than we have drivers. So if you are looking to join a unit that goes full speed to the checkered flag we have a place for you.

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## POTE'S FUN RUN How the West Was Fun

After careful consideration, it was decided to re-name the UN-POTE excursion to the EZ Fun Run, it's more fitting.

The purpose of the excursion is to gather together, see something new with new people and old friends. Breaking down barriers. Well, we did that.

What ended up being a small group was the FUN group, experiencing the Enchanted Castle, a fishing hole in WY, a big hill they call Bear Tooth Pass, and seeing the largest gun collection ever assembled.

After spending a night off the grid in the Big Horn Mountains we woke to 40 degree temps, only to meet up with 90's by the end of the day in Deadwood.

Thanks to everyone that went, and sorry for those that did not, maybe next time. As this is an open invitation to fun, if you have a destination in mind, let's do it. All bikes, cars, trucks, and people are invited.

Until the next destination...  
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## Misfit Musings

Greetings to all,  
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We did all the cooking for now Past Grand Master/Illustrious Sir Bob and our new Grand Master Dan in early June. It was a great weekend, and the Misfits stepped up for some amazing grilled steaks and tasty sides. It was quite a task for us to cook for over 100 people per night, but we pulled it off.

A special thanks to all that helped--Jon Halstenson and Mike Hennebry did an amazing job on the meat. Mike Rieckman, Kathy Rieckman, Lady Lisa, Joel Swanson, Jerry Schatzke, Eric Johnson and of course, Patricia, pulled off all the rest. Everyone worked their tails off to make this happen, but it was an honor to serve Bob and Dan and all the guests. Well done, Misfits!

We have partnered up with Birak Shrine Club to provide BBQ and Fixings at the Fergus Falls Rodeo on Friday, August 20th and Saturday, August 21st. This will be a great opportunity to promote our cause and sell some great BBQ. May you always be surrounded by good friends and great BBQ!

Until we meet again,  
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Last month I wrote about only needing 4 more teams to fill out the 30 team field. Well, by the time the Camel Tales came out, we accomplished our goal!

With the printing of the August Camel Tales we will likely be days away from the BIG EVENT. I can't wait.

Thanks to a great group of people out there getting teams and hole sponsors signed up. As with any Temple event, we can always use a little help to pull this off. We appreciate each and every one that helps. If you would like to be part of this great day and prepare yourself for Potentate Dennis's trip to the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, let us know.

Many thanks to our sponsor that is willing to "give and give" for the sake of raising money for the Shrine Hospital. --- S&L Computer Services', Leo Worner and Scott Schafer.

Also to fellow nobles that have committed years to the tournament: Dave Larson, Neil Johnson, Pat Jones, Tom Staiger, Chris Siverson, and to our new committee members Lisa Artz, Joel Swanson, and Mike Dow PP. What a great group of people to work with.

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**Jamestown Mystics**

*After the Raffle, We're Having a Raffle*

It's June 19th, Prez. Craig M. and 5 others, Jim T., Scrappy, Scotty R., Colin W., and Beer Man loaded up and went to the Valley City's Rally in the Valley. Holy cow what a crowd. The streets were filled with parade goers.

With our parade units shining, tassels flying, handing out candy, and shaking hands, the Jamestown Mystics received another 1st place trophy. 1st time ever that I know of, we finished without any casualties, thanks to Brock and the boys in the shop.

Afterwards, selling a lot of raffle tickets, having a few frosty treats, and enjoying a burger at the local Eagles Club.

Friday, June 25th we had our 10th Annual Gun Raffle drawing and we put president

Craig M., Jim T. and Bob S. in charge of that. The drawing went well. Believe it or not, I didn't win a gun. Oh well, it goes for a great cause.

Out at the Jamestown Masonic lodge we had the Spring ceremonial going on where we were selling \$20 raffle tickets on a chance to win a Shriner edition Henry Golden Boy gold plated rifle. WOW what a beautiful gun and the proceeds are going to help Sir Fluff and the divan. And we honored Jeff (Scrappy) Oster and Joe Lies.

A night out to the local county fair was the theme. Fair food, games on the midway, pickle and pie judging, WOW! Saturday we had a Shriner parade, brining in about 15 new

nobles, and ending with a nice banquet at Shady's.

July is here and back at it; planning our 2nd Annual Fishing for a Cause fundraiser that will be held August 14th out at the Lazy Fish Campground. We are also selling Raffle tickets \$20 each to win some great prizes; get your tickets soon.

Brock and the boys are back in the shop replacing paint, tires, and doing a few tune ups. Wimbledon Palooza is coming up, the parade is July 17th and we will have the shagging wagon washed, shined and gassed up ready to roll. And the Jamestown Buffalo Day parade will be July 24th. That is all for now. Catch ya next month.

**Jamestown Mystics**

# GOT TEMPLE WIDE RAFFLE?



For the last couple months we have been teasing you about a TEMPLE WIDE RAFFLE, the plan is coming together quickly.

So let's catch you on what this is all about. What started out as a fundraiser for the Pote's administration budget, quickly turned into a fundraiser for the Shriners Hospital for Children. Working through the many layers of red tape and with the help of the Vikings and Bobcat of Gwinner, we have secured what we believe is a way to bring \$30,000+ dollars to the hospital in the name of EL Zagal.

We will be raffling off a 2020 Bobcat UV34XL, you have seen the pictures in the Camel Tails, plus we are adding 20 additional cash prizes, all for the low price of \$20 per ticket. We are limiting the tickets to 3,000.

SO, nice idea, but what does it mean to me and my unit. Well, as this is a TEMPLE WIDE activity and is not for the benefit of any unit, if you sell tickets, you get Parade to Glory credit. What a way to help your Temple and to help the hospital. After all, it is what we are here for.

Well, how can we help? We want to bring this UTV to as many events and happenings as possible to promote the Shrine, the hospital, and

to sell tickets. We hope to have tickets printed in time for MSA, but there are still plenty of parades, race nights, cruise nights, and other happenings in Shrinedom that we can promote and sell. Think about what events are happening in your community. Let us know and we will get the UTV to your events.

**We have an immediate need for a trailer to use for the raffle period. If you have a 6' X 14' or larger trailer you would allow us to use or would sell to me, let me know. Must be an open trailer, not enclosed, we want it visible.**

I trust that everyone can see the true impact into our philosophy that this event will be. It is an EL Zagal event that all members of nobility should stand behind, it is the reason we are here, raising funds for the children in need.

Tickets will be distributed by Jeff Anderson in Gwinner, Mike Dow and Mike Rieckman in Fargo.

**Get yours soon !**

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## Color Guard Croonings

Busy, busy busy the Color Guard has been – parading and getting ready for our Annual Septoberfest! We even had time to cook burgers last month! I must say – the talk around the Temple is that the burgers cooked by the Color Guard were simply the best folks have ever tasted! It is no wonder, with Brad Richards, Todd Knopf, Robin Hanson, Jerome Tappe, and the entire crew all adding their individual talents to the effort! Paul “Little Lars” Meszaros was in charge of the special sauce, and Dan Holmes was in charge of packaging! Not to be left out, Ian Somerville wore short shorts and delivered the burgers to the tables. It was quite a sight! It is no wonder that the Color Guard is known as the best all around unit in El Zagal!

One of our own – little Robert Richards “Robbie” got married this past month. All I can say is he definitely married well above his batting average, cause his bride is beautiful! Congratulations Rob & Kelli!

One of the crew – who will remain nameless, has been getting little love notes left on his garage door lately. Even tho spring has sprung, I am thinking there may be a little “love in the air”. I said I wouldn't name him, but his initials are “Gilligan”. He says he has no idea who is leaving the little love messages, but I am thinking he is telling a bit tall tale! Ask him about it – we need details. I mean, do we get ready for another wedding – or a jealous husband???

Speaking of the Septoberfest, it is planned for September 4th at the Color Guard Club. We are praying for warm weather this year – so we don't freeze “stuff” when we wear our German costumes. I understand there will be millions of dollars in prizes given away – plus a weekend spa treatment at Father Jerry's Hilltop Hideaway, complete with a message and 3 course breakfast. Look for more details next month!

We need to send a shout out to the Jamestown Clowns, as they got a bunch of Color Guard all wet at the Water Carnival Parade. This is actually the first time a couple of the group saw water. It was refreshing!

Summer is speeding away. We have been fortunate to have the Potentate visit our club a couple times this summer. We have a couple “choice pictures” as proof. As Lady Tammy would say to Fluff, “God he is dumb!” But seriously, THANK YOU Illustrious Fluff for joining us for some fun this summer. It is an honor to have you visit!

As this article gets wrapped up, I remind you that our meetings are always the 3rd Monday of the month at our club. Social begins around 5:30 with meal and meeting to follow. You are ALWAYS invited and please bring your lady to join the fun!

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8	9	10 Stated Meeting <b>NO TUESDAY BURGERS</b> 5:30 to 7 pm	11 MSA Summer Sessions in Sioux City, IA	12	13	14 <b>El Zagal Mystics &amp; Lazy Fish Fishin' for a Cause (Jamestown)</b>
15	16	17 <b>BURGERS</b> 5:30 to 7 pm	18 Masonic Corn Feed	19	20	21
22	23	24 <b>BURGERS</b> 5:30 to 7 pm	25 S&L Pro Am Golf Tournament (Oxbow)	26	27 <b>Bob Lucy Fish Fry (Jamestown)</b>	28 <b>Hole-In-One Competition (El Zagal Golf Course)</b>
29	30	31 <b>BURGERS</b> 5:30 to 7 pm	<b>AUGUST 2021</b>			

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