



# CAMEL Tales

*Seasons Greetings*

*From  
all of us at  
El Zagal*



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Potentate



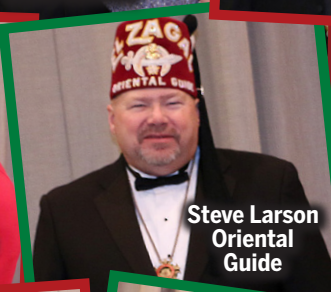
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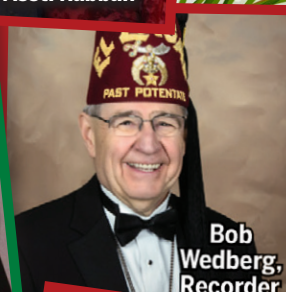
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## OFFICIAL CALL:

### El Zagal Shrine, Shriners International ANNUAL MEETING

Will be held on **Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 9 am at El Zagal Shrine Temple, 1429 3rd St N, Fargo, ND**

The purpose of this meeting is as follows:

To conduct any business properly brought before the chair. Admission by 2019 Dues Card. Please wear your fez.

Attest William R. Wedberg Jr, PP, Recorder

Yours in faith, Jason Rockswold, Potentate

### 325.11 Election Regulations of the Imperial Code

(a) Electioneering. A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine temple may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a résumé consisting of his educational background, his vocational history and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email or other devices, by a unit, club, Noble, or group of Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing, or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited.

(b) Expenditures Prohibited. The expenditure of money for gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited.

(c) Violation. For any violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the officers void and order a new election.

(d) Notice. At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election, the temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.

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# MEMBERSHIP

is the Best Value

What is the value of one of your friends? As you think about it, consider this.

**How much does a friendship bring into your life.**

Someone to talk to during good and bad times. Someone you enjoy spending time with.

Someone to help you with a project. Someone to have fun with. The list goes on.....

How many friends do you have that are "NOT" Shriners? I beg to ask the question, why not?

**El Zagal's membership is not a committee of "1".**

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If you ask a friend to become a Shriner, we have increased our membership by one. When they become Shriners and ask one of their other friends to become a Shriner, we have increased membership by two. You get the idea!

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**Who do you know that would make a good Shriner?**

**A friend? A family member? A coworker?**

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## SHRINE CLUB GAMING SITES

Overtime Bar .....Gwinner  
Cat-Tales.....Gwinner  
The Springs.....Gwinner  
Dilley's Bar-N-Grill.....Stirum

Proceeds of gaming to the Shrine Hospital Transportation Funds and local charities.

**Support Those Who Support Us!**

## 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**

**Frontsmen – 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**

# EL ZAGAL FOREVER DONATIONS/ PLEDGES

**PLATINUM LEVEL - (\$20,000.00 or more)**

Howard & Dorothy Sgutt, John & Carol Huhner,  
Provost Guard

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Big Band, Michael Unhjem,  
Alan K. & Patricia Swedberg, Mrs. Pat and Marilyn  
Dean, EZ Oilers,

**PALLADIUM LEVEL - (\$1,000.00 to \$4,999.00)**

Jim T. Garvey PP, George Kaftan, Don Kramer, Richard  
Currier, Dave Currier, Jamestown Clowns, James Valley  
Shrine Club, Dave & Barbara Larson, John Runsvold,  
Berk Strothman, Norm Swanson, Phil Trebnick, Dan  
& Mickie Currier, Vikings, Ladies Auxiliary, Devine &  
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Patrol, Raymond Schwappe Trust, Ritualistic Divan,  
Larry Fritz, Plainsmen, Don and Connie Wenaas, Mobil  
Nobles, Morrie Rasmussen, John Runsvold, Valley City  
Flag Corp, Arab Patrol, Mandan Indians, Oriental Band,  
Mystics, Dusters, Saidin, Mystics, Oilers, Arab Patrol,  
Joseph Moses, Al & Patricia Swedburg,

**SILVER LEVEL - (\$500.00 TO \$999.00)**

William Tubbs, Rich Ellsworth, Theodore Mann, Bob &  
Edith Dawson, Jim Dawson, PP, Tom Dawson,  
Jim & Kathy Rosendahl, Honored Ladies, Band Aids,  
Dan Ochsner, Jake (DeVine) Ochsner

**BRONZE LEVEL - (Up to \$499)**

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Colleen Carmichael, Robert Cookson, Homer Goebel,  
Roy Leeper, Shirley McKay, Robert & Dorothy Minnis,  
Thomas Orchard, Bruce Ridgeway, Gordon Rudolf, Una  
Rydeen, Eugene Smestad, Bryce Smith, Gill Voss, Daryl  
Hanson, Rus Hanson, Ken Graalum, James Molzahn,  
Harry Moore, Chester Nettestad, Chanters, Alice  
Gordon, Merle Gullekson, Kerry Heflin, Craig & Julie  
Sandstrom, Ray Andres, Steve Downs

Is your unit or club listed? Please give it some  
consideration for the next Parade to Glory.

If you decide to make a donation  
send it to "El Zagal Forever",

El Zagal Shrine Center, at 1429 N. 3 rd St. N.

Another Parade to Glory January 2018 is over and El  
Zagal Forever received \$9,000.00 to be added to our  
fund. The contributions for 2017 included \$1,000  
from the Provost Guard, \$2000 from the Mystics, and  
\$3000 from the Oilers, \$500 each from the Mandan  
Indians and the Oriental Band plus \$2000 from the  
Mandan Indians as of 9-19-17.

Any payment, Cash, Check or Credit Card is accepted  
for Memorials or Pledges and Bequeaths in your Will.  
Please consider it and make your decision as to how  
you would like to grow this fund.

Your support of any amount to  
"EL Zagal Forever" is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to you all,  
Dave E. Larson  
El Zagal Forever Committee



# El Zagal Shrine 2019 Annual Meeting

**Saturday, January 5, 2019**  
At El Zagal Shrine Center  
1429 3rd St N, Fargo, ND

Attest: William R. Wedberg Jr, PP Recorder  
Yours in Faith, Jason Rockswold, Potentate  
This notice constitutes the official call.  
Wear your Fez.

8:00 am: All NOBLES Breakfast: Hosted by the Yoshi  
8:30 am: Camel Herders/Membership meeting  
8:30 am: Hospital Dads and Hospital Rep Meetings:  
Upper level  
9:00 am: Annual Meeting begins  
After meeting: Lunch: Hosted by Jamestown Clowns  
5:30 pm – 6:15 pm: Open Bar Social with the El  
Zagal Imperials Band playing music at the Delta by  
Marriott 1635 42nd Street SW Fargo, ND  
6:30 pm: Banquet & Parade to Glory (Formal/Semi-  
formal attire is requested) \$50.00 per person  
8:30 pm-11:30 pm: Social & Dancing to “Bolder  
Shades of Blue”  
9:00 pm – 10:00 pm: Open Bar Social

Rooms are being held at the Delta by Marriott under  
“El Zagal” until December 8th, 2018. Please call 701-  
277-9000 to reserve your room at \$119.00 plus tax.

## Shrine Circus Management

MEETING  
SCHEDULE  
2019



Saturday, January 12: 10 am  
Saturday, February 2: 10 am  
Saturday, March 2: 10 am  
Saturday, March 16: 10 am  
Saturday, March 30: 10 am

### CIRCUS DATES

DL: April 4  
Fargo: April 5-6-7  
Jamestown: April 9  
Bismarck: April 12-13  
Dickinson: April 14-15

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# Hospital Auxiliary

*Holidays, Always a Special Time*

As 2018 ends we give thanks for a great year. This is the season to enjoy family and friends and to take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the holidays.

Our annual Christmas Party was held December 1st at the Hilton Garden Inn, Fargo. It is always special to share food and fellowship with fellow Auxilians. Each one brings a gift for the children at the hospital and it is delightful to watch the true meaning of Christmas as we gather them together.

Our January meeting is scheduled for the 12th, at the Shrine at 10AM. We will be doing our membership mailing and checking out our year's schedule.

From all of us, we wish you and your family the best for the coming year.

**Barb & Judy**

P.S. A thankful heart is a happy heart.



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## Facility Update

Nov/Dec 2018



**QUESTION:** Did you change the name from Shriners Hospitals for Children to Shriners Healthcare for Children?

**ANSWER:** Yes! To reflect our new model of care, the Twin Cities site name is now Shriners Healthcare for Children — Twin Cities (SHC-Twin Cities). Please update our name and logo in all signage and marketing materials.

**Q:** Is SHC-Twin Cities closing?

**A:** No, SHC-Twin Cities is not closing but we have discontinued onsite surgery service. The majority of surgeries are now performed at Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare in St. Paul by SHC-Twin Cities surgeons. Families and others requiring overnight lodging will take advantage of discounted rates at nearby hotels. All clinic services will continue at our current location on 2025 East River Parkway in Minneapolis.

**Q:** What is happening to the building on East River Parkway in Minneapolis?

**A:** In the future, the clinic will move to a different, well-equipped and appropriately sized site in the Twin Cities metro area where outpatient services will continue.

**Q:** Does SHC-Twin Cities and WGA4Kids have storage space and need for donations such as pop tabs, blankets, toys, etc.?

**A:** Yes, the WGA4Kids will continue to accept and store these donations. Their primary fundraising focus continues to be for wheelchairs and adaptive equipment — so please keep sending in pop tabs and financial donations!

**Q:** Is SHC-Twin Cities and Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare merging or now affiliated?

**A:** No, we are not merging or affiliating with Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare. We have an agreement for our surgeons to use their operating room and inpatient care unit.

**Q:** Do we provide financial assistance to patients having surgery offsite?

**A:** Yes, both SHC-Twin Cities and Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare offer financial assistance to our patients. Families are encouraged to contact our financial assistance counselor for details and options.

**Q:** What does the future hold for SHC-Twin Cities?

**A:** Our new care model includes our current outpatient clinic services (physician visits, radiology, rehabilitation, orthotics & prosthetics) plus the use of telehealth and offsite outreach clinic operations to grow. We intend to help more children in more places under our new model of care.

**Q:** Does SHC-Twin Cities still need financial donations?

**A:** Yes, now more than ever! With over 3,000 patients annually, we continue to raise funds so that kids can reach their fullest potential and lead fulfilling lives. Gifts are needed that support our mission as well as specific programs and services.

**Please contact us with questions:**

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# POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

## SHRINE LEGACY...AN AMAZING BROTHERHOOD, HELPING KIDS AND SERVING THE COMMUNITY WHAT'S YOUR SHRINE LEGACY?



Greetings Nobles and Ladies...

It is hard to believe that it is nearly Thanksgiving and we are already talking about the Christmas Camel Tales edition. What a year 2018 has been! This is the theme of my last Camel Tales article as your Potentate.

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the nobility of El Zagal Shrine and your Ladies for the amazing honor and privilege that you have given me to serve as the Potentate of El Zagal Shrine for 2018. It has been a rewarding, humbling, unbelievable adventure that I will never forget and will cherish always.

This article has proved to be very emotional for me and I have had to step away from it several times. Having just returned from my son Jack's Western Hockey Tour (Bismarck, Dickinson and Williston) I had about 6 hours of driving time to finally put it all in perspective. It is truly hard to imagine where the time has gone. It seems like yesterday that Illustrious Sir Rick Oberg and Lady Laurie asked me if I would be interested in being Potentate of El Zagal Shrine. Of course I said "No" as I had no idea what or who the Potentate or the Divan really was. We also had small kids and very busy banking careers in our small town. I was in the Shrine for just a short time and wanted to have fun and certainly wasn't looking for anything more. Well after much persistence on Illustrious Oberg's part, my wife and I agreed to take on this amazing challenge. Looking back now all these years later...I'm so very happy that "Yes" was the final answer!

Many changes have taken place over these years for me personally and certainly in the Shrine. Married now divorced, great job now better job, small town now big town...in a lot of ways a whole new world than when I started in the Shrine! I can truly say that without the Shrine in my life those years I'm not sure that I would have made it. The support and friendship that you have all shown me has been unbelievable and I thank you for your patience and understanding and most of all your brotherly love. It has not been easy but I thank you my friends!

Like changes to our personal lives so too has the Shrine changed. I mentioned last month the Twin Cities Shrine Hospital PAC center has closed and we now have new relationships for housing our Shrine families at several nice hotels. Starting this month we are now completing surgeries at Gillette Children's hospital. What a great partnership we are beginning with them. Did you know that in 1897 Gillette became the first hospital for children who have disabilities? Does that sound like a great hospital to partner with? My niece Vivi recently had spinal surgery at Gillette Children's hospital and after several long weeks is on the road to recovery. She has Cerebral

Palsy and this surgery will greatly enhance her mobility and her life and I for one am grateful for the care she received from our new partners at Gillette!!

Change is hard, but sometimes it is for a reason we don't understand and it truly can be for the better. The Shrine needs all of you now more than ever to continue to do what you do. The Kids still need care and

we will provide them great care. We will need to work hard to make even more money as a fraternity as we will have increased travel and lodging expense and our transportation fund will be stressed. We will still need our Ladies Auxiliary to be active and fulfill the loving needs of our patients. In short, we will still need to be active Shriners and Ladies and continue the mission to care for Children that need us! As we move forward together I will try my best to keep you informed of the many changes happening at our hospitals.

November has been a busy month with an election, harvest that doesn't seem to end, hunting and Bison Football games. Oh, and hockey. That just started but doesn't seem to end either! On November 4th Sunrise Lodge put on a French Toast Breakfast with the proceeds going to our Brother Darren Baumgartner. At the Shrine we just wrapped up as an election day site on the 6th, hosted a very good EZ Outdoors 3rd Annual gun show on the 17th and 18th. On the 23rd of November we are having a benefit for our own "B". Hope that you can support her and her battle with cancer. Back on October 6th we had a successful Drunk Dash in Fargo with a great Shrine crew and about 229 others showing up for a fantastic time. Recently we got together with the founders of Drunk Dash and they presented us with checks in the amount of \$4,640.00 from this year's event. This is a record donation amount since we have been their charity of choice and the funds will be used for the EL Zagal Shrine transportation fund. What a great group of young men!



DRUNK DASH RAISES BAR: RECORD DONATION (\$4640.00) TO HOSPITAL TRANSPORTATION FUND

The bar remodel project has started as was laid out by Illustrious Sir Ringo at the Stated Meeting. An Executive Committee was appointed to walk thru the various options and costs of each. Building permit was approved so look for exciting things to start happening at the Shrine! We are hoping to start this winter yet and work around the events that are on the calendar. Very Exciting!

Also at the last Divan meeting a new web site design was rolled out. A few additions will be added such as the ability to pay your dues! Look for the new website to be available very soon. We will need volunteers going forward to keep up on the content of our web page so if this might be of interest to you please let me know. A Big thank you to Chad Decker for working on this project.



POTE'S SON JACK - FIRST ROOSTER



LADY TIFFANT'S BIG BUCK

A One Day Masonic Class was held on October 20th in Wauben, MN. Sounded like that was an awesome day as we helped create some 44 new Masons in the region! On December 1st Shiloh Lodge #1 is putting on a one day Street to Shrine Class in Fargo. This is an excellent time to finish up degree work and become a Shriner. After the Street to Shrine we will head, with all the new Shriners, to Jamestown for their Clown for a Night. What a great day this will be!

We are doing an excellent job on Membership so far this year and this will hopefully put us over the top! Let's all work hard to make this a great time to join the greatest fraternity in the world! Remember there is a fantastic Membership Incentive Program also, so take advantage of that as well. Also, we still have a large amount of members that have not paid their 2018 dues and soon we will lose them from the Shrine. If you are the first line signer of one of these guys reach out to them and get them going again. Together, we can clean up the not paid dues list (NPD's).

Also in December we will be having a Children's Christmas Party at the Shrine with Santa on December 8th. Grab the kids and grandkids and stop out to the Shrine for some holiday fun! December 10th will be the final Divan meeting of the year and the Christmas party. December 22 - 25th the Shrine will be closed for Christmas. The promotions committee will be having a New Year's Eve party and dance with live music on December 31st at the Shrine. More details to come but that will be a great night to start 2019 off right!

Friday, the 4th of January, we will be having Roast the Pote (I was hoping that this would be cancelled!!) followed by the Annual Meeting on Saturday the 5th. The banquet details are in the Camel Tales. One thing to mention for the parade to glory on Saturday is that we have several projects in the works including the bar remodel, expanded deck, and outside bar area to name a few. Also, we would like your thoughts to be on the transportation fund as that need grows. It should be a great weekend of fun to welcome in our new Divan and especially our new Potentate Elect Rick and Lady Teri Qual.

Speaking of the Divan, I'm not sure that everyone knows what a dedicated and hard working group we have here at El Zagal! I have leaned on them many times and they have always risen to the challenge. I'm so very fortunate to call these guys my friends. You guys and your ladies are truly special and I wish you well as you continue to lead El Zagal. El Zagal...know that you are in excellent hands!! Also, Lisa your dedication to El Zagal is unparalleled and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of your help!

In closing, I would like to Thank You All for your amazing support this year, it truly has meant the world to me. It has been an incredible amount of fun traveling and visiting with Shriners and Ladies all over El Zagal. I have tried my hardest to do well by you and in the end I hope that I have served you well. God bless you and I hope that you have a safe and happy Holiday Season with family and friends.

Yours in Faith,  
Jason "Rocky" Rockswold  
2018 POTENTATE



Pote's Niece Vivian Hendrickson after surgery at Gillette Children's Hospital

## ROAST THE POTE

Contrary to statements by the Potentate,  
Roast the Pote is NOT CANCELLED!!

January 4, 2018

El Zagal Temple

Social 6pm | Program 7 pm

Stories, skits, 10 act plays - all welcome as we Roast the Rock! Come on! We know you must have stories to share!

Contact Steve Larson at 218-841-8533 or  
slarson@tekstar.com to schedule your time



## Bismarck Dusters

### Plans for Special Holiday Socials

The Dusters had their monthly meeting at the Bismarck Masonic Center on November 12th. President Tim Dawson made announcements of upcoming events. Since the Duster Social will fall on Thanksgiving, it was cancelled.

However, if some Dusters want to join the Dawson family at their house for Thanksgiving, come on over. He said he has good scotch whiskey and that will be sure to entice the Dusters to enjoy the day with the Dawson's. Somehow, I don't think Lady Kathy is aware that she will be entertaining 25 or so extra guests. If so, she may need the Scotch more than the guests. I don't think she has to worry though, as I don't think too many felt his mass invitation was sincere. And besides, Tim would never share his collection of single malt scotch.

The Duster Christmas party will be held on December 15th at the Bismarck Country Club. This is always a great party and I am sure Tim will have some great surprises for the Dusters. Duster widows are again always welcome and someone will be contacting them to see if they will need a ride to the party.

Other announcements: Circus meeting on November 17th and Dusters are encouraged to be there.

Travis Will said the "Clown for a Night" party will be held in Jamestown on December 1st and it is a great time if Dusters want to dress up like a clown and attend the event.

The Annual Meeting of El Zagal will be in Fargo on January 5th and the Dusters will have a great charitable report for the Parade to Glory this year.

That's about it for 2018, so have a great holiday season and remember that some of the old cars may be older than the oldest Duster. So take good care of your old car and dream of spring when we Dusters can all... Get those motors running...head out on the highway... lookin' for adventure...or whatever comes my way...

**Robert Post Johnson**  
Duster Scribe

## Color Guard Croonings

Well, here we are already in turkey month – time goes faster than a burger in front of the Potentate! President Paul has been campaigning hard this season – seems like he was looking to run a second term. There is speculation that he fired most of his "cabinet" the other day, but then we realized most of the guys were just out for detox. Fake news I guess. Paul's slogan has been, "A vote for Paul is like getting 3 at last call!" Certainly strikes a chord with the boys in the Color Guard!

Back from a tropical visit to Beer Camp, (yes, you read that right), Jerome Tappe has been boasting about the great hunt up north. Can you imagine Tappe, Brad Richards and Robin Hanson in a deer stand together? Sounds like all was ok until some fool brought a gun along. Things went sideways from there. This reporter was out of town during "Holy Week" and was not able to personally check on the boys, but word has it that the neighbors are a bit happy now that the beer trucks are no longer making deliveries to that neighborhood. On the plus side, those three have opened a metal recycling business together. I expect this will be successful!

Our Vice President, Ian Somerville has been moonlighting this past year as the Worshipful Master at Mount Tabor lodge. He has done a wonderful job with the Lodge, and should be commended. Notice I didn't say committed! It is really easy to miss Ian tho when he shows up in a suit. We are used to seeing him in the latest shade of grease and motor oil, so he is kind of hard to spot sometimes! Great job Ian! Of course there is recent turn over on the building committee for the Masonic Lodge. Father Jerry has been working very hard to shed his duties as Treasurer, President, Vice President and Secretary. Some of us

feel he is a bit selfish in this move, but alas, he moves on. We just can't figure out why he want's off the committee, since he has only had those positions since 1972. Some people just think of themselves.....

Speaking of Father Jerry, some of you may have seen the dust up over Halloween Weekend on the news. Seems the good Father had the idea for his own business venture and set up a kissing booth. Problem for him was that it was on the Roosevelt Elementary playground, and some mom's got a bit huffy. Poor guy – his ideas are always in the "toilet".

The Color Guard is also busy working on our homeless shelters for the Holiday Season. A big THANK YOU to Bruce Stone and Roger Forsgren for allowing us to use your homes to shelter the homeless while you are in warmer climates. And don't worry Bruce, the fire was small. A little paint should take care of things. Roger, I had no idea you couldn't keep farm animals in your neighborhood! Thanks guys!

As we come into the gift giving season, I am sure most of you are stuck with the same dilemma that many guys have. What do you get that Brother No Good In-law? How about a petition to join one the greatest philanthropy on earth? Sign him up to be a Mason and Shriner. After that, the streets will appear to be paved with gold as you offer him the chance to join the Color Guard! Kings and world leaders alike want to join, but only a few make it. Sure, there are other units, but none are as highly respected as the Color Guard. In this world of "Mazda" units, be a "Cadillac" with the Color Guard! Dues are cheap, and our ideas are cheaper!

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## Jamestown Clowns

### GONNA BE a GREAT YEAR

Hello to all Nobles and Ladies,  
Now it's December, WOW! Clown for a Night, December 1. What a party with great food, great entertainment, great décor; a total package.

I'd like to get right to it. Rick Qual, our own "good boy", will become El Zagal's newest potentate. Everyone who reads this should already have a reservation at the Delta by Marriott in Fargo for January 4th and 5th. Friday night is "Roast the Pote".

Saturday is a busy day, Annual Meeting begins at 9am, breakfast and a couple meetings before that. At 5:30 the social begins at the Marriott and the night is on!

It is quite an honor to have our own clown Potentate, and don't forget Fluff is in two years!! I think that proves the CLOWNS ARE THE BEST UNIT IN EL ZAGAL! 2019 will be a great year for all Shriners.

It makes me proud of all the good things we do. Rick will lead us down a path of grand success. I mean... he'll do fine. I can't wait to get a new pin.

Now, going in not so orderly fashion, Our Holiday Dazzle Parade was Nov. 22, and a very fun event, we had a great turn out. If you missed it, well, you missed it! The fire truck was again the focal point of the parade. With so many brilliant clowns on board, the lights seemed dim. We brightened up Main Avenue that night! I noticed Scott A. had suspenders; he walked a safe parade.

Our Motorcycle raffle, food and party, with RED LINE to dance to will be June 22, 2019. Tickets are limited so get them fast. Only 7 months to go! Someone will win a new 2019 Harley Davidson. IT WILL BE THE EVENT OF THE SUMMER.

We wish all a very Merry Christmas, and an extremely HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Thanks for reading this...  
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*2018 An Awesome Year*

*Next Year Will Be Better*

Well, It's a wrap. We had a great year and an exciting year. It was awesome to take possession of our new bikes. We all put a lot of hard work into this acquisition. It was a great year attending parades and competing at MSA. Our Nobles can be very proud of this. Well done gentlemen.

To end the year we elected new officers for the coming year. Those leading us in 2019 will be: Roger Ellsworth-President, Shaun Engelsrud-Vice President, Casey Schoer-Secretary and Jon Halstenson as our Treasurer. A special thanks to Mike Henneby for being our President for the past 2 years.

We have an exciting year on the horizon. We will be conducting another Bike Raffle. We don't have all the details worked out yet but will soon.

As always, we will have our Annual Suds and Spuds/Shriner 5K in April. Keep those on your calendar. We promise to bring a great event again.

With closing we want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May it be the best ever and filled with much joy and happiness!

Until we meet again...

Yours in Faith,

MD

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## Jamestown Mystics

*The "Spirit of Giving"*

Happy Holidays!! OK, I'm getting older so I think winter stinks. Shoveling, scraping, bundling up, falling down... Kind of a drag. But! The Holidays, Thanksgiving and Christmas, are the best! We'll worry about January and February later. For now enjoy friends and family and be thankful.

If you're reading this, chances are you're a Shriner or you know one. Which means you know all about the "Spirit of Giving". It's a real thing and this is the best time of year for it. Many folks out there are struggling. Whether it be lack of food, inadequate shelter or just flat out depression, this time of year especially is when you can change someone's life for the better. Donate, donate, donate! Food pantries, homeless shelters, whatever will help those in need. It'll make a positive difference and might just be the turning point in their world.

I know you've all been waiting patiently but wait no

## Mandan Indians

*Keeping the Camp in Order*

Well, let's face it, winter is here. Now, I am looking for summer again.

I missed the last Mandan Indian meeting so I don't know what is going on. But we did have our Pancake Breakfast at the Mandan Eagles Club on November 17.

We had FC degree in October and November at Mandan Lodge and we had a MM degree at the Bismarck Lodge.

It is time for a new Chief. Every two years we elect a new Chief or maybe we will keep our old Chief, Don Eck. He has done a great job.

The Friday lunch at the Amvets is still going. But the most we get is 10 or 12. We have a meeting after lunch. Our Grand Master, Dale Sandstrom, is there just about every Friday and talks about what is going on. So why not "c'mon down" to the Amvets and eat with us.

And the next time you see a veteran, thank him for his service.

God Bless America!!  
Chief Mato  
Edward J C Dockter

**El Zagal Shrine**

**Saturday Burgers**  
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longer. Gun raffle tickets are here!! WooHoo! It's still only a hundred bucks for a ticket. Small price to pay for the satisfaction of knowing you made a difference. Plus you might win a cool gun! Hit up a Mystic if you need one.

If you don't know a Mystic, well, that's your fault. Joke. Seriously, if you don't know how to get hold of us you can message us on Facebook and we'll make sure you get one. There will also be a banquet at the drawing so don't miss out!

Well friends I'd love to stay here chatting but there's fundraising that needs to be done. Gotta go.

Everyone have a great Christmas and keep on being the best Shriners you can be. Take care of you and yours.

God Bless.  
Jamestown Mystics

## Oriental Band

Greetings, Nobles and Ladies. Here we are, once again, in our winter mode. At our Dec. 3rd meeting we will discuss our meeting dates and details for the Annual Meeting and Parade to Glory.

We will be serving hamburgers on Dec 1st - try to be there if you are able!

The Oriental Band Christmas Party will be Dec. 29th at 5:30 at the Shrine! You will be getting info on it in the mail!

I would like to thank all of you for your hard work this year at the circus, your participation in the Ceremonials and Oriental Band events throughout the year!

The Oriental Band wishes everyone a safe and joyful Holiday Season!

Quote: "We could never Learn to be brave and patient if there were only Joy in the World" -- Helen Keller

Yours in the Faith,

Steve

PS. We still need new members!!!

## Provost Ponderings

*Busy With Big Events*

The Elite Provost Guard got busy directing the many parade floats, for the Xcel Holiday of Lights Parade November 20th in Downtown Fargo-Moorhead. It was so bright we had to wear shades. We had hand warmers in our back pockets to keep us warm and dry. Many were in attendance.

We also pulled off another busy day serving Burgers on Saturday during the Gun Show. We brought our guns in the form of Mark Grothe.

Elections were also held in November and a successful coup was made by the Vice-Chief Don Roos who is now Chief. Vice-Chief is Matt Sturlaugson, Treasurer Tom Staiger, Quartermaster Randy Gilbrath, and Adjutant Mark Grothe.

We are also putting out the challenge to other Shrine Units to put a team together for the Hope Sled Hockey Tournament in March. You only need a minimum of 6 players, but more would be better so you can sub in players and not get too tired. The Provost have been Temple Champions for the last three years and are looking for a challenge. Contact Don Roos if interested. at roosterdon60@gmail.com or 701-261-2690.

And that is all folks.

Don Roos



## EZ Outdoors Unlimited Wild Game Feed

The 2019 Wild Game Feed will be coming up on February 9th 2019. THIS IS A TEMPLE WIDE EVENT that is managed by the EZ Outdoors Club. Proceeds are given to the Buildings & Grounds Fund. You do not need to be a member of the EZ Outdoors Club to participate. In spring of 2018, over \$20,000 for B&G was raised out of this event.

How can you help?

**FOOD:** Were always looking for new food ideas to serve our guests. Coordinate what you are willing to donate / cook with Roger Ellsworth.

**People Power:** You can never have enough helpers on these types of events. We will need help with food prep, kitchen help, food runners, game workers. Many hands makes for light work. With enough workers, you can take a short shift and then enjoy some of the fun. Contact Mike or Roger for volunteering.

**Ticket Sales:** In 2018, 454 tickets were sold. Our goal for this year is 500 tickets sold. We are expanding the offerings on the tickets for prizes this year and are working on new and exciting games.

**Unit / Club:** In the coming months we will be visiting your unit / club and asking for a contribution of money or an item to raffle off. Last year several clubs turned a \$500 donation into a \$1,275 Parade to Glory contribution on top of the original \$500 donation. We will also be doing small item ticket buckets, so in effect, no item is too BIG or too small.

Please get involved, sell the tickets, participate and have a great time. Watch for meeting time emails and get meat donations to the Temple by January 1st. We are looking forward to having you participate in this Temple wide event to help raise funds for the Buildings and Grounds.

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\*additional games and raffles throughout the night  
\*\*Must be 18 or older to participate in raffles  
(proceeds benefit Temple operations only and is not a charitable donation)

## New Year's Eve Party

Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

El Zagal Shrine

4:00 pm--Midnight

## Happy Hour ALL Night

Free Tom and Jerrys

(While supplies last)

- Bingo at 6
- Door Prizes
- Free Appetizers 4-7

Enjoy live music by  
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(Free will donation to help offset costs)

# Kids Christmas Party

El Zagal Shrine

Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>



Cookie Decorating  
Clown  
Crafts  
Face Painting  
Games  
Gift from Santa



Specially priced Kids Meals available 11:30-1:00

## Escort Motor Patrol

*Gone Fishin' til Mardi Gras*

Well, the holiday season is upon us and the Escorts have been busy, busy, busy.

We are starting a new fundraiser, an Indoor Ice Fishing Tournament, which will be held at El Zagal Jan 12, 2019. There will be drinks, food, prizes and lots of fun. Details are still being worked out as of this writing, but we will update everyone going forward.

Following that, we will be holding our annual unit party on Jan 19th, the theme of which will be Mardi Gras. So break out your beads, hurricane glasses, your favorite party hats and get ready for a great time!

That's all for now. So until next time be safe, and if you can't be safe, make sure it was worth it!

Scotty

**EMP Indoor Ice Fishing Tournament**  
**Saturday, January 12**

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**Contact EMPs for tickets and info!**

## EZ Wheels

*Rolling Along*

Here it is, another spring, summer and fall rapidly passing us by! Our hot rods and motorcycles have been stored away, and we are already anticipating next spring. Hurry!

We had our last club meeting for 2018 on November 14th with lots of discussion and planning for our 2nd annual EZ WHEEL CornHole Tourney to be held on Saturday March 9th.

We have added a little excitement this year! On Friday, March 8th, the night before our tourney, we will hold a Shrine Noble and their Lady only tourney. It will either be a couple's tourney or draw for partner. Cost is \$10 per team. This will be FUN! Check your calendars and plan now!

"If you can't find'em, grind'em!  
Fluff



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### JANUARY 2019

- 1: CLOSED
- 4: Roast the Pote
- 5: Annual Meeting
- 11: Party
- 12: Burgers
- 12: Circus Meeting
- 12: EMP Fundraiser
- 19: EMP Party
- 19: Burgers
- 26: Burgers



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