



CAMEL Tales

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



Greetings Nobles
and Ladies...

Fun and fellowship are the foundations of our fraternity. This was again proven true as we struck out in the bitter cold of February, headed for historic Deadwood, SD for the Midwest Shrine

Association Winter Session on February 2nd & 3rd. We made the most of the trip despite having 3 broken down buses, cold and crappy road conditions and lots of time waiting in parking lots!

Several great things came out of the Deadwood business session. First off, El Zagal was recognized as one of two Gold Temples in the MSA for positive growth in membership for 2017. Kem Shriners of Grand Forks had positive growth of +3 Nobles and El Zagal had growth of +7 Nobles. Besides the bright spot in North Dakota, MSA as a whole declined by 694 Nobles. This fact just reiterates that we are doing something unique in all of Shrinedom ... Having fun and growing!!!

Second, the Imperial Potentate, Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske, and the other top three Imperial Officers were at all at MSA. This is an unprecedented turn out. Their message was clear: Membership, Membership, and Membership!

They also talked about changes coming in our hospital system, specifically changes at our Twin Cities hospital. We will hear much more on that in the near future.

Bottom line is that we had a great time in Deadwood. And you and your families will too this summer in historic Deadwood, SD. Mark your calendars for summer MSA, August 16th thru the 18th. Take a few extra days and take the kids to Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse. It will be an epic trip!!

A short night, after coming home from Deadwood, we were at it again as we had the first Super Bowl Party at El Zagal in years. It was great food, football and fun! Thank you to Jill and Stan and the Promotions Committee for putting the whole thing together.

The next weekend we were supposed to have our Potentate's Masquerade Ball at the Sanctuary in downtown Fargo. Due to some scheduling conflicts we didn't have enough people signed up by the deadline. We decided to postpone it until later on this fall. More details will be announced when a date has been set.

Also, this last week we had the first ever El Zagal Shrine

booth at Business After Hours at the Hilton Garden Inn of Fargo. What a great opportunity to share what we do with area business leaders. A BIG THANKS to Russell Schell and the rest of the crew that made the night a success. Not only did we have fun, enhance our presence in the community, but also we may have gotten a few new Nobles from the event! I look forward to seeing what happens at the next Business After Hours.

The Wild Game Feed will be in the books by the time this article comes out. I know that it will be a big success and I want to thank all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication. I hope that you could come out and enjoy the fun.

The calendar is certainly full at El Zagal. Here are some upcoming events that I know that you will want to check out.

If you want some great food, check out these upcoming events. Mandan Lodge Spaghetti Feed, Mystic Fish Fry, Arab Patrol Wine Tasting, Mobil Nobles Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner, Jamestown Chili Cook-Off, Saturday Burgers ... It must be all about the food, right? Certainly about the fun! So I hope that you grab a few friends and get out on the road and enjoy what El Zagal has to offer.

Another event that I'm really excited about is the first Annual Charity Soft Tip Dart Tournament at El Zagal on March 3rd. Molly and Jim Hamer will be running the event so I'm sure that it will be great fun! Not only that, but it will raise a lot of money for the Shriners Hospitals For Children I-Pad Fund. Hope to see you there!

Other fun and games in March will be the Newlywed Game on March 9th at El Zagal. Speaking of newlyweds... Let me be the first to congratulate High Priest and Prophet Dennis Sand and his lovely lady Tammy as they tied the knot in Deadwood, SD on February 17th. Congratulations Fluff and Tammy on many years of fun and games!

Also, the new EZ Wheels Club is putting on a bean bag tournament in Jamestown on March 10th. Sorry guys, I just have a hard time calling it a cornhole tournament!

Anyway, as you can see, this is only a few of the many things going on in El Zagal. Nobles ... the calendar is full for 2018! Grab a friend and get out and be a part of Your Shrine.

One event that everyone needs to mark on their calendars is the Clarmont & Patty Ulven Spring

Ceremonial in Gwinner, ND on June 22nd & 23rd. The Vikings know how to throw one heck of a party and this will be no exception.

Hotel rooms in the surrounding area have been reserved on a First Come basis. So call and make your reservations today!! See you this summer in Gwinner!!

Last, before I close, I want to talk about membership. Every event that we have in El Zagal, we will be promoting membership. Imperial has kicked off an "I Am RU" referral program that I would encourage you to check out. Just go to Webfez.Shrinenet.org - see how easy it is to refer someone to be a Shriner.

Imperial has given us a lofty membership goal of 64 new Nobles, from mid 2017 to mid 2018. We have a great start with 26 new Nobles so far. And with all of our hard work we can get the other 38 new Nobles and achieve this great goal! I know that we can do it!

In the next few weeks we will be rolling out some new and exciting El Zagal membership incentives, so be looking for that information.

Yours in Faith,
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2018 Potentate

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**DL Color Guard – Detroit Lakes club house –
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Directors Staff – El Zagal Temple – 1st Tuesday

**Dusters – Bismarck Masonic Center –
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**Escort Motor Patrol – El Zagal Temple –
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EZ Wheels – 3rd Wednesday – Jamestown

Flag Corp – Valley City – 3rd Saturday

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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 –
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Outdoors Unlimited – El Zagal Temple - 3rd Tuesday

Provost – El Zagal Temple – 1st Thursday

**Promotions Committee –
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Rangers – 1st Wednesday

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The annual meeting for the WGA 4KIDS is April 23 and 24th, 2018 in Mpls/St Paul. If interested in attending, please contact President, Judy Fritz.

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 14th. Our mailing for the bakeless bake sale will be sent. This month we pay tribute to our volunteers and say a hearty thanks to them. Also, a huge thanks to our veterans.

As we move closer to spring remember the Irish and wearin' of the green. HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Barb & Judy

Remember: The seasons may come and go but friends last forever.

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The Vikings have many events planned, starting on Friday. Detailed schedule to be announced at a later date.

Motel rooms have been reserved in the surrounding area on a first-come basis. They are reserved until May 15, so call and make your own reservations today.

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More details to come, looking forward to seeing everyone in Gwinner!

"Rocky"
Potentate

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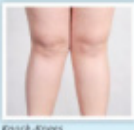
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The 2018 Game Feed is in the books, and another successful event it was. First and foremost, a special thank you to everyone that donated meat. Without them this fundraiser would not happen.

A huge THANKS to all Nobles and Ladies that made it a fantastic success.

Cheers to all of the units and clubs that donated a gun. These donations added an incredible bonus to this year's event.

The raffles and games were over the top, thanks to Mike and Mike and their crew. Mike Rieckman's "Price is Right" wheel was a huge hit, it kept the crowd interested and they loved it.

Our emcee Steve "Lars" Larson, did a great job with the mic. He kept everyone engaged all night (with

exception of a few bad jokes).

The menu this year was better than ever, and was fantastic because of many people and their hard work. I have to admit I am glad it's done for another year, but what a fun fundraiser for El Zagal. Thanks!

Back to the Outdoors... This month, ten of us are heading to Texas for a hog hunt. It sounds like this inaugural trip will explore an annual hunt for our group. I will report back next month in this article.

With spring right around the corner we will have many more events and outings. So join us for our meeting, the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm.

See you in the Outdoors!
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Director's Staff

Well here we go. The Wild Game Feed is in the books. As always, the Director's Staff stepped up with manpower! Well done Nobles! It's always good to see our Shrine Center full of people and lots of our black and orange shirts.

We are beginning our busiest time of the year. The Circus is right around the corner and we will be there in full force. Our own Bruce Ridgway is Circus Chairman and he has things dialed in.

After that, we will have our biggest day of the year. Saturday, April 21st, will be a full day. We begin the day with our 8th Annual Shriner 5K Run/Walk. The 5K starts and leaves at 8:30.

There's a challenge out there within our unit and to all of Nobility to participate. Even if you don't run you can walk (It's only 3.1 miles). If you participate you get a tee shirt and breakfast. How can you beat that for a mere \$20? All proceeds from our 5K benefit our Transportation Fund.

The afternoon brings us to our 8th Annual Suds and Spuds. This year will be truly amazing. We have at least 10-12 brewers committed to be there. That translates to at least 40-60 different beers to sample. Also, we should have plenty of competing chefs there providing potato dishes to taste. We also have the Crop Dusters performing. These guys are great!

You can't go wrong with this event. You get in for \$25 and get to sample all you want from 4-7.

I'm sure we will have a huge crowd. Contact any member of the Director's Staff for a ticket. See you all there.

As always, I have to pat the Nobles of the Director's Staff on the back. When the call comes, they always answer! I tip my hat to the hardest working unit in El Zagal!

Until we meet again
Yours in Faith,
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Color Guard Croonings

Off we go into circus time here in the Lakes Country, and we are having so much fun, it should be illegal! Plans are for yet another stellar day of performances, and the chance to show off yet again our skills at selling candy bars! I mean, what do you expect from a group of guys who are known to be so sweet???

Our new President, Little Lars (Paul Meszeros) is ruling with an iron fist in the first part of the year. He has enforced a "Dilly Dilly" rule at the Color Guard, whereby all beverages will now be Bud Light. We have learned to "love it" (ha-ha), but I gotta say, more stuff hits the drain now than ever before – behind his back of course!

Due to undo wear and tear on his body, our most recent Past Potentate Brad Richards underwent a huge surgery just a few days ago. He has been quiet about it, but I understand it was the same procedure that Bruce Jenner went through. Hope he is ok with his "new parts".....I didn't know Jenner had new knees put in.....(sure Brad.....)

Florida's newest resident, Lowell Thompson, has enjoyed a winter away from the frozen tundra of Lake Country. He and Lady Judy have taken up residence at a nudist colony I understand. I spoke with Lowell the other day, and he said he has pretty much had a "stand up" time. Not sure what that means, but I could hear Judy laughing in the background, so it must be ok!

Speaking of stand up, recent investigations have uncovered the fact that someone recently spent a night on the couch in the Color Guard club. Turns out that the room was likely used as a honey moon retreat for a Noble and lady. Those dang circus meetings in Fargo can be hard on a Noble.....right Greg??

And speaking of honey moons, rumors have it that Jake Meszeros has been held for bail a couple times over the winter months. I understand that he said that he "identifies" as a towel in the women's showers at the health club, so he has been "hanging around" in the shower rooms. I am not too sure he will get by with that one, but hey! Can't tell ol Boxcar anything!!

Tickets are selling fast for the Color Guard Go Cart that will be raffled off this coming April. It started slow at first, as some Nobles noticed that the cart came with no drink holders on the dash. Hope we can overcome that little fact! You can

still get tickets available from any Color Guard member. Tickets are \$89.95, but are currently on sale for \$10.00, so don't miss your chance!

As of this writing, one of our "flock" is in South Dakota getting "hitched"! Dennis Sands (Fluff) and Lady Tammy (Fluffette) from Jamestown are tying the proverbial marital knot! We are so proud of them! But I wonder – does Tammy really know she is marrying a CLOWN??? Best of luck from all of us at the Color Guard! Makes a guy tear up a bit.....sniff.....sniff.

We are looking forward to seeing all of our friends over the circus schedules! It is always great to see everyone and put in time for the Shrine! Candy bar selling lessons will be given at most locations, free of cost!

In closing, we just want to remind you of the chance before you. Yes, I am talking about the chance to be part of the BEST DAMN CLUB in El Zagal! Of course I refer to the Color Guard. Dues are inexpensive when you consider the quality of company you get to hang with! Join us for a meeting sometime and experience the "love"! Our meetings are the 3rd Monday of each month, and start with a social, meal and social, meeting and social, and end with a social. Come join us!

Always remember, NEVER FORGET!! It is a great time to be a Shriner, but there is NOTHING FINER THAN A COLOR GUARD SHRINER!!

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Jamestown Mystics

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Greetings Nobles, ladies and friends. I hope everyone is getting through winter ok. I think it gets longer every year, or maybe I'm just turning into a curmudgeon. The freezing temps have not altered our enthusiasm however as we are gearing up for a busy year.

The 37th annual El Zagal Mystics fish fry supper is slated for Friday, March 2nd in Shady's banquet hall at the Gladstone Inn. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for kids 6 - 12. Under 6 is free! It runs from 4:30 to 7:30 and it's a lot of fun. I hope to see many of you there. Last year was a huge success. We were pumping out fish like a well-oiled machine. It was so busy we almost ran out of food! We didn't though and everyone left smiling and satisfied. This year will be even bigger.

Gun raffle tickets for sale!! The tickets for our 7th annual gun raffle are here. One of our best fundraisers. It's \$100 per ticket but there are only 400 sold. Pretty good odds. There are 20 sweet firearms up for grabs. If you're interested, check out our Facebook page for more details. This is the year I win one, I can feel it. Last year I was one number off of winning a Benelli shotgun, I almost had a stroke. I imagine it's quite a thrill to actually win one. Tickets are going to go fast so don't waffle, grab one today!

At our last unit meeting a motion was passed to free up some funds to repair and upgrade our parade units. Oh baby! That is going to be awesome. The go karts will get a facelift and some much needed mechanical repairs. They'll be sharp looking and fast. You know what that means.. Strong chance of witnessing a low to mid speed fender bender. Amazingly no injuries were reported last season. Pride was hurt a couple times when a kart breaks down in the middle of a parade but hey, all in good fun. Come see us when parade season starts, we'll be dishing out candy, smiles and high fives.

Our unit continues to grow. We have new pledges every month. That is a testament of the leadership of our core members. I won't mention any names but you know who you are. Thank you gentlemen and keep it up!

That is all for now, don't forget to like our Facebook page for info on upcoming events and pictures, most of which are in good taste, most.. Thank you and

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Bismarck Dusters

Taking Care of "Busy"ness; Keep Rollin' Along

The best Shrine Unit in the "old west" sends greetings to all of El Zagal as we enter into the new year and all of the Shrine activities. The Dusters have a long list of planned activities as outlined by the BEST unit head, our own Kim Lewis.

Outside of the usual monthly meetings and monthly socials, the unit is looking forward to the April, 2018, circus with admonition to get the ads in by early March and ticket sales until the day before the circus, scheduled for April 13 and 14; followed closely by the spring Hospital Screening Clinic on April 21.

The usual parades and static car displays are already scheduled as well.

The Dusters expect to participate in the two ceremonials coming this year as well as the Midwest in Deadwood, SD. That, coupled

with the many Masonic activities, should provide for a busy and exciting year.

A number of Dusters are also expecting to go to the chili feed sponsored by Jamestown units on February 24 – hope they have an honest tasting this year (not that it hasn't been somewhat honest in the past)!

We temper that excitement by news of Dusters who are "under the weather". Bob Simmers recovering at home after an aortic aneurism – Wes Norton in Missouri Slope nursing home (doing OK) - Ray Pfliger getting a new drug for recurring cancer - Judy Charnholm doing OK at home with her battle with cancer – Mike Kennedy back in the hospital after falling a couple of weeks ago.

With all of that going on, we learned yesterday of the death of Mary Harris, wife of long-time Duster Steve Harris. She was a wonderful lady and will be missed by all who knew her.

Enough of the negative – the Dusters will just keep rollin'... rollin'... rollin'!

**Scribe pro tem,
Jerry Skogley**

Oriental Band

Plans & Preparation for Big Events

Greetings Nobles and Ladies! It is again that time of year that we all need to be getting geared up for El Zagal's Shrine Circus! The dates are April 6, 7 & 8!

The Winter MSA session was recently held in Deadwood SD. The MSA will be August 16-18 2018! Temples attending were El Riad, AbuBekr, Osman,,Kartum and El Zagal. Nobles from Naja met with us.

There was talk about a mass Band and also Ballyhooing some of the local establishments! The parades will be Thursday in Deadwood and Saturday in Spearfish!

Rooms will go fast so we need to get reservations as soon as we can!

The OB will be meeting on March 5 and 19 and April 2 and 16.

OB member Mike Karczeuski is having some procedures to take care of some nerve issues. Please keep Mike and Judy in your prayers!

A Quote: 'my dream is of a place and a time where Americans will once again be seen as the last best last hope on Earth!'

Yours in the Faith,
Steve

Easter Egg Hunt

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Saturday, March 31st

Two Hunts: 11:00 and 12:00 Sharp!

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EZ Wheels Club

The Gauntlet Has Been Thrown Down

As I write this, our club has built 25 cornhole game board sets and are ready for a fun and competitive tournament on Saturday March 10th at the Knights of Columbus in Jamestown. You must register in advance/pay by calling Noble Sheldon and his staff at the Corner Bar, 701-952-BEER.

You know it's going to be fun when our own Illustrious and his Lady were one of the first to register and pay the entry fee! Play is limited to the first 64 teams.

We hope to see a lot of fellow Shriners register and have fun with us. I think a challenge between units/clubs to see who can place the highest in this tournament would be fun.... Just saying.

In honor of Aric Almirola, not the winner of the Daytona 500. My quote of the month: "No, He didn't slam you, he didn't bump you and he didn't nudge you, he rubbed you and rubbin' is racing!" -- Harry Hogge, Days of Thunder

Fluff



When:

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

Registration:

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

Tournament/Teams:

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

Proceeds are for the benefit of EZ Wheels Club Activities

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

This event is for persons 21 and older only

Jamestown Clowns

2018 Winter Games Win Gold

Hello to all Nobles and Ladies,
On February 3rd, our glorious President Larry made the historic plunge for the Jamestown Hospice. It was an even zero outside, but the wind was blowing, and it was snowing, so it wasn't that bad. Although in his post plunge interview, he admitted his "boys" got quite small, he thought they now matched his manhood. Don't worry they will drop in a week or two. There hasn't been many that fathered children after this event. I only tell it like it is, this is not fake news. THANK YOU Larry for showing your true dedication to the community!!!

The James Valley Shrine Club Stag held Feb. 23rd was another great success, THANK all that made it so. It takes a lot of planning and hard work to pull off such an event again and again. A big Thank You doesn't seem enough.... 🙌🙌🙌

The 184th annual Potentate Chili Extravaganza held at Spiritwood Lake Resort was once again an event which will be talked about until the next one. Those that refrained from attending, I can only say, WOW you missed it!!!

Spring will soon be here, and with that comes parade season. Fun and Games begin! Let's make 2018 a year for the record books! We need everybody to participate. Remember, we have our own nobles coming up so let's keep the Clown Unit the best unit in El Zagal !!!

And to the culprit or plural of culprit, that has our little buddies, we might entertain an exchange of them for the kazillion we now have in our monomania. You can reach us thru this media.

Hope this explains everything.....

Congrats to Fluff and Tammy, they blissfully said nuptials February 17th.

Lastly, we all have Floyd in our prayers....

Thanks for reading this...

Weezer



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The EMP had their Xmas party on Jan 20th and it was well attended. Even PP Ringo showed up demonstrating that he survived Roast the Pote. Which is fitting as he was only slightly more roasted at that event than the Escorts were. But all in good fun.

The party was beach themed and Pat Jones donated the decorations, which were wonderful. We ate Kahlua Pork and also had a shrimp boil with baby potatoes and corn on the cob. The gift exchange followed and as usual it was good for some laughs. A good time was had by all.

Pat Jones, PP Bruce Nereson, Vern Kroshus, Dan Beach and Jim Hamer all went to the Winter Session in Deadwood, SD where Jim was introduced to the excitement of the boat races.

Pat and Bruce motored to the event, as they used to say in the small town news section of county papers, and missed out on all the fun of the game of musical buses that the others got to take part in.

Once again the EMP is having it Ballard's Fishing Trip raffle. Winner receives 3 nights lodging and 2 days of guided fishing at Ballard's Resort on Lake of the Woods for him or herself and 5 of their closest friends. Tickets are ten bucks, just contact any EMP member or we have them at the Arabian Room. What a Deal!

TTFN
Scotty



2 Club Tuesday Golf

We're coming back for more fun. Last year was an educational process, so changes are being made for 2018. This year we will have set golf nights; with fun, prizes, and festivities in the Arabian Room after.

We will kick off May 1st, then play on May 15th, June 5th, July 17th, August 28th, September 18th and a final "official" night on October 2nd.

The FUN tournament will be on August 28th, where we will have nontraditional shots. If you played last year, I have more twisted ideas this year. Should be fun!

All noble's, ladies, friends and guests are encouraged to participate. Remember, as part of your El Zagal Shrine membership, you can play El Zagal Golf Course for FREE on Tuesdays. Make the most of your membership, play often and have fun.

More details to follow as we get closer to opening night.

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Disco Party Theme!



Bismarck / Mandan Oilers

Rejuvenation of Traditions

Busy, Busy, winter for the Oilers. We started December with our annual Christmas Party. The party was quite a success and everyone appeared to have fun. Many of the ladies said we men looked quite sexy working in the kitchen and wearing aprons at the lodge.

On a coincidental side note the Bismarck Lodge Secretary identified a severe shortage of aprons during their January inventory and have asked us, if we how these aprons might have wondered off. He asked that if we did know where the aprons went could we have them returned. I have to admit I accidentally left mine on while working so hard and returned it later, but Oilers I got my own replacement at www.cafepress.com.

After the Christmas party we had the opportunity to attend the Annual Meeting in Fargo and the Fez and Thistle Pipe Band was able to strut it's stuff playing Scotland the Brave. As a member of the Fez

and Thistle I would like to thank the Potentate for inviting us and for the shot of Scotch at the end of our playing. We all thought that was a neat idea and really liked it. (neat as in a really cool idea and neat as in traditional without ice).

On January 26th we had our annual Burns night. We were able to have twice as many attendees as last year. This continues to be a growing success. Some of the dishes provided included various types of haggis, bangers and mash, Irish stews, Cullen Skink, Scottish short breads, and multiple types of wild game dishes. Lots of really, really, good food.

We were able to smoke cigars and of course partake in several drams of various Scotch's and a fair amount of homemade liquors aka House Hooch's. I have to admit that many of the homemade hooch's provide for some significant intellectual visionary enlightenment.

We discussed Robert Burns impact onto literature

and Masonry and read some of his works.

Our next big event coming up is the Shrine Circus in April. We plan on the Fez and Thistle playing the Grand Old Flag for the presentation of colors at each of the weekend's circus events in Bismarck. We also plan on having our four newest pipers and drummers making their debut as we did with our new pipers the previous year.

If anyone is counting that will give us five young men and women from our Masonic family 18 years of age and younger in our pipes and drums. These young adults practice 2-4 hours a week or more learning what many believe is one of the toughest and most physical instruments in the world, and we are all very proud of them. So come by and give us a listen and let them know how proud we all are of them!!!

Yours Truly,
P. Squeezer

NOTE: For those members of the Masonic family interested in learning to play the Bagpipes or Drums or wanting to schedule pipe and drum support please feel free to contact John Young at 701-220-4605, Dave Bickel at 701-400-9111, Tyler Hall at 701-213-7636. We can also be reached on e-mail at fez.thistle.nd@gmail.com or facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/fez.thistle.nd/>

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C'mon Down for Lunch

As I am writing this, it is 4 below --- But the good thing is that spring is just around the corner and I look forward to warming up.

Today at Friday lunch we had 14 Shriners there, which is not too bad. We still order off the menu; it is working out pretty good. Our President, Kim Lewis, is doing a good job with all of this dumped on him. I just hope our Shrine lunch doesn't fold up.

You know, each summer Jay Buringrud puts on a free picnic and we have 25 to 30 Shriners showing up. But we have a hard time getting 10 Shriners at our lunch. If this keeps up there will not be a free lunch anymore either. That money comes from our Shrine Club.

We just need more Masons and Shriners to come eat lunch with us. This is a good place to find out what is going on in our lodges and other things planned.

We all have to eat lunch. Why not eat with a good bunch of Masons and Shriners. Please come, we don't want to see a good club like ours fold up. I just don't know what else to say.

So Masons and Shriners "c'mon down" to the Amvets on Fridays for lunch.

It is time to strike the teepee,

**Chief Mato
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