



CAMEL Tales

POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

Greetings Nobles and Ladies!

2020 is half over and it's been interesting to say the least! We are finally able to meet and gather with restrictions, but nonetheless we can still meet. There have been a few Unit & Club meetings at the Temple and in our outlying areas.

The Black Camel has taken another Noble from us. We lost Illustrious Sir Louis Larson PP. May the Good Lord welcome him with open arms.

We were able to hold our quarterly Stated Meeting in June. I had put out a Pote's Challenge to the Unit with the most members in attendance, and the Elite Provost came home a winner! We had 30 Nobles in attendance to hear a Report of Operations and the state of Temple. I would love to see us back to the days when we had between 50-100 Nobles at a Stated Meeting. This is your Temple—your opinions and input is valued. We are planning our next Stated Meeting in August – look for the call, Nobles! I plan to extend my Pote's Challenge! This meeting's criteria to win is the Unit with the most Nobles in attendance sitting on the floor—over 10—will be qualified to win!

In early June, we were able to hold our Pote's Trip. All I can say is, we had an amazing trip—made some new friends and saw some of the most beautiful country in the tri-state area. Look in this month's issue for a recap of the trip!

Although we were not able to hold our Circuses this year and give away our sponsor's bikes, we were able to make the best of it with some events that allowed us the opportunity to give away bikes to our communities and showcase what we as Shriners stand for! On June 25, we were in a partnership with OK Tire and were

at their annual Round-Up event at the Scheels Arena. We were able to give away 20 bikes to some happy kids! There will be more to follow in next month's issue. Then, on June 27, the DL Color Guard hosted a community event and gave away a large number of bikes to local kids. Again, I will have more details in the next issue.

On June 20, my Lady Lisa and I, along with many others, riders attended the 13th Annual Clown Ride hosted by the Jamestown Clowns. In true fashion, they had a great crowd attending along with Mother Nature throwing us a curve ball between wind, rain and sun. This group of Nobles showed the true meaning of what we do—having fun while raising money for our kids.

Our Misfits BBQ Club hit another home run! During the weekend of Father's Day, they served up some more of the great BBQ and all the fixin's. Their efforts have shown us all that even when times are tough or different, you can still find ways to reach out to our Nobility and our community. This small group has peaked the interest throughout Shrinedom and were featured in our weekly membership message that comes from Shriner's International in Tampa. Well done, Nobles!

There are a few events that have been rescheduled:

- The Governor's Fishing Opener in May will be rescheduled for May 2021.
- The Ladies Luncheon, originally scheduled for early May, will be merged into the Fall Ceremonial. Ladies – get your bingo daubers ready!

Nobles Shaun Engelsrud and Illustrious Sir David Larson PP are still trying to fill all the spots for the annual OB's/Pote's Fishing Trip to Ballards Resort on Lake of the Woods. The trip will leave Fargo on Thursday, July 23 and will return home on Sunday, July 26. If you have not been on the trip before, or it's been a few years—please contact Shaun or David and get

signed up. This is always a great time!

It was an important day on Saturday, June 13th as we were able to watch the installation of our new State Grand Master of the state of North Dakota. Congratulations to Illustrious Sir Robert Wedberg PP on his installation. I wish you all the best in the upcoming year, Bob!

I would like to take a moment to give a special thanks to our outgoing State Grand Master, Illustrious Sir Lowell Domier PP. He served Masonry well and had to make some tough decisions during this critical time. I applaud him for always making the decision that was right for all of our Masons and Nobles. Well done, Lowell, and enjoy your time on the course!

We have some excitement on the horizon ... Illustrious Sir Matt Sturlaugson PP is a candidate for Imperial Outer Guard of Shriner's International! The election of imperial officers will be held on Saturday, July 11th. We plan to hold a watch party and celebration in the event Matt gets elected. I will send out an update and information to all Nobility via email. This is a monumental time for El Zagal Temple as we've only had two past Imperial Potentates, with the last one being in 1945. Please send your good wishes to Matt, Lady Mandii and family.

With all we've been through in the last four months, it's now time to focus on our fraternity and celebration! We have merged the cancelled Spring Ceremonial into the Fall Ceremonial – this is going to be BIG! We hope you are able to join us as we celebrate our new Nobles and ladies, as well as honoring Illustrious Sir David Rott PP and Lady Laurie & Illustrious Sir Steve Garten PP (posthumously) and Lady Emily. There is a full schedule included in this issue. Remember that you should sign up as a Unit, so Unit President's check your mailboxes and email.

Our Arabian Room is open, and our staff is ready to serve you! Stop in – especially on Tuesdays for burgers and fellowship!

Have a great 4th as we celebrate the Independence of our Nation.

Until we meet again!
Yours in Faith,
Mike Dow
Potentate 2020



Official Call



The regular stated meeting of El Zagal Temple will be held on
Tuesday, August 11, 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.

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Jamestown Clowns

All Kinds of Things Going On MAYBE ... NOT SURE

Hello to all Nobles and Ladies, I hope this finds everyone healthy and fit as a fiddle.

These articles are something else, what with the non events, and non information going around. You should know I have little trouble writing these. I suppose because I'm a master at talking and not informing, or even giving information that could be interpreted as information.

I do know things. Just not anything that is considered information. Get me in a trivia game, and I'm great... well, average... maybe, just not terrible.

Everyone had a pretty good meeting in June, if you chose too. If not, July meeting will be fun, lots of "participation".

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I think we had the bike run. But not totally sure of it. If we did, it was a fantastic time and an event that everyone needed. I may have drove the bus. We always have a great time on the bus,,if we went. We probably did. -- Really we did, and it was fantastic. Thanks to all who helped, you did a marvelous job.

Jay is around, all over in-fact. I see him everywhere, do you?

CORN MAZE EXTRAVAGANZA IS ON!!!

July is my month; birthday. I'll be 61, wow. That seems hard to believe. If you don't see me I could pass for...let's not go there. July 4th is Saturday. What a great weekend it will be. Parades and fun things not yet known; if they have survived the pandemic.

I'm writing this by June 15. Every week there are things changing and a monthly publication can't possibly keep up with weekly, daily, or hourly changes in events or meetings or get together. CHECK YOUR E-MAILS REGULARLY.

I could go on, but with nothing of any importance. Although parades are as follows:
Jamestown Parade is July 25 -- all others -- not sure.

WATCH for E-Mails...Pay Attention
-- WATCH FOR E-MAILS...PAY ATTENTION.

Thanks for reading this,
Weezer.

Director's Staff

Finally!! Events Scheduled

The Director's Staff has started to come out of hiding and we've been trying to plan some events for the near future.

A group of the guys cleaned up the motorcycles and went for a little ride, so that's a good starting point to get the summer going.

We've discussed doing a couple raffles and trying to salvage any parade schedules that may still happen this year.

We are planning on having a full day at El Zagal on August 8th! We are holding our 10th Annual Shriner 5k Marathon in the morning, then clean up and come back for our 2nd Pizza Puzzles and Beer that evening...so get a team together and get your puzzle on!

If you're interested in participating, please let a Director's Staff member know and we can get you signed up.

Also, save the date for October 24th. We rescheduled our Sud's n Spuds event.

I hope everyone is doing well and look forward to seeing everyone again soon!

Stay Hydrated!
Shaun Engelsrud

Tuesday Is Burger Day!

5:30-7:30 pm

Arabian Room at El Zagal
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Questions? – Patricia @ 701-235-7521

Membership

A Challenging Proposition

It was a 150 years ago the Shriner was founded. In those 150 years we've been through 12 major wars, the great depression, recessions, 7 major pandemics that killed 100 of thousands to a million people.

Here we are 150 years later dealing with another pandemic that has put a hold on businesses, schools, people's spirits etc... It has also gotten in the way of our fellowship, brotherhood and being around people.

With all those challenges there are some things that stayed consistent. The kids still need our help, we still need to have fun and we need to continue to bring in new members to keep the legacy going.

I think about bringing in new members which can be challenging. I wonder what it was like bringing in members before everyone had vehicles, phones, computers, social media and etc. Today we can join a meeting without leaving our home; we can just jump on zoom.

The new membership committee will be getting back to our discussions and planning and getting creative to bring in new members.

Also, once we get new members, we must keep them on board.

What are your thoughts in bringing on new members? What do we need to start and stop doing that keeps members encouraged, engaged and most of all having fun.

Membership Chairman

Russell Schell

Mandan's Indians

Much Has Been Missed Out On

Well, it looks like we will not be going to Camp Grassick to dance for the kids – the first time in 60 years. When we do go again Dan Mimnaugh will have retired and Jenny Hunt took over.

One of our members, Marty Bless, has been going to Camp Grassick for the last 50 years.

We will also miss the party, after the dance, at the Lake Bar & Grill. We always would drink a lot of firewater and talk smart. We didn't have to worry about the law because our Chief is an ex cop. He made sure we would walk the line.

We have missed out on a lot of things this year such as Low Vale and Lady's at the Table. But we hope to start lodge up again in Steele, ND in July.

I see smoke signals in the west and that means it is time to strike the teepee. There will be more next month.

Chief Mato
Edward J C Dockter

Pote's Trip 2020



It's official and in the books. On a bright and sunny Wednesday morning, we pointed our bikes to the east in search of smooth and curvy roads, Ok so it's Minnesota, we will settle for curvy. After a couple stops along the way to replenish, we ended in the historic region of Duluth for some more replenishing and good conversation.

With a rain cloud blowing through Duluth, we got a late start but were pleasantly happy with great scenic roads in Wisconsin. Missing the boat to Madeline Island by minutes and not enough time to wait for the next one, we ventured on and pledged to come back to experience Toms' Burnt Down Bar. But we did make it to Gay, MI in time for the stage show. More replenishing and exchange of wisdom.

Friday brought us our only mishap of the trip, which made a Harley a little louder than normal, go figure, a loud Harley. Travis Leach, did you ever find out why Harley riders blip the throttle when stopping? Bouncing around central Wisconsin brought some of the best roads, sweeping curves and sunshine.

You know you're close to big water when the air temperature drops 20+ degrees as your heading north. Things got a little nippily. One of the highlights of the run was taking Hwy 1 up from Lake Superior to Ely. We didn't know if Pote Mike was thirsty or needed a bathroom, but we clipped through the smooth and twisty road at a brisk pace, LOT'S OF FUN. More replenishing and exchange of wisdom, we were getting pretty smart by this point.



Final day, of course it has to rain. Another day of 40+ degree temperature swings. Everyone made it home safe, great trip.

Many thanks to our participants – Potentate Mike and Lady Lisa, Noble Cal and Lady Kris, Noble Mark and Lady Bobbie (with an "ie"), Travis (aka Gravy), Bobby (with a "y"), Julie and Nina Volk, Bob Bartosh, Oriental Guide Travis Will, drivers of the truck bringing critical replenishing fluids, Gene Kelm and Gary Anderson, and my Lady Kathy with the busted bike.

Thank you Illustrious Sir Mike Dow for not cancelling another event. A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

Bismarck Dusters *Adapting To The Abnormal*

The Dusters are alive and well – no one that I know of in the Dusters had COVID19 – and I hope that no one contracts it!

The Dusters had their first social on Thursday, June 18 in the Masonic Center parking lot beginning at 5:00 p.m. About 20 people with an additional four children showed up. Past Master Brian Burkett and Lynn Buri preparing hamburgers, hot dogs and brats on the grill – with adult beverages – we had a wonderful time!

It has been too long since we as Masons and Shriners have been "holed up" in our homes and unable to socialize as we are accustomed. It was good to know that Grand Lodge was

conducted with much of it done remotely, but the officers were properly installed in person – congratulations to former Potentate Bob Wedberg as the new Grand Master of Masons for the 2020-2021 year! Bob is a great Mason and Shriner – what could be better!

Lodge activities are also picking up as (now) Past Grand Master Lowell Domier and new Grand Master Bob Wedberg have agreed on protocols for having opening and closing lodges and degree work. May that lead to more Shriners.

I know that Lodge 5 had a recent installation of officers with now Deputy Grand Master Danny Haugen being the installing Master and PGM

Brian Burkett assisting as installing Marshall.

Maybe we can get back to a new "normal" – until then –

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Mike Rieckman / Dave Larson / Pat Jones
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EL ZAGAL/S&L COMPUTER SERVICES, INC. PRO/AM Golf Tournament

As if golf somedays is not hard enough, we go ahead and put out a challenge to everyone. Seeing we're offering up prizes for everyone that "Beats the Pote" in the 5K race, it's only fitting that we offer up some prizes for any SHRINE team that has a lower score than this year's Pote's Team. All 4 players need to be Shriners or have a direct connection to a Shriner. We will get the prizes figured out as we go along. Remember this is a fun event for the hospital and transportation funds.

Teams and hole sponsors are starting to come in. We are limited to 30 teams, but we're not limited to the number of hole sponsors.

Teams are still \$1,000 for 4 players, and all the goodies, hole sponsors are \$150 for a quality sign representing your company / EL Zagal unit.

As many clubs / units have not been able to hold events to raise funds for our charities, I know money may be short, but we all should be able to pull together \$150 to advertise each unit / club. The Director's Staff and Elite Provost Guard share the cost of a team with the players to make the contribution and commitment.

If were not having fun, were doing something wrong, be part of the fun on August 19th – take the whole day off from work. You have my permission.

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THANK YOU BIKE BUILDERS!

I would like to extend a huge THANK-YOU to those few Nobles that sacrificed just a couple hours of their time on Saturday to knock these bikes out and get 'em done!

Well done, Gentlemen!



In order of Appearance - Exec Comp Rollie Beach (& my son Joshua), PCC Tim Amble, PCC Joe Jacob, Don Roos, Jon Julik, Sec/Treas Mike Hennebry, and Kelly Wentz. It's amazing what a few good men can accomplish in a couple of hours, literally 2. Everyone dug in, teamed up, and took care of business.

Tim Amble gets the Gulliver's Travels award as he came in from DL just to get 'er done. There should probably be awards for I "found" a seat Don, MAGA Kelly, Power tools Mike, Loud Jon, Silent Joe, and Where does this go Rollie, too.

The only casualty of the day was a case of Coors (thank-you Illustrious for providing refreshment!) which was taken out during the cleanup process.

Fun and fellowship was had, while the task at hand was completed.
Mission accomplished!

THANK-YOU!
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 AND
Illustrious Sir David Rott PP & Lady Laurie

Since we had to cancel our Spring Ceremonial due to COVID19, we are going to combine our Spring + Fall Ceremonial together for ONE BIG PARTY!

Thursday, Sept 24

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Masonic Service for Steve Garten at Shiloh Lodge Fargo
 Celebration of Life - El Zagal Shrine Center - Upper Level

Friday, Sept 25

9:00 AM – 3:30 PM
 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Golf Scramble (4-person)
 Registration at El Zagal Lobby
 Pote's Reception – El Zagal Upper Level
Casino Night – El Zagal Upper Level
 Youth Activities – Shiloh Lodge

Saturday, Sept 26

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM
 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM
 9:30 AM
 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM
 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
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 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM
 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM
 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM
 9:00 PM – 12:00 PM
 9:00 PM

Registration at El Zagal
 Fez Fitting – Shiloh Lodge
 Youth Activities – drop off at El Zagal
 First Section (Candidates & Ladies) – Shiloh Lodge
 Third Section (Candidates & Ladies) – Shiloh Lodge
 Moslem Feast – Shiloh Lodge
 Ladies of New Candidates Orientation – El Zagal Upper Level
Ladies Luncheon & Designer Purse BINGO – El Zagal Upper Level
 Second Section (Candidates Only) – Shiloh Lodge
 Candidate Activities/Unit Showcase
 Social – El Zagal Upper Level
Luau Feast – El Zagal Lower Level
 Fez Presentation & Unit Announcements – El Zagal Upper Level
 Social – El Zagal Upper Level
 Youth returned to El Zagal

NOTE: additional communication will be sent separately for Friday's golf outing and the Youth Activities Schedule

Sunday, Sept 27

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM Check Out from hotel and head for home

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



*Time to
 Par-Tee!*

Fall Ceremonial Golf

It time to start shining up your putter!

Plan on participating in another FUN event of 2020. There are been so few, so make the most of it. This will be a NO COVID event, and open to all. Likely a best ball scramble with various challenges built into the fun.

Don't bother practicing, it won't help you. Start planning with whom you want to spend time with for the day, emphasis on "fun".

We will keep the cost down so you will have extra money for the beer cart and bail.

More details will follow as we get closer to Fall Ceremonial.

Designated FUN CAPTAINS
 Don Roos
 Mike Rieckman

Color Guard Croonings

All is fine here in Color Guard Land, where the grass is green and so is the water!

President Ian Somerville has taken on the YUUUGE task of testing everyone for Covid 19 at the Color Guard. I am not sure, but only testing the women, and only in the back room seems a bit out of the ordinary to me, but hey! He is the President!

Of course we have been practicing social distancing at the club too – well, all except for Gilligan, who seems to be sitting pretty close to a particular person lately. Hope he is taking his blue pills – you know, to fight off the disease! We have the bar marked off for distancing and have taken out every other chair too, but of course that is mostly due to the fact that we have put on a few pounds during this pandemic and we need the room!

The Color Guard recently made a trip over to the Arabian Room on a Tuesday for Burgers and Beers! We loaded up the Color Guard Covid Cruiser and made the trip to Fargo. What a great time, and the food was fabulous! And of course being 92 degrees and windy that day, we enjoyed the comfort of the enclosed bus with very little air conditioning. I swear – I bet if you followed from behind, you would have seen Brad Richards and Lowell Thompson's tongues hanging out the window like a couple of German Shepard's! But, we all got to know each other better – like exactly what temperature we each break out in a sweat at!

Our plan to give away the circus bikes is in progress. We

needed to pick a date that Father Jerry Anderson would be out of town, so we could actually have kids around, so we decided on June 27th – the day the good Father goes in for rehab. We plan on giving the bikes to the 5th graders who missed the circus this year, have hot dogs and make it a fun day. We are also inviting the sponsors in for pictures and hope to meet a bunch of them personally at the event. The Illustrious Potentate will be present for pictures and we plan on having a grand old time!

Of course we have been busy protesting too in Lakes Country. We are all upset about warm beer and the lack of Lefse in June! Do you know, you cannot find a piece of Lefse in Detroit Lakes right now? I mean really! And to top it off, all you can get in town is warm beer! This insanity has got to stop! The only place you can find at least a chilled beer is over at Paul Meszaros's house, and that is only because he keeps his beer tied up at the end of his dock in the lake at his 30 million dollar mansion on Floyd Lake! Dang, now the cat is out of the bag!

Now you know all that is going on, or NOT going on in Color Guard Land. We all need haircuts, cold beer and Lefse! Of course the North Dakotans are safe, because they don't understand the luxury, the sheer joy of Lefse in the morning, noon and night! I mean seriously, they eat pickled everything in North Dakota – ishda!

Until another time, keep your covid germs off my front lawn!

Lars

Jamestown Mystics

Activities Getting Underway

It was great to meet up with some fellow Mystics and brothers a couple of weeks ago for our first meeting at the Lodge in months. If there is anything good that came out of COVID-19, it appears that distance makes a person appreciate the friendships and brotherhood of his fellow Shriners.

The Mystics are eager to jump in the parade units and support our local communities soon! Brother Brock Naze opened up his shop for a little test and tune for the Mystics parade units recently. It will be great to do a little parading soon. A special thank you goes out to Brock and the rest of the Mystics pit crew that worked on the units to ensure they are in top running order.

Along with parades, the Mystics are working hard to sell gun raffle tickets. The Mystics 9th Annual Gun Raffle has been rescheduled for August 14th, at the Gladstone at 7:00 PM. Your ticket gets you a chance to win one of twenty guns. Have you got yours yet? If not reach out to one of your Mystics brothers and we will make sure you get one or two.

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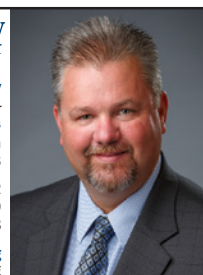
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