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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone is healthy (both physically and mentally) and staying safe during these trying times. The COVID19 has changed our lives and the way we do things in so many ways. One thing for sure is that it

Greetings Nobles and Ladies!

has made us all focus on what is the most important-staying safe and keeping our families, workplaces and gathering places safe as well.

Everyone is missing their kids, grandkids, neighbors and friends. Think of the happiness we will all experience when we can greet and see the important people in our lives!

While we are thinking of local essential service workers in need, if any of you or our ladies have the supplies, capabilities and time to make masks for any of these workers – please do.

The past month we have had to postpone or cancel many events. Our hope is to get back to normal sooner than later, however we have to follow the mandates set before us by our local government, Shriners International and the State Grand Master. There have been many tough decisions to make, however it is for the health of ourselves, our guests and our Temple. Our Shrine Center remains closed however we do have staff committed and working to maintain our building, answer the phones, and take care of the questions and needs of our patients. There has been news regarding our country's President that we could possibly start gathering in groups of 50 by June, however we will continue to be cautious and continue to follow the orders of our leaders listed above.

Recent postponements include:

- Ladies Luncheon scheduled for May 2 - to be

- Stated Meeting scheduled for May 12 - to be rescheduled for June 9

- Spring Ceremonial scheduled for May 15-16 combined with Fall Ceremonial and will be bigger and better

Has your Unit or Club connected? Many of our Units and Clubs are still holding their monthly meetings using video and teleconference formats to get all their members together. Your Divan has been using Zoom to hold its monthly meetings and it is great to be able to see and/or hear each other. My MSA 2020 Counterparts and Ladies are using Zoom as well to stay in touch. We at least can see each other while we communicate, share a smile and maybe a toast in good health while "staying in". Unit Presidents - I encourage you to reach out to your Unit members and try to meet virtually in one format or another.

One of the changes we have made for the future is to our 2020 Ceremonials. We have made the decision to combine our Spring Ceremonial into our Fall Ceremonial and look forward to honoring BOTH Illustrious Sir Steve Garten PP and Lady Emily AND Illustrious Sir David Rott PP and Lady Laurie. It will be held the weekend of September 25-26 in Fargo. There will be more details in upcoming articles as we get closer, however start preparing your "poker face" and "luau attire".

Is anyone else ready to get out and enjoy some fresh air?? If so, check out the details of our Pote's Trip! We are still planning to hold this event the first week in June. We are hopeful that all the motels will be able to have us, and that the Shrine Centers we plan to visit will be able to host us as well. We currently have a nice number of folks joining the trip in a variety of vehicle choices - motorcycles, sedans, vans and potentially other modes based on interest and registrations. I'm crossing my fingers that we will not have to postpone this trip as our modes of transportation will still enable us to maintain some social distancing on the open road!

Our Imperial Session scheduled to be held in Kansas City in July is still being planned. We are at the mercy of the CDC and City of Kansas City to make the final determination. Our own Illustrious Sir Matt Sturlaugson PP is running for the Outer Guard position on the Imperial line. Wish Matt the best of luck to be elected in July!

> We all also need to wish the best of luck to Illustrious Sir Robert Wedberg PP who will be installed as State Grand Master of North Dakota in June. We're behind you 100%, Bob!

> One of our newer Clubs, the Misfits, has been very busy in March/April with some Temple fundraising. Their work centers around barbeque! They have been smoking up some delicious meats and have had an incredible Facebook following. Each time they have held their event, they have served more than 120 items.

They have scheduled pick-up times in the Temple parking lot to ensure that crowds are kept to a minimum (10 or less). Many of our Nobles, neighbors and families have supported us through their

purchases. We even enjoyed catching up the Bayers (Corey & Jodi) who drove all the way from Jamestown to pick up an order. If you haven't already, check out (and Like) the 'Misfits BBQ of El Zagal' Facebook page. Through the generous donations, this Club has also been able to provide free BBQ to the health care workers in our community and some families in distress. Very commendable, Nobles!

Wishing you all continued health and thanking you for your support.

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

PS—The year 2020 has been brought to you by the letters W (What), T (The), H (Heck)?!



46th Annual Old Bastard's / Pote's Fishing Trip Ballard's Resort on Lake of the Woods

July 23 - 26

Thursday, July 23: depart from Fargo at 1pm, arrive Ballard's Resort at 5:15pm welcome reception, check-in, evening dinner in the dining roo Friday, July 24: brkfst, guided walleye fishing (8am to 5pm) shore lunch evening dinner in the dining room

Saturday, July 25: brkfst, guided walleyer fishing (8am to 5pm) shore lunch evening dinner in the dining room

Sunday July 26: brkfst, 8am depart Ballards, arrive in Fargo at 12:15pm

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Contact: Shaun Engelsrud At: dakotawaterpro@gmail.com

Official Call

The regular stated meeting of El Zagal Temple will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 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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Membership What's Your Character?

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

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

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

Stay safe and optimistic during these trying times.

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The Camel Tales Challenge

All of us have had the luxury of getting the Camel Tales delivered to your doorstep. This is the ideal time to save our Temple a few dollars. We will by no means stop publishing this newsletter, however our goal is to deliver it in formats that people choose to receive.

For example, look at local newspapers, church bulletins, organization newsletters or even your bank statements! How many of you have gone digital?

We could save our Temple THOUSANDS of dollars annually. We're still working on the details of how this transition could take place without interruption to those who do not have the resources to view it online.

More details will unfold in the coming months, but in the meantime be thinking about how you could make a change with us.

Jamestown Mystics Find The Silver Lining

Thanks to many great past fundraising events, the Mystics were able to pay it forward to our community through a local donation of \$1000.00 to the Community Action Food Pantry last month! Our brothers voted unanimously in favor of this donation. It is great to be able to help our community in these challenging times.

While the Mystics annual Fish Fry has been postponed until further notice, we are still selling tickets for the yearly gun raffle. Only 400 tickets are being sold. Your ticket gets you a chance to win one of twenty guns. If you would like a ticket, please reach out to one of us, and we will gladly figure out a way to get you one.

Perhaps it is time to retrain the homing pigeons or invest in a drone. We won't be bringing people together for the gun raffle this year. However, we still will be drawing for the guns.

We all are looking forward to seeing all our brothers soon. The upcoming months will be a great time to be a Shriner. We have several recruits who are waiting to finish degree work, and we look forward to bringing them into our unit.

A special thank you, to all of our fellow Shriners, for stepping up and continuing to support our communities. While times might be challenging now, surely great things will follow.

God Bless, Jamestown Mystics





Attention Unit & Club Presidents!

Now is a great time to reach out to all of our Nobles. Let's make sure everyone is safe, and that they and their families are not in distress.

I'm encouraging you to pick up the phone and give them a call. If you become aware of anyone in need of our resources, please advise.

Director's Staff Staying Optimistic

I hope everyone is doing well! There isn't much going on...obviously, but trying to be as optimistic as we can be.

With all the event cancellations, and a couple being our main events for the year, we are going to get our thinking caps on and hopefully be able to reschedule or put some events together.

I know as a unit we will pull together and get through this; and as a Shriner, we won't let anyone fall.

I've been reaching out to a few of the guys and everyone seems positive. For 20 of us or so, we are definitely ready to get back to normal. I hope to see everyone soon.

Be Safe! Shaun Engelsrud

Bismarck Dusters

All Is Quiet On The Western Front

"All is quiet on the Western Front" - or any other front as well!

We are hunkered down as most of the Dusters are – no meetings – no socials, just e-mail and telephone connections. This too shall pass.

I see that all is not too bleak – the "Old Bastard's Fishing Trip" with the Pote is still on – wish I could go – can't get into or out of a fishing boat anymore!

A brief report that our illustrious leader is still leading us with regular e-mails and other good stuff. Haven't heard of anyone who is ill or plagued with the virus so far.

The circus time has passed – a good fund-raiser for the units – will have to dig a little deeper to see that we can keep the kids going to our new hospital in St. Paul!

Until next month keep em...rollin'...rollin'...rollin...

Chief Mato and now Medicine Man too Edward J C Dockter

Mandan's Indians

Firewater & Wacky-Tobacco

May Be the Cure

Not much going on with the Indians. We have all been in our teepees, sending smoke signals to each other making sure we are all OK.

Chief Mato is also the Medicine Man now. Some call him the "docktor". But he says there is just nothing he can do with covid-19.

With times like this about all you can do is drink a lot of firewater and smoke a lot of wacky tobacco, or they call it marijuana. That will slow down the covid-19 and will slow you down too.

So let's all stay in our teepees; we don't want anyone ending up in the happy hunting grounds.

It's time to strike the teepee and I hope to hear from you. P.S. -- Don't forget this tribe of happy Mandan Indians. We are the oldest unit in El Zagal; started in Fort Yates in 1930.

We were down to six Indians and now we are back in the twenties. Seems everyone wants to be an Indian – belong to the happy bunch.

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POTE'S TRIP 2020 JUNE 3-7, 2020 WE ARE STILL A GO FOR LIFT OFF. SEVERAL OF THE HOTELS HAVE EXTENDED OUR RELEASE DATES TO

WE ARE STILL A GO FOR LIFT OFF. SEVERAL OF THE HOTELS HAVE EXTENDED OUR RELEASE DÂTES TO MAY 15TH AND ARE WILLING TO WORK WITH US. LET'S GET PAST THIS VIRUS JUNK AND MOVE FORWARD. IF THEY ARE OPEN, WE ARE GOING. SHAKE OFF THE STAY AT HOME COBWEBS, DIG OUT THE SUNGLASSES AND LETS RIDE.

June 3rd – Depart Fargo – destination Duluth, MN

June 4th - Depart Duluth - destination - Houghton, MI

June 5th - Depart Houghton - destination - Green Bay, WI

June 6th - Depart Green Bay - destination - Chippewa Falls, WI

June 7th - Depart Chippewa Falls - destination - HOME



Fun along the route and at each destination, guaranteed. Skinny dipping in Lake Superior, optional. Stopping in Gay MI, REQUIRED.

DULUTH - FITGER'S INN - Wednesday June 3rd - ROOM RELEASE DATE MAY 15th
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Credit Card is required to guarantee – verify cancelation policy
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GREEN BAY – COMFORT SUITES – Friday June 5th – ROOM RELEASE DATE MAY 15th
Reservations # 920-499-7449 Rooms under Pote's Trip 2020
Credit Card is required to guarantee – verify cancelation policy
Rates range from \$109 - \$119
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CHIPPEWA FALLS - Glen Loch Inn / Country Villa Motel – ROOM RELEASE DATE MAY 15th
Reservations # 715-723-9121 – Glen Loch – 18 rooms - \$89 -\$99
Reservations # 715-288-6376 – Country Villa – 10 rooms - \$68 - \$78
WILL NOT HOLD BLOCK ROOMS

If you need more information, or actually need to be persuaded, to attend this fabulous once in a lifetime opportunity to hang with the cool kids, contact:

Potentate Mike Dow: 701-730-5456 Mike Rieckman: 701-893-7116

AFTER ALL THINGS CONSIDERED DOING THE "HOKEY POKEY" MAY BE THE MOST PRUDENT ACTION TO TAKE AT THIS TIME.



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CHARITY PRO/AM TOURNAMENT

Did somebody say "GOLF"?

Yes, believe it or not, we are coming around to that season. I know that when I play golf, I always practice social distancing from the group, they are normally in the fairway, and I am in the woods.

The EL ZAGAL / S&L Computer Services PRO/AM tournament WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 19th 2020. We have been in contact with the Dakotas Tour group and OXBOW, and both are on the same philosophy as us, FULL PRESS FORWARD. We will beat this and will be playing golf this summer.

Start forming your teams; consider ordering a sign promoting your business or club/unit. With the shutdown of some many fundraising events over the last couple months, the Transportation Fund and Hospital will need our money more than ever. Their expenses did not stop with COVID-19.

\$1,000 for a team of 4: includes golf, cart & meals --Hole sign sponsors are \$150 Watch future newsletters for more details.

See you on a course

Mike Rieckman / Dave Larson

Jamestown Clowns Pondering the Predicament

Hello to all Nobles and Ladies

I hope this finds you all well. My wish is that you or anybody you know is not with covid19. I am lucky to live in the country, I don't see anyone. I can do things around here and keep things moving along for spring.

It is cold as I write portions of this on Saturday, before Easter. I would guess that most of you had a very quiet Easter. We had our son (Marcus) and his dog (Otis) over. They live 1/2 mile west of here. I see him every day. I would guess he gets tired of seeing me; I know I would. Our daughter and family stayed in Dilworth with the grand boys 4yrs and 1yr; also the son in law. It was very boring around here. Although Otis likes to play tug of war.

All the news media outlets are 100% covid19, which is good to tell the public what we need to know. However, I feel I can't or shouldn't elaborate on that. I saw Lars curled up in a ball, but then realized he was just standing. And that my friends is a clown funny.

We Clowns, at this very moment, are figuring how to outdo last year. At this time, we are developing a postulated sequence of possible events, so we can continue our yearly philanthropic gift. I think we will once again be kings in that department.

When the going gets tuff, the Clowns get clowning. Ask anyone, we are a bunch of Clowns. I always hear, "what are you, a clown?" Remember there are only two kinds of people, clowns and those that want to be. WE ARE THE BEST UNIT IN EL ZAGAL!!

This article had no news, all BS. Every event and clown function, is up in the air, so I have nothing to report.

Remember, no news is good news. Wash your hands.

Thanks for Reading this...

Weezer

Provost Guard Icing the Victory

Icing the Victory
The Elite Provost Guard did it again; bringing home the Strainly
Cup Trophy from the Hope Sled Hockey Tournament held on
March 7th

We took on the Directors Staff, Forum Communications Printing, and VCI to win the title of Temple Champions again this year. If you would like to put together a team to challenge us please let me know, and we can get you set up for next year.

Hope Inc. is a group that offers disabled kids and adults a chance to play sports against their peers, siblings and friends. There is nothing better than seeing these kids laugh and have fun doing something they would not get a chance to do if it were not for this program. Hope offers them a chance to play not only Sled Hockey, but a track event, wheelchair baseball, wheelchair basketball, bowling, downhill skiing, to name just a few. As you can tell from the picture it was a blast.



I don't think we could have won without the efforts of Tom "Taledragin" Staiger, Jerry "the Big Block Goalie", Ringo "Iron Man" Wrigley, who played all four games. Yes, even for the Director Staff, Gannon "Ringer" Gilbrath, and last but not least Jordan "Speed" Moore.

Oh, and to my lovely wife Mary and our friends Lori & Andrea. Also, Thanks to the Directors Staff for being such good sports again this year and letting us dominate them.

We at least got to have a little fun before we were all locked up for a Month. And here's to looking forward to this year's Bierstube which will be Thursday, September 10th this year.

Stay Positive and safe my Brothers, Chief, Don Roos

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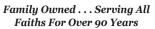


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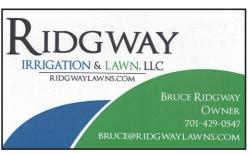
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