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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

Greetings Nobles and Ladies!

I hope everyone is continuing to stay safe and well and had a good 4th of July celebrating the freedom of our Nation!

We have gotten back to normal as close as we can get. Things have started to happen again at our Shrine Center, including unit meetings and events, graduations and weddings.

If you haven't stopped in, come on Tuesdays for Burger Night. Nothing like a tasty burger and a cool beverage on the deck! This has brought many new faces into our place. I've had the privilege to work a number of these nights and we have been serving around 50 people per night.

The month of July is normally a very busy month. A number of us would usually be attending our Imperial Session. It was slated to be held in Kansas City this year, but with COVID-19 the Session was cancelled. We did make the best of it though. Our Divan and Imperial Delegates took my Lady Lisa and I out for the Annual Pote's Dinner. We weren't in Kansas City, but we had a great night. We want to thank each of you for making this an enjoyable night full of fun and friendship.

Our Imperial Session was held virtually this year. We were able to conduct business and election of officers. It was different with us all in our office at El Zagal, but it worked out fine. We took care of all the important business on the docket and moved on to elections.

By the end of the day we had a newly elected Imperial Captain of the Guard from our Temple. Illustrious Sir Matt Sturlaugson became Imperial Sir Matt Sturlaugson. It was a day full of excitement and pride. We had a social gathering to watch Matt being sworn in and being Fezzed by his Mother. We had a large crowd in attendance, and it was great to be there making history. Our last Imperial Potentate from El Zagal was in 1945. Let that sink in. That's 75years ago!

Our Misfits BBQ Club provided some amazing food and appetizers. It wasn't Kansas City BBQ, they can only hope to have such great BBQ as the Misfits. Well done, Nobles!

If you haven't had the chance, please congratulate Imperial Sir Matt and his family. This will be a 9-year journey to the top, but I'm sure he knows we will be there to help and support him and his family along the way. Congratulations, Imperial Sir!

That same day, we elected and welcome our new Imperial Potentate Jim Smith and Lady Alice. They will take the helm of Shriner's International for 2020/2021. His motto is: "Get Back" to Fun & Fellowship. That should be the goal of all of us!

By the time this is hot off the press we will have returned from our Annual OB's/Pote's Fishing Trip. We will have made the trek to Ballard's on Lake of the Woods. I hope we will have told many tall tales of the ones we caught and the ones that got away. As always, we made sure and had a great time!

I was honored to leave some of Illustrious Sir Steve Garten PP ashes there. His family asked me to leave some of him in one of his favorite places, and his remains join his longtime friend and fellow Noble Jeff Volk.

In mid-July, we were invited to attend the Yelduz Temple Potentate's Ball in Aberdeen. It was a fun evening, full of fellowship with our South Dakota Nobles. There were four 2020 MSA Counterparts in attendance, and we heard an amazing message from Imperial Chief Rabban William Bailley. His Lady, Debby, was there helping promote the Imperial Lady Alice Smith's fundraising program "Rising Stars."



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.

If you wish to learn more about Lady Alice's "stars" program, visit https:// lovetotherescue.org/firstlady-program/

Our Shriner's Children's Clinic opened on June 29th.



This vibrant, state-of-the-art facility will more than meet the needs of our children moving forward. If you get a chance, stop by and visit the facility, or take a look online at the Shriner's Clinic Twin Cities/ Woodbury, MN Facebook page. We are definitely in need of bringing in new members

We are definitely in need of bringing in new members during this trying year. Degree work has begun at the Lodges, but with pandemic-related limits. Please contact your Worshipful Masters to get your candidate petitions in so that we can create these Master Masons and bring them in our Fraternity.

First Line Signers--please reach out to any candidates that joined us last Fall or at the beginning of this year to be sure you get them to attend our Fall Ceremonial. Their cost to attend was included in their initial fee they paid to join El Zagal. Of course, their ladies or their children would be at an extra cost.

Speaking of Fall Ceremonial, if you haven't yet, please get registered! We always like to register as a unit, but you can register individually as well. Contact Andrea at the Shrine Center office.

On that same token, please be sure to have your Lady/ New Candidates Ladies get signed up for the Ladies Luncheon on September 26th.

The challenge still stands to get Nobility to attend Stated Meeting. We will hold our next Stated Meeting on Tuesday, August 11th. This time, the challenge is: any unit having more than 10 Nobles on the floor is in a drawing for \$100 bar tab that night.

Don't miss out on a special event, Saturday, August 8th – the 10th Annual Shriner 5K Walk/Run. For a mere \$25, you will get a t-shirt and breakfast. All proceeds from this event go to our Transportation Fund. If running or walking is not your thing, just show up and support those that do! We can always use extra hands cheering them on!

Let's finish out the rest of our summer strong—bring in some candidates, make some Masons, and attend an event!

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

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Jamestown Clowns Still Time For Great Events

Hello to all Nobles and Ladies,

August is here, what a summerless summer. Don't fret, there is still time to have fun. August can be a great month.

The Clown Bike Run was accompanied by 116 attendees. Great turn out for the year. Way to go Jay and Mark!! and all who help for that event. Thank Stutsman Harley whenever you can, they are a big supporter.

So far, July Shrine Club was a super duper event; in other words fantastic. Thank those in the kitchen for a great meal. Bartenders were outstanding!

I have another one. Did we have a parade in JIMTOWN, or not. If we did, it was good. If not, the populous was jipped. They all come to see the CLOWNS and we like showing our stuff. Mark

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K. and lady Bobbi should have had a prodigious Oasis for us --- If there was a parade that is. So a huge and Brobdingnagian thank you goes out to them. If they did have an Oasis. If not, it was just another day.

Our Fish Fry is on! August 28, Friday, social starts at 5:30. Rod and his fisherman have proven to be accomplished in their sport. Thank you for your hard work.

The Fall Ceremonial should be good. I feel for Illustrious Sir Mike; what a year for him.

Our Corn maze and Pumpkin Patch will be the talk of the town. It will be what all other mazes and patches are compared to for many years. What thinkers AND doers!! Steve L. and all the masterful helpers that are putting together such a grand and flavorful domain, as the expanse of the field they are in. More information to come.

The Shriners Hill project will be another fantastic undertaking. Who are the thinkers?? I'm sure it will come together like all other seemingly huge and complex capers that we have proven to be capable of. We are the Best Unit in EL ZAGAL!!!

Everything else that could be informative is undecided, or 100% not sure, or undetermined, or on the fence, so...

Thank You for Reading This

Thanks for reading this, Weezer.

Tuesday Is Burger Day!

5:30-7:30 pm Arabian Room at El Zagal (deck is dog friendly)

\$8 Burger, Beer and Chips Dine In or Take Out

Questions? – Patricia @ 701-<u>235-7521</u>

Mandan's Indians **Quiet** Around The Campfire

Well, we are still sitting tight in the weeds; hoping to get back to the way it was before the virus. It seems now that we are under a 2nd attack.

We had our Indian meeting in June with about 10 of us. Nice to see our old friends again.

We really don't have much to say. We are hoping to go to the Indian Mounds south of Mandanto put on the EA degree. These are always fun to do. And also the Moon Lodge in Washburn, ND; been doing that for the last few years.

This is all I can think of right now. My letters are short but we hope to have more to write about soon

Chief Mato Edward J C Dockter

Bismarck Dusters Socially Distant But Connected

The Dusters (like most organizations) have not been meeting. Not socializing and - not the least, not imbibing! Oh if those who have met the Black Camel could see us now!

We continue to have meetings with ZOOM and in person in the various local Masonic organizations.

The local lodges, Bismarck Lodge 5, Mandan Lodge 8 and Bismarck Lewis & Clark Lodge 132 have been meeting with officers only present (to meet the requirements of Grand Lodge) with joint new member installations planned in the near future.

The Scottish Rite Bodies put on the 30th and

Shriner Friendly

32d degrees in June - observed them and was pleasantly surprised what one can do with "social distancing" in place. Two new members were introduced to the "College of Freemasonry"!

The local "Coffee Haus" continues each Wednesday morning with Past Grand Master Dale Sandstrom (a Duster in good standing) hosting the event with more than ten Masons usually connected.

Surprising what you can up with when there is nothing to report! Until the next time keep 'em rollin'..., rollin'...rollin'...

Duster Scribe Jerry Skogley



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The Oldest Living Shriners Hospital` For Children Patient Turns 103!



Irene Hand Roberts just turned 103 and as far as we know, she is the oldest living Shriners Hospitals for Children patient! Irene was born on April 28, 1917, at her grandmother's restaurant and boarding hotel in McLaughlin, South Dakota.

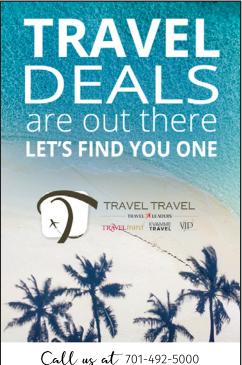
In July 1923, at the age of 6, Irene developed what was called infantile paralysis, but is now known as polio. The Hand family and local doctors tried many remedies to help Irene, but they were all unsuccessful. Irene's luck changed when a small town horse-and-buggy doctor named Dr. Twining, who by chance was a Shriner, referred Irene to the newly opened Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in Minnesota, thus beginning Irene's long and very hard road to recovery. This is what our philanthropy is all about!

EL ZAGAL/S&L COMPUTER SERVICES, INC. PRO/ AM Golf Tournament

Well here we are, days away from the EL ZAGAL / S&L COMPUTER SERVICES CHARITY PRO / AM GOLF TOURNAMENT; how's your team looking? If you are not on a team, how's your sign looking?

With many fundraising opportunities being shut down, this is one of the few avenues we have to raise needed funds for the hospital and transportation funds. Make it happen!

This year we partnered with Noble Jeff Greigor at J&L Sports to make some more graphical signs for us. Jeff and his team do some great work. You will want to have one of these new signs representing your company. Contact a committee member and we can make it happen.



or visit www.traveltravelgroup.com

Remember, we are having a "Beat the Pote" challenge. For any SHRINE team that has a lower score than this year Pote's Team, you could be a winner. All 4 players need to be Shriners or have a direct connection to a Shriner. I hear the Elite Provost Guard is doubling down on their chances and fielding 2 teams in 2020. No stupid COVID-19 is going to hold them back. GO PROVOST!

We have 19 of our limited 30 teams and still working on our unlimited 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 maybe short, but we all should be able to pull together \$150 to advertise each unit / club.

Special thanks to Leo Worner and Scott Schafer and the S&L family for again being our sponsor. Without their financial and time commitment to the PRO/AM, it may not happen. We also appreciate you allowing Dave Larson PP, to pitch in.

Thanks to everyone on the committee for their hard work, teams and signs don't happen on their own, it's the hard work these people put into the process that make it successful.

We will be reaching out for volunteers for the tournament. Who doesn't want to spend a nice day outside on a golf course?

If we are not having fun, we are doing something wrong! Be part of the fun of the day.

Your El Zagal / S&L Computer Services PRO/AM Golf Committee Dave Larson Phil Trebnick Tom Staiger Scott Schafer Scott Schafer Chris Sieverson Pat Jones Mike Rieckman Leo Worner Pay Your Dues - Now

My fellow Nobles, we are 7 months into the year and there are some of you that have not paid your annual dues.

Our Divan is going to begin a calling campaign to get dues collected. Please save a bunch of time and effort by sending in your dues!

Keep in mind that we have an amnesty program in place. All you need to do is to pay your current year dues to remain in good standing.

AND -- pay your lodge dues as well – Blue Lodge dues must be paid to be a member of the Shrine. Lodges have a similar amnesty program too!

Director's Staff Even With Everything Going Wrong, We Are Focused; Staying Strong

Summer is flying by and the Director's Staff have been busy planning and helping out around El Zagal with different events.

Noble Russell Schell has been working hard as the membership chair trying to get the local neighborhood in for burgers on Tuesday nights. They have had great turnouts and been putting out some great food! We've had some wonderful feedback and have been seeing some new faces in El Zagal.

Please contact Russell or Patricia if you'd like to help out or book a big party on the new patio.

Noble Casey Schoer has been busy getting the fall ride planned and the route finalized. A few of the members passed a road guard class to insure safety for all riders and traffic.

The Director's Staff Fall Ride is scheduled for Saturday, Sept 19th. If you'd like to participate, contact Casey or a DS member and we'll get you in on this fun and growing event.

We are also selling tickets for a Cash Raffle and the grand prize is \$3000! The drawing will be held on October 24th at our Suds N Spuds. It's a perfect time to get your Suds n Spud's and raffle tickets now.

Let's not forget about the runners and fitness gurus. We are holding our 10th Annual Shriner 5k on August 8th.

We have a lot going on and if anyone is interested in participating or helping out at any of our events we'd love to see you!

I hope everyone is doing well! Stay hydrated! Shaun Engelsrud PAGE 4 • CAMEL Tales • August 2020

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I challenge every unit to sponsor a team, or at a minimum, get a tee box sign. Remember, you are contributing to the Hospital and Transportation funds. What a NOBLE thing to do.

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\$250 CASH

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Is your unit or club listed? Please give it some consideration for the next Parade to Glory. *If you decide to make a donation to "EL ZAGAL FOREVER", send it to "El Zagal Forever", El Zagal Shrine Center, at 1429 N. 3rd St. N.*

Thanks to the Band for their \$400 contribution and to the Jamestown Clowns for their \$4000.

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

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

ROTT/GARTEN FALL CEREMONIAL EL ZAGAL TEMPLE - FARGO, ND | SEPTEMBER 25-26, 2020

HONORING Illustrious Sir Steve Garten PP & Lady Emily 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

9:30 AM - 3:30 PMGolf Scramble (4-person)4:30 PM - 6:00 PMRegistration at El Zagal Lobby5:30 PM - 7:00 PMPote's Reception - El Zagal Upper Level7:00 PM - 9:00 PMCasino Night - El Zagal Upper Level6:00 PM - 9:00 PMYouth Activities - Shiloh Lodge

Saturday, Sept 26

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	Registration at El Zagal
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	Fez Fitting – Shiloh Lodge
9:30 AM	Youth Activities – drop off at El Zagal
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	First Section (Candidates & Ladies) – Shiloh Lodge
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Third Section (Candidates & Ladies) – Shiloh Lodge
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Moslem Feast – Shiloh Lodge
11:30 AM – 12:00 AM	Ladies of New Candidates Orientation – El Zagal Upper Level
12:00 AM – 1:30 PM	Ladies Luncheon & Designer Purse BINGO – El Zagal Upper Level
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	Second Section (Candidates Only) – Shiloh Lodge
1:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Candidate Activities/Unit Showcase
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	Social – El Zagal Upper Level
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Luau Feast – El Zagal Lower Level
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	Fez Presentation & Unit Announcements – El Zagal Upper Level
9:00 PM – 12:00 PM	Social – El Zagal Upper Level
9:00 PM	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

Hotel Reservations:

- 1. Homewood Suites by Hilton (near FargoDome) Room Rate: Studio King \$109/night or 1-Bedroom King \$114/night Contact: 701-235-3150 Booking Link: https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/hw/reservation/book.htm?inputModule=HOTEL&ctvhocn=FARHWHW&spec_plan=CHWE ZF&arrival=20200925&departure=20200927&cid=OM.WW,HILTONLINK_EN_DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT
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Par-Tee!

Fall Ceremonial Golf

We are ready to play. Our course will be The Meadows in Moorhead, MN. Just a free drop across the Red River from EL Zagal, and if you can shank your ball good enough, Illustrious Mike's humble abode can be peppered with golf balls.

At present we will have a shot-gun start at 9:30 AM and a registration cut off of September 15th. You will register and pay Mike / Don, and your money will be in good hands.

Bag lunches will part of your fee, and we will be good friends with the beverage cart person by that point. The course will take about 3.5 to 4 hours to play. Then we hit the showers and back to the Temple for more fun and frolicking.

In the coming days I will be sending out registration forms via Temple email. Get it filled out, and sent back in so we have an idea of our player count.

This is going to be great!

Designated FUN CAPTAINS Don Roos Mike Rieckman

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

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Jamestown Mystics

Good Times Are Coming Your Way

We are just weeks away from the 9th Annual Gun Raffle, which is taking place on August 14th at the Gladstone Inn & Suites at 7:00 PM.

Have you got your ticket yet? If not, you better hurry. We are almost sold out!!! Don't miss your chance to win!! Don't have a ticket yet? Reach out to one of us, and we will be sure to get one in your hand.

Along with the Gun Raffle, the Jamestown Mystics have been hard at work planning a family-friendly event for the peak of the summer.

The Mystics have teamed up with The Lazy Fish of Pelican Point for a weekend of fun. There will be inflatables, food, music, and much more! Word on the street is there might be one or two campsites still available.

The First Annual Fishing for A Cause Event kicks off at 11:0 AM, Saturday, August 15th, The Mystics will be cooking up burgers, brats, hotdogs, and slinging up some good old-fashioned root beer floats. Who can say no to a root beer float?

At 5:00 PM, the Flickertail Band will be taking the stage as they open for the Old Friends Band! Come and party the night away. You won't be disappointed, both bands rock!

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Come pregame with us on July 25th in Jamestown for the annual Buffalo Days Parade. It will be great to jump into the parade units and show our support to the great community of Jamestown. It is finally time to dust off the parade units, brothers! We hope to see you there!

On the 26th, the Mystics will be taking a little break and

hitting the road to attend the FM RedHawks game. We hope to see some of our fellow Fargo Brothers at the game. Go RedHawks!

God Bless, Jeff Moser Jamestown Mystics



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