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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

Greetings Nobles and Ladies!

Although we were able to weather the COVID pandemic for a few events these past couple of months, it has come to kick us in the pants again. As of this writing, we are in a state of additional shutdown guidelines again. Here in Fargo, we are down to 25% capacity or 50 persons, whichever is less. We have adjusted or cancelled a few more events that were to round out the year. Keep in mind, that if you are planning any events during the remainder of this year, please refer to local county, city, and CDC guidelines. If there is any doubt that you cannot positively protect our Nobility and families, the event should not be held.

A fun event that many look forward to this time of year is our kids' Christmas Party. We are unsure if we will be able to hold the event, but we will keep you informed.

On the positive side, we were able to honor the significant years of service of many Nobles at our Old Timers/Appreciation Nights. On October 13, we had over 60 people in attendance in Fargo; and over 40 in Bismarck on October 15. This year, we were honored to recognize 37 Nobles for either 25, 35, 50 or 60 years of services to our Fraternity. We also gave words of honor to 7 Nobles who had over 65 years! WOW! Please look at the list in this issue who were honored and take a moment to thank them for giving so much to the greatest philanthropy in the world!

Recently, the Black Camel took three more Nobles from us. Noble Richard Dixon, Noble Charles Olson, and Noble Marvin Iszler. We send sympathies to their families and unit members and ask that you reflect on what they gave to all of us as well.

On October 13th, we also held our last Stated Meeting of 2020, with 34 Nobles in attendance.

Many reports were given, and the state of the Temple is in good order standing despite unique and difficult year.



Speaking of difficulty, we have a challenge in front of us to gain new members or restore those that have left us. Please reach out to those Master Masons you know that are looking to join our organization, or the Noble who has seemed to have drifted away.

Of special note, there is a \$25 reward for any NEW member brought in, or any RESTORED member reinstated by year-end. There is no limit on this REWARD!

On the topic of Membership, we have many members who have yet to pay their 2020 dues. We need to get this accomplished so we can keep our Membership strong. If you know of a Noble who is struggling financially, please let us know or help them out if you can.

Keep in mind, the amnesty program is still in place – where we will waive any dues owed in 2019. We are all in this together and we are a Brotherhood. That is what we do – help fellow Brothers out.

We are coming upon the Thanksgiving season \dots a time to reflect and give thanks to all the great gifts that life has bestowed on us – family, friends, fun and fellowship. Please remember to thank yourself and your fellow Brothers for all we do for the Shrine kids!

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



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All Incoming Presidents and Treasurers Of Units & Clubs

ORIENTATION MEETING FOR 2021 NOVEMBER 11 – 7pm – EL ZAGAL (Appetizers will be served)

- Instructional meeting on how to complete financial reports
- Review of 2021 plans and events

Nobles out west can attend via Zoom

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By Court Order of the El Zagal Divan

To help finish up the grand redesign of the Arabian Room, we are looking for a fez from each unit, club or other historical fez for public display. We have many generously donated Fez, but are still looking for more to represent each El Zagal unit, past and present, along with all clubs having a fez. Plastic inserts are also in need.

Please help us show off the pride of El Zagal which are our Fezzes! Naturally, we ask that each fez is in like new shape (exceptions for historical).

Please send/deliver to either the Arabian Room or El Zagal office. We appreciate your generosity in helping this come true. Reward is in the form of a great satisfaction and appreciation in El Zagal's rich history.

Questions can be sent to me at jon.juelich@ sanfordhealth.org.

Thank you Nobles and Ladies,

Jon Juelich

SHRINE CIRCUS MEETINGS (All Meetings at 10AM)

Saturday, December 5, 2020 Saturday, January 2, 2021 Saturday, January 30, 2021 Saturday, February 27, 2021 Saturday, March 13, 2021 Saturday, March 27, 2021 Saturday, April 3, 2021

Fargo Circus April 9-10-11, 2021

Dan Beach Circus Chairman

Hospital Auxiliary

Our meeting was held on October 10th with only seven members present.

We had more discussion regarding an upcoming Style Show! It sounds like fun! Come join us and find out more!!

We will be purchasing the metal wine glasses from the Nobility and reselling them. They will make good Christmas gifts! The price will be \$20 each or two for \$30.

The Auxiliary Christmas luncheon will be held on December 5th at El Zagal Temple. Please arrive around 11:30am and lunch will be served at 12:00 noon.

Instead of bringing a toy for the hospital, if you so desire, they would prefer gift certificates. It was suggested that either Target or Amazon cards would be the best. However, it is your choice and the amount is your choice. Please call the office to make reservations by December 1st, at the latest. Please come ladies!

Our next meeting will be on November 14th at 10am at the Shrine Club.

Come join us! We would love to have you!

Respectfully submitted, Joanne Andres, Sec.

Mandan's Indians We are alive and thriving

The first thing I would like to say is, "thank you Dale Sandstrom for getting us into the Indian Mounds." We have been putting on the EA degree there for the past four years. The most recent was on September 14; we had twelve Indians attending. Chief Mato said, "Where did all the Indians come from." We had about 30 Masons there and we were in buckskins and looked real good. And did a good job as always.

The Steele Lodge is doing a really good job. On Saturday, October 17, in Steele, the Ducks Unlimited had a banquet and our lodge decided to give a \$200.00 prize; to let them know the Masons are here and here to help.

YES!! The Shrine Club is back at the Amvets on Fridays. But the last few times we only had two Shriners – both Indians. Now I know we can do better. So "C'mon down" to the lunch on Fridays. Come see your new President and Vice-President; hear what they have to say.

It is time to strike the teepee. You will hear more good news about the Indians next month.

Chief Mato Edward J C Dockter

Director's Staff We did our best to make the road less traveled by a rewarding journey

The guys in the Director's Staff have been keeping busy! This fall we've been putting our heads together and working hard towards our fundraising goals.

This fall we attended Sickies Bike Nights, West Fargo Cruise Nights, VFW Bike Show, and other events to promote the Shriners and Director's Staff.

Our community involvement has really made a difference in making it easier to sell raffle tickets and get support for our events... the more positive things we do in the community as a Shrine group, the more interest it brings to our Fraternity and our mission as Shriners.

The Director's Staff and their Ladies stepped up and helped make our Fall Ceremonial a success. Everyone worked hard, had fun, and made some lasting memories as we worked together to accomplish our goals and welcomed in our new Shriners.

I hope everyone has been enjoying the beautiful fall colors and have a safe hunt if you plan on making it out this year!

Stay Hydrated! Shaun Engelsrud

Color Guard Croonings

Fall is in the air, the parade season that never did show, is all done. What a year!

The Color Guard got all wound up for the Septoberfest, but had to cancel this year. What a shame! Of course it didn't keep some of the Color Guard from "pretending" one Saturday at the Color Guard Club. I am pretty sure Paul Meszaros was speaking German by the time he left the joint!

Our resident beer taster Greg Neisen was on "product quality control", and judging by his smile, our "product" is still very safe!

Scuttlebutt is that President Ian has taken up temporary new quarters to the West of Detroit Lakes. He said something about the "view" being much better there – hhhhmmmm. He stated it is pretty nice – even gets room service. DON'T ASK!

We were honored at El Zagal's Award nite to hear that we have a true legend – a pillar of true Shrine legacy in our midst! It would seem that our very own Bruce Stone (Stoner) received an award for 50 years of membership in the Shrine. Congratulations Bruce! At the event, we heard how he joined the Shrine with Abe Lincoln, Howard Taft and Wild Bill Hickock. How inspiring. We were informed that Bruce had a hand in inventing the wheel and was also instrumental in the early brewing of beer – back when they used to keep beer in wooden barrels. What a guy that Bruce is! Congratulations my friend!

The Color Guard also took the step to plan a short parade around the block and have an oasis at our club in October. This idea was also scrubbed, due to covid concerns. This plan was the brain child of Brad Richards and Jerome Tappe. They wanted to do this so they could claim that they marched in every parade we had in 2020! Pretty clever! To be totally honest, the idea was scrubbed because neither one of these guys can march in time to save their lives! We wanted to save them from embarrassment!

Next up for activities will hopefully be the Color Guard Christmas Party, scheduled for December 4th, with Ryan Hendrickson at the grills. He has promised a great meal of smoked Siberian Lutefisk, braised ground squirrel, and Amazon Rain Forrest Walrus. Should be great!

All in all, it has been a challenging year for membership and promoting our mission. Keep your heads up and pray for a better year in 2021. This will be the year that Father Jerry retires from the toilet business, and we should be able to "flush" 2020 away with a smile!

So remember, NEVER FORGET, it's a great time to be a Shriner, but there is NOTHING FINER THAN A COLOR GUARD SHRINER!

A word to the wise - SANITIZE!

Lars

(on behalf of the GREATEST unit in all of El Zagal and their entire history!)

Jamestown Clowns 2020 Upside Down But Everything Is Looking Up

Hello Nobles and Ladies,

November ?? WWHHAAAATT ? In just a couple months we will be in 2021. We can all put 2020 behind us; what a year!

Is "normal" coming or is this it? Steve Looysen attended a meeting and was there before it started. Truly, 2020 has been upside down. Too many questions, not many answers.

We should all be proud to be part of the El Zagal Clown unit, stationed in Jamestown. Our Amazing Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch of 2020 will be the talk of the town for a long time; maybe til next season when we do it again.

We had unbelievable attendance from the area and support like we always have. All I can say is WOW!! What great ideas that Steve and the crew had; who thought things up, worked so hard to get things going, then got things going, and finally kept things going. You people are magnificent.

The work force we have is amazing -- 30 to 40 or more people (clowns and ladies) every event day, for 7 weekends. Not all the same people all the time, but quite a few are. I should name everyone but,,, Rich E. the editor of Camel Tales limits us to 10,000 words.

Aaron Raap is still driving in circles. We all

should congratulate each other for a year!! We won't, because us Clowns are a humble bunch. It's a good thing we are a fun bunch, or we would not have the man and lady power to pull off such an affair. Then we would be just a unit of El Zagal; not the BEST UNIT by far!! Are you comprehending this Lars?

Clown Halloween Party is Halloween --7pm at the Lodge. Costumes are encouraged.

Holiday Dazzle Parade is November 27th. Get your Clown Face on!

2021 Clown Bike Run is June 19th, 2021. Stutsman Harley once again is letting us overrun the place. Kick stands up at 11am. Party and band to follow Bike Run. Raffle for a brand new, 2020 Road Glide Special. Deep Red and White, what a looker!

We are not having Clown for a Night, but we are having a NO CLOWN FOR A NIGHT RAFFLE. Get your tickets, that is not a typo, I said tickets. Get yours soon, before they sell out. Ask a Clown, we all have tickets to sell. The drawing will be December 5th at Shadys. Many, many, many, many prizes!!!

There is another phenomenon that was observed this year in Jamestown. A task that was accomplished like it was just another day in Shrinedom. All Units in Jimtown came together like a well oiled machine. Miles of lights were used. The trees on Shriner Hill (formerly known as Mill Hill) were decorated with care and a lot of hard work -- with much effort and machinery. The Shriner Hill Project is getting ready to turn on, I can't wait. It should be good, hope it doesn't cause a brown out in downtown. The official Lighting will be November 4th. It will be Grand !!!

JANUARY 8, 2021 IS ROAST THE POTE. Annual meeting, banquet and party the next day Saturday, January 9th. Get a room at The Delta in Fargo.

Dennis Sands, you all know him as Fluff, will be Illustrious Sir Fluff in 2021. That will be the third Pote from the Clowns since I have been a Shriner!! That my friends deserves another WOW!!!

The last, but certainly not least, subject I wish to address are the Clown Ladies. They have helped us so much with all we have going on. They deserve much, much more than a mention in this article. So someone think of a way to thank them properly and let's get it done!!

Thanks for Reading This ... Weezer.



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WILD GAME FEED

It's never too early to start thinking about our next great Shrine adventure. The gathering of Nobility, family, and friends, always brings excitement to the air around EL Zagal. In 2020, we snuck the Wild Game Feed in before the pandemic hit; hopefully we will sneak the 2021 version in at the tail end of it. We need to be optimistic and forward thinking that this will end and we can all move forward, again.

In what will be the 24th Annual Wild Game Feed on FEBRUARY 20th , 2021, we will host several hundred guests to dine on fine vittles and play some games of chance, all in support of the El Zagal Buildings and Grounds.

This TEMPLE WIDE event, will again be reaching out to units and clubs to help contribute game prizes, food, and manpower, again offering the incentives for participation. We're not giving out ribbons, were giving out CASH !. For 2020, the WGF gave back to units / clubs over \$4,000 and still made a contribution to Buildings and Grounds of \$ 19,000.

Like the circus, we will establish sub committees to spread the burden around. In future communications, the sub's will be set and feel free to take a section on. Communication will be sent out on a meeting of the minds for WGF 2021 in the near future.

With everyone's contribution, we can continue to make this another HUGE night for EL ZAGAL membership.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to working with you on WGF 2021.

Mike Rieckman

Twas the Night of Thanksgiving



'Twas the night of Thanksgiving, but I just couldn't sleep. I tried counting backwards, I tried counting sheep The leftovers beckoned--The dark meat and white, But I fought the temptation with all of my might.

Tossing and turning with anticipation, The thought of a snack became infatuation, So I raced to the kitchen, flung open the door, And gazed at the fridge full of goodies galore. I gobbled up turkey and buttered potatoes, Pickles and carrots, beans and tomatoes.

I felt myself swelling so plump and so round, Till all of a sudden, I rose off the ground!

I crashed through the ceiling, floating into the sky, With a mouthful of pudding and a handful of pie, But I managed to yell as I soared past the trees,

> HAPPY EATING TO ALL! PASS THE CRANBERRIES PLEASE!

2020 Honored Guests and Awards

25 YEAR MEMBERS

Bryce F Anderson	Fargo ND
Doug D Anderson	Gwinner ND
Jeffrey A Anderson	Gwinner ND
Dennis J Howey	Gwinner ND
Robert C Melchior	Bemidji MN
Charles B Rodine	Glyndon MN
Blaine H Stevens	Gwinner ND
Thomas H Anderson	Barnesville MN

35 YEAR MEMBERS/LIFE MEMBERS

Dennis D Decker Kim C Lewis Charles E Armstrong Calvin M Charles Francis L Ely Robert J Graveline Bradley P Johnson Robert P Johnson Vern A Johnson John S Laskey Joel H Lees James W Martin Larry D Rafferty Morris Saxerud Gwinner ND Mandan ND Lisbon ND El Paso TX Bismarck ND Bismarck ND Henrico VA Cape Coral FL Bismarck ND Fargo ND Buchanan ND Bismarck ND Oregon City OR Lisbon ND

50 YEAR MEMBERS

Robert B Stone Ben L Woessner Vernon M Habeck James B Hallen George D Hildebrant Harold C Karch Donald M Lund Harris W Widmer Detroit Lakes MN Pelican Rapids MN Ada MN Hettinger ND Beach ND Bismarck ND Watford City ND Fargo ND

60 YEAR MEMBERS

James E Dixon	Fargo ND
Walter C Hanewald	Dickinson ND
Alexander P Macdonald	Fargo ND
James T Stark	Monmouth OR
Robert K Muhs, Sr	Dickey ND
David J Olson	Lake Park MN

OVER 65 YEAR MEMBERS

Wayne W Kirmis	68years	Park Rapids MN
John A Hansen	69years	Hendersonville TX
William D Stockman	72years	Georgetown TX
Robert M Ray	72years	Rockport TX
Lester Wollschlaeger	73years	Covallis OR
Oray T Austin	75years	Hettinger ND
Larry K Ellingson	75years	Fountain Hills AZ



Bismarck Appreciation/Awards Night



(Left to right) Oriental Guide Travis Will, Bob Graveline, Robert "Post" Johnson, Potentate Mike Dow, Kim Lewis and Jim Martin All 4 of these Nobles received an award for 35 years of service.



Happy Thanksgiving

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