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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE Family, Fun & Fellowship

Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

Spring is in the air! Well, it sure appears to be with the great weather we have been having. I have seen a lot of motorcycles out already. Hope you all have a chance to enjoy it.

It was sure great to see all the Nobles in attendance from Fargo, DL and Bismarck supporting the James Valley Shrine Club's Stag on Friday February 26th in Jamestown. Fun and Fellowship was had by all. Lady Tammy invited the Divan Ladies for a fun evening in downtown Jamestown. Thank you all for attending. Some even stayed until Sunday!

Even though covid-19 has some staying pretty close to home, there are still lots of things going on. Tammy and I had fun at Pizza, Puzzles & Beer on Saturday March 6th, hosted by the Directors Staff. Our team struggled with the puzzle part but were serious contenders with the rest. Just saying.

The EZ Outdoors Gun Show was held March 13-14 with the Misfits smoking & grilling up

some great vittles. I didn't make it over for that but I'm sure it was a good time for all.

There are still plenty of chances to get together and support our fellow Nobles in their unit and club activities. With all this warm weather, make sure to contact myself, PP Ringo and other members of EZ Wheels as the truck could hit the bottom of the Lil Britch's Fishing Pond soon. 1 for \$5, 5 for \$20 or 10 in a book for \$40.

The Jamestown Mystics Fish Fry was Friday March 26th at the Gladstone Inn in Jamestown .This is a great event that they have been holding for years.

If your still considering going on OB Fishing trip in July, your deposit needs to be in by March 30th. El Zagal Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 3rd. I believe the last event as of now for the month of April is Suds & Spuds on Saturday April 24th.

Even without the circus, we still have plenty to do in our Shrine Center and in our neighboring communities. Please participate if you can!



The Divan and Membership Chair Russ are still striving to increase our membership. Russ has worked with the Fargo Force to have a night there to help support us



and our membership goals. It is set for Friday, April 16 at Scheels Arena. There will be more information soon. Please check our homepage at elzagal.org

Lady Tammy has asked me to make sure that I don't forget to invite all the Ladies to the Ladies Luncheon on Saturday May 1st. Please consider joining Lady Tammy and the other Ladies for this event just for you! Please contact Andrea in the office to confirm you will be in attendance.

The Spring Ceremonial is only 102 days away so mark your calendar and join Lady Tammy and I in Jamestown.

It is time for me to send this off to our Camel Tales Editor Rich Ellsworth, who for the last few years has been doing one heck of a job keeping our newsletter coming on time and everything in it so we all know what is going on in El Zagal. Thank you Rich!

Yours in Faith, Dennis "Fluff" Sand 2021 Potentate

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Membership It Is Time To Get a Move On

Other than the short stint of cold weather, it has been an exceptionally mild winter.

By the looks of the Jamestown Stag Event, Pizza Puzzles and Beers by the Director Staff and the recent Gun Show by EZ Outdoors, people are ready to get out and get back to having fun and learn about what the Shrine does and be involved.

I've recently met with the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity from NDSU and invited them to the Temple. They had absolutely no idea what we did, but after they learned, they wanted to get involved.

I understand, due their busy lives, they might not be ready to become members right now but they are willing to volunteer. One thing, they were excited to introduce us to the rest of the fraternity and help us leverage the Shriner presence throughout the campus.

Speaking of showing a presence. Come out and enjoy the "Shriner For a Night" at the Fargo Force hockey game at Scheels Arena on April 16th. Tickets will be available to purchase at the El Zagal Temple or online.

We'll be looking at giving away some bikes, Zamboni rides between periods, testimonials, etc. It will be a great event for you to invite your family, friends, neighbors, customers so they can see how you can have fun while serving a bigger purpose.

Who do you know that likes hockey? Russell Schell

Wild Game Feed 2021 OCTOBER 16, 2021

Have you gotten your COVID shot yet?

New games and ideas are being developed as your reading, in a secret laboratory, in an undisclosed location.

We're expanding into new options for food, fun and frolic. We will work hard until the FINAL FINAL prize is given away. LIMITED EDITION 2021 MINNOW SHOTS shirts will be in the house again!

As a Temple wide event, we will again reach

out to everyone to help blow the doors off the Temple and put some \$\$ back in their pockets.

If you would like to be part of the fun of this project, we are always looking for people to champion a section of the night. We would love to have you on-board; give us a call.

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VIDALIA ONION SALE \$10.00 / 101b BAG

Its getting close to that time of year again. Vidalia Onions. I have upped our order this year as last year we sold out in 23 short hours. So, go ahead and start planning to take orders and we will make this FUNdaraiser happen quickly.

Any questions feel free to send me an email. OnionTravis@Gmail.com



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Hospital Auxiliary Fundraising In Style

Our meeting, which was held on March 13, was very productive as we got a lot done toward the next Style Show! It will be held in October 14. So let's all put it on our calendars and plan to attend. We will be having hors d"ouvres along with a free drink with the purchase of a ticket! That sounds wonderful to me!

We will be acquiring a list of e-mail addresses from our members so we can send out the minutes after each meeting. Want to be on the list?? --Contact Gretchen Schoer at northschoer4@msn. com and give her your information.

Would you like to become a member of the Auxiliary but don't know anything about it? Also send your e-mail address and a message. We will be glad to get the information to you!

We can now send new toys to the hospital – but no stuffed animals. We will be tying blankets at our next meeting to be sent to the hospital. If you would have access to some fleece fabric and would like to donate it, we would love to have it!!

It was suggested that a box be set up at the Shrine Centers in Fargo and in Jamestown since that is where the next ceremonial will be. Help us help the children by purchasing a toy or dropping off a blanket or two in the box and we will see that the blankets get made and to the hospital!!

Our next meeting will be on April 10th at 10:00am at the Shrine Center. Plan to come and join us! We love to have our members come as well as new members!!

Joanne Andres, Sec.

Mandan Indians Degree Work is Winter Camp Activity

Well here comes the thundering hoofs, a cloud of dust and a, "Hi Ho Silver". And a faithful Indian Chief Mato to let you know what the Mandan Indians did last month – We put on the EA degree for five new men.

And I hope when they become Shriners that they come into the Mandan Indians, the oldest unit of El Zagal Shrine.

The weather sure has been nice, but we need rain badly. I think it is time to put on a rain dance again.

I just hope we get to do something this summer; like maybe goto Camp Grassick and dance for the kids again. We need to get out and meet people, let them know we are still around.

It is time to strike the teepee and hope to have more next month.

Chief Mato Edward J C Dockter

Color Guard Croonings

Well, we had spring for a little bit, but then someone went and ticked off "Ol Mother Nature", and we are back to snow. At this rate, our snow bird members won't be back to God's country until August!

Notable in the month of March is not only St. Patrick's Day, but Lowell Thompson's birthday. We are so proud of Lowell – he is doing very well for 88 years old. You hardly even notice that he is wearing adult diapers to Color Guard meetings!

This reporter is thinking about becoming a talent scout after a recent trip to warmer climates, where upon I witnessed the golden throat of one Robin Hanson! There I was minding my own business when upon my ears did fall a voice so pure – so lovely, that I thought it was Frank Sinatra. Imagine my surprise when I notice he could dance too! I tell ya, the Color Guard has all kinds of hidden talent! I am busy trying to negotiate a contract for Robin right now with "Shriners Got Talent", but the problem is getting him through security at the airport. Security won't allow him to bring his "bottled courage" on the plane!

At the recent Poles & Holes fishing contest, there was quite a disturbance as a naked figure skater made his presence known on the ice that chilly Saturday morning on Detroit Lake. Upon further investigation, and a very powerful pair of binoculars, we realized that the naked person was none other than Bruce Stone! You see, his lady Jene put a challenge out to Bruce that he couldn't ice skate naked on the ice for his birthday. Well, he did. In the chilly February air, we had a bit of trouble trying to figure out if the skater was male or female – if you know what I mean, but none the less, we realized it was Bruce. Job well done there shorty! The Color Guard is moving forward with a Bike Rodeo to benefit children in our communities due to the fact that we cannot have a circus this year. Our members will be gearing up soon to secure sponsors for bikes to be given away to area children. Due to the cancellation of the circus last year, we tried this event and it was a great success. IF you can help with sponsorships for bikes, feel free to reach out to President Ian Somerville at the Becker County Jail (sorry, that is not true!) at 701-388-9691. This is a great event that was well received last year.

Word has it that our Potentate will be holding a Potentates Ball on May 22nd at El Zagal. It should be a great time with a theme of "Back to the 50's". For clarification, that is the 1950's, not your age 50's! Our Illustrious Potentate has promised to dance with EVERY Color Guard Lady that shows up that evening. I think it is a little strange that he has requested that it only be slow dances, but hey, he is the Potentate! Let's all support Illustrious Fluff and Lady Tammy on May 22nd.

Spring is the time of renewal. We need to take that theme to heart, and renew ourselves and our club. Each of us should try to "replace" ourselves at least one time a year with a new member for the Color Guard. As we look for new ideas to have fun and raise money for our mission, it would be a perfect time to reach out to new members and invite them to a meeting. The summer may bring a Color Guard Social Hour once a month, new events to do as a group – so much fun to be had! WE can even hold a big party at Brad Richard's pool with clothing optional – well, we better think on that one. Anyway, it is a great time to be a Shriner, and remember, there is NOTHING FINER THAN A COLOR GUARD SHRINER!

Don't put your shovels away yet!

Lars

Jamestown Mystics BIG Fundraisers On the Line

Good morning to everyone in The El Zagal Shrine. It's February 27th, the morning after the 11th Annual Jamestown Shrine Club Big \$penders Stag night. It's still a little foggy for some. What a great event it was, great to see Shriners from all of El Zagal and to socialize again was awesome.

COME 1 COME ALL!! It was the El Zagal Mystics 40th Annual Fish Fry March 26th at Shadys, with Sir Fluff and Lady Tammy greeting at the front door. IT'S ALWAYS THE BEST FISH FRY IN TOWN.

While you were enjoying a great fish meal did you ask a Mystic about their 10th Annual Gun Raffle? Did you (Purchase a \$100 ticket) that gives you a chance to win 1 of 20 guns out of 400 tickets? #20 is worth \$2500.00 gun or \$2000.00 cash!!! YOU DONT WANT TO MISS OUT ON THIS OPPORTUNITY -- GET YOUR TICKET SOON. We've been busy planning our 1st ANNUAL "FISHING FOR A CAUSE" FUNDRAISER. THE BEST OUTDOOR EVENT OF 2019. THIS IS ONLY GOING TO GET BIGGER & BETTER. ALL DAY EVENT FOR KIDS WITH BOUNCE HOUSES, FACE PAINTING, KIDS FISHING TOURNAMENT, PRIZE GIVEAWAYS FOR KIDS. This year we are having a \$20 raffle tickets for some great prizes. Get your tickets!!

We have a brother whose health is failing. (He is known for his ticket sales) he sells 100 plus gun raffle tickets every year and many books of Fish Fry tickets, circus ads and much more. Five good brothers went to visit Brother Arnie; of course we couldn't leave without having a cup of coffee and Ivonnes famous Carmel Rolls -- Oh Boy! they were delicious. Please keep brother Arnie and sister Ivonne in your prayers. Thanks

Annual El Zagal Easter Egg Hunt



Bingo and Crafts after Egg Hunt

April 3, 2021

11:00 AM

This year we will have one Egg Hunt for every age group.

Ages 0-3 Ages 4-7 8 and older



47th Annual Old Bastards / Pote's Fishing Trip JULY 22 – 25

Per Person Package Includes: Round Trip Motorcoach Transportation...Three Nights Lodging... Two Days Guided Walleye Fishing...Eight Meals... Rods..Reels..Bait..Tackle..Ice..Fish Processing..All Taxes

Special Rate = \$550 Per Person ASK ABOUT: Risk Free Reservations ... Cancellation Trip Protection

\$100 Deposit Required for Reservation Due By March 30 – Full Payment Made By June 22 (MAKE CHECK TO BALLARD'S RESORT)

Mail Deposit To: El Zagal Shrine c/o O.B. Fishing Trip 1429 3rd Street North Fargo, ND 58102

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Hello to all Nobles and Ladies,

thoughts...

events.

Jamestown

Bike Run Kickstarts Fun In 21

April showers bring May flowers and then it turns horizon to horizon beautiful. Just my

We have a busy Year. Fluff is the Potentate !!! Spring Ceremonial comes right after the Clown Bike Ride. I'm not going to be like most newsletters, I AM going to tell you the dates of

June 19: Clown Bike Ride and 2020 Harley Bike

Clowns





Ritualistic Divan *Historic Fundraiser Underway*

Nobles and Ladies All,

Here we are looking at April already, daylight savings time has passed (hope you changed your clocks, Vern...awe, you'll still be late), Spring has sprung, and we're counting the months until "Covid time" is a thing of the past; hoping all the while that everybody is in good spirits and staying healthy!

The RD's have been busy planning ahead to update our Regali which is in desperate need of recycling. And by recycling I mean as in when President Scotty recycles his bottle once the ol' diesel has been drained from the Bud-labeled tank. We checked Amazon -- zilch, Ebay -- zip, Adam & Eve -- nada...and so quickly discovered that our Regalia is A) hard to find, and 2) not cheap. So in our quest for Regalia greatness, as well as wanting to turn the Illusion up to 11, we are extremely proud to announce the 1st RD fundraiser since Dave Skov rode a dinosaur (since wheels weren't invented yet) to the rock pit, and boy is she a beaut'.

For the small investment of 1 lone \$20 bill, you get your chance at 1 of 3 Shriners International

Tribute Edition Henry .22's (\$1,259 MSRP each), as well as 10 x \$100 Cash and 10 x \$20 Cash winners – 50% payout in all! How cool is that! Please find your favorite RD (or honorary RD with tickets) for your chance at this very rare and super awesome gun!

Congratulations to the EZ Outdoors for their highly successful gun show put on at El Zagal! We were lucky enough to snag a booth, and boy was it worth it – Lowell, Tom, and I peddled our goods for ½ day Saturday and all day Sunday, and Scotty and Rollie pulled ½ a day shift on Saturday. In total, we sold 65 tickets in 2 short days...not bad at all.

So get your tickets while they're there to be gotten!!! Thank-you in advance for your support!

In closing, as the infamous Sir Bruce Nereson PP, our VP, would say, "See ya!"

YITF, -Dan Sec/Treas give away and party. Kick stands up at11am. Stutsman Harley June 25 and 26: Spring Ceremonial, Jamestown -- Clowns and Mystics. Parades so far--July 17: Wimbledon. More details are on the way next time.

Our Last meeting was a gas. Gary Olson attended with great looking hair. Chad Kaiser showed up!

Everyone else was enthusiastic about every single thing, how nice to see... We need to keep saying, "many hands make light work." Spring Ceremonial will be a great success, but if everyone helps out, it will be an unbelievable fantastical success!!!

With no circus and no Clown for a Night, we have the Spring Ceremonial and Bike Run now and Corn Patch this fall. That's about it for fundraisers. So everyone needs to get going and help do something! Let's have another amazing year!! LET'S GET FIRED UP CLOWNS ! -- FUN IN 21!

ONE LAST THING. Aaron Raap is now the default cook for our meetings, which is nice. From now on, if no one steps up, Aaron has to do the cooking. THANKS Aaron!

Thanks for reading this, Weezer.

Director's Staff We Got It Going Now

Could it be? Is that Spring in the air? I hear birds chirping and the street cleaners cleaning... Motorcycle Season is soon upon us!

We have our parade committee, ride team, and the rest of the guys gearing up for a busy summer! The Director's Staff is ready to get back in the community!

After a great turn out with our Pizza, Puzzles, and Beer event, we helped out with EZ Outdoors Gun Show...over 1100 people through the door! Kudo's to Noble Roger Ellsworth and his team on making that a HUGE success, and also have some DS members dress up in El Zagal Jerseys, provided by Noble Bruce Ridgway, for a Sled Hockey Tournament for charity. Let's keep this going! What's next on the agenda for the Director's Staff you ask? -- 10th Annual Suds n Spuds!!! April 24th from 4-7pm -- A \$25 ticket will get you in for beer samplings from local craft beer joints and some tasty food! There will be games, raffles, and a silent auction. We are always looking for auction donations if anyone is willing to help out. Please contact Noble Casey Schoer if you have any questions or donations. We hope to see everyone there to support El Zagal and the Director's Staff.

We have another event in the works and it's starting to create some buzz. The Director's Staff is planning to hold a "Hole in One Contest" at the El Zagal Golf Course sometime this summer. We are working on some big prizes in the lineup and are looking to draw a big crowd. So everyone start practicing up on your swing and keep an eye out on the calendar...We are excited about this one!!!

As the area is starting to open up again and the communities are looking for things to do...I think this is a great time to get El Zagal events going and remind everyone about our Noble Mission and that we are still here! The Director's Staff and I are challenging other units to step up and start thinking outside the box to get people into our beautiful and newly remodeled facility.

This will drive membership, help finance buildings and grounds, and hopefully revive some of the El Zagal morale that 2020 may have dented. I'm excited for 2021!

Stay Hydrated, Shaun Engelsrud



UN-POTE TRIP 2021

Hey everyone, spring is springing, bikes are starting to roar to life, and we have plans in place, even our mule from 2020 has signed on for another year.

We're leaving Fargo on June 7th, coming home on the 13th. Running the pig tails of the Black Hills, checking out the monuments that make you proud to be an American, launching your ride up the mountains and through the valleys. Ending the day with a good meal, a beverage and some great fellowship. Why would you not want to be part of this?

If you want to be part of this fun, or even a section of the fun, let Mike Dow or Mike Rieckman know. Just because we are listing it as a motorcycle trip, does not mean that you

cannot join us in your car or truck. **Everyone** is invited. We will set up lodging for everyone, so please be timely with your intent to attend. **GROUP RESERVATIONS CUT OFF IS MAY 1ST, AFTER THAT DATE YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US, JUST ON YOUR OWN FOR RESERVATIONS.** But we would love to hear from you sooner than later.

Looking forward to another fun time with the wind in our hair and bugs in our teeth. Planning ahead for 2022, if Canada opens up, Tour of Lake Superior.

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Bismarck Dusters Taking a Shot at "Coming Out"

Greetings from the West! It has been about a year since I last wrote an article about the Dusters for the Camel Tales.What a year it has been! What with most of the "older" generation having had COVID 19 shots we assume it is okay to come out of the woodwork and join society once again.

Our illustrative leader, Honorable Tim Dawson, decided it was ok to "come out" in January when he scheduled a meeting and the monthly social. It wasn't until March that he had more than 8 members present (11 in March). He announced the first Duster parade of the season – to be held May 14 – Band Day parade here in Bismarck.

The group spent a good amount of time discussing alternative ways to raise funds for our charities since there was no circus. The Circus Club discussed giving away the bicycles since they were already purchased. Bob Simmers mentioned that they were planning to have the "fly-in" on the second Sunday In September with proceeds going to the Scottish Rite Language Center.

It was mentioned that the local Blue Lodges were busy creating new Masons with The Indians from Mandan doing the Entered Apprentice degree and Lodge 5 doing the Fellowcraft degree with a combined effort to do all at "Low Vale" in May for the Master Mason degree.

It is also rumored that Steel Lodge has some degree activity! I wonder when the last Mason was made a Shriner from Steele.

Tim also announced that the "Old Bastard's" fishing trip was scheduled for July 22-25.

Until the nest time... keep em rollin'...rollin'... rollin'

Jerry Skogley, Scribe



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EL ZAGAL / S&L COMPUTER SERVICES PRO/AM GOLF TOURNAMENT August 25, 2021

Time to start working on the hook or the slice and get ready for the 2021 PRO/AM golf tournament.

Going into our 23rd year the PRO/AM has contributed over \$400,000 to the hospital and transportation fund. Let's keep this golf ball rolling down the fairway and sink the putt with another successful year of contributions, golfing, and fellowship.

Start working on your team. It's never too early to sign up and guarantee your spot on this fun day. Last year was touch and go at the start due to the weather, but we have been blessed with great days in recent years. Everyone is welcome. If you can't get a team from your unit / club, get some friends and sign up. Split the cost of the team between the players and the unit.

Advertise your business with a hole sign. And we can always use some help on the committee and on the day of the tournament. It's a great way to spend the day helping the Shrine.

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SAVETHE DATE MAY 22, 2021 (POTE's BALL)

FLUFF'S DINER AND SOCK HOP BALLROOM WILL BE OPEN ON MAY 22 AT 6:00PM. FIND YOUR POODLE SKIRTS AND POMADE! LET'S GET READY TO SHAKE, RATTLE AND ROLL!!!!!!

DETAILS WILL BE IN NEXT MONTH'S CAMEL TALES

Rock It 1

LADIES SPRING SOCIAL

Illustrious Sir Dennis Sand and Lady Tammy Cordially invite you to the Spring Social at El Zagal, Saturday, May 1 For ALL Ladies. Social hour at 11:00AM / followed by a casual Lunch We will not be mailing invitations Reservation is necessary Please make your reservation with Andrea at El Zagal Call her at 701-235-7521 or Email to info@elzagal.org

