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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE Family, Fun & Fellowship

Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

I am sorry to start this out with some sad news as Noble Charles "Charlie" Richter passed away on Sunday, February 14th at the age of 93. I first met Charlie years ago when PP Charlie Skeel was asked if the Clowns would come to New Rockford for the Fourth of July parade. We had a great time and afterwards, met with Charlie, his son Stu, Rod Lindstrom and others at the Eagles club and made new lifelong friends. Be thankful for the memories as someday that will be all we have left. Charles creation date into El Zagal was 12/03/1960. 60 years of helping kids and having fun! We will miss you Charlie.

As I am writing this, we would have just been home from the MSA Winter Session in Sioux City IA. As with a lot of events this year and past, it was canceled but as resourceful Shriners, business still took place via zoom.



It was reported that our new Shriners Children's Twin Cities facility is providing life changing care for our KIDS across our 15 different Shrine Centers plus others with the best care at no cost to them or their families. The one request that PP Gene Reece had was that we are able to help more kids so please be on the lookout for a child that may need our care.

Our membership in El Zagal fell below a 1000 Nobles this past year. With that, Russ Schell our Membership Chairman and his team are focusing on restoration and new membership goals. Russ was in Bismarck the weekend of the 14th helping at a booth with Ross Mushik, Garrett Njos and others at the Bismarck Sport Show. Thank you Nobles! I haven't heard any numbers but I'm sure it was well received and look forward to positive growth in the Bismarck / Mandan area. Please invite a friend or family member to your next unit / club meeting and help Russ and his team and El Zagal.

There have been some cancellations and postponements announced already. The El Zagal Shrine Circus unfortunately was one. With limited capacity, the probability of an increase in Covid 19 infection etc. we had no choice but to cancel for 2021. Our Circus Chairman did look at later in the year but with 2 of our circus's being held in ice skating arenas that was not possible. We are hoping to be able to provide a circus in 2022. Keep your fingers crossed.

The Wild Game Feed has been postponed until Saturday October 16th. Please mark your calendars now and I look forward to seeing you all there. This is a great fundraiser for our building and grounds.

EZ Wheels Club has also postponed their Corn Hole Tournament. They will announce a date soon but they did go ahead with their Corn Hole League. Thank goodness for some normality even though the number of teams has been restricted and



social distancing measures are in place.

There is an event being planned for our Shrine Center! The Annual Gun Show is back and will be held on March 13th & 14th. Please contact Roger Ellsworth for more information and support this and our Shrine Center by attending.

Also, on Friday, March 26th from 4:30 to 7:30, is the 40th Annual El Zagal Mystics Fish Fry Supper at Shady's Banquet Room in the Gladstone Hotel in Jamestown. They serve a great meal with fun and fellowship for all. This year they are offering drive up and take out too. Tickets are available now or purchase at the door. Lady Tammy and I will be there greeting our guests so come out and see us and take in a great meal.

With that, my wish for you all is to enjoy your family, find time for some fun and that fellowship will bring all of us together real soon!

Yours in Faith, Dennis "Fluff" Sand 2021 Potentate

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Director's Staff Start of New Year is Somewhat Puzzling

It's already March! The Director's Staff have started coming out of hibernation and planning a few events.

We have a Pizza, Puzzles, and Beer 3.0 coming up on March 6th at 6pm. Space is limited and filling up fast. Please contact Noble Travis Leach or a DS member for more information and get your team together and Puzzle on!

We also have Suds n Spuds on the calendar for April 24th and planning on making it better than ever, with the celebrity judges, great food and local craft beers. We have started our "Beer Tour" to taste test the product and make sure it meets the quality standards for our events...so far so good and haven't ran into a bad beer yet.

We will be looking for silent auction items for Suds n Spuds too. So if anyone has anything to donate, we'd appreciate it!

If you have any questions or would like a ticket, let a Director's Staff member know and we will get you taken care of.

Stay Hydrated, Shaun Engelsrud

Mandan Indians Always Traveling the Blue Lodge Trail

Well here I am again, the Mason and Shriner that just about didn't get in. Thanks to my friend Al VanVoorlif; he knows a good man when he sees one.

Me and Jeff T kept the Steele Lodge open and it's doing good now. Thanks to Jake Zink for getting new members.

We put on an EA degree in February and soon we will be putting on an EA in Steele. The Mandan Indians are always on the go.

If you think it is cold, you should put on buckskins and go outside. You would be looking for a campfire.

I didn't make it to our last meeting because I was in Steele for a meeting. I will have more next month. It is time to strike the teepee.

Chief Mato Edward J C Dockter

Membership Putting Ideas Into Action

Traveling to Bismarck and representing the Shriners at the Sportsman Show was just another enlightening experience of all the events that are going on with the Shrine.

I always enjoy traveling and meeting or getting to know Shriners just a little bit better. One thing that is always common. "There are a lot of great ideas out there". The challenge is "Putting Ideas Into Action" especially with our already busy schedules.

At the Sports Show, Shriners were sponsoring the children's gaming event and partnering with Mary College Nursing students to help staff the event. The cost for the sponsorship was \$0. Again, by teaming with the Bismarck Tribune and the Sportsman Show personnel. During the event I was hearing how we could make it better, but we would need more people. My mind thought "it's -20 degrees outside".

I wonder if there are more high school or college students available to volunteer. At the same time, it would be an opportunity to educate them on what the Shrine does and start the recruiting process.

What ideas have you had, but just not sure how to move forward with it? Put those ideas out there; I'd like to hear them. Then let's see what needs to be done to "Put Those Ideas Into Action".

Membership Chairman Russell Schell

Oriental Band

Greetings Nobles and Ladies! The Oriental Band is getting smaller, the Black Camel has visited our unit 4 times this past year. Illustrious Sir Louis Larsen PP, Chuck Olson, Terry Bladholm, and Mark Holman. Please keep these noble's families in your prayers.

Discussion was held regarding downsizing the OB to a Shrine Club, but with the help of Past Potentate Mike Dow and the Misfits we are still a unit. We probably won't be parading but we will still be able to participate in the 1st section

at the Ceremonials.

We would welcome any new or associate members to help us reorganize and continue forward as the Oriental Band.

Last, we would like to wish our New Potentate Dennis Sand and his Divan a fun and prosperous Year!

Yours in the Faith, Steve

EZ Wheels Putting a Freeze on Events



Above is a picture of some ugly EZ Wheel members on the Little Britches Pond in Jamestown.

In the background is our beautiful truck that we secured for our 1st Annual EZ Wheels Truck Drop. For \$5 a ticket you can guess when the truck is going to drop thru the ice. If it doesn't start warming up again it might be the 4th of July. We are busy selling tickets and would love to hook any of you illustrious Shriners up with a winning ticket. Lucky guesser wins \$2000.

Also on February 3rd, we began our EZ Wheel Corn Hole League at the Jamestown KC's. Sixteen teams showed up at 7 o'clock sharp and began displaying their sharpshooting talents. (Well a few of them did). Craig Beedy did a lot of work with organizing and getting ready and lots of us pitched in. The first night went off without a hitch. As of now, we have decided to wait with our Annual Corn Hole Tournament until this pandemic thing is history. We will see what happens.

Until next time, stay warm. EZ Wheels Joe Burgard

Color Guard Croonings

Here we are in a brand new year – the year of Fluff the Potentate! The Color Guard has been busy working on ideas to support Illustrious Sir Fluff, and have come up with some rather unique ideas!

Without a circus this year, we pooled our thoughts and came up with a couple replacements for the year.

Always in the forefront, Father Jerry is busy organizing a Color Guard Glamour Calendar, with action pictures of your favorite Color Guard Nobles in swim suits. Leave it to Jerry to come up with an idea that requires a rating of G or PG or R!

Gilligan has decided to sponsor Spanish classes, held at the Color Guard bar, each Friday evening starting at 5. Along with the speech classes, he is offering interpretive dance lessons. I am not sure where he gets his expertise from!

Bruce Stone is also in the groove, training guys for the 6 inch marathon to be held in May. He has been quoted as saying that it isn't always the length of the run.....and I can't print the rest!

The Color Guard is still planning on a bike rodeo, and we are still working on details. It is built on the successful bike give away from last year. Details will be forthcoming, and we will be looking for lots of participation! This is a great way to reach out and give back locally to our kids and sponsors! Again, watch for details!

Back from a recent trip to South Texas, Noble Neisen was reported to visit a wedding chapel in North Mexico! We are so excited for the couple! They haven't actually "came out of the closet" yet, but we all know what really happened down south! Word on the street is that it was a lovely ceremony held in the back of a Mexican cantina, complete with dancing donkies and drummers that could actually march in time!

We recently checked in with our southern delegation in Arizona, only to find that Tappe and Richards spend most of their time at detox. It is a great thing that the center is right in their neighborhood, cause we sure can't let those guys drive!

Paul Meszaros was honored at the Annual Meeting for El Zagal in January. It was great to see Little Lars get a major award! Truth is, this award was actually for the fact that he remembered Lady Janie's name after a long session at the Arabian Room!

As we transition into a new year with obvious changes to meetings and events, we are always looking for new ideas and new members. Have an idea? Bring it forward! Have a possible candidate? Bring him forward. Our duty is to try to replace ourselves each year. Let's have fun doing it!

In closing, things are great with the Color Guard, and we look forward to times when we can gather, have fun, and call Uber for a ride home!

Keep EVERYTHING inside this winter!

Jamestown Mystics Thinking about the Warmer Days Ahead

Hope everyone is staying healthy and safe . -25 degrees and The El Zagal Mystics are full speed ahead planning our 40th Annual Fish Fry that will we held on March 26th at Shady's banquet room -- new this year we will be offering car side to go.

Also, our 10th Annual gun raffle tickets are printed and ready for sale. Only 400 tickets sold and 20 chances to win for only \$100 per ticket. Help us help those that need help. In addition, we are planning our 1st Annual Lazy Fish fundraiser. New this year, we're doing a \$20 raffle ticket (more to come).

And in the shop, Brock and the boys have our parade units on jack stands, changing oil, greasing, changing tires, cables, peeling old paint off for new and even making it easier for the bigger guys to fit. So we will be ready for the parade schedule when it comes out. That's all for now.

Jamestown Clowns *Motorcycle Run Starts the Fun in 21*

Hello to all Nobles and ladies,

Well our new Illustrious Sir Fluff, has been doing wonderful...I think. No news is good news. I have not been hearing much and that is what I know. Although I could make some good story up if you like. Maybe next time...

We have been selling Clown Motorcycle Raffle tickets. If any clowns or others have an idea to get tickets to more people more quickly, SPEAK UP! Thanks to all who sold at the Civic Center in early February. Fantastic Effort !!!

The Trailer looks awesome; nice wrap. I'm not talking about you Aaron. Your name is spelled Raap. The ride is JUNE 19, Stutsman Harley. 11am kickstands up!!

Our winter so far has been one that I like to think should be normal. If anyone is wishing for snow, you haven't shoveled it enough.

It will be March soon, the snow birds will return with Spring, then comes Summer, fun times abound! Everyone get ready for FUN IN 21!!

Pres. Seth, what a marvelous two months, who knew? The second meeting was run like a boot camp, we can take it! Everyone needs a little order. Things were going so smooth until... Gary Olson said the document was great, then everyone agreed and we talked about it for another hour -- go figure. The guys that worked on it did do a great job, give them a pat on the back. I'll give them a gold star by their name.

We've got a Spring Ceremonial to administrate. We are always sure it will be one for the memory banks! Let's get cracking!! Thank you to Kevin T. for stepping up. It's June 25 & 26. Mark it DOWN!!! And help out. Many hands

Mark it DOWN!!! And help out. Many hands make light work.



Contact Dave Larson 704 28th Street SW

Fargo, North Dakota 701-232-7000

Web Design Email Services Also, last but certainly not least, Sir Rick is starting his inspirational speaking tour next month. Just sayin'...

Thanks for Reading This, Weezer.





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

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

Contact: Shaun Engelsrud At: 701-552-0969 dakotawaterpro@gmail.com

Wild Game Feed We're Back!

WILD GAME FEED 2021 IS BACK ON! The NEW date will be OCTOBER 16th, 2021.

The small delay will provide us with hopefully a safer environment for us and our guests. We will be able to expand into new options for food, fun and frolic.

We will work hard until the FINAL FINAL prize is given away. MINNOW SHOTS 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.

More details will follow PP Mike Dow Mike R



FIFTH ANNUAL

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EL ZAGAL SHRINE TEMPLE 1429 NORTH 3rd STREET FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

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Not Responsible for Accidents or Theft. The proceeds from this event will benefit the future of the EZ Outdoors Unlimited Trapshooting Team.



The Misfit Cooking Club based in Fargo has always been about helping the El Zagal Temple, units/clubs, and the general public, all while cooking up some very tasty food. The Misfits have cooked and served food for various temple and unit functions, many of the times, donating back the net proceeds.

Knowing that there have been limited opportunities for units/clubs to raise needed money, we are offering to partner with you on an upcoming cook. We're offering up a 25% commission based upon the sales you make.

Pretty simple math, you sell several 5 racks of ribs for \$110, you get \$27.50, all for just putting the word out to your friends and family about the cook. Pretty simple, right?

Our next planned "BIG" cook will be MARCH 20th, with **orders due into the MISFITS by MARCH 15th**. It is IMPERATIVE that all orders are in by that date. There is a lot of prep work that goes into making the food taste as great as it does.

Below you will find contact information and a price list. We will be visiting area units / clubs during February and early March to talk about the cook and the Misfits. We hope that you can see the benefit of this partnership with the Misfits. The more El Zagal gets out into the public eye, the better for all of us.

Email your orders to Misfitsbbgofelzagal@gmail.com

Payment by Cash, Check, Venmo

Ala Carte ordering

Brisket (1lb) - \$25 Brisket Beans (16 oz) - \$10 Smoked Mac & Cheese (16 oz.) - \$10

Full rack of Ribs - \$22 Potato Salad (16oz) - \$10

All orders come with FREE servings of corn bread

In conjunction with the cook, we will be offering a Corned Beef & Cabbage meal at the Masonic Lodge for \$10, topped off with mini potatoes and a bun. Serving from 11AM until gone, or 2:30 PM

Email your contact information, what you would like to order, how you want to pay, what time slot you want to pick your items up at to <u>Misfitsbbqofelzagal@gmail.com</u>

QUESTIONS - CONTACT MIKE AT 701-730-5456 OR 701-388-7123

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Name:		Phone #
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Smoked Mac & Cheese - \$10 /	16oz	tubs @ \$10 =
Potato Salad - \$10 /16oz		tubs @ \$10 =
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