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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

Family Fun & Fellowship

TOFFICAL CALL

The regular stated meeting of El Zagal Temple will be held on

Tuesday, August 10, 2021 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, Dennis "Fluff" Sand, Potentate.

TUESDAY NITE BURGERS

EVERY TUESDAY 5:30 to 7 pm Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

Greetings Nobles and Ladies, Summer is here! Where does the time go as 2021 is half over but there is still a lot to do!

The Pote's Ball was an extremely good time. Patricia had the ballroom decorated in 50's theme, the DJ she

hired played whatever we wanted to hear and stayed with the theme. The Director Staff grilled up some burgers and hot dogs and Shana kept us all hydrated.

Thank you to Steve and Patricia and all others that made this a fun event. There are already plans to continue this next year for Steve, please stay tuned.

On Friday, June 11, ND Grand Lodge honored Worshipful Grand Master Bob Wedberg for his year leading us in our fraternity; held at El Zagal Shrine Center. It was a very nice evening and I was honored to be in attendance. Congratulations to 2021-2022 Worshipful Grand Master Danny Haugen!

By the time you receive this Camel Tales, the ND Shrine Bowl, Here Comes Summer Party, Jamestown Clown MC Ride & Raffle, Jamestown Mystics Gun Raffle and the Spring Ceremonial will have taken place. Hopefully you had a chance to attend or buy a raffle ticket. I will update you on all the fun in the August issue. Check the calendar printed in this issue for future events.

The representatives of El Zagal will be traveling to Houston TX for the Imperial Session, July 3 thru the July 8th. A report will be given at the Stated Meeting on Tuesday, August 10th.

Shaun Engelsrud has been working hard getting all those who have registered ready to travel to Ballards Resort on Lake of the Woods for some fishing and frivolity, leaving July 22nd and returning July 25th.

The next big events are the 2nd Annual Jamestown Mystics Fishing for a Cause and Raffle. This will be held on Saturday, August 14th at the Lazy



Fish at Pelican Point Landing on the Jamestown Reservoir.

This is a fantastic and fun event for kids of all ages! Little Tyke Fishing Tournament, Face Painting, Inflatable Games and Food & Beverages.

There will be a DJ playing your favorite tunes during the day and live

music with Flickertail and the Old Friends Band playing until 10:00. There are a lot of great items on the raffle and tickets are only \$20.

This same weekend we are also off to the Summer MSA Session in Sioux City, IA. August 11 thru August 14th. We have a block of rooms reserved for us at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites. Parades are on Thursday evening and Saturday morning. I will have Andrea send out an email to all with the information if you would like to attend.

We will end the month with the annual Bob Lucy Fish Fry at the Jamestown Masonic Lodge on Friday August 27th. The James Valley Shrine Club, consisting of Nobles from EZ Wheels, Mystics and Clowns have fun and work hard to make this not only a delicious evening but with a lot of fun thrown in.

It is a fun time to be a member of El Zagal and the greatest philanthropy in the world. Join in the fun, attend when you can, buy a raffle ticket, bring a friend and introduce him and her to what we do. After all, it's for the KIDS!

Yours in Faith, Dennis "Fluff" Sand 2021 Potentate

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WHAT'S YOUR COOL, CALM APPROACH?

It's hot out there, c'mon in, have a beverage, cool down and let's chat. As I get ready for our Spring Ceremonial in Jamestown, I thought I'd better start talking and preparing for the theme of being at the County Fair.

As I think about it, that's pretty much the same way I'd talk to a person anyway and the same way I'd start my conversation with a potential new candidate.

The more and more we start opening back up, the more we start to realize how many events we have in front of us and just how many more we could be doing --- IF WE JUST HAD MORE MEMBERS.

What would be your approach for starting a conversation with a potential new member?

What advice would you have for others?

What's holding you back from starting that conversation with that person you think would make a good Shriner? Stay cool and hydrated!

Membership Chairman Russell Schell

Wild Game Feed 2021

Well here we are, getting another month closer to the WGF, another great opportunity to help YOUR Temple, and your club/unit. All net proceeds go to Buildings and Grounds, so were helping ourselves to have a better facility.

We will soon be printing and distributing tickets for units / clubs to sell and make a few \$\$ on the back side. If your company would like to sponsor the 500+ tickets that go out, let us know, we have the back of the tickets reserved for you.

Start thinking about the food items you are willing to cook, in bulk, for the WGF.

Thanks to a couple eagle eye Nobles that were sitting along an undisclosed river bank, they spotted some of the best minnows We captured a bunch and are now in the process of fattening them up for their BIG DAY. Been there, done that, got that t-shirt.

If you would like to take a leadership role in the

WGF, we are looking for more and new people to run with this. There is a reason term limits are so important.

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Mandan Indians Tribe Is Growing

Well, it's time to say a little about the Mandan Indians.

We had our Low Vale and it was a good time. The steaks were great ...because two really good cooks were making them, Brian Burkett, our Chief of the Indians and Jim Martin. Great job cooks!!!

I was going to go to Grand Lodge but the wind made a mess out at my little ranch. The wind tore the entryway off one of my buildings so I had to clean that up and also fix some fence.

Our meeting is coming up and I hope we have a good turnout.

And I hope we don't have any more flash floods; just a nice slow rain.

I don't have any more to say so I will strike the teepee.

Chief Mato Edward J C Dockter

Hospital Auxiliary

Pote Ladies Luncheon was attended by 36 ladies. Thanks to the Divan for coming and serving the Ladies of the Divan and to the Ladies of the Divan for making and donating baskets for the silent auction. The silent auction made \$985 for the wheelchair fund. Special thank you to Patty for all your help and preparing a beautiful setting.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Paul



Bismarck Dusters All is Well and Good

Greetings from the west! Funny when I grew up in Mott I thought Bismarck was in the East! I digress.

The Dusters are well and cooking! At least three times this summer when our socials will be held at Duster's homes when the barbeque grills get heated and cooking is good.

The Dusters are holding their monthly meeting at the Masonic Center on the second Monday of the month as usual. The minutes of the meeting show (our Scribe did not show up!) It was announced that the Car Show on March 4,5, and 6 in 2022 would be held and the Dusters guaranteed the "seed money".

The Duster "logo" was discussed with the thought that a new one might be in order. The thought was that the logo should have 3 from different rather than the 1912 Model "E".

It was also announced that Don Lasxchkewitch's "coming out party" would be held at North Central Park. – another restored Model "T"

It was also announced that The "Fly In" pancake breakfast was planned for September 12, 2021, and that the PGA Shrine Golf Tournament is in Las Vegas on October 7-10. 2021 – June 22, 2021 would be the installation Of Bismarck Lodge #5 installation of new officers.

It was also announced that Danny Haugen of Langdon Lodge and Mandan Lodge #8 was elected to be the new Grand Master of Masons in North Dakota.

Until next time keep 'em ...rolllin'... rollin'... rollin'

Jerry Skogley Duster Scribe

Color Guard Croonings

Yippee! Parade season is here, and the Color Guard is all whipped into shape......well come on, round is a shape!

We start our season off in Perham, where the route is exactly 642 miles long, I swear! Sure makes a drummer want to "wet his whistle" a bit afterwards! A big Thank You goes out to Robin & Jen Hanson for hosting the Oasis after the parade. It was a first for us! We enjoyed the hospitality, while Robin sang show tunes from days gone by. Pretty impressive!

Having recently retired, the Good Father Jerry Anderson has a lot of time on his hands, and has even taken up giving shots during this troubling time. Well, to be honest, it is a shot of Winsor, but hey, it is a shot. It is just something he didn't have time to do before he was fired.....I mean retired. He usually starts at noon, and, being the giver he is, takes a shot with you. I doubt Jerry will catch anything now!

Also recently retired, or at least it seems like it, Brad Richards is spending his time finding things for Jerome Tappe to do. Recently, they did a full remodel on his workshop, installing an infinity pool and spa area. I understand there is a lot of "stress" in the car business. Tappe of course, has plenty of time to do these things, as the employees at Nereson's presented a petition to have Jerome stay out of the store a bit more!

Our President has taken up residency in a new city, and is "ruling" from afar. Ian Somerville has now taken a position as an automotive proctologist, and spends his time looking at the rear ends of trucks in Fargo. Quite a move for the young lad! Here is hoping he doesn't get any "backfire" on his hands!

We are looking forward to having a "regular" summer this year, with plans for the Water Carnival to return along with the Parade of the Northwest. It is funny how you don't know you miss something until you can't have it – kind of like Miller Lite. Well, you ALWAYS miss Miller Lite. Watch for plans for an Oasis during the Water Carnival. All will be invited!

Please consider joining us for a meeting at the Color Guard! Our meetings are the 3rd Monday of each month, and always include a lot of fun, a great meal, and tons of BS! Social begins around 5:30 with dinner and meeting to follow. We hope to see you soon!

Keep your weed watered!

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JAMESTOWN CLOWNS

It's a Beatdown, Summer is Sizzlin'

Hello to all Nobles and Ladies,

Woooow, Looking at June, How exciting can a month be!!

The Clown Bike Run and Party was as fun an event as one could imagine, and the partycipation will be hard to be equaled in the furure!! I must say we have such community support that they provide us with. We Are The Best Unit in El Zagal!!!

Make sure everyone thanks the new owners of Stutsman Harley and make a good impression!

They are willing to support us in our fundraising and fun, so show them who we are!

Later in June was the Fluffamonial. I think the partycipitation was out of this world! Dennis is proud! The events of the weekend were organized and setup like no other. It was amazing. Only the Jamestown Units could pull off such an event!

There were things that only being there could be described as...well, WOW !!! Anyone who missed it really missed it!

Looking ahead to July, we have Parades and Parades.

Here is the list:

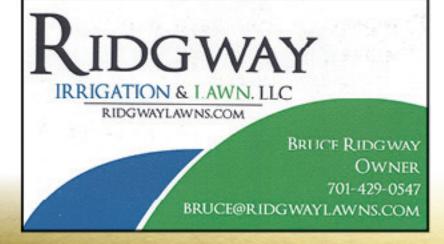
- July 3rd Sanborn
- July 10th Kensal -- Bill L.
- July 17th Wimbledon -- Mark K.
- July 18th Detroit Lakes Water Carnival -- Richie W.
- July 24th Buffalo Days Parade Jamestown --Seth S.
- September 24 and 25 -- Fall Ceremonial Fair Hills Resort Detroit Lakes.

Last, I would like to thank all Clowns for assuring me that this article is well thought of. I know this because of the grief I have taken for not sending in the June Article. I did have it done, it was just the spring seeding and timing for sending it in.

Again...Thanks for Reading this...

Weezer





DIRECTOR'S STAFF WE ARE OFF TO the RACES

Hello, I hope you're having a good summer so far!

Hope everyone has been well and enjoying the long days and decent weather. The Director's Staff has been busy as usual.

We have been having some fun nights at the Buffalo River Speedway selling 50/50 raffle tickets. This is the 6th summer I've been working out at the races and I've never seen the crowds and the parking lot so full! A huge thank you to the Buffalo River Speedway for donating half of the proceeds to us for helping sell some shirts. The Speedway and fans love the Shriners!

We were able to get our bikes out for a bit to knock off some dust and get ready for parade season. Our new Ride Captain, Noble Bobby Anderson, is eager and ready to get this crew in formation and out in the community.

I know we're looking forward to his leadership and vision to get the team ready again for competition.

We are working on and planning our Hole in One Competition on July 28th. We are excited about this one! We will be getting the details and posters out soon. If you have any questions, please refer to Noble Casey Schoer or a Director's Staff member.

Don't forget about our Fall Ride in September!

Stay Hydrated, Shaun Engelsrud



ESCORT MOTOR PATROL AN EYE ON NEW HORIZONS

Hello, we are back and revving up. The members as does the Shrine as a whole. We Miatas are out and we are participating in need to refresh and go forward. parades and Shrine functions. We cannot blame it totally on Temple

We, as many other units, are having problems with membership. Over the years we have had nine man driving teams, parade teams, and a great group of guys and wives/ significant others who have been the core of the EMP.

Our unit has had Potentates, Trustees, Circus Chairman. Members have held positions in the MSA and Imperial competitions. We started the golf tournament and donated in a big way to the Temple and the facility itself. With the cars we won numerous MSA "All Around" Championships and also three Imperial Championships. We were known across the country as an elite unit.

Alas...we are now restructuring. Our biggest problem is membership. Like other units we have gotten older. Members have passed away, moved or just aged out. We need new

leadership. We have had Potentates and Divan that were excellent, average, and just plain bad.

Social shifts and changes is the biggest problem. Not just for El Zagal as other organizations are having the same issue. We need young, enthusiastic members in the Temple and units.

We need to attract new members to the Shrine and then be a unit worth belonging

For the sake of the Temple and the EMPs we cannot continue down the road we are now on too much longer. It leads to the end. Let's find a way to keep our unit moving toward a better future.

The EMPs will strive to make this happen.



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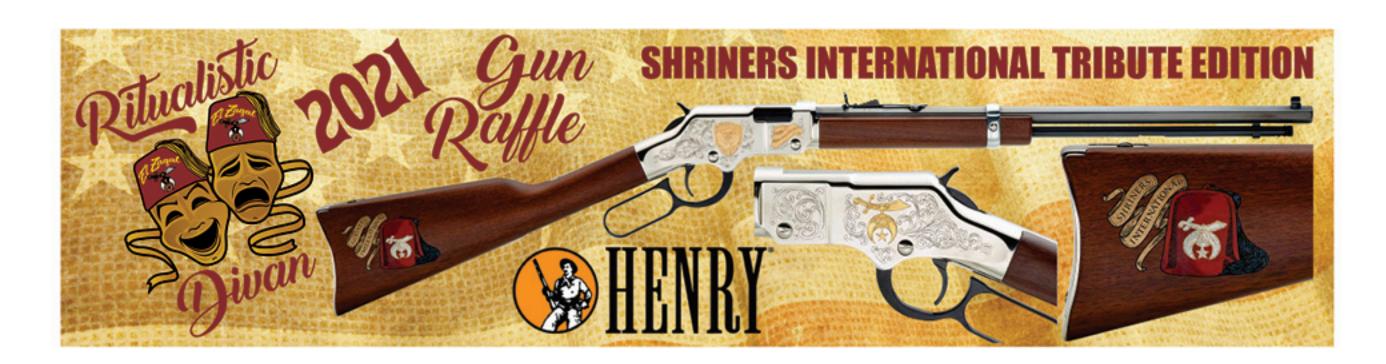


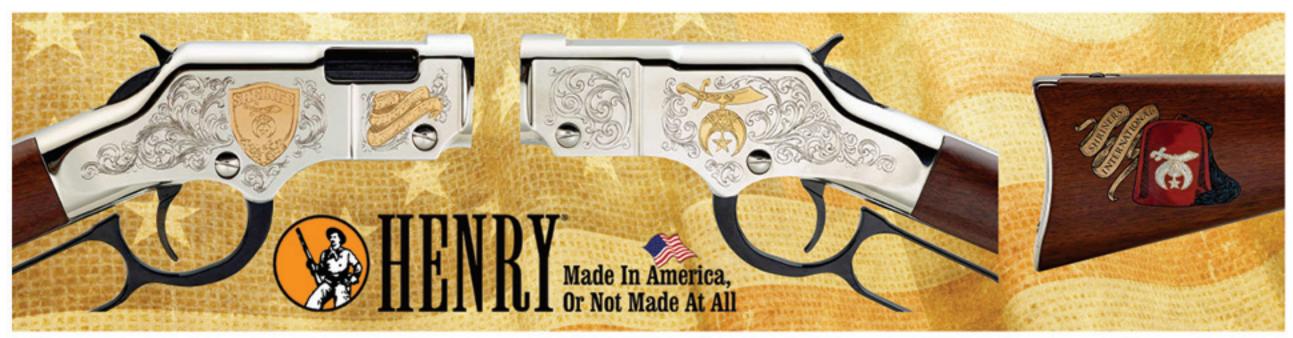
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Ritualistic Divan

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YITF, -Dan Sec/Treas

DRAWING ON JULY 17TH





Charity Pro-Am Golf Tournament



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JOIN US Wednesday, August 25th, 2021

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

REGISTRATION . . . 10:00-11:30 LUNCH.....11:00 SHOTGUN START 12:00 DINNER 6:00-8:00

AWARDS PRESENTATION . 7:00

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UN-POTE **TRIP 2021**

The route is planned, sorta, the lodging is booked, the DOT is working hard to open up the mountain passes for us, so we're ready to roll.



Everyone is welcome to join us, but we can't guarantee lodging at this point. We are hitting the backroads on July 5th, with destinations in the West.

If you have had a change in heart or just need that escape from the jungle we call Fargo, tag along with our fun group of people for an experience you will not soon forget.

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How fitting to be yelling FORE when we are four teams away from our 30 team limit. If you did not get your team signed up, well, there is always next year. This is shaping up to be one of the best years we have had with the PRO/AM.

Thanks to a great group of people out there getting teams and hole sponsors signed up. As with any Temple event, we can always use a little help to pull this off. We appreciate each and everyone that help.

If you would like to be part of this great day and prepare yourself for Pote Dennis's trip to the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, let us know.

The tournament is open to all people no matter how good or bad you play. It does not matter, because you're out on the golf course having fun and raising money for the hospital and transportation fund.

In the Temple, there are flyers to hand out and posters to put up, help yourself to help us make this another successful year.

Golfing for a cause, our cause.

See you on the course. For more information, see the shady characters below.

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Bismarck Oilers

Spreading the Grease - New Annual Fun-Raiser

The Oilers have started our engines with the new oil of 2021, and what a smooth oil it is to work us into this decade... Our next adventures in our El Zagal Oilers Unit is a new fundraiser we just started here in 2021: An Annual Golf Tournament scramble fun located at Prairie West Golf Course.

On Friday, May 21, 2021, the El Zagal Oilers held their first Annual Golf Tournament at Prairie West Golf Course in Mandan, North Dakota. Not bad for the first time and did make some money, but we have some additional ideas to implement for next year. We invite you all from the El Zagal area and beyond to join us in these fun adventures! The Oilers plan to make this our annual event and fundraiser now and into the future!

This year we had 2.5 teams of a 4 player bestball scramble with shotgun (bagpipe) start for tee off at 1:00 PM. Mulligans were sold separately, shots during the day, light lunch and a couple holes were provided by our tournament sponsors, voluntary swear jars with a 50/50 winnings guarantee, beer and water was available while supplies lasted, golf lapel pins were given out, and trophies were awarded for the top 3 teams. We had a good gang of Nobles and Ladies from our Oilers Unit to assist, and the players indicated their appreciation for having fun with them during the day as well as enjoying snacks & shots during their drives. Most of the cash prizes were donated back to the Unit as the guests had so much fun, and at least we got some good publicity and word-of-mouth advertising for next year with more ideas.

Thanks for Listening, more to come... Tyler T. Hall, Past Unit President

NOTE: For those members of the Masonic family interested in learning to play the Bagpipes or Drums or wanting to schedule pipe and drum support, please feel free to contact our Oilers' subgroup, Fez & Thistle bagpipes and drums band, via email at fez.thistle.nd@gmail.com or find us on Faceboook at https://www.facebook.com/fez.thistle.nd



Jamestown Mystics Workin' the Streets With Raffle Tickets

Good morning to everyone in the El Zagal Shrine; hope everyone is staying healthy.

It's Sunday morning June 13. Yesterday The El Zagal Mystics had a booth at Hogs and Rods downtown Jamestown selling the last few gun raffle tickets for our 10th Annual Mystics Gun Raffle and FISHING FOR A CAUSE RAFFLE TICKETS. Wow! what a great day. We sold a lot of tickets.

Next week will be our 1st Parade of the year. A dozen of us are signed up to go to RALLY IN THE VALLEY; that's always a great day for Promoting the Shrine.

Spring ceremonial is a few weeks away and one of our own will be honored -- Jeff (Scrappy) Oster. If you don't know Scrappy you should meet him, he's a great Shriner.

Thanks Scrappy for all you do for the Shrine and everything else.

That's all I have for now. El Zagal Mystics

UPCOMING EVENTS:

AUGUST 2021

August 14 • Mystics & Lazy Fish Fishn' for a Cause in Jamestown

August 11-14 • MSA Summer Sessions in Sioux City, IA

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