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OFFICAL CALL

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

Saturday, January 8, 2022 at 9am 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



Shane Heiberg & Jandi, Chief of Staff



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## LODGING FOR ANNUAL MEETING | January 7 & 8

Jasper Hotel in downtown Fargo (Recently Opened) 215 Broadway North, Fargo, ND 58102 | 701.532.5198 Rates are \$139/King Rooms are blocked under "El Zagal Shriners Annual Meeting" The block will expire on Monday, December 6th, 2021 \$149/ Double Queen



# ROAST THE POT

It's Time To Flush Out Fluff! Friday, January 7, 2022 | 6pm Social - 7pm Roast

Nobles & Ladies Welcome!



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# SATURDAY

**TUESDAY NIGHT BURGERS** WILL BE BACK IN MAY

## ARABIAN ROOM



**TUESDAY NIGHTS SOUP & SANDWICH** 5:30 TO 7 PM

## Fargo Shrine Circus Club Meetings

### 2022

JANUARY 8, 2022: CIRCUS MEETING 1:30-2:30 PM FEBRUARY 8, 2022: EXECUTIVE MEETING: 6:30 PM FEBRUARY 19, 2022: CIRCUS MEETING: 10 AM MARCH 8, 2022: EXECUTIVE MEETING: 6:30 PM MARCH 12, 2022: CIRCUS MEETING: 10 AM MARCH 26, 2022: CIRCUS MEETING: 10 AM

#### **DETROIT LAKES CIRCUS**

MARCH 31, 2022 10 AM, 12:30 PM, 6:30 PM

#### **FARGO CIRCUS**

APRIL 1, 2022 7 PM **APRIL 2, 2022** 10 AM, 2 PM, 6 PM **APRIL 3, 2022** NOON, 4 PM

#### JAMESTOWN CIRCUS

**APRIL 5, 2022** 5:30 PM

#### **BISMARCK CIRCUS**

APRIL 8, 2022 1:30 PM, 7 PM **APRIL 9, 2022** 10 AM, 2 PM, 7 PM

#### **DICKINSON CIRCUS**

APRIL 10, 2022 NOON, 3:30 PM, 7 PM ΔPRII 11, 2022 6:30 PM

## POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

"Final, Final Fluff"



Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

Lady Tammy and I hope you had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends and are looking forward to more time with your loved ones over the holidays.

Please remember to get your reservations in for the Annual Meeting, Banquet and the Parade to Glory, the weekend of January 7-8.

This is a great time to reflect on the past year, welcome in our new Potentate, Steve Larson and Lady Bonnie; their plans for the upcoming year and to hear of all the monies raised for our philanthropy from the units and clubs.

I could not have done this without the help and support of my Lady Tammy. She has played a crucial role in the last seven years and I am forever grateful. I Love You!

I would like to thank Andrea Kallstrom, Patricia Curtis and Bill Brehm. Your abilities to get our office in order, our facilities rented and keeping everything tidy and presentable has not gone unnoticed. Our Camel Tales Editor, Rich Ellsworth has done another great year keeping us informed. Thank you, Rich.

To the Divan of 2021, thank you. It has been a pleasure to work with you this last year. Our efforts to keep our beloved El Zagal moving forward, like the Past Potentates and Divans have done, is a success! To the Divan Ladies, thank you for your support of Lady Tammy and myself!

Family, Fun and Fellowship. What can I say, Lady Tammy and I have been truly blessed this year. We have made many friends in El Zagal and throughout Shrinedom. It's the world's greatest philanthropy and it has been an honor to help lead El Zagal.

Lady Tammy and I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Yours in Faith,
Dennis "Fluff" Sand
2021 Potentate

# Membership Calling All Nobles; Asking For Commitment

I can't believe I'm already writing for December. With the New Year quickly coming upon us, we focus on New Year's resolutions, goals, and opportunities.

As I start to evaluate my own goals, I think about a membership goal of going back above 1000 members. However, this goal is just thought if there isn't full commitment from all Nobles.

I'm calling on all Nobles to help make this thought a reality. I'd like to hear your thoughts. And if you were to commit to bringing in 1 member, what would you do? What have you done in the past that brought in a new member? Any suggestions for success?

I know there are plenty of opportunities ahead of us to do so. I know one that worked for me. I invited a person out for a burger and beer and told him about the Shrine; when he got home he went online and signed up. Now that was easy.

The next time I write an article it will already be a new year. Have a Great Holiday Season and I hope your New Year is filled with fulfillment.

Membership Chairman Russell Schell

## 2022 ANNUAL MEETING ITINERARY

January 8th, 2022 El Zagal Shrine Temple 1429 3rd Street North, Fargo, ND

8:00 All Noble Breakfast (at Temple)

9:00 Annual Meeting begins (at Temple)

12:00 Lunch (At Temple)

5:30 – 6:15 Social (Arabian room at Temple)

6:30 Banquet & Parade to Glory (Temple – lower level) \$70 per person – Steak & Shrimp dinner & complimentary wine Formal Attire is requested.

8:30 Live music in Ballroom – by Jute Box Brothers

A block of rooms is set aside at the Jasper Hotel under El Zagal Shriners Annual Meeting 701.532.5198. Rooms will be released after December 6th, 2022.

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A Grand Finale to Finish the Year

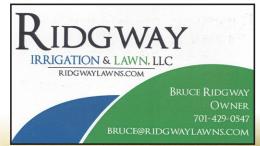
How is it almost December already? I can't believe how fast summer and fall has flown by. The Director's Staff have been a little quiet this fall after putting the motorcycles away for the winter.

After another busy summer, we needed a little break to get some of the fall activities in before the ground is covered in snow...but not for long since we had another Pizza, Puzzles and Beer event on Wednesday, November 24th.

Noble Travis Leach and the guys worked hard putting this together and are hoping for another great turn out. The Director's Staff hopes everyone had a great time!

We want to wish everyone a safe and wonderful Holiday season and look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Stay Hydrated, Shaun Engelsrud



## **Mobil Nobles**

Going for the Classic Taste



With the Christmas season upon us, it is a good time to feature our red sprint car. When you think of red, you think of speed. Just ask any Highway Patrolman.

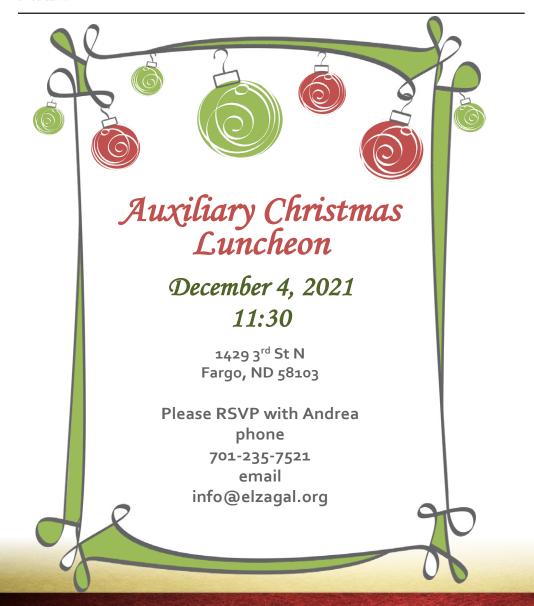
So....what kind of design do you put on a red sprint car? You can't do flames because they will not show up on red. We went with the most recognized commercial design there is that uses red — the Coca Cola logo with its white wave or stream.

The white wave by itself would be a little boring so Jeremy Martin of Kustom Koncepts incorporated grey into the wave to make this one of our best looking sprint cars. If you take a close look at this car you will see gold flecks incorporated in the red paint to give it that showroom finished touch.

We need to congratulate our unit member Vern Habeck on receiving his 50 year Shrine pin from El Zagal in October. Vern must have some farm background in him because he has the ability to fix anything. He is our master mechanic when it comes to keeping our sprint cars operational. His mechanical skills have saved us multiple times in keeping our cars going in a parade. Every parade unit should be as fortunate as us to have an individual of Vern's ability to keep things in running order.

The 2022 calendars are available now, so we all need to mark in our calendars the date of March 19th for the Mobil Nobles Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner. Our unit president and Past Potentate, Drew Likness, is heading this up and we plan to make it like the classic dinner you remember from our past.

Monte – Pote 89



## Jamestown Mystics

A Flurry of Activity
Ends the Year

Hello everyone in El Zagal. I hope everyone is well at this time.

I can't believe November is here; the year flew by so fast. November is here and it's the last unit meeting of 2021.

I want to give President Craig M. a big thank you for leading our unit this year. He did a great job and accomplished a lot! I want to give Jonny B. a big thanks for cooking at our unit meeting -- Weiner water soup and pigs in the blanket -- For those that missed the meeting, you missed out on a great meal -- the Clowns were supposed to cook. Thanks again Jonny.

The Gun Raffle chairman Jim T. brought the list of guns that the committee has chosen for the raffle, a very good list of good quality guns. Also, this year we are going to add 5 cash prizes. The tickets will be ready to sell by the new year.

Fishing for a cause committee is working that raffle as we speak, more to come next month.

New officers for 2022:

- Member at Large - Scott R.

- Honorary Member at Large Bob S. and Jared V.
- Treasurer (Scrappy) Jeff Oster
- Secretary Colin W.
- Vice President (Beer Man) Howard W.
- President Brock N.

This is a solid group. Congratulations 2022 Officers.

Thursday, November 18th, the Shriner Hill tree lighting.

I want to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving. I hope you all can spend some time with your family and friends during this time.

That's all for now **El Zagal Mystics** 







## **Bismarck Dusters**

Exciting News: BIG Events for '22

GREETINGS FROM THE WEST! The Dusters are well, healthy, wealthy, and wise (don't know about the wealthy)

Based on recent activity, the Dusters are busy. With our usual monthly meeting – with our socials once a month and other Masonic activity we stay busy. All of the local Lodges are busy with raising candidates and other activities with the lodges, we stay busy!

Back to the Dusters – Bob Simmers and Kim Lewis reported on the car show planned for March 5th and 6th in 2022. Bob said that Pucklich Chevrolet was "on board" for the event and had solicited the West River Chevrolet Dealers as sponsors for the event. If this event is successful it has the potential to produce as much income as the circus!

Kim reported that he was in charge of getting the Shrine Club reinvigorated. And that an all-unit Shrine Christmas party was scheduled on December 4th at the Eagles Club in Bismarck and encouraged all Dusters to attend with their wives and/or "significant other" — not both!

Kim also reported that the Shrine Club is meeting at the Amvets Club each Thursday from five to seven p.m. where the Club serves chicken and ribs. He also reported that the Shrine Club would be sponsoring a Corn Hole tournament on January 29, 2022.

It was also reported that the "kick-off" for the circus would be November 20th. The all-Masonic Christmas party sponsored by Lodge #5 will be on December 14.

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

Jerry Skogley Duster Scribe





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## Jamestown Clowns LIGHTEN UP and LAUGH a LITTLE

Hello to all Nobles and Ladies,

December. Enough said. Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Everyone deserves a great Holiday Season.

If the Holiday Dazzle Parade hasn't happened yet, it will. What a Parade it will be or has been. It's hard to write about how great an event has been or will be, when it's a month before. It is November 4th, as I am writing this.

Once again our Shriner Hill is lit. People can't get over how vivid, bright and intense, our lights shine. Kinda like the Clowns. However, all Shriners in town have helped with Shriner Hill. I gotta say, WOW!!! Us EL ZAGAL Shriners are quite a group.

CLOWN for a NIGHT is here! I have been told the city is waiting for the party. Well, it's on, and we have a great one planned; terrific food, marvelous entertainment, social activity beyond belief. And, of course, howling great music to dance to.

DECEMBER 4TH. JAMESTOWN CIVIC CENTER. DOORS OPEN AT 5:30. LET

THE FUN BEGIN!! --- ALL HANDS ON DECK.We need yet another day of work from the Clowns: SET UP -- TEAR DOWN. ONE IS AS IMPORTANT AS THE OTHER. THANK YOU TO ALL IN ADVANCE!

January 7th, Friday, Roast the Pote. This will be another super fun event. The subject of the evening should be as good as it gets. He has big shoulders, let's use them! The night will test his power to withstand all humor, big or small, let's test it all --- Relax Fluff, you can take it.

Seth, what can I say, you have been the best Pres we have ever had!! The best year we have ever had proves it! (and easy going to). It's a nice way to control our group. I realize it's like herding a bunch of cats. Thanks.

I'll be talking at you after the NEW YEAR. --MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

No Camel Tales in January.

Thanks for Reading This, Weezer

P. S. Charlie has gone to Florida....

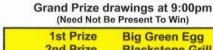


## THE EL ZAGAL SHRINE WILD GAME FEED

El Zagal Shrine 1429 3rd St. N., Fargo, ND

5:00pm - 9:00pm • Saturday, February 19, 2022





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A few brave souls showed up to discuss this very important event for the EL Zagal Shrine Center. YOU should have been there.

After some discussion, one change that will impact units / clubs the most is the financial kickback from participating in the WGF 2022. In order to make sure we have adequate people power, we have flipped the commission to 20% net for people power and 10% for ticket sales.

We have broken down the event to areas of opportunities, so everyone can be involved at many levels.

For purpose of tracking the game / food donations, make sure you let MIKE DOW

\$40.00 at the door

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PP know what you are donating or making. It is imperative that he knows what is happening with this.

Our planning meetings are as follows:

December 14th
January 12th

January 25th Then every week in February 2nd,

9th and 16th

We hope to see you at the planning and participation of this event.

Mike Dow PP Mike Rieckman

## **Color Guard Croonings**

Fall has been fabulous and thoughts are turning to cooler temps and maybe snow. That usually means the Detroit Lakes Parade of Lights! The Color Guard has the honor each year of escorting the old fat guy down the streets (No, not Lars!) Of course we are talking about Jolly Ol St. Nick! Maybe this year we can get by without driving wind and snow!

Our little town is mostly empty now with most of the snow birds gone. Father Jerry has been gone for quite some time. I noticed a new bar and "entertainment center" has opened in his shop, complete with neon signs and 24 hour food available. Brings a lot of "enjoyment" to his neighborhood.

Paul Meszaros was seen recently at a family wedding dance with some gals that were NOT Janie. Seems Becky and Betty are his two new dates. I don't want to spread rumors or anything, but I understand these to chicks were just "air heads". Really "full of hot air". Not the best dancers either. I hope Janie can get little Paulie back on the straight and narrow. Be sure to ask Paul for details!

This reporter was fortunate enough to go beer hunting — I mean deer hunting with our Illustrious Potentate recently. I never knew there so many places a guy could nap in the woods! I felt quite safe tho, as the Pote was armed only with a can koozy. Can you image a Pistol Packing Pote?? Ufda!

None other than Jerome Tappe was also present to sing "It's a wonderful world" 11 million times. I was thinking this was because he was not at work selling cars, but this morning I called Nereson Chevrolet to ask for Jerome Tappe, and they said, "WHO"? So, I am guessing he was just a happy camper.

The Color Guard Christmas Party is on December 3rd this year, and as usual, we are planning on putting the feed bag on! Lowell & Brad will be on the grills again, which usually means the food is pretty dang good. Of course to prep for the meal, they usually end up starting at the bar the Tuesday before, but hey! They "get er done!"

It is hard to believe that by the time this article comes out, we will be approaching Thanks Giving. What a couple of years we have had, huh? Our last two Potentates have had many plans stifled due to Covid, we have had to learn how to do things a bit different, but we survived. From the Detroit Lakes Color Guard, we wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving and hope for many blessings for you and your families.

Take care, and remember: It's a great time to be a Shriner, but there is NOTHING finer than a COLOR GUARD SHRINER!

Lars



## **EL ZAGAL SHRINE**

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**UGLY SWEATER CONTEST** 

Date: December 15 Time: 6:00pm



## Chanters Still Carry a

Song In Our Hearts

I was asked to write a short article for Camel

Tails. My name is Mark Gauslow. I am a Shriner at EL Zagal here in Fargo and a member of the Chanters Unit.

We are small in numbers but still in existence. We have not been able to perform since before the pandemic. Aside from the Circus, most of our performances are in various retirement centers and nursing homes. We had a fall and spring schedule averaging around 8 performance dates each.

Our group over the last 5 years includes the Laskey family. Em being our Director and piano player; her husband Bill sings Bass. Their son John is our soloist and sings Tenor.

Other Tenor's are Brian Wittman, John Dobbs, Pastor Kevin Cassidy-Moloney, and Joe Thomas. Helping Bill Laskey at Bass is Vern Kuhn, and Bill Gauslow. The Baritones are Dr John Dickson, Adam Huss, Arnie Ellingson, and myself.

I am not sure when we'll get going again, or when the pandemic subsides. But I'm sure we'll be available for the Circus! Anybody who enjoys singing, join us! We are always in need of more voices!

Respectfully, Mark Gauslow Secretary/Treasurer

## **COMING SOON - WATCH FOR DETAILS**



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## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

January 2021

1st - Closed (no Saturday burgers)

7th - Roast the Pote

8th - Annual Meeting

8th - Circus Meeting

8th - No Saturday Burgers

15th - Saturday Burgers

22nd - J2K Craft Fair

22nd – Saturday Burgers

28-29 - Boy Scouts Pancake Feed

29th – No Saturday Burgers

February 2022

3rd – Shrine Bowl Watch Party

5th - Saturday burgers

8th – Circus Meeting 6:30

9-12 – MSA Winter Session in Green Bay, WI

12th – Saturday Burgers

19th - Wild Game Feed

19th - Circus Meeting 10:00

23rd – Cass County Spelling Bee

26th – Saturday Burgers

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5	6	7 Soup & Sandwich 5:30pm - 7pm	Bivan Meeting	9	10	Shrine Kids Christmas Party Saturday Burgers
12	13	Soup & Sandwich 5:30pm - 7pm	White Elephant Gift Exchange/ Ugly Sweater	16	17	18
19	20	Soup & Sandwich 5:30pm - 7pm	22	23	Temple Closed	Temple Closed
26	27	Soup & Sandwich 5:30pm - 7pm	29	30	31 Drawing for Bobcat - The Springs in Gwinner	







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