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The trees are starting to turn, schools have started, evenings are getting cooler – must football weather! Welcome to the next season!

It is truly great to see all the activities across El Zagal. That means we are all out working hard for our cause. El Zagal recently hosted SFA

(Shrine Fundraising Association) at our Temple, and we had delegates from across the country join in sharing ideas about ways to raise money for our charities and our Temples. All went well and our very own Misfits did a bang up job serving up some awesome food. We also had a great spaghetti dinner served by the Escorts, so no one went away hungry! Great job Scotty Uhrich.

Of course the Bierstube was a huge success that Thursday evening. The Provost Guard made sure everyone got their fill of German Brats, potato salad and of course German beer! I am told that we even signed a new member that evening, so it was a great success!

Lady Bonnie and I had an opportunity to visit the Amaze-N Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch recently. WOW! My Fez is off to you all who work so hard. Being my first visit, I assumed I would find a few Shriners working. I gotta tell you, when I got there, there were

at least 30 Shriners - probably more, all working and having fun with the kids. What a great event for families! Everyone had a smile – even the kids! new train ride is a hoot, even with a Clown driving it! If you want to see a successful event, go visit the Clowns in Jamestown on a Saturday or Sunday now through October. Great job guys!

As a side note, we had the opportunity to meet a current Shrine patient and her family from New Rockford, ND at the pumpkin patch. What an inspiring surprise that was! We

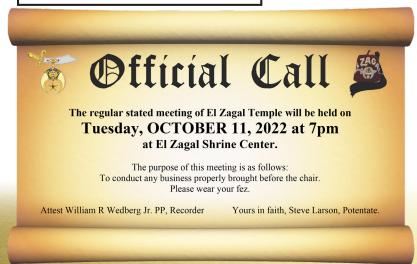
did not know they were there, and when we visited, the family told us about the amazing care they are currently receiving in the Twin Cities. The child had a need for a wheelchair and is dealing with spinabifida. Insurance and others just didn't feel they could do anything for her. Once they connected with Shriners Childrens, they not only got a wheelchair for her, but awesome therapy and care. I walked away from that chance meeting with a tear in my eye and my head held just a bit higher. This is why Shriners do what they do!

As of this writing, we are getting ready for the Fall Ceremonial in Bismarck. Now our friends in the west always put on a great event, so Lady Bonnie and I are excited to have fun with everyone there. We have a nice slate of new candidates to work with for degree work, so I know it will be a great time. Thank you all in the west for all you do for El Zagal and our charities!

We are still looking to add new members, so don't stop looking for the next new Shriner to replace you! All of us need to think about replacing ourselves, so that there are more of us having fun, raising money for Shriners Childrens, and changing lives. It can happen, just ask someone to join us.

In closing, I wish everyone a great fall. We feel so blessed to meet so many people across El Zagal, and the hospitality is second to none. Thank you all for all you do!

Fraternally yours, Steve Larson, Potentate El Zagal Shrine







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## Fact Checking the Headlines

El Zagal has been very fortunate through the years to have a very skilled designer for the Camel Tales. As editor I have had the privilege of working with her. Her designer prowess is remarkable. To use an analogy, there is a maneuver in hockey called the "Michigan"; a highly skilled and talented way to score a goal that very few can accomplish. (e.g. Carrie is very good at finding the most appropriate graphic to emphasize a special event).

Speaking of Michigan, Carrie could just as well be living in Michigan. Though our cubicles are connected via technology I have never met Carrie, never had a cup of coffee with her. I do not know where she lives or what she looks like. Therefore, I call her -- Siri. I have enjoyed friendly banter with Siri during the proofing process.

Siri is the one that takes announcements and articles each month and creates the Camel Tales. To use another analogy as Bison football is underway: As editor, I am the quarterback, the plays are sent in, I throw a five yard screen pass and Siri takes it to the end zone for a win.—I get credit for the touchdown pass.——Folks that is bullshit!! It is her talent, and submitted articles, that make

the Camel Tales what it is. IF SOMEDAY, El Zagal wins the Dromedary Award at Imperial Session, the honor is consequent of the endeavors put forth by Siri.

I was asked by the incoming Potentate each year to take responsibility for getting the Camel Tales published, and for 16 years I followed through on that commitment. --- I ain't learnt in tech skills and Siri mentored me as the process played out.

In the present day, El Zagal is trending to a new social media savvy generation of membership and I have become an old bastard. --- Technology is creating change at a very rapid pace. It is time for a millennial "techie" to take on the task, take it to the next level with better efficiency.

My life is in transition in all regard. This is my last year as editor of the Camel Tales. I have done what I could do, to the best of my abilities. Until another time, 'round the next bend in the river...

Rich Editor of Camel Tales



## VIKING LOBSTER DINNER

Saturday, October 15, 2022 Cogswell ND Community Hall

FAMOUS ANNUAL TORSK DINNER 5:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Beer and Cocktails will be Available

\$20.00 per Person

(Ticket price is not tax deductible)

Sponsored by: El Zagal Viking Shrine Patrol

## Women's Auxililary

We met on September 10th, a small but very mighty group. Discussions were made on how to get more active members...looking forward to next year.

Remember no style show this year, but mark your calendar: October 12, 2023.
We are bringing it back!

Thank You's were read from WGA board members, for blankets, toys, & pop tab monies (400# = \$308). Great job everyone...keep collecting!

2023 will be the 100th Anniversary for the Auxiliary. The general board is seeking information on How, When, and Where El Zagal Auxiliary started... so if anyone has information as to this, it would be greatly appreciated please contact Sue at 701-238-1248

Our next meeting is October 8th at 10 AM. We will be making blankets so please bring your scissors.

Sue

## **Escort Motor Patrol**

Hello Ladies and fellow Nobles,

Where did summer go? This seems to be the most common question I've been hearing lately. I hope everyone had a great summer. We had a fun time at the summer unit gathering at Tim and Emmy Ambles Lake Home. Great food and fun was had by all.

Thanks Preacher for hosting our September monthly meeting. Great idea! Our meat raffle was a good success netting almost \$5,000 profit. I mentioned this is the September Camel Tales article that didn't make print as it was stuck in my outbox for a month.

The El Zagal Pro Am was full with 30 teams. Thanks to all of those who volunteered to help make this a huge success!

Next up is the Fall Ceremonial in Bismarck.

We are looking forward to the roaring 20's party as well as other events including shooting sporting clays and a boards and brush outing. This should be one to remember.

Meanwhile, enjoy the fall weather and colors! Keep your top down and if you are fortunate enough, your hair in the wind! Kind regards Pat J.







## **Color Guard Croonings**

Well, everyone who attended the MSA, arrived back in Detroit Lakes after the MSA and all appear to be healthy with no visible damage. I cannot evaluate how many liver or brain cells were damaged. That is amazing being that they were away from formal control of loved ones and the rest of the Color Guard. However, the attendees are very quiet about their experiences in Green Bay other than to say they had a wonderful time. The Septober Fest by the Color Guard held on September 2nd was a huge success again this year. The weather cooperated which has been problematic in the past. The attendance was great considering all the other events we were competing with here in Detroit Lakes. Two Octoberfest beers were well liked and of course with Illustrious Sir Steve Larson, Miller Lite was a requisite. The El Zagal "German" Band was great as always.

The admission ticket placed everyone in a drawing

for \$100 cash and two [2] Viking tickets to the November game with the Dallas Cowboys and were given away. The raffle prizes were two propane deck heaters and one deck heater and an outdoor fire table and there were lucky people going home with them.

German costumes were encouraged and some of the Color Guard were in authentic German costume. Most notably was Gary Bennett aka "Gilligan" who was manning the beer taps and looking mighty spiffy. Also, Illustrious Sir Steve Larson aka "Lars" and Potentate Aide Paul Meszaros aka "Little Lars" were dressed alike so that they looked like twins except they could be identified easily by the difference in girth.

Coming up next is the Fall Ceremonial with a contingent of the Color Guard venturing west to Bismarck and our last parade at Pumpkin Fest in the city of Lake Park which is Illustrious Sir

Steve's home town. We are looking to do a bangup job for the close of the parade season. Then we are going to coast into the close of our year.

But wait, Color Guard President Jesten Hayle alerted everyone that we will be starting with some Circus pre-meetings to make adjustments to our plans so we can start our January Circus meetings fully prepared.

Also, Illustrious Sir Steve Larson is planning a trip to San Antonio, Texas and we fear that he might need to be chaperoned. That might mean that some of the Color Guard is obligated to go with him to do our best to keep him and Lady Bonnie out of trouble. So goes the unending work of the Color Guard.

Signing off is Dan Holm, the interim "Lars" not a "Lars want to be". Remember there is nothing finer than to be a Color Guard Shriner.

## Jamestown Clowns

Hello to all Nobles and Ladies, Can you believe it's going to be October? I can't. At the end of October is Halloween, then comes Thanksgiving. We all know what is after that. WOW, the year is slipping by.

The corn maze and pumpkin patch, along with the carnival included, is truly something to see. All El Zagal should come and see it. It is AMAZING what we achieve when we work as one. I can't convey the energy it has taken to undergo such an extreme undertaking, you must witness it for yourself. Steve and Barb and Jon and Larry and Jodi and 45 other clowns and ladies that make it happen for five weekends, is something.

BUT getting it all set up, and organized and food ordered and tee shirts and trinkets and everything else

that goes with the production. The grounds prepared,





the huge tent erected, the rides and activities all set up in a fashion that makes all who come feel welcome.

That is the secret that unfolds every weekend, until it's time to shut down for the season. Thank all who participate, and work hard together to achieve this goal.

I have to comment on Pres. Justin's choice of shirt color --- purple?? That's all I got to say. He does run a great meeting. It's very organized, very attentive, everybody keeps on the subject-- like a stripe on a skunk. Maybe he is just intimidating enough to keep us in line, in a normal setting we are like herding cats. He has only

a few months to go, then we'll let him have it!! Can't wait to see us free from despotism, maybe there will be a parade --- Maybe not.

This is the paragraph that ends the article. Thanks for Reading This...

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## EL ZAGAL - S&L COMPUTER SERVICES CHARITY PRO/AM GOLFTOURNAMENT

Another successful tournament is in the books. The PRO/AM team worked hard to make 2022 another success. We had a full flight of 30 teams and ended up with 28 professional players.

The weather was perfect for golfing. Illustrious Steve Larson had a chauffeured drive around the course by Provost Chief Jerry Schatzke. Steve was able to meet and greet with all the players, professionals, and workers. Thank you, Steve, for adding the personal touch to the tournament. The PRO/AM boasts one of the highest levels of EZ Past Potentate involvements every year, 7 this year. Drew Likness, Mike Dow, Dave Larson, Jason Rocksvold, Steve Hanson, Bruce Nereson, Brad Richards. SO, either were doing something right, or they are keeping a watchful eye on us, so we don't mess it up. ©

2023 will bring the 25th anniversary of the PRO/AM. Look for a lot of FUN things to come in 2023 with the PRO/AM. We especially want to thank the Mandan Shrine Club for accepting the challenge to be a hole sponsor, thank you gentlemen. We do have several Shrine teams with the Provost Guard, Misfits, Escort Motor Patrol, and new to the tournament, the Jamestown Clowns.

Our Shrine patient's mom, Brittany gave a very heartfelt message of what El Zagal and the Shriners have been able to do for her son Cayden. They are the reason we do what we do, and we thank them for allowing us an opportunity to help them have a better life.

Be part of the 25th anniversary of the PRO/AM by supporting a team, hole sponsor or a support staff.

You will see a listing of our team and hole sponsors, please thank them and patronize them if you can. Our sad note of 2022, long time committee member and supporter of the PRO/AM, Neil Johnson passed due to health issues. Farewell my brother.

The PRO/AM committee:

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For reservations only, please call Andrea @ 701-235-7521 or email info@elzagal.org

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#### November 2022

- 1 Cash Calendar Drawing
- 1 Tuesday Burgers
- 3 Thursday Brats
- 8 Tuesday Burgers
- 10 Thursday Brats
- 15 Tuesday Burgers
- 17 Thursday Brats
- 19-20 Gun Show
- 22 Tuesday Brats
- 24 Thanksgiving, office Closed
- 25 Office Closed
- 29 Tuesday Burgers

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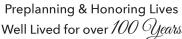


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