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## POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

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Whew, it has been a busy summer with parades, the Imperial Session, the OB Fishing Trip and now Lady Bonnie and I just returned from a very fun and rewarding trip to Green Bay, Wisconsin for the MSA. What a great time with a few hundred of our closest friends from all over the Midwest. Beja Shriners took very good care of us and provided a fabulous Shrine a rama to enjoy. At the end of

our Saturday parade, we had a quick opportunity to tour their Temple. It is a beautiful building, and well worth the visit.

Of note on the visit to Green Bay was the tour of Lambeau Stadium. It took some selling to get a bunch of Viking's fans to tour this field, but I have to say, I think most were very impressed. Even our own Vikings staged a hostile (very gentle) invasion with the Viking Ship. Actually, they got permission to park the ship in front of the stadium for a photo op. What a great opportunity and marketing tactic for them!

El Zagal had only three units showing at MSA this year. I am a bit saddened by this, as we have awesome units that should be attending. I want to thank the Vikings, the Detroit Lakes Color Guard and the Directors Staff for attending and participating. Also, congratulations to the Directors Staff for the fabulous showing in competition. You guys did great!

One of the projects about the Temple that has dogged us for the last couple of years has been the canopy in front of El Zagal. I am very proud to announce that we finally have that job done! It looks great, and I wish to thank everyone who worked to bring this to completion. Aside from the Nobles who worked on it, I need to give a big Shout Out to Patricia, who kept the pressure on. Thank you Patty!

Imperial has sent out several updates that will affect our membership. I will be recapping these updates in emails to our Nobility. I would urge you though to read the emails that come from Imperial. They always contain great information. The first big change is how your membership is updated. Starting this year, you will no longer receive a sticker for your card with the new year when you pay your dues. Instead, there will be a way to view your updated card online. We will still have limited numbers of stickers at the Temple, but the majority of us will need to use the new technology. I will explain this in detail in an email to our membership in the near future.

Secondly, the officers of each unit or club will now have greater control over updating members' addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. You will have the

numbers and email addresses. You will have the ability to edit this information, giving all of us a cleaner membership roster for mailings and contact for dues and other Shrine related business. I feel these two changes will be a great improvement, and help us at the Temple keep cleaner records of members.

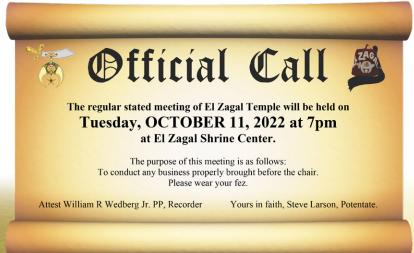
Coming up in September, El Zagal will host the SFA (formerly SCAFRA). We are fortunate to have Scott Uhrich as President this year, and will bring the sessions to El Zagal. I know he will be looking for volunteers, so please do what you can to help us show off our Temple. We will have several Imperial Officers attending, so it is a great way for us to showcase our great Temple.

Also in September, we have the Fall Ceremonial in Bismarck, on September 23rd & 24th. Our friends in Bismarck have a great line up of activities for us to enjoy, so please fill out and return the invitation that was sent in the mail to you. Let's all get together, bring in new Nobles and Ladies, and have a great time together.

I want to also announce that this ceremonial will be held in honor of a past Potentate from Detroit Lakes, who has remained very active with El Zagal. He has been an important part of the Detroit Lakes Color Guard, served on the Divan, became Potentate, and has most recently served as Treasurer of El Zagal. He was instrumental in developing the 20-20 plan for El Zagal, which allowed us to remodel our facility and make it the showplace it is today. His lady has been active with the Ladies Auxiliary for years and is always willing to pitch in. It is my honor to announce that the Fall Ceremonial will be held in honor of Brad & Barb Richards.

In closing, remember that none of this will continue if we don't seek out new members to have fun with us. Membership is the most important issue we have, second only to our mission of taking care of kids. Don't just think about signing someone up, do it. Share the fun we have together with someone new! I know the Shrine has changed my life for the better – in fact, I AM SOLD ON THE SHRINE!

Fraternally yours, Steve Larson, Potentate El Zagal Shrine







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### Director's Staff

#### Abundant Activity Coming Soon

School is starting soon and the evenings are getting cooler, that could only mean that fall is almost upon us.

It's been a full summer for the Director's Staff! The competition team was in Green Bay for MSA and had great time and El Zagal was decently represented. The Color Guard, the motorcycles and even the Viking Ship from Gwinner made an appearance. It was fun to see everyone and look forward to next year in Alexandria. It was fun and inspiring to travel and talk with other units and temples.

Although we weren't able to bring home a trophy this year, we are determined to take it next year! We did bring one trophy home. Noble Hunter Martineau won the MSA Shooting Competition, he got a 20 out of 20! Great job!

The Director's Staff has a couple upcoming events this fall. The Hole in One Competition is August 28th. We look forward to our 2nd Annual competition and hoping the weather cooperates! Practice up your swing and stop by and win some big prizes.

On September 10th is our Fall Bike Run and hoping to have a great turnout for that. Noble Cal and his Lady Kris have been working on the route and stops, so looking forward to ride with everyone.

On October 28th, the Director's Staff is putting on a Stag Party, "Making the Stag Great Again," There will be more details to come but there will be limited tickets, so get your tickets early.

If anyone has any questions about our events or would like to help out, please let one of your friendly Director's Staff members know and we'll get you taken care of.

Stay Hydrated, Shaun Engelsrud











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## Jamestown Clowns Late Summer, Early Fall

Many Events Welcome All

Hello to all Nobles and Ladies, YA WHOOOO, it's September or almost. Pumpkin Patch is coming along, Corn Maze is, YES, AMAZING !!!!!

A gargantuan THANK YOU, to all who have helped get it in tip top shape. What a monumental effort to make it all happen. When the time comes, all who come and enjoy it, have the feeling it's just suppose to be that way. But we know it takes a cosmic crew to have it run smoothly. Many hands make light work. Steve and Jon and Larry and Jodi and all the rest work hard. I'm giving them a GOLD STAR, everyone should thank them.

ALSO, our unit works together so much and all the hard work results in a prodigious, spectacular, sometimes incredible Parade of Glory, that adds to all the Jamestown Units, and Clubs, Parade of Glory, a truley remarkable thing. We are the Best Unit in El Zagal!! You knew that was coming! HA HA.

The El Zagal S&L Pro Am Golf was attended by us clowns, what a great thing to attend. Dropping a ball in on the green from 212 out was the unexceptional play that day. Bob and Bill and Dan played well also.

Thinking that I am writing this just after the July Shrine Club, I must say Aaron did a great job, tastey too!! Thank You Aaron! His personal crew is beyond great! And Jack's meals are always piquant, savory, and mouthwatering. So let's just alternate and we can look forward to the many fantastic meals to be consumed!

Shriner Hill we be more lit. I think seven, maybe nine trees have been added. WOW great job guys!!

Our fish fry was an event that makes all other units covetous, thank you for coming from all corners of El Zagal to make it such a remembered event. The crew that prepares and serves is second to none. I really mean that. No sarcasm this time. Not that I'm sarcastic toward anyone anyhow, but you get it.

WARNING: This article may be truncated, next time. Harvest Season should be upon us.

Thanks for Reading This... Weezer

## Color Guard Croonings

Summer is flying by and as reported by Color Guard VP and coordinator of parade schedule Robin Hanson, that the parade season has gone well and is winding down. Only two parades left at this writing. Next Saturday Wolf Lake Parade, all three blocks of it and the Pumpkin Fest Parade in Lake Park on September 24.

Attendance has been low for all parades and only a few glitches so far. One notable glitch was during the Menagha Parade when turning a corner, one of the base players passed up the flags which of course are the leaders. It seems that the drummers were in a hurry to finish the parade. No names mentioned but we can all guess who was the culprit.

The second notable one was the absence of Illustrious Sir Steve Larson at the Vergas Loony Days Parade. Rumor has it that Illustrious Sir Steve was spotted at Thumper Pond in Ottertail at the same time. That is a distance of about 25 miles to the East of the parade. All lips are closed tight as to why Illustrious Sir was there and what he was doing.

At the August Color Guard meeting, final details for the upcoming MSA in Green Bay were completed with the Color Guard contingent joining the bus sponsored by Kem Temple. Other items were set and the group will leave Wednesday 8/17 when the bus stops in Detroit Lakes.

Discussion was led by Illustrious Sir Steve on the Fall Ceremonial to be held in Bismarck. List was started for attendees, presenting the Colors and the Color Guards participation in other events.

Lastly plans are close to finalization for the Color Guard's Annual Sept-Ober Fest to be held on September 2 behind our Shrine Clubrooms. All permits are in place, the band is confirmed, food orders set and of course beer order. Past Pote Lowell Thompson has connection to a beer distributor and promises fine October Fest Beer[s] to be there. Mark your calendars to come

to Detroit Lakes on September 2nd to kick of the fall schedule of fun events for El Zagal.

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.





## **Bismarck Dusters**

#### Make Dust, Not Rust

The Dusters held their August luncheon at the Bismarck Masonic Center. After we consumed a fine summer lunch provided by members of Eastern Star and Rainbow Girls, Tim Dawson called us to order and reviewed activities since the July meeting.

Jerry Thomas hosted the July social at his "garage" at Specialized Cleaning. We socialized, imbibed, and ate while admiring his collection of artificats, historical materials, and classic Corvettes. I reviewed the 1927 Atlas of Traill County, and recognized the names of many landowners, whose descendents (and my school classmates from long ago) have continued or expanded those farmsteads.

We successfully participated in the Lincoln Days Parade on July 16th. Successful participation in a parade means our cars made it to the parade, made it through the parade, and made it back home without mechanical or other types of problems.

On August 14th, the Dusters displayed their vehicles during the Annual Ice Cream Social at the Former Governor's Mansion. Trivia: What do Governors Eli C. D. Shortridge (1893-95), John E. Davis (1957-61), and Doug Burgum (2016-) have in common? They were the first residents of "new" governor's residences in 1893, 1960, and 2018. The first Governor's Mansion was a house purchased in 1893 for \$5,000. After the new residence was built in 1960, the original Governor's Mansion was used to house the North Dakota Psychiatric Clinic. Go figure.

The annual Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake Breakfast Event will be on September 11th at the Bismarck Aero Center. Special this year will be a restored Douglas DC-3, flying-in from the Montana Air Museum. To cover the cost of bringing the plane to Bismarck, corporate sponsorships are available for \$1,000; which includes a ticket to ride in the DC-3 during a flight around the Bismarck/Mandan area. Contact Bob Simmers for further information. Proceeds from the Fly-In support the Scottish Rite Speech Therapy Center in Bismarck.

Also in September is the El Zagal Shrine Fall Ceremonial, all members of El Zagal have received special invitations. See you there.

Jay Buringrud, Pote 09



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## Jamestown Mystics

By Air, Land & Sea Kids Happy As Can Be

Hello everyone in El Zagal, hope everyone is well. I can't believe July is over, it went too fast.

5 Mystic brothers made the "Old Bastards" fishing trip; oh boy do we have stories for ya.

Back at home it was the annual Buffalo Day parade as President Brock led the reins. We had 9 Mystic brothers in the parade and made EL Zagal proud. Thanks brothers.

We are sad to say we lost a brother Casey Willman, so I ask to keep his family in your prayers.

Our 3rd Annual Fishing for a Cause day event was a Home Run with 100 kids that took part in the little Tykes fishing tournament. Then there was face painting. Thank you Carrie, Dixie, Bethany and Mikylee. The bounce houses were inflated thanks to Shelley and Dennis from Jamestown Inflatables.

Is that a Bird? No. It's a plane!! Thats right!! We had a plane fly over dropping 200 ping pong balls, oh boy, the kids went crazy gathering the balls for prizes, even a ball was turned in for \$50 bucks. Wow that was awesome!! After all that excitement we helped everyone with their appetites as Oster, Duane, and Bryan were cooking burgers and dogs on a flat top and they were seasoned perfectly. They were so delicious people were coming back multiple times asking for the recipe. The kids were enjoying jumbo freeze pops that lead to day prizes drawings.

Everyone got to enjoy great music by Flickertail and Old Friends. Thanks Jonny B and the band for entertaining us. They do a great job!! Of course the main event was the big drawing of the raffle tickets, 50 awesome prizes. Thank you Rockin Ronnie for being the DJ for the day, you do an awesome job!

A big thanks to all the Mystic brothers and sisters that made this happen, you all are much appreciated. That's all for now, see ya next month.

Jamestown Mystics

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#### Friday - September 23rd

1:00 pm

Sporting Clays-

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Board and Brush -DIY Wood Sign workshop

2706 Rock Island Pl Suite 2

**4:00 pm** Registration opens

**5:00 pm** Potentates Reception – Radisson New York/New York room

Press attire: Roaring 20's encouraged

Heavy Hors d'oeuvres served

**6:00 pm** Registration closes

8:00 pm Hospitality Room opens – Room 903 - Radisson

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#### Saturday - September 24th

8:00 am Registration

8:30 am First and Third Session

**9:30 am** Ladies Bloody Marys, Mimosas, and muffins – Mandan Eagles (cash bar)

**10:30 am** Parade line up – Mandan Eagles -1400 Collins Avenue

**11:00 am** Parade Step off

**11:30 am** Picnic – Eagles (Universal) park – 100 15<sup>th</sup> Street NE Mandan

2:00 pm Second Session & Unit Convention-new nobles and ladies

(New York/New York – Radisson)

**4:00 pm** Hospitality Room opens – Room 903 (closes at 4:45)

5:00 pm Social/Happy Hour at Bismarck Eagles – 313 N. 26<sup>th</sup> Street

Dress attire: formal/semi formal (wear Fez) - kids welcome!

**6:00 pm** Grand March and opening remarks

6:30 pm Dinner

8:00 pm Dance – KDB Band

**10:30 pm** Hospitality room reopens at Radisson – Room 903



#### KIDS SCHEDULE (Chaperoned by Brad and Tana Banker)

8:30 Load bus, to go to ND Shenanigans (tie-dye t-shirts or painting)

**10:45** Arrive at Mandan Eagles Park for parade

**1:30** Leave Eagles Park for Dakota Zoo

**4:00** Arrive at Radisson to get ready for evening banquet

**6:30** Dinner at Bismarck Eagles

## Fall Ceremonial Registration

(Mail in Registration)

### REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 10TH

Please check all that apply	and fill in how many are attending.
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### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### October 2022

- 3-9 Shriners Children's Open, Las Vegas
- 3 Cash Calendar Drawing
- 4 Tuesday Burgers
- 6 Thursday Brats
- 11 Stated Meeting
- 11 Appreciation Dinner -Fargo (Old Timer's)
- 11 No burgers
- 13 Thursday Brats
- 18 Tuesday Burgers
- 20 Appreciation Dinner -Bismarck (Old Timer's)
- 20 Thursday Brats
- 22 Swine & Stein at the Shrine
- 25-29 Pote's Trip, San Antonio
- 25 Tuesday Burgers
- 27 Thursday Brats

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11	12	Tuesday Burgers	Divan Meeting	Thursday Brats	16	Masonic One Day Class
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