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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

Get Back to Gold in 2023

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2023 El Zagal Divan

Front row: Bob Wedberg PP, Jeff Woods, Jason "Rocky" Rockswold PP, Bruce Ridgway, Blake "Ringo" Wrigley PP, Mark Kennard.

Back row: Russell Schell, Shane Heiberg, Chad Decker, Potentate Roger Ellsworth, Travis Will, Casey Schoer



2023 Divan Ladies

Front row: Meghan Will, Tiffanie Schmaltz, Sue Paul-Zimmerman, Gretchen Schoer, and Vickie Allard

Back row: Jandi Ketelsen, Kate Decker, Bobbie Kennard, Kim Sistad, Lisa Schell, and Cathie Wrigley Hello to all of the Nobles and Ladies. First and foremost, I would like to thank Illustrious Sir Steve Larson and his Lady Bonnie for a great year. There were many highlights throughout 2022, and what a great Roast we had. Thank you Illustrious Sir Brad Richards and his associates for taking the microphone for a Roast to remember for years.

Our Annual Meeting started with a great breakfast hosted by Yoshi and a fantastic meal it was. The Provost, as always, kept order and tiled the doors. Brad Richards presented our budget information, which he kept in tune and on track throughout the year. Brad accomplished great things in three short years as our Temple Treasurer. He fine-tuned a lot of our accounts (maybe that is why he is in the car business) with the help of our Office Manager Andrea Kallstrom. Thank you, all!

My appointments for the year are as follows: Treasurer – Illustrious Sir Jason "Rocky" Rockswold Director – Illustrious Sir Blake "Ringo" Wrigley Chief of Staff – Jeff Woods Membership – Russell Schell 1st Ceremonial Master – Shane Heiberg 2nd Ceremonial Master – Casey Schoer

Congratulations Brothers, I am honored and privileged to work with you this year and many years to come.

How about that Banquet! I hope everyone had a great time. My fez is off to many people. The staff at the Marriott were awesome to work with. I could not have pulled it off without my Lady Sue, and her countless hours of fine tuning the details. Our Rock Star, El Zagal Staff Andrea and Patricia (2022 Lady of the Year). 2023 Director, Illustrious Sir Blake "Ringo" Wrigley as the MC. What a fantastic job. Not to forget the El Zagal Imperials, great sound ladies and gentlemen. Most of us danced the night away to the energetic music of Rustic. Lastly, how about the Fez and Thistle Pipers and Drums (Oilers), now that is a Grand Entry, and a great performance.

Also, a heartfelt thank you to Alison, Cory, Jon, Amber, great friends Mike and Lynn, Cheryl Schoer, Lonnie and Roger Hansen who is Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Dakota,



Page, Cierra and London Schoer, and Tami Sauers (Casey's family). All of you made the night very special. We cannot forget the Royalty in the house, Imperial Sir Matt Sturlaugson and Lady Mandii, and the Grand Master of North Dakota Rick Wightman and Lady Verna. Also, a special thank you to the well represented Directors Staff. The Annual Banquet could not have been more complete. Thanks to all.

Looking forward, we have a busy calendar in 2023 and would like as many people involved as possible. The more events we all attend, the more fun and fellowship we will create and the more people we will attract to the best fraternity in the world. Getting involved, participating, making friends – it all leads to more members. Did I mention "Getting Back to Gold". I know it won't happen in a month or two. Probably not this year, but if we plan and set goals we can get back to being a Gold Temple.

We are off to a great start, we became +1 hours after the annual meeting. Our Chief Rabban Travis and Lady Meghan's son, Braden Will, gave me the opportunity to do my very first Cold Sands. A humbling experience for me. I may have had a tear or two... That justified the reason I am a Shriner. We become Shriners to have and build shared experiences with others to develop memories and friendships that will last a lifetime. This we all do, and get to do while making a better life for children all over the world. Our fraternity really is the best organization there is! So, let's get out there, let more people know what we do and let them know how much fun we have. Let's ask more guys...do you want to be a Shriner? If you know "why" you are a Shriner that question will be easier.

El Zagal has a plan to get back to Gold, we will need everyone's help, Nobles and Ladies all. Let's make 2023 the best it can be.



Yours in the faith. Roger Ellsworth 2023 Potentate



Past Potentates Ball - May 6, 2023 in Fargo, ND

Spring Ceremonial - June 9 & 10, 2023 in Medora, MN

MSA Summer Session - August 25 & 26 in Alexandria, MN

Fall Ceremonial - September 8 & 9 in Fargo, ND

Potentates Trip – December 7-10 in Las Vegas, NV

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We are planning to have our drawing for the January winners on January 31. But don't fret – you can still buy (and sell) calendars after that date.

they are selling calendars or knows someone who

Winners will be announced on our web site at www. elzagal.org. Prizes will be mailed to the address on the postcard, so print legibly and completely. Sorry cash or check only for purchases as we cannot accept credit cards for raffle chances.

So if you have not yet bought your calendar, now is an excellent time to do so. And if you are out there selling calendars, please get your sold calendars to the temple as soon as possible - remember, we're drawing for all January winners on January 31. If



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Fargo Shrine Circus Club Meetings



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MARCH 28, 2023: COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ONLY MEETING: 6:30 PM

FARGO CIRCUS March 31, 2023

7 PM APRIL 1, 2023 10 AM, 2 PM, 6 PM APRIL 2, 2023 NOON, 4 PM

DETROIT LAKES CIRCUS April 4, 2023

10 AM, 12:30 PM, 6:30 PM

JAMESTOWN CIRCUS APRIL 11, 2023

5:30 PM

BISMARCK CIRCUS

APRIL 14, 2023 1:30 PM, 7 PM APRIL 15, 2023 10 AM, 2 PM, 7 PM

DICKINSON CIRCUS APRIL 16, 2023

NOON, 3:30 PM, 7 PM APRIL 17, 2023 6:30 PM

Women's Auxiliary Meetings for 2023

We are adding some Tuesday evening meetings with fun games.

All Tuesday and Saturday meetings are at El Zagal.

The next meeting is Saturday, February 11th at 10:00 am till noon. We will be making blankets after a short meeting.

At the Tuesday, March 7 meeting, come for Tuesday Burgers (5:30pm to 7:00pm) and stay for a game night, 6:30pm until 8:00 pm.

Mary, your new Secretary

Escort Motor Patrol

Welcome to 2023. This should be a fun year! We started out with the Roast the Pote and Parade to glory. 2022 was a great year with Illustrious Steve Larson as our Potentate. Thanks Steve for all your hard work. We appreciate you. We look forward to Roger Ellsworth as our Potentate in 2023.

The winter MSA is in Alexandria, MN this year, February 23-24th. This will be a fun event. Look forward to seeing you there. As for escorting, Thanks to those who escorted the Parade to Glory and our next calling will be the Spring Ceremonial June 6th - 7th.

Happy New Year! I wish you the best year ever! Pat J.

Shriners Children Letter

Things are looking up this coming year for your Shriners Children's Twin Cities. With numerous restrictions fading away, we are looking at getting back to our mission of "More Kids in More Places". We are installing sensory space equipment in Rehab Therapy as well as developing cranial facial offerings. I am very happy to announce that we have hired another doctor who will work two weeks a month. This is becoming common in the medical field. We are now approved for direct community referrals for rehab from other providers. We spent much time this past fall on developing our strategic plan and pursuing further affiliated partnerships. Your Twin Cities Ambulatory Care Clinic was the first in our system to both submit and get approval for the 2023 budget and plan. We are having other Shriners look to us for advice on the transitions that must be made. Especially exciting is the prospect of the screening clinics returning. There are some changes that will allow us to touch more kids going forward. This will require participation from the Nobility on many fronts. I cannot thank Lady Deb & Garret Nios enough for all they have done in Bismarck. They are the El Zagal standard. My hope is to continue on their efforts in the west and work toward holding a clinic at the temple in Fargo later this year.

I know many of you saw the story involving El Zagal on Valley News Live. While most of us were clearing snow the whole week prior to Christmas, Santa's helpers were working our mission. One of our patients, Shelby Sistad, had asked Santa for a special bike for Christmas. She had one stolen before she was able to even ride it last year. She attempted to ride a standard bike but fell and hurt her knee. Our staff let us

know of this and the nobility stepped up! Provost member Eric Johnson drove 500 miles in crappy weather to pick up a bike in Woodbury that Monday. Imperial Sir Matt had contacted the Barnesville School and we were set to deliver the bike to her at school that Friday. Cue another blizzard, school was cancelled that day. Matt and Lady Mandy picked up Eric Johnson and myself, and we headed out to Barnesville. We were met there by "LARSstrious" Sir Steve Larson and delivered her surprise (decorated by Mandy). Shelby's smile made Christmas for all of us. She was joined by cousins and friends. The school is letting Shelby ride her bike indoors till spring as it will help with her therapy, Good Job Trojans! To quote Eric "This is what we do".

Shelby has a goal of riding her bike for us to see sometime this year. That is something to look

Kelly Wentz-Twin Cities Board of Governors Shriners Children's Twin Cities Shriners Twin Cities.org 612-596-6100

Fun Run 2023

Greetings to all Nobles and Ladies,

We again this year will be having an EZ Fun Run. Our plan is to leave Fargo in the early morning of Thursday June 29th. We will meet up with fellow Nobles and Ladies in Bismarck. We plan to stay in Medora that night.

Friday we will travel to the Deadwood area for the next few days. Our plan is to find cabins to stay in and use as our home base for the days we are there. We will return on Sunday July 2nd. Some are staying until Monday July 3rd.

This trip is open to any Noble/Lady/Friends. We will have motorcycles and autos. Feel free to join us if you like.

Our Trip Coordinators are Mary Roos (meroos@live. com) and Bob Bartosh (epbandit@bis.midco.net)

Please join us for some great fun! See you there. Yours in Faith

MD PP



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Eagle Scout Flag Pole Project

Greetings, my name is Jackson Schroeder. I am a Life Scout with Troop 214 in North Fargo.

I have had the privilege of working on the flagpole at El Zagal Shrine for my Eagle Scout project and am pleased to announce the completion of the project.

I would like to thank all who assisted with the project and I would like to specifically thank Roger Ellsworth and Blake Wrigley for their support, guidance and leadership on the project.

Jack Schroeder, Eagle Scout

{Our apologies, the above article has been corrected and re-run}







Color Guard Croonings

Well, here I am back in the saddle again. There was a vacancy in the composer position for Color Guard Croonings, and I thought I would step in to help. You see, Dan Holm, who was pinch hitting for me this past year, was summoned to the International Composers Conference in Dublin, North Dakota. We are very excited for Dan! It would appear that his writing skills have drawn the attention of authors worldwide, and he is asked to be present for a major award. We are all so proud of Dan. Rumor is that he will be awarded the Silver Pen, and a lifetime supply of Lutefisk. What a lucky guy. But you know how it goes – when you have talent, you never know who is watching you! Congrats and THANK YOU Dan!

Another Color Guard member has retired from public service this year as well. Brad Richards stepped down as Treasurer of El Zagal after tremendous pressure from the Administration. Brad has retired to Arizona, where he has reportedly brought boxes of Top Secret documents to be kept in the Richards Compound. His spiritual adviser, Jerome Tappe accompanied him to ensure the safety of the documents. They will be stored in Brad's locked garage, right next to his Corvette.

Speaking of Tappe, he had a milestone birthday in early January. Jerome turned 75 and is pretty excited about retiring from the car business and spending time doing whatever Lady Denise tells him to do. It is refreshing to know that he will actually have something to do now rather than sit at Nereson's with his feet up on the desk.

The new Officers have taken the helm at the Color Guard, and they are all very excited about the new

year. President Happy Holt held his first meeting with an iron fist, and kept almost everyone away from the bar – except for the Treasurer, Paul "little Lars" Meszaros. That will take more than just Happy to make happen. Scotty Berseth promised to put a "spark" in this next year, while Brikker Ware – well, we just hope he shows up. We are excited to see what these Nobles can do for the Color Guard and El Zagal.

Retired from the President's position, Jesten Hayle stated that he wanted to spend more time with his family. He was noticed at the last meeting with a twinkle in his eye, stating that he is excited to have 6 more kids. His Lady Krista is NOT so excited, but I think she can handle Jesten.

Father Jerry has also escaped to warmer climates after learning that there was some "foolishness" going on in his neighborhood. You see, he learned at the Roast the Pote that Lady Joleen had some unclaimed underwear in her laundry basket. I don't know much about the details, but there was a lot of speculation about who they belonged to. Jerry did the right thing and swooped Jo off her feet to Arizona. Funny, seems to be a trend about Arizona and controversy here......

In closing, we are excited about what 2023 will hold for the Color Guard. We know that we are the envy of all the other units in El Zagal. I mean, how could you NOT say that they are the best dang unit in El Zagal??

Keep your tent flaps closed – we have a lot of winter left!

Lars

Past Pote Letter

El Zagal Nobles and Ladies All, THANK YOU FOR A GREAT YEAR

I wanted to take a moment to thank you again for the opportunity to serve as Potentate this past year. The year ended up with a great Roast and a lot of laughs. It is hard to believe you could pick on someone as kind and quiet and thoughtful as myself, but it was fun!

To know that I am in perfect health after my Clown physical is great peace of mind! I do have to say though that I hope the nurses and doctors get better looking for my next exam!

The administration budget ended up in the positive this year, thanks in part to the cash calendar. I

thought I would share with you how the excess was used. First off, I left \$10,000 for the new administration year, \$10,000 for Imperial Sir Matt Sturlaugson's year for El Zagal use when he becomes Imperial Potentate, and then \$20,000 designated to Buildings and Grounds, earmarked for new dividers

between the ballroom and lounge area.

I look forward to seeing you all around El Zagal in the near future!

Steve Larson, Past Potentate El Zagal Shrine Temple









Purse Bingo! Raffles! Silent Auction!

Only 100 tickets available.

Contact the following for tickets:

Bobbie Kennard: 701-368-1361, email is cc'd, or Facebook message

Kristen Grenz: 701-659-3485 Kim Sistad: 701-371-0828 Sue Paul: 701-238-1248 Jandi Ketelsen: 218-556-6915



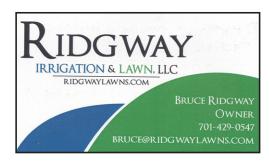
Nobles and Ladies all,

I received a call last month from a young lady that started a local nonprofit, wanting to make a donation to our transportation fund. The caller was Olivia Allen and the nonprofit is Warm Blanket Hugs. By the way, Olivia is 15 years old and started her journey in the nonprofit world in 2019. Olivia has had her share of bumps in the road after being diagnosed with epilepsy in 2009. She received a blanket when she was in the hospital and found it to give a great sense of comfort and security. From that point on, Olivia wanted to provide that same comfort and security to others in need. Fast forward to 2019 and Warm Blanket Hugs came into existence. Through her efforts, she presented a check to El Zagal for \$500. It is very impressive that a young person can have this kind of passion to make a difference in other's lives.

Thank you Olivia for your generosity! You have provided the means to help our patient families with their travel expenses, to and from our Shriner's Children's facility in the Twin Cities and beyond. Take a look at her website at warmblankethugs.com and see how you can help.

Respectfully, Cal Braun







TUESDAY BURGER SCHEDULE 2023

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5:30PM	- 7PM DIVAN
FEBRUARY 14	NO BURGERS
FEBRUARY 21	PROVOST
FEBRUARY 28	
	ARAB PATROL
MARCH 7	EMP
MARCH 14	DIRECTOR STAFF
MARCH 21	DETROIT LAKES
MARCH 28	MISFITS
APRIL 4	DIVAN
APRIL 11	PROVOST
APRIL 18	ARAB PATROL
APRIL 25	EMP
MAY 2	DIRECTOR STAFF
MAY 9	DETROIT LAKES
MAY 16	MISFITS
MAY 23	DIVAN
MAY 30	PROVOST
JUNE 6	ARAB PATROL
JUNE 13	EMP
JUNE 20	DIRECTOR STAFF
JUNE 27	DETROIT LAKES
JULY 4	NO BURGERS FOR JULY (THE TEMPLE WILL NOT BE OPEN)
JULY 11	DIVAN
JULY 18	PROVOST
JULY 25	ARAB PATROL
AUGUST 1	EMP
AUGUST 8	DIRECTOR STAFF
AUGUST 15	DETROIT LAKES
AUGUST 22	MISFITS
AUGUST 29	DIVAN
SEPTEMBER 5	PROVOST
SEPTEMBER 12	ARAB PATROL
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SEPTEMBER 19

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OCTOBER 3

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PROVOST

ARAB PATROL

NO BURGERS

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ARAB PATROL

DIRECTOR STAFF

DETROIT LAKES

DIRECTOR STAFF

DETROIT LAKES

Director's Staff

Happy New Year everyone! We hope you all enjoyed your holidays by spending time with family and friends.

A big congratulations to Illustrious Sir Steve Larson and Lady Bonnie for a great 2022. Thank you, for your dedication and in representing El Zagal Shrine. WOW, how about that roast? I wasn't sure we were going to have it completed before the Annual Meeting on Saturday morning. He sure gave us plenty of ammunition over the years.

And it is with great pride the Director's Staff welcomes one of our own as El Zagal Shrine's 2023 Potentate, Illustrious Sir Roger Ellsworth and Lady Sue. We are ready to get to work and help make this an incredible year at El Zagal.

Now with the change of a new year, we start the prep work for our 12th Annual Suds-N-Spuds event on April 22nd. We meet weekly at local craft breweries to "sample" beers for our event. I know it's a tough gig, but we owe it to our event patrons to have the best beers possible. If you would like to get on the weekly beer tour, contact anyone in the D.S. We will also be having a St. Patty's Day Pizza, Puzzles & Beverage on Friday March 17th...stay tuned for details.

Also, I am honored to have been nominated to the Divan as 2nd Ceremonial Master for 2023 and I look forward to the upcoming years serving the El Zagal Shrine.

Salute, Casey Schoer

EL Zagal Dusters

The Dusters would like to sincerely thank Illustrious Sir Steve Larson for a great 2022 and all the years prior that he committed to being on the Divan! He sure made it look fun!

Mother Nature tried her best to cancel the Dusters Christmas party at the Mandan Depot, but our ever-determined President Tim Dawson was able to pull it off with the help of Bob Bartosh on their second attempt December 22nd - and it turned out great! I don't think anyone braved the wind and snow to walk through the lights in the park, but they were beautiful to look at from the car window. Thank you for organizing this Tim and Bob, it was a great night of good food and comradery!

We had a few members travel to Fargo the first weekend of January for the Annual meeting, Roast the Pote, and banquet. A great time was had by all who attended. We are looking forward to having more in attendance in the years to come. In my opinion, it is the best weekend of the year to be part of El Zagal!

Planning for the 2nd Annual El Zagal Dusters Car Show coming up on March 4th and 5th at the Bismarck Event Center is in full swing. We are preparing for it to be even bigger and better this year! If you know anyone with interest in entering a car, please have them check out our website: www. ElZagalDusters.com for info on the show and registration forms. We will be using Sign-up Genius again this year to help fill volunteer spots. We had a great amount of help from all over El Zagal last year and word on the street is there are quite a few planning on coming back to volunteer again this year. We are excited to have you and look forward to seeing everyone.

Keep the shiny side up and the wheels rolling.

Travis Will

2023 EL Zagal Duster Car Show



Planning for the March 4 & 5, 2023 El Zagal Duster Car Show is well underway. Puklich Chevrolet and the West Dakota Chevy Dealers are presenting this event.

The 2 day event will again showcase area cars, trucks and industry supporters and vendors. We are planning attractions for all ages. We are encouraging other Shrine units to showcase their respective units at this event as it will provide an opportunity to increase our exposure as a fraternity. Mark your calendar, plan to attend and check us out at www.elzagaldusters.com as we will be updating the site regularly.

Respectfully, Bob Simmers Show Coordinator

El Zagal Arab Patrol Wine Tasting Hors d'oeuvres Silent Auction

Open to public, 21 & over

El Zagal Shrine Temple

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Friday, March 10, 2023

6:00pm to 8:30pm

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WILD GAME FEED

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

5:00pm - 9:00pm • Saturday, February 18, 2023

"Food served until gone"

Grand Prize drawings at 9:00pm (Need Not Be Present To Win)



*additional games and raffles throughout the night
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\$25.00 in advance

City of Fargo Permit # R0106-22

\$35.00 at the door

NO.



As you read this, we will be a couple weeks away from the 2023 Wild Game Feed. Things are coming together nicely. The menu is set and will be delicious as ever. The raffles are similar to last year and as always, fun will be had by all. There may be a new raffle or two along with our tried and true games of the past that are sure to generate some much needed money for buildings and grounds.

We had a planning meeting last night that was well attended. Thank you to all that are participating in this process. It is appreciated. As you are read this, the meetings will be weekly in the weeks leading up to the event and then we will be up at the temple every day the week of the event. If you can help, we would greatly appreciate it!

We are now at the point that the focus needs to turn to bringing the people in the door. We can prepare all we want but no people in the door still equals failure. I am asking everyone to take a moment and share the event on your Facebook feed and other social media platforms. Share it often to keep it in front of people. We need this to be a success and it will take all of you to spread the word. If you have any ideas or suggestions on places to share it, or other marketing ideas, let me know. All ideas are welcome.

Please talk to your friends and family about it and we would love to see your smiling faces there as well. The event will be on February 18th from 5-9 at El Zagal. Food will be served until gone so get

there early. Tickets are available on Eventbrite or can be paid through Venmo, in the Arabian Room, or reach out to me or your favorite Shriner!

Regards, Cal Braun 2023 WGF Chair



Jamestown Clowns

Hello to all Nobles and Ladies,

Just got home from Annual Meeting in Fargo and it was a complete success. Steve Larson went home, and Roger Ellsworth showed up.

We would like to congratulate our new Illustrious Sir Roger, and may his year be wonderful. Also, Past Potentate Steve, we would thank you for a grand year.

Parade of Glory was amazing, and once again Clowns did a marvelous job. In fact, our units and clubs from Jamestown out did themselves again. We should all thank anyone who supports us, every time you see them. After all we are the Best Unit in El Zagal!! Our Past Potentate did not disagree with that statement at all.

Our new Clown President Truman H. is now tasked with herding us in 2023 to a fantastic

conclusion that will dwarf 2022. We will be waiting for that leadership patiently. Don't wait too long to head 'em up and move 'em out, or we may scatter. We wish him luck. Also our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

I'm sick of the snow, I don't like it, I wish it was just a dusting. We should all wish for no wind. Polar Plunge is Feb 4th at Stutsman Harley. Truman is going in!!!!!

Jim River Valley Shrine Club Stag is March 3rd, get your tickets now!! The date for the Jamestown Circus is April 11th. June 17 is Bike run and Raffle for a Side by Side, Party at the Elks Club.

NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 21—3RD TUESDAY, because Valentine's Day is 2nd Tuesday.

THANKS for Reading this......Weezer..

Editor's Introduction

Nobles and Ladies all,

I would like to take this space to introduce myself as the new Camel Tales Editor. I have been asked by Illustrious Sir Roger Ellsworth to take over for long time editor, Noble Rich Ellsworth. He has taken much of his time over the past many years to help out El Zagal. I would like to thank him for all that he has done in his tenure. I know I have some big shoes to fill (Clown joke intended).

For those who may not know me. I joined in June of 2008, with Noble Joe Jacob being my Top Line Signer, and joined the Director's Staff the next spring. And now I will help serve as your humble Editor for the Camel Tales. Please reach out to me should you have any questions or need some help. I only ask that you give me a good head's up so that I have the time necessary to aid you.

In order to help insure timeliness of publication I wish to remind us of the deadline for submitting items is the 18th of the month prior to publication. Please have your submissions for letters as a Word file or other text format. We request that posters and photos should be submitted as a high resolution .jpg, .gif, .pdf or other. This will help make sure your photo shines in the Camel Tales and would usually be the same format you would send to the printer. Event submissions will also be placed on the El Zagal Facebook page so include any online links for tickets that you may have. If you do not want it on Facebook, please just note to exclude it.

If I may be of assistance, please feel free to reach out to me. I can be contacted directly at jonjuelich@gmail.com, or through the El Zagal office at info@elzagal.com.





UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 2023

- 3 James Valley Shrine Club Stag (Jamestown)
- 3 Lady Stagette (Jamestown)
- 4 Dusters Car Shoe (Bismarck)
- 5 Dusters Car Show (Bismarck)
- 7 Tuesday Burgers
- 8 Divan Meeting
- 10 Wine Tasting by Arab Patrol (Temple)
- 12-14 Shrine Sports Seminar
- 14 Tuesday Burgers
- 17 Pizza, Puzzle & Beverage by Directors Staff (Temple)
- 18 Camel Tales Deadline
- 21 Tuesday Burgers
- 28 Tuesday Burgers
- 31 Fargo Circus

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FEBRUARY 2023		1	2	3	National Give Kids a Smile Day	
Burn Awareness Week	Burn Awareness Week	Burn Awareness Week Tuesday Burgers	Burn Awareness Week Divan Meeting	Burn Awareness Week	Burn Awareness Week	Burn Awareness Week
Super Bowl Party	13	Tuesday Burgers	15	16	17 Game Feed Setup	18 Wild Game Feed Camel Tales Deadline
19	20	Tuesday Burgers	22	23	MSA Winter Session in Alexandria, MN	MSA Winter Session in Alexandria, MN
26	27	Tuesday Burgers				



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