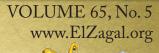
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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE Get Back to Gold in 2023

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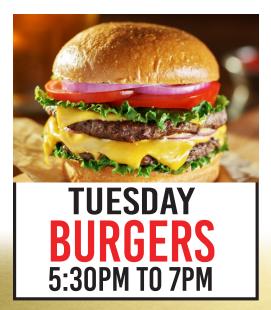


Spring Ceremonial June 9 & 10, 2023 in Medora, ND

Shrine Bowl June 24, 2023 in Mayville, ND

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



It is a very busy time for El Zagal. With the Circus behind us, it has been full steam ahead. A huge THANK YOU to everyone that did their part for the Shrine Circus, from Detroit Lakes to Dickinson. I think all of the Circus performances were a success!

I have had more fun and fellowship these last few months than I ever

thought possible. I really hope all of you are getting involved more with your Shrine, now that the pandemic is "DONE." Some of the highlights have been Suds-N-Spuds, the Directors Staff sure knows how to have fun. A few of us went to the WGA4 Kids in the Twin Cities. This is the MSA convention/banquet for the Ladies Auxiliary. Our El Zagal Ladies had the top donation this year of \$14,000. That money came from all their hard work, pop tops, and the 1st Annual Stagette Party. All of those donations to Shriners Twin Cities, for wheelchairs and adaptive needs, like bikes, for our patients. This was a very proud event for El Zagal, and I was grateful to be there to support Lady Sue and the Ladies Auxiliary.

The next event was a full day at the Lodge and the Temple. A one-day class with 11 new Master Masons - Nice work Shiloh! The Ladies' Luncheon was well attended and a lot of fun. Lady Sue and her daisies filled up the room that was set up with a touch of class by our events specialist, Patty. She does such a great job. The Ladies Auxiliary raised over \$800 on auction items at this event alone. Great Work Ladies! Then we topped off the evening with a Past Potentates Ball. What a great night! Our High Priest & Prophet, Bruce Ridgway, emceed a fun program. We honored all Past Potentates, and 12 Past Potentates and 3 Ladies of Past Potentates were able to attend in person. The meal was perfectly prepared by Mike, Travis, Todd & Darrin from the Directors Staff. I think these guys have that smokin' thing down. Thank you, guys! Not to forget our decorator, Patricia, who worked for weeks to get the ballroom in top-notch shape. Her attention to detail is exquisite. Thank you, Patty!

A few days after the frivolity of the ball, we had our 2nd Stated Meeting for 2023. I wish



more Nobles would attend these meetings. We



meetings. We started with a great meal, thanks again, Patty! She put together a pasta bar that would make any Italian restaurant look like fast food joint – delicious! Our Stated meetings are very informative and your Divan presents the State of the Temple. Additionally, all of

the Chairmen from our events and appointments give their reports. A very informational meeting, please attend the next Stated Meeting if you are able. Save the date: August 8, 2023.

Enough with what we have done, let's talk about membership and getting back to gold. Did I mention the pandemic is "Done?" Now is the time to work twice as hard on finding, getting, and keeping more Shriners. I have mentioned all the events we have had already this year, and the year has just begun.

If we stop to think about friends and relationships that come from our fraternity, it should be easy to find more guys to share El Zagal with. Please take the time to make more men in your daily life aware of Shriners Childrens and Shriners International.

I would like to close with what is coming up and how much I am looking forward to all of it! Our Spring Ceremonial in Medora, June 9 & 10. This will be a fun-filled weekend and a celebration to bring in many new Nobles. Grand Communication in Minot, ND is on June 16 & 17, a huge day for the Grand Lodge of North Dakota. The Clown Ride (one of my favorite events) is on June 17, and these guys know how to put a bike run together. Next up in the month with the North Dakota Shrine Bowl June 20-24, which is one of our largest events in the state. And finishing up the month with our Here Comes Summer Party on June 29 at El Zagal.

I hope to see you all soon.

Please be active and be proud.

Yours in Faith, Roger Ellsworth 2023 Potentate

TUESDAY BURGER UNIT SCHEDULE 5:30PM - 7PM

JUNE 6 - ARAB PATROL JUNE 13 EMP JUNE 20 DIRECTOR STAFF JUNE 27 DETROIT LAKES



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Bob Simmers, El Zagal Dusters, recently had the privilege of transporting a Shriners Childrens patient, Zoe Switzer, and her mother from Billings to Bismarck where she was then picked up by a pilot from Fargo and delivered to Minneapolis for a checkup at the Shriners Childrens Twin Cities where Zoe is being treated for scoliosis. She was accompanied by her mother Darcie. It was also Zoe's first-ever airplane ride. Hats off Bob!



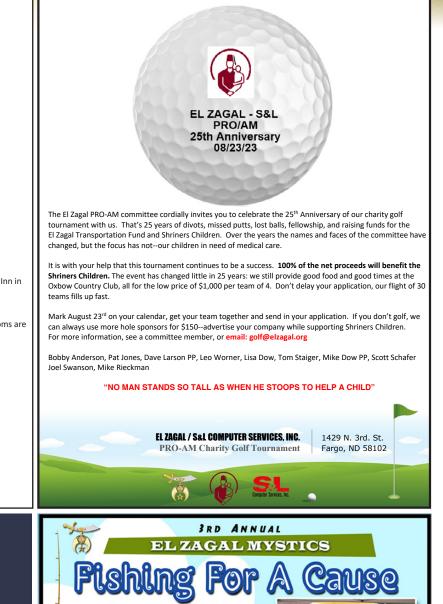
MSA is right around the corner– August 23-26, 2023! And it's close – just a short ride down to Alexandria. For those of you looking to get rooms, we have a block of 60 rooms at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria (5637 Highway 29 South).

To reserve your room, contact the Holiday Inn at (320-763-6577) or you can email them at <u>info@hialexandria.com</u>. The name of the room block is <u>El Zagal MSA 2023</u>. The cost of the rooms are \$139.99 plus applicable taxes, and that is either for a standard or double-queen room.

The room block expires on August 11, 2023. Please let me know if you have any questions.

For details on the MSA agenda/etc., you can go to www.msa2023.org

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Shriners having fun helping kids



Dear Noble,

This year marks the 49th Annual North Dakota Shrine Football All-Star Game. We will be playing both 11-man and 9-man games in an East vs. West format. The games will be played on **Saturday June 24th at Jerome Berg Field on the campus of Mayville State University** with 4 pm (11-man) and 7 pm (9-man) kickoffs.

Please visit <u>www.ndshrinebowl.com</u> and scroll to the bottom of the home page to purchase your tickets!



Additionally, the cost to renew your Mini Helmet with a 2023 helmet sticker is \$50.00. For a total of \$100.00, it takes care of the Mini Helmet renewal and gets your name in the **Nobles Hall of Fame** page of the game day program! This is a great way for you to show support for the North Dakota Shrine Bowl.

The games are a great public relations event for the Shrine and give us an opportunity for new members by introducing 128 young men, their friends, and their families to ame week starts on Tuesday. June 20th at Mayyille State University. We welcome you to

the Shrine every year. Game week starts on Tuesday, June 20th at Mayville State University. We welcome you to participate and assist with any of the week's activities.

This is a very busy week; however, it is an experience of a lifetime for the players. On Media Day, Thursday, June 22nd, we will host our **Patient Ambassador Day** from noon until 3 pm. Several patients will be there to participate in games with the players. These festivities will be at Mayville State University. Come on out and wear your FEZ!

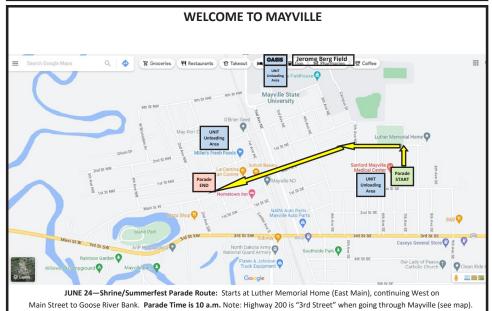
Visit <u>www.ndshrinebowl.com</u> to make your game-day ticket and mini-helmet purchases. Thanks for supporting the 49th Annual North Dakota Shrine Bowl and Shriners Children's

Sincerely,

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Jason Kaufman - Chairman Cell (812) 240-4826 info@ndshrinebowl.com

Lynn Misialek – Chairman Cell (218) 779-8845



Actual Parade route is 9 blocks long. Additional 9 blocks after parade to banquet/Oasis locations Turn North at Subway on Center Ave. to get to Main Street. Turn North on 6th Ave. to get to Sanford Medical Center

**There are 3 location options for unloading—see blue boxes on map.

Shrine Units will lead off the parade. Please be lined up at on East side of Sanford Medical Center by 9:30 a.m. Candy can be handed-out at this parade! Oasis is at the football field—look for the big white tent!

Jamestown Mystics

Hello everyone in El Zagal hope all is well.

The Jamestown Masons hosted their annual V.I.P. breakfast on April 22, \$10 or \$12 whatever you wanted to pay!!!! Buttermilk pancakes, waffles, sausages, and eggs to order. WOW! We had an awesome turnout, our thanks to all. A Big thanks to Arlie for heading up the workforce. We had a lot of muscles from The Mystics as Scrappy (Jeff Oster) was wearing a 3 piece suit serving our customers a fine plate of food, back in the kitchen Paul W. was using a power tool as he mixed eggs for the eggs hollandaise or Eggs Florentine. Big Colin W and Beerman dished up this delicious food to order.



Spring has sprung and right into summer. I got the motorcycle serviced and ready to roll for the weekly bike night. Breadman is the Captain of Bike Night as we are supporting our local restaurants and pubs. We promote the Shrine by selling raffle tickets as our 12th Annual Gun Raffle is just about sold out. LAST CALL, if you don't have one yet give a Mystic a call and we will try to round one up for you. Our 4th annual Fishing For A Cause raffle tickets are going good as FFAC ticket chairman (The Fridge) says \$20 gets you a chance to win some great prizes like a 2023 Massimo 4 x 4 or a Polaris 110 EFI Out Law 4 x 4 and much more. DON'T FORGET WE ARE HONORING THE HOME SHOW SPECIAL, 5 for \$100.

Medora is 4 weeks out and I'm happy to say we have 2 new candidates

nave 2 new candidates coming in. Welcome Curtis Krapp and Brian Nettestad. Oh boy, they say the onions are on the way, I better go. That's all for now catch you next month.

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El Zagal Mystics

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EL Zagal Dusters

The Dusters are fat and sassy, that is, as a group. Individually, we are divided into fat or sassy camps. Personally, I dip my toes in the pool of fat and the hot tub of sassy, but I do not spend much time in either. I digress.

The Dusters keep fat with our monthly social. The social will turn into events for the summer. I will keep you posted. In North Dakota, there are not many months in which a car club can do car things so the summer is a special time with special events.

Our consummate Duster, Gerald Skogley, is recovering from some falls. Last I heard he was in the Baptist Home in Bismarck. Please take the time to visit your membership that is unable to make it to meetings due to health problems. Correspondence is appreciated as well.

Our upcoming events will keep us sassy. Upcoming events include the:

o El Zagal Annual Golf Tournament at the Prairie West golf course on May 19. We need some help setting up so be there at 11:00 a.m. to set up for a noon start. The cost is \$100 per person with lunch included. The tournament is fun-focused, and a poor golfer is as likely to win a prize as a person who golfs well.

o Missouri Slope Shrine Circus Club Spring Dinner Party at 5:45 p.m. on June 1. The location is the Bismarck Eagles Club. Family and friends are invited, especially prospective members.

o Duster Lunch Meeting at noon on June 12 at Masonic Center.

In these times when people are easily triggered, I did not mean to offend the skinny and lethargic. You are welcome with the Dusters as well. Hope to see you all soon.

Tim Dawson The Heavy Jefe

Jamestown Clowns

Hello, to all Nobles and Ladies,

June? Yes, it is happening, Bike Run and Side X Side raffle is coming soon! JUNE 17, 11 AM, and it's kick stands up at Stutsman Harley. Raffle drawing and party at the Elks after. Come One, Come All !!!!! Parades are lining up, and fun is starting, so partyicapate!! Watch for E-Mails!!

Now that we are getting an elephant to enhance the Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch, I for one can't wait. Thank you Larry L. For volunteering your shop to keep it over winter, and bag the dung, to sell. I have been doing research about elephant dung, it's the best!!! It should be a show-stopper. Although, we all need to pitch in when the time comes and rid Larry's shop of any mice that may have a home there. If you have seen the cartoon, elephants and mice don't get along.

Our weight room has been a great help for us Clowns to get into Parade weight, nobody likes a skinny Clown. If we as a group can gain 3 ton, we will be in great shape, you might say, shape of the future!

As I write this, spring is starting to look good, let's hope that now it's almost June, it has turned out to be a grand spring. NEXT Stop Summer!!

Our group has a long history of working together and making the impossible, possible, and that is why we are THE BEST UNIT IN EL ZAGAL!!!!!

Thanks for Reading this...... Weezer..

Director's Staff Time To Ride

Thank you to all who made it to our 12th Annual Suds-N-Spuds and Shriner 5K, we had a great turnout for both events. The brewers once again did not disappoint and the food...not sure I've seen that many variations of spuds and toppings before, it was incredible.

Finally, our first bike practice is in the books, it was short but good to be back on the practice field. We

are always looking for people to come to watch and give us some constructive criticism. (Mondays @ 6pm). We are looking forward to getting our full lineup in the Spring Ceremonial, Shrine Bowl Parade, and others throughout the area this summer.



Salute,

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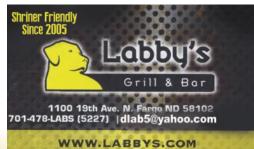
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EZ FUN RUN 2023

What started off in 2020 as the Pote's Trip, has continued as an opportunity to gather and make new friends. The 2023 run will be June 29th – July 3rd. Our meandering will take us to the Enchanted Castle on the 29th and then onto Pahá Sápa for the remainder of the run.

Lady Mary Roos and Noble Bob Bartosh are heading up the run. We have LIMITED housing still available. If you want in, contact one of them. Mary (meroos@live.com) Bob epbandit@bis.midco.net

In addition to the main group leaving Fargo on Thursday, there will be people leaving on Friday afternoon to meet up with the group in Pahá Sápa on Friday evening, so transportation options are there. That evening we will gather and plan the upcoming adventures, with emphasis on "FUN".

Cut off date is June 28th for our room block. After that, housing is on you.







El Zagal 2023 Spring Ceremonial in Medora

June 9th-10th 2023 ***Please note all times are MDT***

Friday, June 9th

10:00ÅM	Shotgun Start at Bully Pulpit (4 person scramble)
	Email teams to: info@elzagal.org
4:30-5:30PM	Registration at Community Center
4:30-5:30PM	El Zagal Hospitality open at Badlands Motel
6:30-8:30PM	Pote's Reception – Townsquare Show Hall Patio – small plates with heavy appetizers
8:30-11:00PM	El Zagal Hospitality Room open – Badlands Motel

Saturday, June 10th

Saturday, June 1	0
8:30-9:00AM	Registration at Community Center
8:30-9:00AM	Candidate Registration and Fez Fitting (Ladies Welcome)
9:00-10:00AM	First and Third Section - Community Center (Ladies Welcome)
10:30AM	Parade Assembly
11:00AM	Parade
12:30-1:30PM	Men's Moslem Feast – Community Center
12:30-2:00	Ladies Orientation/Social/Lunch - Schafer Center
1:30-2:30PM	Second Section – Community Center (Nobles & Candidates only)
3:30-5:30PM	El Zagal Hospitality Room Open
6:00PM	Fez Presentation – Tjaden Terrace (hill above town)
6:30PM	Pitchfork Fondue – Tjaden Terrace (optional)
8:00PM	Medora Musical – Burning Hills Amphitheater (optional)

After the Musical we are out on the town

Ceremonial Registration: Contact El Zagal at 701-235-7521. Fees are \$100.00* per person/\$25.00 per child which includes the Pote's reception, Moslem Feast, and Ladies Luncheon. Tickets will be in your registration packets. Unit members, please register through your unit president.

Registration after 5/26/23 will be \$125.00 per person

Rooms: "Shriners 2023" has blocked off rooms at the Badlands Motel (\$176.91, tax included and that is a per-night cost). Rooms will be released to the general public on May 8th. Contact TRMF at 800-633-6721 for motel reservations.

Camping sites: Red Trail Campground 800-621-4317

Pitchfork Fondue & Medora Musical tickets: Registration does NOT include the Musical or the Pitchfork Fondue. If you obtained vouchers, they can be processed now through May 8th. You can reserve your musical tickets when you reserve your room. (Blocked seating for El Zagal Shriners 2023)

Please note, a final schedule of kids' events will appear promptly ...

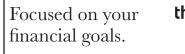












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Shriners Children's-Twin Cities

Welcome to NOT winter (as of May 4). I wanted to take this opportunity to get out some basic information, especially for new Nobles about Shriners Children's-Twin Cities. Our TC's catchment area also includes Tangier-Omaha, El Riad - Sioux Falls, Kem - Grand Forks, Sesostris - Lincoln, Zor - Madison, Ahmed - Upper Peninsula, Zurah - Minneapolis, Za-Ga-Zig - Des Moines, Abu Bekr - Sioux City, Yelduz - Aberdeen, Osman - Saint Paul, Aad - Duluth, Beja - Green Bay, Naja - Black Hills, Tripoli - Milwaukee & El Kahir - Cedar Rapids. Our Twin Cities clinic is part of the Midwest division that also includes Shriners Children's in Chicago, Saint Louis, and Dayton (Burn), which we coordinate with. We have members of both the Central States Shriners and the Midwest Shrine Associations and we constitute the largest geographic area of any facility in our system by far.

Please take a look at this issue of Camel Tales for an overview of how our system helps kids and their families. It is important that we all familiarize ourselves with this and be accurate. If you would like a copy in Spanish, please email me.

Please take some time to look up ShrinersChildres. org/Twin-Cities (612-596-6100) and learn more about the conditions we handle and how we can help a family. I also ask that all of us connect/ follow Shriners Children's in general and Shriners Children's-Twin Cities on Facebook, LinkedIn, Rumble, Twitter & Instagram. Social media has become our best avenue of reaching out to parents and we can be a force multiplier for the efforts for no extra cost. It is also another way to help recruit new Shriners.

In May, El Riad will be hosting our Board of Governors meeting in Sioux Falls and holding a temple town hall dinner meeting the night before on May 18. We have done this before in Omaha and Des Moines. It looks like we can also bring this to El Zagal for May 2024. More on this to follow. I would appreciate it if all Clinic Reps could email me with their contact info: MetroPrairie@gamil.com I want to thank Jerry Schatzke for stepping up to be the El Zagal Concert Noble. He coordinated our efforts to sell special CDs before the Foreigner concert on May 10 at the Scheels Arena in Fargo. We raise \$5 for each CD for the kids. This band and a few others routinely do this with Shriners. I urge all of you to search "I Wanna Know What Love Is + Shriner" on YouTube.

Finally, I wish to thank Noble Garret Njos and his Lady Deb for all their past efforts with "Outreach" clinics in Bismarck, they are fantastic. Now that things have changed I am looking at adding a "Screening" clinic in Fargo, tentative for Sept 23, 2023 (a Bison off week and no blizzards). We have not had one here since 2019. I will be looking for a committee to work on this. There are many small jobs, and we can make this a big deal for El Zagal. Let's give Imperial Sir Matt some more bragging nuggets.

Here is hoping that you all will have the blessing of running into a current or former patient, you will never forget it.



Does Shriners take my

Shriners Children's (SC) accepts

and bills for all insurance providers,

including Medicare and Medicaid.

You may contact your insurance

What's the difference between

provider to see if we are an in-

network or out-of-network

an in-network and out-of-

If a doctor, clinic, hospital or

health care facility you visit is

part of your insurance company's network, you'll get your health care at lower prices. But if you go

out of your network for health care,

it can cost you more out of pocket.

Will I have an out of pocket cost

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Patient Financial Services Information

Kelly Wentz - El Zagal Shriners Children's-Twin Cities Board of Governors



Hello Nobles and Ladies,

Well, the El Zagal Shriners 3rd Annual Oilers Golf Tournament at Prairie West Golf Course in Mandan on May 19 is in the books. We had 26 golfers on 7 teams in our tournament this year, the largest yet, along with volunteers from the Oilers, Dusters, and Indians. Special thanks to Clint and Brian for cooking the pulled pork and beans that were served throughout the day and to Chief Rabban Travis Will and Lady Meghan for volunteering during the afternoon after spending the morning at their son's track meet. We had much fun and beautiful weather on the course that day with no smoke to be seen. Some drinks and merriment were had by all and some bottles of Mama's Hooch managed to disappear from the cooler throughout the day.

We had some golfers from our local Shriners participate and one group of "Misfits" made the long journey to Mandan as the sole representatives from our eastern brothers. We all appreciate Past Potentate Mike Dow along with Joel, Tom, and Mike for making the trip and coming in a respectable 3rd from last place. The winner of this year's tournament was a team spearheaded by Dusters Bob and Chad Bartosh with a score of -15 a whole 9 strokes better than second place.

Overall, the tournament was a big success and all golfers enjoyed the day and complimented us on the tournament along with the fun and fellowship we brought to the course. Next year's tournament is tentatively scheduled for Friday May 17, 2024 and we hope to see you on the green next year.

Kevin Baker President Oilers

Do I need a referral to be seen

at Shriners? If you have an insurance plan that requires you to obtain a referral to seek care from a specialist, please talk to your primary care provider prior to your appointment and request the referral to be sent to SC. Referrals are required for Tricare, Medicaid and other Managed Care Organizations (MCO).

If you are unsure if a referral is needed, please contact your insurance providers' customer service number, typically found on the back of your insurance card.

Do I need a prior authorization?

Authorizations regarding services provided and/or ordered by SC will be handled by our patient financial services staff.

What if my child does not have insurance?

At SC, we do not turn away patients who do not have health insurance. We have many ways to assist those that would face difficult financial concerns. Our patient financial services staff will aide you in finding medical coverage and/or financial assistance. We also offer charity and shrine assistance for those that do not qualify for private or state funded health benefits.

Please contact our patient financial services staff to discuss options that would work best for you and your family.

What if my child is being seen at SC due to an injury?

If your child's visit to SC is due to an injury, please provide us with the date and time the incident occurred when you check in for your appointment. It also helps if you have the names, dates and locations of any health care professionals that have already treated your child for this injury.

If the injury is being covered by another individual's health insurance, auto insurance or other type of medical coverage, please bring any documentation you have regarding this policy including the policy holder's name and policy identification number.

