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Fall Ceremonial - September 8 & 9 in Fargo, ND

"Summer is here, and I am for that." One of my favorite James Taylor songs...

Yes, summer is here and El Zagal is as busy as a beehive. We started June with the Gala for Shriners Children's Twin Cities in Minneapolis. What a great evening, thank you to the North Dakota Shrine Bowl and El Zagal S&L Pro Am for sponsoring tables.

Our Spring Ceremonial in Medora was over the top, fantastic. We started Friday morning at Bully Pulpit Golf Course. Thirteen teams and six carts with our gallery (of non-golfers) had a great day. The first couple holes were a little misty, but after that glorious sunshine. We had a few contests within the day. Team Bowerman won the scramble, Braden Will won the lost ball contest (lost 17) - way to go Braden. As a group we lost 371 golf balls, and there was fun had by

That evening was the reception at the Town Square patio, which also started out a little misty (well, maybe wet). Teddy Roosevelt welcomed all of us to Medora and had great things to say about his life as a Mason and great things we do as Shriners. The main event was to honor Howard and Blake "Ringo" Wrigley, and boy did we do that. Keith Lingle, Jeff Woods, and Curt Heiser put together a great presentation. It was an honor to focus on all the events both Howard and Ringo have done for El Zagal. What a great venue to be able to hold the honors - Medora. Also, as part of the evening a Shrine patient shared his experience at Shriners Children's.

Tyson Williams and his mother spoke briefly about how we helped their family.

Saturday morning was historical. The Ritualistic Divan put together a fantastic performance - the best I have seen in years. Thank you, Nobles, well done! Twelve new Nobles on the rope, First and Third Section went just like clockwork. A historical Shrine

Ladies parade, Lunch. Moslem feast, then Second

Section. The information shared by all of the Units/Clubs present was great. I think we all learned a few things. After a short break it was up to the bluff overlooking the town. This is where we fezzed 12 new Nobles, historical to say the least. Then most of us had the pitchfork fondue and went to the Medora Musical. All in all

we had a great time in Medora.

The weekend after the Ceremonial, it was a fast track to Minot for the Grand Communication. As a Mason, I had a great experience. Grand Master Rick Wightman had a great program. If you have never been to a Grand Communication, you are missing out on a great opportunity. I ended the Saturday of that weekend in Jamestown for the Clown Ride and the drawing of their raffle. Those Clowns always do it right and know how to have

Now I am preparing for the Shrine Bowl in Mayville. This is a well-oiled machine that I am looking forward to attend. I will fill you in, if I don't see you there. Ending the month we will have a meet-n-greet in Wahpeton, ND, a corner of El Zagal land that needs more Shriners. And of course, we will host the Here Comes Summer Party at the Temple.

Again, I carry on about what we have done. We have a lot of opportunities for everyone to get more involved. Imperial is right around the corner. The OB/Pote's Fishing Trip on Lake of the Woods, the Directors Staff 9 Holes-In-1 is July 30, and many more events. And of course, MSA is fast approaching. The Osman Shriners are planning a great session in Alexandria, MN. So, I hope to see all of you soon.

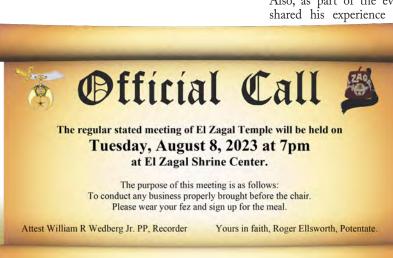
As I close, please check your temple calendars and get involved, bring a few friends, they might want to join our fraternity. I am certain when others see what we do, and what we stand for, they will want to become a Shriner.

See you soon, Travel safe, Please be active and be proud, Yours in Faith, Roger Ellsworth 2023 Potentate



MSA Summer Session August 25 & 26 in Alexandria, MN

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



TUESDAY BURGER UNIT SCHEDULE

5:30PM - 7PM

JULY 4 - NO BURGERS

JULY 11 - DIVAN

JULY 18 - PROVOST

JULY 25 - ARAB PATROL

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Understanding Dues Classes & Life Memberships

Shrine dues help fund our philanthropy. In order to be a Shriner, one must first be a Mason. Therefore, maintaining your dues at your Masonic Lodge is key to being a Shriner. Please check with your Lodge to make sure you are current in vour Masonic dues.

There are three different categories of dues that make up **Shrine Dues:**

- 1. Temple Dues: This is one of the primary sources for maintaining El Zagal Shrine Temple.
- 2. Per Capita Dues: This is one of the primary sources for Shriners International to fund the overall organization.
- 3. Hospital Dues: These dues go directly to the Shriners Childrens.

A current El Zagal Shriner is currently paying \$115 annually, and that is broken out as follows:

1. Temple: \$80.00 2. Per Capita: \$30 3. Hospital: \$5

Life Memberships are available for purchase in each category. By purchasing a life membership in any one of these categories, a Shriner would then no longer owe that category of dues in future years. Each category of dues would require a separate purchase. This means that a Shriner who is a life member in one dues category is NOT automatically a life member in the other two categories.

The cost of purchasing a life membership is outlined in the Imperial Bylaws and is as follows:

- 1. Temple: 20 times the current annual membership, or 20 X \$80 = \$1,600
- 2. Per Capital: 30 times the current annual membership, or 30 X \$30 = \$900
- 3. Hospital: \$150

As such, to purchase all three would currently cost \$2,650.00. If any category of dues would be increased, the cost of purchasing that life membership would increase accordingly. For example, if at the Imperial session it was voted to increase the Per Capita dues to \$60, a life membership would then cost 30 X \$60 or \$1,800. It is also worthy of noting that any El Zagal Shriner who continuously pays Temple dues for 35 years will be awarded a life membership meritoriously in the Temple. That Shriner would still then owe both the Per Capita and Hospital dues annually.

Should you have any questions about your dues, the categories, breakdown, etc. please reach out to the office.

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I hope that you've had a chance to read the previous MSA articles on housing, and maybe even booked your room. If so, fanatastic! And if not, why not???!!! There's still plenty of time to get registered – don't wait! Participate! Again, the room block expires on August 11, 2023.

Now that you've got your room, let's turn to registration. The 2023 MSA fees are below. Please contact your Unit President/Treasurer/etc and get them your information – they will then send those to the Temple and we will register them all with MSA. As with the room block, we need everyone's registration by August 11, 2023.

What's going on this year at MSA? Well, your registration includes Friday's Shrine-A-Rama with a lakeside "Jimmy Buffet" dinner of beef brisket and herb roasted chicken along with side and dessert followed by dancing and music by the Tim Sigler Band. Remember your Hawaiian shirts! There will also be a Welcome Reception on Wednesday night (see cost below). And as always, plenty of parades, competitions, Fun and Fellowship.

For a detailed schedule, please refer to https://www.msa2023.org/event-schedule

Noble/Lady Registration - \$90.00

Kids Registration - 13-17 \$20 (under 13 no charge)

Ladies Luncheon on Friday - \$40.00

Wednesday evening Welcome party & dinner - \$40.00/person + Kids - \$15/person

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Registration fee is \$80. This includes campsite usage, Friday evening social, three meals on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday, event shirt, as well as training expenses.

Lodge Sponsorship: The opportunity for your Lodge to sponsor a campsite at this event for \$100 helps to offset the cost of the event. Your Lodge will receive special recognition on Saturday night with a custom Lodge sign at campsites. If your Lodge is interested in sponsoring the event, please indicate this on your registration form.

CURRENT DUES CARD REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION. The Masonic Camp is Open To All Regular Master Masons in Good Standing Under The Jurisdiction of A Grand Lodge Recognized By The Grand Lodge Of Minnesota AF&AM.







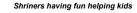


4th Annual Fishing For A Cause 2023

Hosted by Jamestown El Zagal Mystic Shriners

Pelican Point Landing and Resort - Jamestown August 12th 2023











Potes Trip 2023 to LAS VEGAS, December 6-11

It's still early...but we need to know how many Nobles and Ladies or friends of Nobles and Ladies, that would like to join us in Las Vegas to get away before the Christmas rush for some fun and hopefully sun!!!

I have heard that people want to stay at different hotels. After checking with a few, Planet Hollywood will work the best. Please make a reservation on your own for the dates that work for you. If you choose a different hotel other than Planet Hollywood, please check on transportation for the Rodeo and Cowboy Christmas.

We will be getting a place to have a welcome/social on Thursday, December 7 at a location to be determined.

Planning on going to the rodeo on Friday, December 8, at the Thomas & Mack Center, we will need a FIRM count of tickets to purchase in advance, **BY AUGUST 1**ST, **2023.**

Saturday, December 9, maybe go to the Cowboy Christmas at the Las Vegas Convention Center from 9 am -4 pm, Free Admission, 350+ Exhibitors.

And, of course, many other things are going on in Vegas from concerts to shows. Carrie Underwood, Miranda Lambert, Garth Brooks, John Pardi, U2, Jeff Dunham, or back to the rodeo, if you are interested in doing that. Check out Las Vegas Events for December!

Don't forget they have fabulous restaurants, bars/clubs or gambling too!

So, who is all in for some fun in December? Please let me know!

You can email me or call me with questions.

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EL ZAGAL Shrine presents:
The 3rd Annual



El Zagal Golf Course 1400 Elm St. N, Fargo, ND

Sunday, July 30th, 2023 \$100 Entry Fee

- 9 Holes, 9 chances for a Hole-In-One for all participants.
 - · Cash/Prizes for Closest to the Pin on all 9 holes.

Stay tuned for upcoming Hole-In-One Prize announcements.

Various Sponsorship levels available

(Please contact Casey Schoer for details 701-361-6051 or kc099@live.com)

Jamestown Mystics

Hello everyone in El Zagal hope all is well.

El Zagal Mystics have been busy like always. One day notice and The Sweet Georgia Vidalia Onions are HERE... 2000 pounds sold and delivered in 4 days, thanks to all that made this happen and a HUGE thanks to Breadman for picking them up and storing them in his climate controlled garage. Spring ceremonial time is here and gone, we had 10 Mystic family members take the trip to Medora to bring in 2 new candidates. Welcome Bryan Nettestad and Curtis Krapp. The weather was perfect, Jim Trautman and Dale Lende even went zip lining, those old guys still have it, great job. We paraded and there wasn't any casualties, except maybe a little crease on the trailer, but we still brought home another 1st Place trophy.

Gun raffle chairman, Jim Trautman, says our 12th Annual gun raffle is sold out. Great job everyone that supported this fundraiser.



The Fridge (FFAC) raffle chairman say tickets sales are going smoothly, but we need a big push as we are about 6 weeks out. So if you haven't gotten your raffle tickets yet, reach out to a Mystic brother and we will get you signed up.

\$20 or 5 for \$100 gets you a chance to win some great prizes like 2023 Massimo 4 x 4 or a Polaris 110 EFI out law and much more.

President Brock and the boys are back in the shop

getting parade units ready for Rally In The Valley. New coat of paint, new spark plugs, and adjusting the brakes, while Scrappy (Jeff Oster) got The Bus pulled out of the weed patch so we can make El Zagal proud like we always do. Gotta run. See you next month.

Thanks, El Zagal Mystics





Jamestown Clowns

Hello to all Nobles and Ladies,

July is one of the months everybody waits for. At least I do, it's my birth month. I will be 64, and of all those years, I must say on my Birthday, it is 99 percent historically good weather, no, great weather.

I have got to clear up some confusion, about our weight room. I got a call from whom I thought was a pretty informed Clown, however he was not. Maybe I'm off base here... It was Nick S...... Our Clown weight room is not for lifting dumbbells and being fit, it is for getting into Parade weight ... nobody likes a skinny clown, except of course our skinny clowns. Our weight room is for getting weighty, and Parades are for showing our stuff. People like jolly fat clowns. Could anybody like a skinny Santa Claus? Weight room is for eating.

As for the Elephant, sadly,, the purchase is no longer a viable endeavor. Larry has informed us he has no mice, however asking him further, he cannot guarantee that it will always be that way, so after reviewing the cartoon, (Dumbo), one of my favorites, it was considered hazardous, to put a fellow clown in that kind of position.

Shrine club was a wonderful event attended by a large group of eaters, all went well.....

Parades are as follows:

Sanborn July 4----9:30am line up

Wimbledon Palooza, July 15, ----10:30 am line up

Jamestown Buffalo Days, July 22---Lineup will be e-mailed

Detroit Lakes Water Carnival, Sunday July 23,----10:00am line up

Lastly, Keith (Strubes), is having medical issues, and is in our prayers and we all wish him well, Heal up KEITH!!!!!!

I've got so much more to say, but don't want to overwhelm you. So that's it.

Thanks for Reading this... Weezer...





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EL Zagal Dusters

Back from a whirlwind tour of Medora. Actually, the wind was not blowing and the temperatures were very comfortable: somewhere between the snow overnight during the 2009 Spring Ceremonial when Jay Buringrud was Potentate and sunny side of Mars as it was during my last family vacation. It was a great ceremonial with the Fez ceremony done from near the pitchfork fondue area overlooking Medora. It was picturesque. Best yet, I think we got a Duster or two out of the group.

The Dusters keep on keep'n on. Berk Strothman, Past Potentate, just had a birthday, but no candles on the cake. The heat would feel like my last family vacation to Medora. Gerald Skogley was under the weather but is doing better. It beats being under the weather (the hot sun) in Medora on my last family vacation.

Although it can be hot in Medora, the Dusters always stay cool with our classic cars, classic tunes, and classic good looks. We get out for our lunch on the second Monday of the month and a social ten days later. During the summer we hope to get out driving around for our social by hitting a few local eating and drinking establishments or the houses of members who graciously open them up.

In addition to our local goings on, we hope to get a group to the MSA in Alexandria. It may be hot, but it is lake country. We can cool off with a dip or sip. Look forward to seeing you there.

The Heavy Jefe Presedente Por Vida Senior Tim

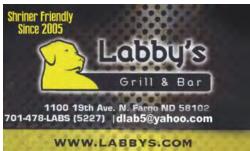
Director's Staff

First off, a big thank you to Illustrious Sir Roger and Lady Sue for an incredible Spring Ceremonial in Medora, a great time was had by all and welcome to all the new Shriners and their Ladies.

The Director's Staff competition team has been honing their skills in preparation of the MSA motorcycle competition in Alexandria. Our guys will also be bringing the bikes up to Mayville for the ND Shrine Bowl Parade, which always has a great turnout from the parade units.

July brings one of my favorite trips, The OB/Potes fishing trip to Ballard's Resort on Lake of the Woods, great fishing and fun. We finish off on the 30th of July with the 3rd Annual El Zagal 9-Hole-In-One Challenge at the El Zagal Par 3 golf course, 9 chances at hole in one prizes, 9 closest to pin prizes and other fun games going on throughout the course. Signup available at www.e-zholeinone.com.

Salute. **Casey Schoer**





Shriners Children's Twin Cities Carnival Celebrating 100 Years of Orthopedic Care

Date & Time

Location

Sunday, August 6, 2023 1 p.m.–4 p.m. CST Shriners Children's Twin Cities 215 Radio Drive, Suite 100 Woodbury, MN 55125 GET DIRECTIONS

Join Shriners Children's Twin Cities for an afternoon of fun as they celebrate providing 100 years of orthopedic care!

All are welcome! Enjoy a carnival-like atmosphere in the parking lot in front of our building. Free parking is available in neighboring lots. A fun filled afternoon will include:

- Music
- Entertainment from Twin Cities Road Crew
- · Meet & Greet with The Little Mermaid
- Minnow races
- Fishing pond
- · Stuffed animal clinic
- A big Happy Birthday song and celebration at 2:30 p.m
- · Tours of the facility will be offered

Click here for more information.





Roger Ellsworth 2023 Potentate, Harold Hugelen Roosevelt Lodge, Travis Will Chief Rabban, and Rick Wightman North Dakota Grand Master



Thank you for Chad Dubuque and Lady Shauna for planting the beautiful GOLD Flowers!

Thank you for recognizing "Getting Back to Gold".

Four Shriners Children's Locations Recognized for Excellence in Pediatric Orthopedics by U.S. News & World Report

Jun 20, 2023



Shriners Children's St. Louis: TOGETHER WITH St. Louis Children's Hospital - Washington University

Shriners Children's Northern California: TOGETHER WITH UC Davis Children's Hospital
Shriners Children's Lexington: TOGETHER WITH Kentucky Children's Hospital

Shriners Children's Portland: TOGETHER WITH Doernbecher Children's Hospital

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Shriners Children's has once again been ranked nationally for pediatric orthopedics in the "2023-2024 Best Children's Hospitals" rankings published by *U.S. News & World Report*, the global authority in hospital rankings and consumer advice.

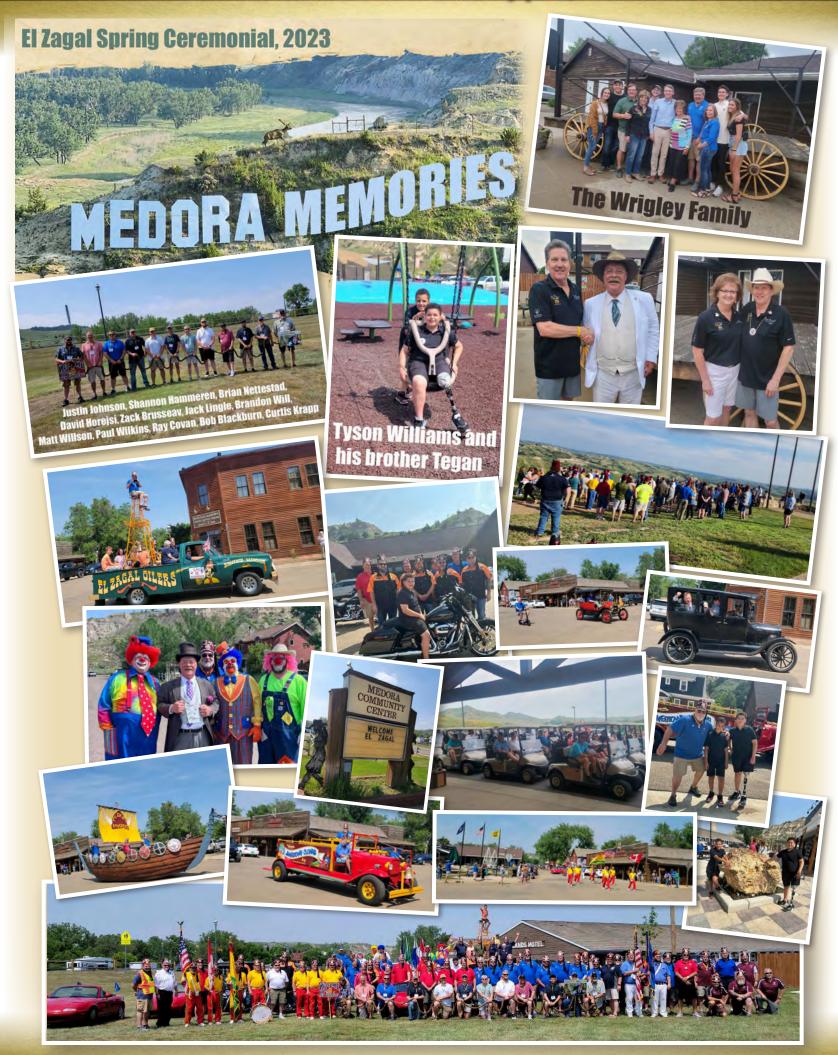
The "Best Children's Hospitals" rankings, which highlight the top 50 centers in 10 pediatric specialties, are designed to help families of children with rare or lifethreatening illnesses find the best medical care available.

The hospitals were ranked in pediatric orthopedics for treatment of conditions such as scoliosis and spina bifida, and injuries such as complex fractures or other sports injuries. Success with complex fractures, surgical complications and infection prevention accounted for most of each hospital's score.

This year's rankings will be published in the *U.S. News & World Report's* "Best Hospitals Guidebook," which is expected to be available in stores this fall.

For more information, go to: https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/en/news-and-media/news/2023/06/us-news-world-report-23-24

Source: Shrinerschildrens.org



UPCOMING EVENTS:

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