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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE Get Back to Gold in 2023

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MSA Summer Session August 25 & 26 in Alexandria, MN

Fall Ceremonial - September 8 & 9 in Fargo, ND

Shriners Appreciation Dinners September 19 Fargo, ND September 21 Bismarck, ND

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

Fun and fellowship continue through the summer months at El Zagal. We are now officially half done with 2023, and a lot of great events to go.

June ended with a few great events. The Shrine Bowl was a huge success. Even though the football games had weather interference, the players and patients all had a

great experience. At the end of the event, I am pretty sure new records were set. Finally, the Here Comes Summer party finished off the month. Great job Bruce Ridgway and crew, and big thank you to Justin Fuchs for bringing the bouncy games. The night was a lot of fun for all (with the exception of the dunk tank). ©

The imperial Session in Charlotte, NC was very interesting to say the least. After voting several times on a Per Capita increase, last year's call was passed. The proposed \$30 per year was voted against and missed by five votes. After a revote from the floor and five amendments, ves five, the amendment of \$20 increase per year passed. Through all of the confusion the Imperial Parliamentarian, El Zagal's own Dale Sandstrom, did a wonderful job. I was honored to give Imperial Sir Matt Sturlaugson's nomination speech and escort Lady Mandii into the Ladies Luncheon. Then it was off to the Membership Luncheon, where El Zagal was recognized for positive growth and Silver Status for the first six months of 2023. Not bad, but not Gold. I am confident we can get there.



With that said, membership is the key to our



the key to our continued success. So far we have created and restored 21 Nobles. Let's keep the momentum going. Fall Ceremonial is right around the corner and the Directors Staff has been hard a work to put together the best Ceremonial yet. Details in this issue...

We have a busy August ahead of us. The Stated meeting is August 8th, and I hope to see a full house that night. We also have the Masonic Corn Feed, Fishing for a Cause, a One Day Masonic Class, the ProAm Golf Tournament, and MSA Summer Session. Wow, who wouldn't want to be part of this fraternity?

I would like to close by thanking all of you that take the time to read this. Your support for El Zagal and the support of your Divan mean a lot to me.

So, see you all soon.

Ask a friend to be a Shriner.

Travel safe.

Yours in Faith, Roger Ellsworth 2023 Potentate



The regular stated meeting of El Zagal Temple will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 7pm at El Zagal Shrine Center.

> The purpose of this meeting is as follows: To conduct any business properly brought before the chair. Please wear your fez and sign up for the meal.

Attest William R Wedberg Jr. PP, Recorder

Yours in faith, Roger Ellsworth, Potentate.

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5:30PM - 7PM AUGUST 1 EMP AUGUST 8 NO BURGERS AUGUST 15 DETROIT LAKES AUGUST 22 MISFITS AUGUST 29 DIVAN SEPTEMBER 5 PROVOST



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Imperial Highlights

Breakneck speed! That's how I'd describe activities around Shriners International since my last submission. So much going on that It's hard to find a place to start so I'll just dive in.

Hospital updates: Years ago, we were faced with changing our 23-hospital health care system or be faced with regulatory actions resulting from the average daily census requirements for hospitals. Like many hospitals, advancements in healthcare and treatment methods meant less overnight time for our patients. Reviewing each location, services offered and the concept of Centers Of Excellence started the road to transforming Shriners Childrens. Looking at our system today, we can celebrate having 13 inpatient hospitals, 2 ambulatory centers and 14 clinics/innovative care model locations. The joint boards is committed to the goal of treating more kids in more places throughout the U.S., Canada and Mexico. There is no telling where we will go next as the sky is the limit when helping children in need.

Fraternity Updates: HEADLINE READS – For the first time in 43 years, membership has seen 6 months of membership growth! That's right, it's not a misprint...from 1/1/23 - 7/1/23 Shriners International saw an increase of 231 members! We owe it to our shrine family to acknowledge and celebrate this membership gain so pat yourself on the back, share the success but let's not take our foot off the gas pedal as we still have work to do. NPD's are still out there and we need to bring those nobles back to the fun that only Shriners can get away with.

Other stuff: The Imperial session was held earlier this month in Charlotte, NC. Your new Imperial Potentate Imperial Sir Ed Stolze is focused on growing our healthcare network and growing our fraternity. If you ever hear about his journey, you'll understand the passion he has to ensure our organization's success. From a legislative perspective, the most controversial pieces were a per capita increase and changing to requirement of being a Master Mason to only being a Mason. The per capita was voted down initially but then brought back up with an amendment to a \$20 increase that passed. The legislation to change our master mason requirement was voted down.

The Joint Boards continue to look for opportunities to raise awareness to our Healthcare system and our fraternity. Sporting events such as the East West Shrine Bowl, Shriners PGA, NASCAR, the Charleston Classic and others help raise money and awareness for our healthcare system but also bring awareness to our great fraternity. As dates and details for these events are published, we will ensure Jon includes them in the monthly camel tales.

Lastly, Mandii and I would like to thank you all for your continued support as we continue the journey representing El Zagal. As a "working board", the ask is great and the schedule grueling, but these are far outweighed by the good things that are happening in both our Fraternity and Healthcare system. We're glad to be part of setting the path for the next 150 years! Have fun and spread the word of just how fine it is to Shrine!!!

Matt Sturlaugson, Imperial First Ceremonial Master



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Provost Guard Greetings Nobels!

Welcome to the midyear Camel Tales submission of the Elite Provost Guard!

As of this writing we have completed the Here Comes Summer Party, and let's say it was quite the blast! All the kids had a great time specifically at the "Dunk the Divan" activity. The Illustrious Roger Ellsworth and our High Priest and Prophet, Bruce Ridgway took the majority of the cold-water baths!! Thanks for leading the way!

Next up on the agenda is the E-Z 9 Holes-in-One contest on July 30th at our own El Zagal Golf Course. The event begins at 9am. This a fundraiser that benefits the Directors Staff and the Provost (and ultimately Shrinedom and Shriners Children's) so check out e-zholeinone.com to register! Getting a hole in one is easier than being a good golfer... I'm living proof! *Note to my fellow Provost, if you haven't yet signed up to help with this event and are able, please contact me or Chief Woods to sign up. All are welcome!

Bierstube tickets are available!!! The highly anticipated event of the year is slated for Thursday September 14th. Please contact your favorite Provost and get your tickets before we sell out! I've already sold mine but will have more!

Lastly, unlike the movie "Fight Club", the first rule of Shriners is "always talk about the Shrine". It is our words and enthusiasm that brings in good men to our brotherhood. Share with others the virtues of being involved in the El Zagal Shrine and Masonry.

That is all, until next time..... C4-Vice Chief



EL Zagal Dusters

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

The Dusters continued their charitable donations by agreeing to sponsor a hole at the El Zagal S&L Charity Pro-Am Golf Tournament. Rumor is that a Hole-in-One on the Duster-sponsored hole warrants a picture of the golfer with a Duster antique or classic vehicle - time, date, place and vehicle TBD.

Four Dusters are planning on participating in the OB Fishing Trip. Having participated in the past, I can predict with confidence that there will not be a fish fry in Bismarck upon the fishermen's return.

New Duster tees and caps displaying the updated Duster logo have arrived and are being distributed to members.

On August 3rd, Dusters will be displaying their vehicles at Touchmark on West Century. This is always a good time, with residents viewing older (not for them) vehicles and food is provided (definitely a plus).

We are making plans for a Hospital Toy Drive in conjunction with our August Social, which traditionally is a steak fry and family get together at a Duster's residence.

Make Dust, Not Rust Jay Buringrud, Pote 09

Director's Staff

Greetings All,

Hope you all have had a great summer out at the lakes, family vacations, motorcycle trips and spending time with family and friends.

MSA in Alexandria is only a few weeks away, hope you all can make it to see the Director's Staff bring home that 1st Place Trophy. No doubt it will be a great time, with lots of things to do around the Alexandria area.

The Director's Staff has a fun filled Fall Ceremonial planned for September 8th-9th in Fargo (watch out Jamestown, it's gonna be YUGE). Make sure you get signed up.

As always get out and support the events of other units and clubs.

Salute, **Casey Schoer**



Hello everyone in El Zagal hope all is well.

Summer is flying bye. Our 12th Annual gun raffle is here and gone. It was another sell out and I want to thank everyone that supported this event. You made this successful. Thanks again.

The 4th of July is here and gone, hopefully everyone had a chance to celebrate with family and friends.

El Zagal Mystics have been busy like always. Trips on a tankful to support our local businesses that support us all year round. First trip we rode out to Medina, ate and settled the dust with a few adult beverages at The Decoy Bar & Grill. Wow delicious grub.

Second trip we rode out to Wimbledon to support their American Legions Steak Fry. WOW amazing. \$15 steak to order and all the fixings. That should've been a \$40 meal.

Brock and the Boys have been working double time to replace clutches, brakes, and throwing on a new coat of paint. We celebrated and joined in the parade down in Wishek for their 125th.

President Brock and Vice President (known as The Fridge) hooked up the trailer to the van and headed north to parade in Wimbledon to celebrate Wimbledon Palooza.

The Fridge or FFAC raffle chairman says tickets sales are slow, so please if you haven't got your tickets shout out to a Mystic brother to get a chance to win some great prizes like a 2023 Massimo 4 x 4, a Polaris Outlaw 110 ATV, Traeger Grill, Blackstone Griddle, Cash prizes and much

more. \$20 chance or 5 for \$100. Hurry, the drawing is August 12. Help us help El Zagal and children in need.

That's all for now catch ya next month Thanks **El Zagal Mystics**



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Jamestown Clowns

Hello to All Nobles and Ladies,

We were all so proud of our President Truman. He used his gavel, I think three times. Bang, bang, bang, AND told us to be quiet, at our monthly meeting, way to go Truman !!! It's not often we get a three gavel reprimand!!!!

Jake M. told me he would like everyone to know that his 47th anniversary of Shrinedom was at the spring ceremonial in Medora, I believe Curt G. was too.....Jake said it was ON the record, and wanted it in Camel Tales. You are welcome...

Clown for a Night is on!!! 1st Saturday in December. Dave H. and his crew better get a move on, research, and read what there is in the Jimtown Sun to get a massively great skit going. It could be the end of the line for this event if clowns don't step up and make it a grand evening.

The Wimbledon Palooza Parade was a fantastic Parade. It should have been attended by more Clowns, but sometimes quality is better. The food and drink after was wonderful. Thanks Al Goehring for the "housepitality". (new word)

Jamestown Buffalo Days Parade is always fun and more Clowns is always nice to hope for. Truman's Oasis was one for the record books. What A SPREAD!!!!! I couldn't have thought of all the items on the menu, WOW!! Thank You Truman.

Detroit Lakes Water Carnival Parade should be a requirement. Put on a snorkel and come on over. Color Guard puts on a great Oasis and personal invites are the best. Thank the Color Guard when you see one.

New-be. Dave H. asked about getting the e-mail Camel Tales open so you can see it. With a little instruction, he realized he asked the wrong person, I couldn't keep from rubbing it in, because after all,, just touch the words Camel Tales and it pops right up. You are welcome Dave.

I am writing this July 12. Shrine Club is July 26, which is probably today or close, Aaron Raap or is it Arron Rapp, or it could be Aron Rap. Ask him.

You are welcome Aaron. He always does a great job, I think I remember he volunteered to cook at all functions, where have you been??

Lastly, we are wishing good health and praying for quick recovery both to Keith and Tory.

Thanks for Reading this... Weezer..



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DL Color Guard honoring Officer Jake Wallin

Color Guard Croonings

Well Hello from Color Guard Land, where the flags fly high and so does our treasurer! I am kidding obviously - kind of.

There have been major developments with the Color Guard since my last communication. We are proud to announce that we are branching out in the Lakes Area, and have decided to try to invigorate our club by adding the sprint cars from the Mobil Nobles. We are excited about this venture and hope to use it as a membership tool, and also to help out with some of the Nobles who struggle with marching. Our hope is to continue to support and promote El Zagal in parades, and bring pride to those Mobil Nobles who came before us. It is also a great way to help some of the Color Guard to get their drivers licenses back!

We tried one on for size, and as of this writing we are still looking for just the right lubricant to get our President, Harold Holt, out of one of the cars! It would seem you can get in, but getting out is another story. Don't worry, we keep a dish by the car in the garage and feed him frequently.

Speaking of our treasurer, he is really excited, as he is a Nascar fan. First thing he did was fire one up and drove it down the street in his neighborhood. We are currently also looking for help in getting Paul Meszaros moved out of his neighborhood due to disturbing the peace.

One of our little Color Guard has fallen out of the nest and retired. Wayne Johnson has retired from exotic dancing and will be spending more time with his lovely wife at home. She has just recently run an ad in the local paper looking for jobs for Wayne, to keep him the heck out of the house! Congratulations Wayne! Now you will have more time to "Johnson" your neighbors!

A deep investigation is currently under way at the Color Guard. Guys got suspicious when our Secretary, Brikker Ware, took his lovely lady Kendal on an extended trip to Mexico - in the summer! The books are being examined, bank



accounts balanced - all to make sure things are on the up and up. In fact, just the other day, this reporter drove by the Ware household and noticed LOTS of boxes from Mexico delivered, and they had a big V on the side – and it didn't say VINEGAR! Make sure you ask him about that – it will help us in the investigation.

Plans are underway already for the world famous Color Guard Septoberfest party, to be held on Friday, September 1st at the Color Guard Club. We have secured Vikings/Packers tickets to be given away, along with many other show stopping prizes! AND, we have secured the highly sought after EL ZAGAL GERMAN BAND! We always have a great time with these guys, and the crowd loves them! See any Color Guard member for tickets for the event, which will include German Brats, German Potato Salad, and of course German beer! Tickets are only \$20! Our resident head German, Illustrious Lowell Thompson is doing the serving on this one. Sometimes I wonder if we should rethink who we put in charge of the beer!!

Anyhoo, it is a great time to be a Shriner, but there is NOTHING FINER THAN A COLOR GUARD SHRINER! So don't CLOWN around, come have fun with the Color Guard!

Here is hoping your butter stays hard!

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The 2023 EZ Fun Run held on June 29-July 3 is in the books. The Fargo area group on bikes and in cars and trucks met up with the Bismarck participants in Mandan and proceeded south to St. Anthony's. A hardy lunch and several beverages were consumed at Rusty's Saloon in St. Anthony's. Next stop, the Enchanted Castle in Regent for dinner and an overnight hotel stay. At dinner, two anniversaries were celebrated with some unusual commemorative couple's gifts. The next morning, the group headed to Deadwood, South Dakota via Wyoming's Devils Tower National Monument. A Mexican themed dinner was had in downtown Deadwood that evening. On Saturday, the group split up with most renting UTVs for a drive to Custer Peak for a

fantastic lunch. Others drove to Mount Rushmore National Park, Hill City, Needles Highway and the Crazy Horse Monument.

The EZ Fun Run started in 2020 and if you have not participated, you are missing out on some great times. June seems to be the month of choice for the EZ Fun Run. So, mark your 2024 calendars as it appears the 2024 version will be heading to Duluth Minnesota, as well as some other northern destinations. You can motorcycle, car, truck or even bring a classic vehicle for this adventure.

Bob Bartosh



You may notice that this is my first write for Camel Tales. I'm no novelist but here we go.

The EMPs have had a busy summer so far. Our unit had representation, including cars, in Medora for Spring Ceremonial, held a successful raffle for freezers full of meat, and now concentrates on cars, parades and competition.

This past Sunday, at the Detroit Lakes Water Carnival, was the first parade we have attended and it was quite a success! El Zagal units made a great showing as a whole and, together, I truly believe made the parade what it was: Great. The EMPs will also parade for Dilworth Loco Days and a couple yet to be determined in August.

As we are all aware, MSA 2023 will be held in Alexandria at the end of August. As part of the event there are the beloved competitions. The EMPs have been practicing regularly and have our eyes on a big win in the heavy wheeled division. If, some evening, you see the red Miatas bobbing and weaving in the Fargo Dome parking lot, you'll know it's the EMPs out honing their skills.

Please wish us well in our MSA competitive endeavor as we wish our fellow units success in their respective competitions. We'll see you all in Alexandria.

Craig Casler



EL ZAGAL'S ANNUAL **"SHRINERS APPRECIATION** AND AWARDS" DINNER

You and your lady are cordially invited to El Zagal's Annual appreciation dinners.

Fargo - September 19, 2023 El Zagal Temple

Bismarck - September 21, 2023 Apple Creek Country Club

> Social @ 6:00 pm Dinner @ 6:30 pm Awards to follow

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

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