



CAMEL Tales

POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

Get Back to Gold in 2023

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Mark Your Calendar!

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

Unit and Club Officers Meeting

September 28, @ 7pm

At El Zagal Shrine (zoom available)

Stated Meeting

Tuesday November 14 at 7pm

Greetings All, Nobles and Ladies. A lot great things are happening in and out of El Zagal Land. July ended with Lady Sue and I traveling to Grand Forks to join Illustrious Sir Ted Anderson and Lady Darlene. Kem Temple had a night at River City Speedway, followed by a memorial ride for one of their Shriners. It was great to see another temple in action. That same weekend a crew made quick work of removing the old floor tile in El Zagal's ballroom. On Sunday, a few of us left with blisters, but the end result was awesome. Thank you to all that helped. What a great improvement. Another huge thank you to Patricia, Bill and Andrea! They were able to paint the entryway and offices in a few short days. We also added permanent lights to the outside of the building. These will be used for Christmas and every holiday throughout the year. All of these improvements add a lot to our Temple and we can be proud to call El Zagal ours.

One of my highlights of the summer has always been the OB/Potes Fishing Trip. My 10th bus ride to Lake of the Woods and Ballard's Resort was and always will be one of my favorite Shrine events of the year (thanks to Illustrious Sir Steve Garten for introducing me to this). We have a great time, two days of fishing, great guides, good food and a ton of camaraderie. Guys, if you have never been, you should make it a must on your bucket list.

Back to Fargo, we finished the month with a night at Trollwood Arts with Grand Master Chad Kainz and Steve Reinhold, the Junior-Grand Deacon (and family). Lady Sue and I were honored to be part of this evening. Shiloh Lodge was recognized for contributing to the Foundation and we were able to join them for the play, Singing in the Rain. Finally, if July had not been busy enough, the Directors Staff



and Provost had the 3rd Annual Hole in One tournament at the El Zagal Golf Course. Still a work in progress, but it gets better every year.

We started August with the Stated Meeting. A briefing from the Imperial Session and a Per Capita increase was discussed, along with temple business. I felt we had a great meeting. Until...a clown from Jamestown had to bring the lawyers from "Shyster & Shyster" (a teeny weeny law firm). I'm not sure but all they want to do is clear the Clowns of the great toilet seat scandal. If I can help it, this will be put to bed in 2023. We can not have this controversy moving forward. We must find closure as this has gone on since 2015. The next day was Masonic Corn Feed, always draws a crowd, I'm guessing over 400 attendees. That is a well-oiled machine, kind of like the circus. A huge event. A couple days, then it was off to Jamestown, where the Mystics performed what they call "FISHING FOR A CAUSE". I am still bragging these guys up. What a great day. From 8 am until who knows when the campfires went out. The kids, parents, shriners and their families had a great day. Almost 140 boys and girls, fishing till noon, ping pong ball drop, bouncy houses, bubble machine, fishing prizes for the top 4 longest fish (for 2 age groups), DJ music, snow cones (from the Valley City Flag Corps.). An event like a county fair. Then the Mystics had their raffle drawing, followed by a couple bands. The "Old Friends Band" played up to the end with a familiar lead singer. Jonny B not only rocks a pizza, this boy can sing! I tip my fez to you Jonny. We ended the night around a fire with a few die-hard Mystics and their Ladies, cheers to all of you, what a great event. But wait, there was more...I left Jamestown with 3 petitions for Jamestown lodge #6, I had some great conversations with a few guys that were so impressed with the Mystics they wanted to be a part of our organization. That made me proud to be Shriner.

August isn't even done and September is going to be very exciting. By time you are reading this we will have completed a Masonic one-day class. Thank You Shiloh #1! The 25th annual Pro-Am golf tournament. MSA Summer session in Alexandria, MN. And the 2024 cash calendar kick off. If I don't get to see you at these events, I hope to see you in September at the Fall Ceremonial. The Directors Staff and their Ladies have been working very hard to put together a great event here in Fargo.

Please don't forget, membership is the key to our future and the key to El Zagal's success. Help us get back to Gold. This will take all of us to make it happen. Look at all the events we work hard to put together so we all can have fun and fellowship.

Get involved. Ask a friend to be a Shriner. Have Fun. Travel Safe.

Yours in Faith,
Roger Ellsworth
2023 Potentate

Official Call

The regular stated meeting of El Zagal Temple will be held on
Tuesday, November 14, 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.

Attest William R Wedberg Jr. PP, Recorder

Yours in faith, Roger Ellsworth, Potentate.

TUESDAY BURGER UNIT SCHEDULE

5:30PM - 7PM

SEPTEMBER 5 ARAB PATROL

SEPTEMBER 12 EMP

SEPTEMBER 19 NO BURGERS (APPRECIATION DINNER)

SEPTEMBER 26 MISFITS

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New Members pictured above L-R; Roger Ellsworth, Potentate, Kory Leach and Lady Jessica Edward Melroe, Daniel Fife, Dudley Evdy and Lady Shilah, Bob Wedberg, PP, Travis Leach

Creation Fee Notice

All Nobles,
Moving forward due to cost increases,
the new creation fee will be \$300.

This was discussed at the May 9th
Stated Meeting, and as follow up was
also brought up at the Unit & Club
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Ladies Auxiliary

No Style Show on October 12, 2023. Instead
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AM. Join us for our next meeting September
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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

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Save The Date

Good afternoon all!

The planning had begun for the 2024 El Zagal Shrine Trip-I am happy to announce we will be going to Frisco TX at the end of January for the Shrine Bowl!

At this moment we are working on finalizing a block of hotel rooms. If you have interest in going, look at your calendar, and let me know this weekend. This is not a final commitment from you, I need to let the travel agent know Monday how big of a block we are thinking we will need. The hotel is very sought after during the event, therefore, we are responsible for paying for 80% of the block we reserve whether it is filled or not.

Please email me at: travis@capitalscaleco.com if you are thinking of joining.

Sincerely,
Travis Will
Chief Rabban

EL Zagal Dusters

Another month has come and gone. Some of the El Zagal Dusters have been busy. On August 3, the Dusters and their cars were invited to the annual Touchmark on Century Avenue Car Show in their parking lot. There were food vendors and classic cars from the Bismarck area on display. Following the Car Show another Shrine event was held for the first time. The "Meet and Greet" for current as well as potential Masons and Shriners was held at the Hawktree Golf Course. The event was sponsored by the Missouri Slope Shrine Club. The event was deemed a success and a rumor has circulated that this may become an annual event. Must have been the free pizza and cocktails. The Missouri Slope Shrine Club continues to meet on the first and third Wednesdays at the Elks Club at 5:30 pm.

Next, the Annual Fly In/Drive In is on the schedule for September 10 at the Bismarck Aero Center. The net proceeds from this event benefit the Bismarck Scottish Rite Speech Therapy Center (SRSTC). The breakfast event has become quite popular as attendance exceeds 1,000 which requires many Shriner volunteers. Speaking of the SRSTC, their annual picnic is on August 16 at the New Generations Park located in north Bismarck.

The August 24 Duster Social will be at the home of Duster Bob Simmers. Duster's bar will be available for the social before the steak fry along with the other food items of outdoor interest. This is also becoming an annual event.

Finally, even though the 2024 Fall Ceremonial is a year away, planning has started on the event as the Dusters will be hosting its future potentate, Travis Will at this September 20-21, 2024 event. The committee met once and will meet again on September 27 at the Elks Lodge.

Make Dust, Not Rust

Director's Staff

Greetings All,
FALL CEREMONIAL is just days away...A BIG Thank You to everyone from the Director's Staff and their ladies for your time and efforts to put this Ceremonial together. It's guaranteed to be a great time. Live music Friday & Saturday night, great food from the Misfits, games and ?

The Director's Staff Fall Bike Ride is September 16th, Noble Justin Banyai has a great route planned, we will be starting at the Crow Bar in Sabin, MN with 10 am registration and then kickstands up at 11.

The 3rd Annual Hole-in-One Challenge is in the books and we couldn't have picked a better weather day. It was such a great day to on the course. This year we added the Provost as a partner for this event. I really do appreciate all the efforts and ideas they brought to the table and look forward to continuing to grow this event.

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

Salute,
Casey Schoer

EMP

The September edition of Camel Tales tells us the summer sure flew by. By the time we read this, the several Shrine activities and events of the season will be in the rearview mirror.

Presently, the big event in Alexandria to wrap it all up is closely approaching. As I mentioned last month, the EMPs have been working hard refining our routine. I, and the other rookies participating this year, thank Team Captain Tim Amble and the other seasoned drivers for their knowledge and patience in dealing with us. It looks like we should be quite competitive. On the other hand, if you see me sulking around in The Arabian Room, it may be because I ran the car out of bounds and toppled the judging stand.

A few words about me and my personal experience with the El Zagal Shrine. Several years ago I joined up as an EMP and then quit after a year. I considered myself a failure at the endeavor as my job as a locomotive engineer made it impossible to be someone who could be relied on. Upon my retirement last fall, I checked with Pat Jones who told me no hard feelings, jump back in. Here I am and enjoying every minute. I'm proud to be a Shriner and thank everyone who has worked hard, past and present, to make El Zagal and Shriners International the premier fraternity it is. I also thank my fellow unit members whom I have come to consider as particularly good friends. I find it fulfilling to be a part of something bigger than myself and I look forward to making my own contributions to the greater effort. A tip of the fez to the great brotherhood.

Everyone, be well and have a wonderful fall.

Craig Casler

Jamestown Mystics

Hello everyone in El Zagal hope all is well.


It's a bird, no its a plane dropping ping pong balls over the 4th Annual Fishing For A Cause Day Event. Starting out right away in the morning with a kids fishing tournament, with about 140 kids that had their lines in trying to catch the big one. Leading into face painting, then it was a flyover with the ping pong ball drop. Holy cow, who ever that bird was, he had everyone on egg shells while dropping balls that were worth a prize. Watching the kids gather the balls was priceless, with smiles on every face. That lead into bouncy houses and water slides, and a foam machine lathering all the kids into hunger pains. The Mystics had big Jerry Rekow flipping burgers, and Scrappy was rolling hot dogs to order. Enjoying delicious eats while listening to D.J. Rock'en Ron with his oldies but goodies music. That led into day prizes while kids with their happy faces were getting back packs filled with school supplies or a new bike.

Entertainment started with Alexis and Calvin Deters. Then it was time for the big show, the 4th Annual FFAC raffle drawing. Thanks to Colin (The Fridge) ticket chairman for getting the troops to get those tickets sold.

A big thanks to Brother Jonny B and Old Friends band to finish the evening off with some great tunes. It's was a busy weekend for all of us. I want to thank Sir Roger Elzworth for coming and taking part in our event. Shaking hands, taking pictures with kids that won prizes, and talking to people about shrinedom. And with that said we have 3 new candidates coming in for the fall ceremonial. Wow! What a great weekend. For everything that went on during this event it couldn't have gone any smoother.

I am so proud to be part of The El Zagal Mystics. 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,
This may seem like I'm picking on Truman, but it just happens to be a lot all at once.

President Truman takes control of our meetings to which we've never seen! He is amazing. However having said that, he has also shown us unseen power. I'm ahead of the story ...but at supper, which was fantastic, thanks to the cooks Jeff Oster and his crew.

Back to Truman . Larry Loose started choking on the massive piece of meat he tried to swallow. We thought he needed the Heimlich maneuver, (yes Dave H. I spelled it correctly) but Larry ran out and Aaron followed. Truman ran to get his tape measure but all was well, and Larry came back fine. So it's really a non story.

Pumpkin Patch is starting soon, it has shaped up to be in the running for the best ever event. Bravo to Steve and his crew, however what is not sustainable is to be a record breaker every year. We need to learn to be at peace with our endeavors , just my thoughts..... SO, EVERYONE NEEDS TO STEP UP, lots of things going on every weekend out there. I am confident we will once again be the subject of covetousness from all our brothers in El Zagal. WE ARE THE BEST UNIT !!!!!

August 25 was the Bob Lucy Fish Fry, WOW, was it a grand event? I believe it always is...Rod and the fisherman, which cook what they catch, always do a bang up job. That fresh caught fish is always amazing, they must poach some because it is so many filets.

I've noticed more and more Nobles dressing in pants that have about a 10 inch inseam, much more casual than years ago. Makes for a way more relaxed situation.

Tory came to the meeting after healing up some from his bout with obtuse thinking. Welcome back!

Thanks to Illustrious Sir Roger and Lady Sue for all their travels to El Zagal land. Nice to see you in Jamestown !!!

Thanks for Reading this...
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OB Fishing Trip - Potentate's Boat

L-R: Casey Schoer, Shane Heiberg, Jason "Rocky" Rockswold, Guide- Chris Johnson, Roger Ellsworth, Ted Anderson (Kem Potentate) Travis Will

Color Guard Croonings

I see by the calendar that the Color Guard has begun planning their world famous SEPTOBERFEST in Detroit Lakes for September 1st! This is always a great time, with German music, food and drink. The El Zagal German band is always a hit. The biggest problem we have is keeping the screaming young girls from attacking our German musicians while they are in their German costumes! We always put our own Jake "Boxcar" Meszaros on that detail. He is our security coordinator. Of course, he always ends up with a few phone numbers and a couple smooches on the cheek, but he does his job! And hey! 20 bucks is 20 bucks! Join us for the fun - tickets are only \$20, and includes food, drink, and a chance to win Minnesota Vikings tickets! That alone brings the value up!

This reporter attended the recent Stated Meeting at El Zagal, where we all learned about the operations of the Temple, and other important events. I was surprised tho to see the Jamestown Clowns there represented by Schyster and Schyster - a law firm from Jamestown, again denying the charge of toilet seat theft! After all this time, they are still looking for clemency. Can you believe it?? What a crappy move! After all this time, they still maintain they had nothing to do with the crapper capper, but evidence shows otherwise! I mean, to have pictures of the Clown officers framed in toilet seats in the clown room is an obvious admission. Then they brought forth a witness who claimed he had been harmed psychologically from the charges. Boxcar Meszaros stood before the crowd and cried Clown Tears. I don't know. I think it is time to "Flush" this dirty deed out. This ordeal should NOT be "Wiped Clean!" I do think a trial is in order to get down to the "bare" facts! Convict the Crapper Capper Crooks of the dirty deed and wipe them all away!

As we talked about last month, the Color Guard has been working with the sprint cars to try to build a driving team here in Color Guard land. I am not sure what is going on, but one of the cars hoods keeps flipping up, showing off what is underneath the hood. Word has it that this was the car driven

by Illustrious Sir Drew Likness. Apparently the car was used to hearing, "Show me what's underneath!" I did not know that was a racing motto.....

SILVERALERT!!! MISSING AND ASSUMED LOST!! If anyone knows the whereabouts of Jerome Tappe, please call the Color Guard Tip Line at 1-800-OLD - FART. Jerome has been missing most of the summer, only showing up at assorted brewery openings and free food events. He is cagey and is hard to apprehend. If you see Jerome, do NOT approach with your wallet. Notify the tip line so that appropriate actions can be taken by staff trained in dealing with elderly retired folks. That is all.

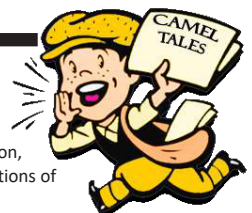
Consider this an open invitation to join us at the Color Guard for a meeting and a meal - we would love to have you join us! Our meetings are the 3rd Monday of each month, and begin with Past Potentates Ponderings at 5:30, followed by a meal and meeting. Always fun, always informative, and always waiting for the liquorian. We hope to see you soon!

It's a great time to be a Shriner, but there is NOTHING finer than a COLOR GUARD SHRINER!

Lars

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Dear Fellow Nobles,

Last week, thousands of people experienced horrors like never before as catastrophic wildfires scorched the Hawaiian island of Maui, killing more than 90 people and destroying most of the historic town of Lahaina. With search-and-recovery efforts ongoing, the death toll is still expected to rise from what are already considered the deadliest U.S. wildfires in more than 100 years.

I have personally been in contact with Masonic leaders from the impacted communities, including the Grand Master of Hawaii, Dustin Verity, to assess the damage and pledge the support of Shriners International during this time. Most Worshipful Verity and I discussed the Shriners and our Masonic Brothers on Maui, and the destruction involved. He visited the Maui Lodge on Wednesday evening, and said:

"When I visited the Brothers at the Lodge on Wednesday, everyone was in good spirits even though some had just lost all their material possessions, their homes, their jobs, and their farms. They were there not to ask for support, but to enjoy the fellowship. They knew that they would be taken care of because we all embrace the basic tenants of Freemasonry - Brotherly love, relief, and truth."

Here are a few pictures provided by Most Worshipful Verity:



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During times like these, outreach from around the world from our Brothers shows us what we are truly made of. Please hold our Brothers, and every person in Maui, in your hearts as they attempt to recover from this unfathomable devastation. I ask that we all pray for a quick recovery for the residents and the emergency personnel on the ground, and keep them in our thoughts as they navigate through the dark, uncertain days ahead. There is nothing more important than family, and each member of our Brotherhood is an important part of our beloved Masonic family. As family, we must always be there for each other, especially during times of despair.

In turn, it is our duty to fulfill our Masonic obligations and support the request for assistance from the Grand Master of Hawaii and the Disaster Relief Appeal issued by the Masonic Service Association of North America.

We urge you to please donate generously today to help our devastated brothers and their families affected by the Maui wildfires.

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Shriners International stands by our fellow Masons and their families in Hawaii during these challenging times, and will continue to support them in every way we can. I appreciate each and every one of you, and thank you for everything you do on behalf of our fraternity.

Yours in the faith,

James E. "Ed" Stolze Jr.
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Shriners Children Referrals

Do you have a child in mind that we can help? Are you wondering just how to help this child and family? Good news, I am here to help solve that dilemma.

Once you have a child in mind, next is to give them a referral card with the Woodbury information on it. These cards are available in Bismarck with Garret and Lady Deb or Andrea at the El Zagal office. Don't have a card? NO worries! The most important information is the referral number. 612-596-6105, this is the intake number to Woodbury SC to pass on to the families to call. In the past, us Shriners would make that call. Now, we need to give this number to the families because the nice intake lady will take personal information about where they live, condition they are experiencing and then give it to our nurses in MN to see which SC location best suits their needs to help them. Simple right!

Keep your eyes wide open. There are many children that would benefit from our help. Keep in mind, MN SC is an orthopaedic clinic but we have many other clinics/hospitals in other states that they may benefit from. Don't let that deter you from referring. Look up shrinerschildrens.org. It will amaze you with all the conditions we treat. From something as simple as foot orthotics to severe burns.

If you have other questions, refer to the 2nd page of your camel tales. Not only is this for your reading pleasure but it is where you find all of your Hospital Representative's names and contact information to reach out to with any questions or guidance. I challenge you to refer!

**God speed.
Hospital Representative,
Garret Njos**

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Fall Ceremonial

Friday, September 8

**** Attire - Deer Camp Theme

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM Golfing - El Zagal Golf Course - on your own
12:30 PM Lunch with First Lady Sue @ Cowboy Jacks (Dutch)
Shopping downtown after - on your own
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Registration - El Zagal
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Hospitality Tent - El Zagal Green Space
5:00 PM - Midnight Deer Camp Games & Skits - El Zagal Green Space
Pote's Reception & Backyard Grill Out
Special Event w/ Host Ringo
Evening Tunes provided by: Big & Hungry

Saturday, September 9

**** Day Attire - Unit Attire * ALL NOBLES, PLEASE WEAR YOUR FEZ *

**** Evening Attire - Western, Barn Dance Theme - Casual

8:30AM - 9:00AM Registration - El Zagal Lobby
Fez Fitting - El Zagal Lobby
Coffee & Donuts - Masonic Lodge
9:00AM - 11:00AM First and Third Sections - Masonic Lodge
(Candidates, Nobles & Ladies)
11:15AM - 12:00PM Line up & Parade - Around the El Zagal Golf Course Area
12:15AM - 1:30PM Lunch (Pasta Bar) (All Nobles & Ladies) - El Zagal Green Space
12:00PM - 1:30PM Unit Showcase (All Nobles & Ladies) - El Zagal Green Space
1:30PM - 2:30PM New Ladies Orientation - El Zagal Upper Level Bar area
Business Meeting - El Zagal Green Space
(Unit Officers Strongly Encouraged to Attend)
2:30PM - 4:00PM Hospitality Area - El Zagal Outside
5:30PM - 6:30PM Social - El Zagal Bar
6:30PM - Midnight Bob Wedberg Honoree Program
Fez Presentations
A Misfits BBQ - Buffet Style
(Chicken & Ribs with all the Fixin's)
Barn Dance Featuring: Rustic



Kids Schedule

(Chaperoned by Job's Daughters)

Friday, September 8

**** Attire - Deer Camp Theme

5:00 PM Deer Camp Games & Skits
Chalk Painting (Masonic Lodge- sidewalks)
8:00 PM Movie at the Lodge

Saturday, September 9

**** Day Attire - Casual

**** Evening Attire - Western, Barn Dance Theme - Casual

8:30 AM Load Bus from Hotel to Lodge kitchen (Tie-dye t-shirts)
10:45 AM Lunch @ Lodge Make your own Pizza
1:00 PM Skyzone or KingPinz
4:30 PM Arrive back at the Courtyard to get ready for evening
6:30 PM BBQ and Barn Dance at El Zagal



Fall Ceremonial Registration

Registration Deadline is August 7th

Please check all that apply and fill in how many are attending:

- Ceremonial - Adults - (130.00 for Noble / 100.00 for Lady)

_____ x \$130.00 = \$_____

_____ x \$100.00 = \$_____

- Ceremonial - Kids - (\$45.00/pp) _____ x \$45.00 = \$_____

(Activities are for ages 4-13 - limited to first 20 to sign up - Minimum of 10)

Indicate T-Shirts sizing - Youth - Sm _____ Med _____ Large _____

Adult - Sm _____ Med _____ Large _____

Unit payment \$_____ or Total \$_____

Please Complete all information below for Registration:

Noble Name: _____

Noble Cell#: _____

Unit: _____

Ladies Name: _____

Ladies Cell#: _____

Ladies Email: _____

Mail in Registration & Payment to:

El Zagal Shrine
1429 3rd Street North
Fargo, ND 58102



**Payment is needed at time of Registration

**Make checks payable to El Zagal Shrine

*** if registering with your Unit please still complete this form and mark Unit payment

Hotel Information: (Contact the hotel directly):

Room rates for the weekend are \$120.00 per night

Courtyard by Marriott- Moorhead # 218-284-1000 (Shriner's Block -30 rooms)

RV Parking @ Masonic Lodge Available - Contact D @ Masonic Lodge for a spot

For Questions, email Cal Braun at: cbraun@integrityfrist.net

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For further information, or to reserve your spot, contact:

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Highlights and Achievements:

Inside Shriners International's 2023 Imperial Session in Charlotte



The 2023 Imperial Session took place in Charlotte, North Carolina, Sunday, July 2, through Thursday, July 6. Thousands of Shriners, ladies and family members from all of the world joined Imperial Sir Kenny Craven and Lady JJ in Charlotte for the five-day event, celebrating the fun, fellowship and philanthropy that connects us all.

The 2023 Imperial Session was a great success, and we are already looking forward to next year's event, which will take place in Reno, Nevada, June 30 – July 4, 2024. Please enjoy some important highlights and updates from the 2023 Imperial Session:

Imperial Session Brings New Leadership

James E. "Ed" Stolze Jr. Elected Imperial Potentate

James E. "Ed" Stolze Jr., Arizona native and member of El Zaribah Shriners, was elected Imperial Potentate, part of the 12-member body that helps govern the Shriners fraternity, during the 2023 Imperial Session. He is serving his 10th year as a member of the Boards of Directors for Shriners International and Shriners Children's. As Imperial Potentate, Ed will lead our fraternity as the highest-ranking Shriner in the world.



To Ed, family is everything. It's this family bond that Ed wants to nurture in the fraternity. He is honored to serve as Imperial Potentate, in support of Shriners International and Shriners Children's, and looks forward to a successful year serving the fraternity that is his second family.

In addition to the Imperial Potentate, several others were voted into fraternal leadership positions during Imperial Session.

Elected Imperial Outer Guard: David C. Hamm, Tyler, Texas, Sharon Shriners

Re-Elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees: Jerry G. Gantt, Lincolnton, North Carolina, Oasis Shriners

Elected Shriners Children's Trustee: Timothy L. Ludwig, New Bern, North Carolina, Sudan Shriners

Re-Elected Shriners Children's Trustees: Ken Guidera, M.D., Tampa, Florida, Osman Shriners Leslie Stewart M.D., Memphis, Tennessee, Omar Shriners

Appointed Shriners Children's Trustee Emeritus: James A. "Jim" Doel, Perth, Ontario, Canada, Tunis Shriners

Appointed Imperial Chaplain: Micheal J. Sekera, San Jacinto, California, El Bekal Shriners

Four Shriners Receive Award of Merit

The fraternity's highest honor, the Award of Merit, recognizes Shriners who have made an outstanding and lasting impact on Shriners International and Shriners Children's. Each year, Shriners gather at Imperial Session in anticipation as the Imperial Potentate announces the recipients.

This year, four distinguished Shriners were honored with the Award of Merit for their outstanding achievements and selfless contributions. Congratulations to these extraordinary Shriners:

William V. "Bill" King, Lake Charles, Louisiana, Habibi Shriners

Greg "Snake" McEwen, Texas Native, Karem Shriners

Ronald Mitchum, Charleston, South Carolina, Jamil Shriners

Costas Paraskevaides, Nicosia, Cyprus, Emirat Shriners

Fun & Fellowship Competition Winners Announced

Hall of Fame Luncheon Honors Temples' Growth

Shriners Share Ideas, Build New Skills

Fraternity Fosters Relationships with Grand Masters

Find more information at Highlights and Achievements: Inside Shriners International's 2023 Imperial Session in Charlotte or <https://www.shrinersinternational.org/en/news-and-events/news/2023/07/imperial-session-2023-recap>

Fishing For A Cause



Born to be Mild:

Pelican-based 'biker' gang motored Harley Davidsons across the countryside back in the 1960s

By Louis Hoglund

He's the last man standing from a motorcycle gang that rumbled Harley Davidsons down the streets of peaceful, God-fearing communities across the region.

While the machines sounded loud and menacing, gang members weren't leather-clad road warriors. They wore familiar red "Fez" caps, Middle East-influenced attire—like you see at the Shrine circus. And; they waved and smiled a lot.

The Pelican Rapids Shrine Escort Patrol was founded by Len R. Thompson in 1964. Let the record show: Len's son, Lynn Thompson, is the last of this group of civic-minded biker "outlaws."

Little did the Pelican Rapids High School Class of 1958 realize that one of their mates would become a Harley guy. But, Lynn Thompson lived to tell the tale—which he will no doubt share, when the class reunites July 26 at the PelicanVFW.

The patrol was noted for riding in parades throughout the area. Over the years, they performed in Pelican Rapids, Detroit Lakes, Perham, Vergas, Wadena, New York Mills, Barnesville, Rollag (at The Steam Threshers Reunion), Fargo, Moorhead, Stephen, Crookston, Minneapolis, Rapid City, Lisbon, Wahpeton, Winnipeg, Duluth, Grand Forks, Erhard, Elizabeth, Fergus Falls, Menahga, and a number of other towns as well.

To the best of his memory, Lynn recalls that the first engagement was the Looney Days parade in the summer of 1964.

Unlike bikers of another stripe, the Shrine patrol didn't terrorize the local population, bust up saloons, pillage, or plunder.

But they did become quite capable at piloting their Harleys in circles and other formations that delighted parade audiences.

In fact, the only real disruption Lynn recalls was the time he ran his 1200 cc Harley into a skunk. A sad day for the skunk, to be sure. But it was the lingering, revolting after-effect that disrupted parade gatherings near and far.

"Every time the engine would warm up, the odor would fill the air," laughed Thompson, who is retired in the Dent area but still a Pelicanite at heart—and frequent visitor.

Most of the gang were members of the Pelican-based Masonic Lodge—and many of the names will be remembered by locals past and present.

Funny thing is, these Pelican area guys made convoy-style Harley-riding respectable long before the attorneys, engineers, educators, and preachers started Motoring down to Sturgis, South Dakota to hang out with Hells Angels.

The Pelican Shriner Patrol included insurance guys like the Thompsons; the hometown doctor; a local grocer; a dentist, an engineer, and various business owners. Plus, there was a future legislator, who was never really scrutinized about his shadowy "biker" past, and the REpublican party's "family values" platform. A dentist, with the nickname "apinless," also rode with the Shriners.

A drug dealer, it should be noted, also rode with the Shrine Escort bikers: Pelican pharmacist Lyle Severson.

Original members included:

Len. R. Thompson
George Martin
Lynn D. Thompson
Dr. Dick Lyon
Dr. Henery Korda
Dr. Ken (Painless) Albright
Lyle Severson
Phil Wickland
Erling Engebretson
Walt Boe
Dexter Flemley
Ray Bruhn
Bob Anderson

From lone survivor Lynn Thompson and all the still-living friends and associates in the Pelican area: May the Shrine Escort Patrol "outlaws" rest in peace.

[As printed in The Press, July 20, 2023, Pelican Rapids, MN]

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 2023

October 3	Burgers
October 7	Crab Dinner
October 10	Burgers
October 17	Burgers
October 24	Burgers
October 31	Burgers



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10	11	12 Tuesday Burgers	13	14 Bierstube	15	16 Directors Staff Bike Run
17	18	19 Old Timers = Fargo (No Burgers)	20 Outreach Clinic Bismarck	21 Outreach Clinic Bismarck Old Timers Bismarck	22	23
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