



CAMEL Tales

POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

Get Back to Gold in 2023

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Mark Your Calendar!

Fargo Screening Clinic November 3

Stated Meeting
Tuesday November 14 at 7pm

Potentates Trip - December 7-10 in Las Vegas, NV
Annual Meeting January 6

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I hope this November issue of Camel Tales finds you all well. We have had an exceptional fall so far with great temperatures and beautiful weather.

The annual appreciation and awards dinners were held September 19th in Fargo and the 21st in Bismarck. It was great to see all of the recipients that were able to join us. It was an honor to award these gentlemen for their years of service and dedication to our Shrine. (Pictures in October Camel Tales)



My travels the last few weeks have taken me to Lisbon ND to visit Past Potentate Paul Larsen and hand him a 60 years of service award and pin. Paul was our Potentate in 1978. (Also pictured in October Camel Tales) We had a very nice visit and then it was off to Gwinner for a Viking meeting. Paul White and Lady Jody shared their farm for the meeting. Jeff and a few of the Vikings made a great dinner in a garbage can, and we put a fez on 4 more Shriners! That is what I call a great meeting. Cheers to the Vikings! Then back to Fargo for a Unit and Club Officers meeting. Thank you for a great group attending the meeting in person and in zoom, The next Temple event was the famous "All You Can Eat Crab Dinner." Illustrious Sir David Rott did it again, hit it out of the park. Thank you, David, all Past Potentates, Nobles, and Ladies that made that happen. It's always a pleasure to have fun and fellowship at El Zagal with great friends. Then it was back to Viking land for their fundraiser, the Torsk Feed was a huge success. I am pretty sure they served over 300 very happy people. In Cogswell ND a town of 70 people, that's fantastic! The next day Lady Sue and I made our way up to Jamestown. The Clowns have done it

again. The A-MAZE-N Clown Pumpkin Patch, was even bigger and better than past year's. Congratulations Guy's and Ladies, my Fez is off to you all.



With all of these events, who would NOT want to be a Shriner? As the year winds down, El Zagal is still very busy...a Rush night next week at the Temple, our first Screening Clinic in many years here in Fargo on November 3rd, the 3rd Stated Meeting for the year, November 14th, EZ Outdoors Gun Show November 18th and 19th, Directors Staff Pizza, Puzzles and Beverage November 22nd. These are all great events, please get them on your calendar and I hope to see you in November. One more event you won't want to miss, Clown for a night, December 2nd at the Jamestown Civic center. I am told the theme is wild west, they have a great meal, a super show and always a fun band. I hate to keep pumping up the clowns, (from head to feet they are already too big) but they know how to get-R done.

We are doing a great job on membership, over 900 Nobles to date, now the hard part is getting the NPD list to a minimum. As I mentioned, Finding, Getting and Keeping members is the key. Keeping is the hard part when we have to suspend Nobles for non-payment of dues. Please get caught up if you out a year or two, call Andrea during office hours and she can help. The best deal to date is, getting your lifetime dues on the per capita (Shriners International), ALSO call Andrea and she can make that happen.

This has been an incredible year so far, thank you all for your support and allowing me to be your Potentate. I am proud to be an El Zagal Shriner. PLEASE get involved, have fun and ask a friend to join us.

Thanks for reading this!

**Yours in Faith,
Roger Ellsworth
2023 Potentate**



Official Call



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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

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Ladies Auxiliary

Reminder the November meeting is on Saturday November 11 at 10:00. We will vote for officers for 2024 and vote on the Parade to Glory,

We will be making quilts for Twin Cities Clinic and sort coloring pages for the Shrine Circus programs. The dutch treat Christmas luncheon is December 2 at 11:30 at El Zagal. Call Andrea to make a reservation at 701-235-7521.

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Shrine Bowl

Hello all,

Hopefully by now you have heard that Lady Meghan and I have lined up Star and Compass Travel to help put together a trip to the National East West Shrine Bowl Game in Frisco, TX January 31-February 3! Even though we are still a few months away from the trip, we are working diligently to get deposits in for anyone that is thinking of attending. We are pushing early registration not only for hotel bookings, (in case we need to make the room-block larger), but also for game tickets! The travel agent has purchased 20 seats in the second row and there are only a couple seats left there. When these fill up, we will start a new group seating. Please take the time to fill out the flier and send in your deposit to Micki at Star and Compass if you are thinking of attending. She has some tours of the JFK area lined up and possibly a distillery stop along with other things!

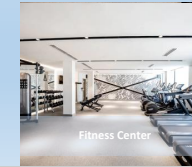
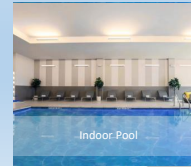
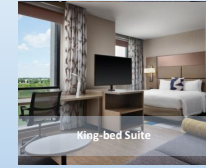
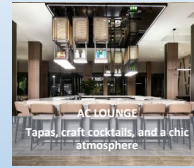
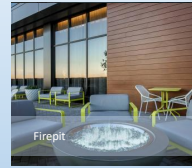
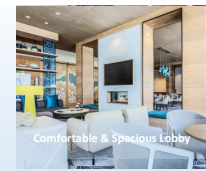
Also, please note, you do not need to be a Shriner to attend this trip. If you know a football fan that would enjoy coming with, please share with them!

Sincerely,
Travis Will
El Zagal Shrine
Chief Rabban



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EL Zagal Dusters

Another month has come and gone, and the El Zagal Dusters have been busy. The Missouri Slope Shrine Club (MSSC) continues to meet on the first and third Wednesdays at the Elks Club at 5:30 pm. The Dusters meet on the second Monday of the month for a lunch meeting at the Bismarck Masonic Center.

The 19th Annual Fly In/Drive In was held on September 10 at the Bismarck Aero Center. Approximately 900-1,000 attended the event which featured classic Duster cars, the Bismarck Mustang and Ford Car Club, Bismarck Airport Medical/Fire Equipment, Sanford Hospital medical helicopter and plane as well as some classic airplanes. The Dusters, Indians, Oilers, Rainbow Girls, and Saidins volunteered to make this another exceptional success with the net proceeds supporting the Scottish Rite Speech Therapy Center located in the Bismarck Masonic center.

Masonic Lodge #5 cancelled its tailgate party for University of Mary football due to inclement weather. Now, Lodge #5 will be hosting an indoor tailgate party at Lodge #5 for the NDSU at UND football game. Food will be provided for this October 14, 2023 event. Both Shrinedom and Masons will be on display at this tailgate event.

Duster Gerry Skogley, 33rd degree, received the Grand Cross of Honour, Scottish Rite S.J., USA at the biennial session in August. Gerry was invested on October 11, 2023 by Sovereign Grand Inspector General (and Duster) Dale Sandstrom. Gerry is only the third from North Dakota to be invested with this honor, the last being 1911. CONGRATULATIONS GERRY!! The East-West Shrine Bowl is now on the 2024 calendar. This event is now being held in Frisco, Texas, which has been the second home of the National Champion Bison Football team for many years. Future Potentate Travis Will and Lady Meghan will be hosting this event. Planning is in gear and this event is scheduled for January 31-February 3, 2024, while the \$879 per person package and events have been revealed. Please join the Dusters in supporting Travis & Meghan.

Christmas parties have been arranged.

The Duster's catered party is scheduled for December 2, 2023 at the Mandan Train Depot. While the MSSC Christmas party is December 1, 2023 at the Bismarck Eagles. All local Masons and Shriners are welcome to attend the MSSC party to eat, drink and dance to a live band.

MSSC has volunteered to serve as host/hostess for the Elks October 28, 2023 Seafood Saturday. This will be the second time the local Shriners have volunteered for this fundraising event.

Planning has commenced for the third Annual Duster Car Show. The event will be held March 1-3, 2024 at the Bismarck Event Center. Car Show registration will soon appear on the elzagaldusters.com website. Make sure you register early as this event fills up.

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 next planning committee meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2023 at the Elks Lodge. This committee will begin planning for the Moslem Feast at the El Zagal Annual Meeting on January 6, 2024. The committee will also visit on entertainment for the evening of January 6, 2024.

Bob Bartosh

Director's Staff

Gobble Gobble, Baseball, football, hockey, and basketball, it's hard to beat the sports action this time of year (unless you root for Minnesota sports teams) looks like it's going to be a long season for my Vikings.

It's back...Pizza, Puzzle and Beverages Thanksgiving Eve Addition, Nov. 22nd @ 6pm. Get your team of 4 together with prizes for the first 3 teams to complete their pizza and puzzle the quickest! Beverages are included. We've had a great turnout for this event and there is a limit on the number of teams, so get your team booked. Sign up on the DS Facebook page and/or through Eventbrite.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all.

Salute,
Casey Schoer



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Jamestown Mystics

Hello everyone in El Zagal hope all is well.

El Zagal Mystics are still hard at it. Our Gun Raffle committee is working on a new selection for our 13th Annual gun raffle, as FFAC chairman (The Fridge) is brain storming items for our 5th Annual FFAC raffle. The Men in the garage are preparing parade units for winter storage. Scrappy is cleaning the windows in the BUS, getting it ready for a trip on a tankful. Tripping down to Fredricks to meet up with Reko for The Fredricks Fire Department annual all you can eat Prime Rib and Drink. President Brock and 1st lady are planning our annual Holiday party. Wow I can't believe this year is almost over, what another successful year. Jamestown Suns Best of The Buffalo city, Best of The Best is out and The El Zagal Mystics Fishing For A Cause Day Event was nominated in 3 categories. PLEASE VOTE.

I want to welcome our new Members and I want to thank everyone for their hard work to make The Mystics shine as bright as we do.

That's all for now.

Thanks
El Zagal Mystics
Howard Weispfenning

EMP

Things have been pretty quiet with the EMPs over the last month with our monthly meeting being the only happening.

As it turned out, the new gaming machines had been installed only the day before. I sat right down with visions of robbing the baseball team out of some dough. I got some good play in before the machine put in relief pitching. Soon after, I held up my white flag, having suffered a ten run rule defeat. I did, however, find it to be an enjoyable way to donate and I am pleased to have the machines as part of the Arabian Room.

Next month maybe I'll have something of more substance to report on. Until then, may you all be well.

Craig Casler

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El Zagal Mobil Nobles 1963 – 2023

It is with great sadness that we inform you that the Mobil Nobles have voted to terminate our unit as of the end of December 2023. The above picture was taken at our final meeting where we shared many stories and memories of being part of this great shrine unit.

For some history, the Mobil Nobles were formed in 1963. Most of the original members were traveling salesmen who favored having Friday night as their regular meeting. We continued that tradition by holding our monthly meetings on the first Friday of the month until a couple of years ago.

The Mobil Nobles went through several parade unit transformations. Our first task was to provide parade transportation for visiting Shrine dignitaries. In an effort to be known as a parade unit, we purchased two 1903 replica Oldsmobiles. In an effort to get more unit members in parades, we then purchased six two passenger pedal cars, which were great until we had to pedal up a hill. We then went to a four-unit Circus train with a unit member wearing a gorilla suit which was a great way to lose several pounds on a hot day. In 1990 we switched over to Indy style go carts which we drove up until 2007 when we made our final change over to the 5/8 scale sprint cars. We are grateful to the Detroit Lakes Color Guard for taking our sprint cars to keep entertaining parade spectators.

Perhaps the event that the Mobil Nobles were famous for was the annual Spaghetti and Meatball dinner held each year in March. The Mobil Nobles approached Joe DiBrito from Dilworth back in 1968 to try and put together a spaghetti dinner that we could use as a fund raiser. This was a most successful venture and we used 2nd, 3rd, and 4th generations of DiBrito family members and friends. Covid-19 rules and regulations along with a shortage of manpower ended this annual event.

We have left reminders of our unit involvement on the grounds of El Zagal. Two members of our unit have served as Potentate of El Zagal, Monte Routledge in 1989 and Drew Likness in 2006. Both of these individuals left landmarks at El Zagal during their terms of office. In 1989 the El Zagal Centennial Obelisk was put in place to honor those Shriners who were part of El Zagal's first 100 years. In 2006, the statue of a Shriner carrying a child known as the "editorial without words" was placed in front of El Zagal to commemorate our work with the Shrine Hospitals for Children.

The Mobil Nobles had a great run, and we suspect some of our members will be absorbed by other El Zagal units. We had 60 years of fun and fellowship all the while supporting the greatest charity of them all, The Shriners Children hospitals and clinics.



CALLING ALL NOBLES

Annual Circus Meeting

& Vote for officers.

November 8th, 7pm, @ El Zagal

We are going to be having the Fargo Circus meeting on Wednesday November the 8th at 7 PM for the Circus Management club. We will be talking about the coming 2024 circus, and the election of the new Fargo Circus board. Hope to see you all there.

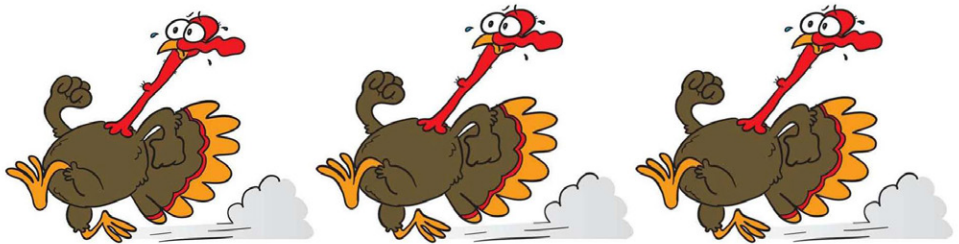
I would also like to thank everyone who has helped me the last 2 years as I have been your Fargo Circus Chairman, I have enjoyed working with each and everyone of you and looking forward to again in the future.

Thank you very much see you November 8th.

Dream It – Believe It – Become It

Blake H. Wrigley "Ringo" P.P.

EL Zagal Circus Chairman 2022 - 2023
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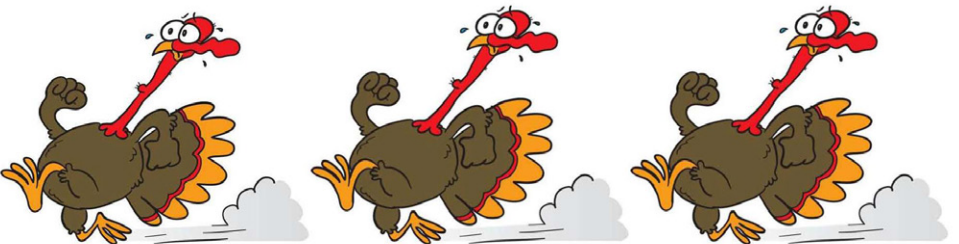


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Wild Game Feed 2024 February 17th

It is that time of year again. The leaves are changing, the wind is getting brisk, and we are looking forward to all things fall. "All things fall" means fishing is wrapped up for the time being until ice forms and hunting season is here. This brings me to the point of the article. The Wild Game Feed is quickly approaching. Mark your calendars for February 17th, 2024. The event will be from 5-9 as usual. This is a HUGE temple wide fundraiser, and your help is needed. How can I help you say? Well, there are many ways. As always, we will ask each unit and club to donate a gun to be given away and are also asking that members of your unit run the game that gives your gun away. We also need help in many other ways. We need manpower in general. Please come and help us in any capacity you can. This can be in food or games. As they say, many hands make light work. Do you have a great wild game recipe that you think will be a hit? Let's talk about it and see if we can incorporate it into the event. We would even love it better if you took on the challenge of preparing the dish for the event. You don't have a recipe you say? Well, come and help prep the week leading up to the event. We need people to help prepare the food and the more people we have the faster it is. You may just have some fun in the process! You can't make the event? We need all kinds of wild game to make this a success. Please donate game meat. Large or small quantities are all helpful. We are looking for venison, moose, elk, pheasant, boar, antelope, duck, northern pike, walleye, etc. If you have something exotic, reach out. We would love to make a dish with something different.

Meetings will be held as needed and will become more often the closer it gets to the event. Watch for emails as I will have Andrea send out emails regarding the meetings. Please put the Wild Game Feed on your meeting agenda to discuss how your unit or club can help. If you have any questions, or have meat or fish to donate, please reach out to me at 701-238-3573 or m.f.hennebry@gmail.com.

Best Regards,
Mike Hennebry

CASH CALENDAR RAFFLE

Are you aware that the 2024 cash calendars have been delivered? Some Nobles and Units are already out pounding the concrete selling calendars and helping their UNITS AND CLUBS raise funds—that's right, I said UNITS AND CLUBS!

In case you haven't heard, there will be a kickback to ALL Units and Clubs that sell a minimum of 100 cash calendars for 2024.

This is a huge win across all El Zagal "Shrinedom" compared to the 1st-3rd place prizes for units in the past couple years, as it gives all units a more even playing field to raise funds.

Cash payouts are as follows:

\$2.00 a calendar if your unit sells over 100 calendars (If a Unit sells 100 to 300 calendars that would make the Unit \$2.00 per calendar earning them up to \$600)

\$4.00 a calendar if your unit sells over 300 calendars (If a Unit sells 301 to 500, they will jump to \$4.00 per calendar earning the unit up to \$2000)

\$5.00 a calendar if your unit sells over 500 calendars (After selling 501 calendars the earning goes to \$5.00 per calendar so at 501 calendars, the unit/club would earn \$2505)

If I were you I would grab some calendars from your Unit President and help raise funds for next year. The best news yet – there is no cap on unit sales, keep selling until inventory runs out!

What did you say, you don't have a favorite unit? Contact me and I can help you with an idea or two😊

Happy selling,
Travis Will
Chief Rabban



Official Call



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Attest William R Wedberg Jr. PP, Recorder

Yours in faith, Roger Ellsworth, Potentate.

Shiloh Masonic Lodge #1 PANCAKE BREAKFAST

November 18th & 19th
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Dusters

Greetings from the Dusters. It has been a slow month for the Unit's social calendar, but we have had some very impressive achievements for a couple of our Dusters when it comes to the Scottish Rite and we would like to take this opportunity to recognize both of them.

Gerald "Gerry" Skogley was awarded highest Honor conferred by the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, The Grand Cross of Honor

The Scottish Rite confers honors on their members who have been outstanding in their contributions to Freemasonry, the Scottish Rite, and who have shown in their communities the leadership which marks them as men who exemplify in their daily lives the true meaning of service to others under God.

From 1872 to 2022, the Scottish Rite awarded only 323 Brothers the Grand Cross of Honor for their outstanding service to the Scottish Rite, their community, and country. Among them are a President of the United States of America, congressman and senators, admirals and generals, scientists and shipbuilders, actors, and teachers. There have only been three recipients from North Dakota, the last being in 1911.

At the same Scottish Rite biennial session, Dale Sandstrom was elected to be Sovereign Grand Inspector General for the Orient of North Dakota, Scottish Rite.

Myself and the Dusters couldn't be more proud of these two outstanding members and would like to thank both of them for their service.

Travis

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 2023

December 5	Burgers
December 6-11	Pote's Trip
December 12	Burgers
December 16	Kid's Christmas Party
December 19	Burgers
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NOVEMBER 2023			1	2	3 Screening Clinic - Fargo	4
5	6	7 Tuesday Burgers	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Divan Meeting Stated Meeting	15	16	17 Gun Show	18 Gun Show
19 Gun Show	20	21 Tuesday Burgers	22 Pizza, Puzzles & Beer	23 Office Closed	24 Office Closed	25
26	27	28 Tuesday Burgers	29	30		



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