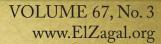
# April 2025





## **POTENTATE'S MESSAGE** *The best Ships are friendShips*

Spring is coming! At least I'm pretty sure it is... We did get a bit more snow here in Lakes Country, but warmer temps are on their way.

February was another busy month. It was off to Moose Jaw, SK for the Winter Session of

the Midwest Shrine Association. I had the honor of chairing the nominating committee for the MSA board, and was very pleased to be able to name our own Illustrious Sir Jason "Rocky" Rockswold as the Fourth Vice President of the MSA. Looking forward to having MSA in Fargo in 2029. Congratulations, Rocky!

Then off to Jamestown for the Stag/Stagette. Lady Kate and I both had a fantastic time. While we didn't win any prizes, we "won a good time". Thanks again to the James Valley Shrine Club for hosting the Stag, and the Stagette planning committee for providing another wonderful event for the Ladies. A great time was had by all (at least that's what I'm told!).

That was the start of another busy weekend – from Jamestown straight over to Bismarck for the Dusters car show. What a fantastic event – if you haven't made it out there,

I'd highly recommend it. I was even able to successfully pick a vehicle for the Annual Pote's Pick – and it was extremely difficult to decide given the outstanding vehicles that were there to pick from.

I was excited at that point to be looking forward to an event-free weekend, but then was informed



that my presence was requested at

my daughter's house to finish a project that I'd promised I'd do. We've not yet finished, but progress is being made. Another chapter in the glamorous life of a Potentate...

Next was the Arab Patrol Wine Tasting. Turns out I had a few extra tickets – my ticket salesman informed me that 'I only sell these by the book'. And if you know, you know... Anyway, Lady Kate and I had a fantastic time, and met some new friends. This is an event that sees quite a few members of the public attend. I encourage you to go next year if you've not been able to previously – it's a great time.

This was just the start of a very busy weekend. Some members of the Divan and myself were able to serve beverages for the Ladies Luncheon. We had a decent turnout given that there was some weather in Fargo overnight. After that we had the Pote's Party and general Shenanigans. Another great time, and hopefully everyone enjoyed the evening as much as Lady Kate and I did.

Hard to imagine that it's almost Circus Time! The next time I write one of these, Circus season will have passed us. I'm certainly looking forward to it, and seeing many of you at one or more of the performances across El Zagal.

Remember - the best Ships are friendShips.

Yours in Faith, Chad Decker 2025 Potentate

Mark Your Calendar! Shrine Circuses\_\_\_\_\_April 4 - 15 Bloom with Style\_\_\_\_\_April 12 Easter Party\_\_\_\_\_April 19 Suds N Spuds\_\_\_\_\_April 26



Stated Meeting

**May 13** 

## TUESDAY BURGERS 5:30PM T0 7PM



Attest William R Wedberg Jr. PP, Recorder

Yours in faith, Chad Decker, Potentate

### TUESDAY BURGER UNIT SCHEDULE 5:30PM - 7PM

APRIL 1 – PROVOST April 8 – Arab Patrol April 15 – Misfits April 22 – Emp April 29 – Directors Staff

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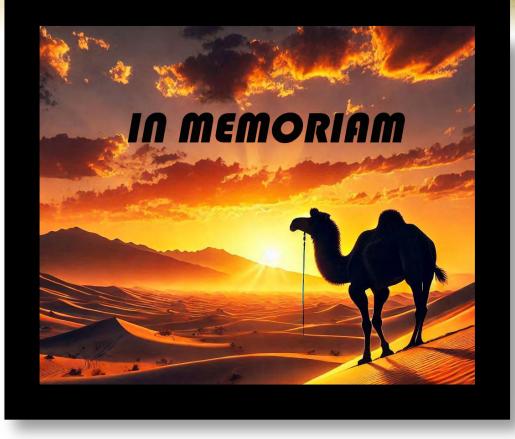
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## Frederick Quam, passed at the age of 108. Frederick was the last surviving founding member of the Happy Hooligans.

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## Ladies Auxiliary

March Brain Buster: What building has the most stories? Answer: The library

Our March meeting found us putting the finishing touches on our April 12 Style Show. Plan to attend as we showcase the newest fashions for spring.

Date: Saturday, April 12 at 10:30 am. El Zagal Shrine, \$20 ticket with purchase including the style show, lunch, dessert, and door prize drawings. See you there!

We again made blankets! A full count of how many we made will be announced in the May Camel Tales issue.

Reminder: WGA For Kids Annual Meeting is on April 27 & 28 at Lake Elmo. If interested in attending, please contact Sue or Gretchen. Our May meeting will be held on the 3rd, 10 am, at El Zagal Shrine.

Can't remember where you laid your phone? Consider this proven strategy to boost your memory and make every day of life a little easier.

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April Brain Buster: What can never be put in a saucepan? (Answer in next month's issue,)

Auxiliary Reporter Barb



## Misfits

And were squealing into another month. Don Roos will serve up some great food for the circus workers and Mike Dow PP will be hosting the circus appreciation meal with some tasty vittles. What

an awesome cooking crew and experience to be had. Most excellent and tasty job gentlemen.

Misfits sponsored a couple of teams for the Hope Inc. Sled Hockey tournament. If you have not participated in this event, you are missing out BIG TIME. What an opportunity to raise money for Hope Inc. which also supports many Shrine patients and adults. Did the Provost retained the Strainly Cup, we will find out.

The Misfits are looking at a very busy summer, cooking at many Shrine and community events. Co-sponsor of the OK Tire Charity Golf Tournament benefitting Shriners Children comes up on May 21st. The BIG COOK in Gwinner for spring ceremonial, Grand Lodge cook, Shrine Bowl cook, Choice Bank cook, meeting nights and Tuesday burger nights. I think all this activity has uncurled my tail.

Stop in and check us out at a meeting or a cooking event. We love to talk BBQ.

## Photos From February's Wild Game Feed



Pre Game

Feed



s Scott & Roger hard at work



Paul helps serve

**Misfits MR** 



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## Jamestown Clowns

The Clowns reporter Kenny Daugs, aka "Weezer", is not available to write the article this month so he contacted the very wellrespected firm of Shyster and Shyster to present this evidence for him. Our firm takes a solemn oath to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth in writing this brief. Kenny asks that you excuse his absence, but there is no excuse for his sorry Habeas Corpus! Kenny has taken a sabbatical to write his first book! Kenny said, and I quote, "It's time that I show not only El Zagal but the world my writing talent! I may have to give up farming but that is the price of success." There is probable cause to believe the book could be Dick and Jane, part II. Kenny said he was committed to at least a 4-page book and no pictures. The verdict is still out on the success of the book. Shyster and Shyster will donate their services for any legal fees (up to \$2.98) that come with the publishing of the book.

In other news, the Clown meeting was well attended. I'm sure that President Andy Kapp sending out a notice an hour and a half before the meeting helped increase attendance. There is hearsay that President Kapp may put a 50% tariff on any Clown dues that are not paid by the June meeting!

Also on the docket for our meeting that night, was a request by "Chief Rabban" Bruce Ridgeway for a change of venue so the 2026 Spring Ceremonial could be held in Jamestown. The jury is still deliberating on this request.

In closing, we present this article to Camel Tales as "Exhibit A".

At this time Your Honor, Shyster and Shyster are very tired so we would like to rest our case.

Nighty night

#### Shyster and Shyster



## Dusters

The Duster have just wrapped up the Annual 2025 Car Show. We had around 2,000 people attend this year. Every year there are different cars from the years before so it is worth the very reasonable price of admission of \$15. This year's show had 58 automobiles entered and one motorcycle entered in the show. There were 11 commercial vendors and one brought five cars to display that were not in the show. There was lots to see and do.

Having a successful car show allowed us to give \$830 in donations received at the car show and \$10,000 from the Duster treasury for children's activity chairs. Illustrious Travis Will, wanted us to donate money to this cause and we now have the money to do it. It is a great cause.

There will be a "Fun Day with Friends" fundraiser on March 22, 2025, to raise money for the medical expenses for Dana Simmers. She is the wife of Jim and the daughter-inlaw of Bob. Service of the food will begin at noon and a silent auction beginning at 1 pm. If you cannot make it, you may give money to the Dana Simmers account at the Railway Credit Union.

The Circus is on April 11 and 12. Set up is on April 10. This is our largest fundraiser and is our time of greatest visibility. Please come and volunteer. Please wear your Fez. You can bring friends and family to volunteer as well. **Director's Staff** 

It is starting to look a little more like spring every week. The Director's Staff is in full swing and eager to welcome in some nicer weather. We had a booth at the FM Crusaders bike show this past weekend. Attendance was down due to a quick turn in temperature but was still a great show. Calendars were sold and connections were made. The Veterans Honor Flight passport book is coming back, and our fall bike run will be a bonus stop in the passport. This is a really good partnership for us. Thank you to Mike Hennebry for making the connection and thank you to all of the guys that worked the event.

As you read this, we are getting much closer to our annual craft beer tasting event, Suds N Spuds. We would love to see any and all of you there. This has been a great event for us. We are working with Membership to generate interest in our fraternity amongst the attendees. Can you imagine what impact it could make if all of our units and clubs added a membership component to their events?

I am going to keep it short this month since I wrote a book last month so I will leave you with a quote from AA Milne. "You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think."

Regards, Cal Braun

Band night is coming with spring on May 9, 2025. Get your car tuned up and cleaned up and we should have a good showing. The band night parade is one of my favorites because of the many marching bands from Bismarck, Mandan, and the surrounding area.

Keep on, keeping on. Tim Dawson







**El Zagal Vikings** 

Spring Ceremonial - Gwinner, ND June 6th -7th, 2025

Gwinner is the place to be!

Please plan on joining us in Gwinner for the Spring Ceremonial festivities!

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Plans are for golfing / socializing and music for Friday night June 6<sup>th</sup> at The Springs Golf Course and clubhouse.

Saturday Activities will include:

**Ladies Lunch** 

**Moslem Feast** 

Parade Free Swimming for the kids!

Inflatables and games in the city park

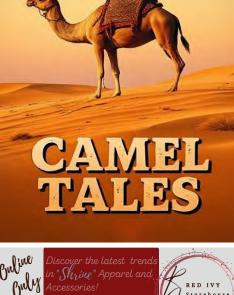
**Community meal** 

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# Kate's Corner:

Ladies of El Zagal Shrine are Anchored in Friendship.

Thank you, Ladies, for attending the Ladies Luncheon. It was so much fun to see and celebrate how you support your Shriner and the Shrine mission. We enjoyed seeing more of you at the Pote's Party. Thanks for coming out, thankfully the storm was more hype than reality. The signature drinks were amazing and the shenanigans and tomfoolery were great. A special thank you to Gretchen Shore for all her help in decorating and more!

We had a great time at the Staggette in Jamestown! WOW! What fun to see Lady Mandii debut her bingo skills and win a purse! So many wonderful baskets, and prizes, and the food was delicious! Thanks to the planning committee who worked so hard and did such a fabulous job! There is nothing like sipping on a fizz while being comfortable in your flannel.

April is a Circus! We look forward to seeing you at many of the circus events this month. Make sure to invite your friends and neighbors to enjoy some cotton candy and a show. There is also a style show for the Ladies at the Shrine. I can't wait to hear all about it!

Please check out the flyer for the Pote's Trip to California. Deadline to sign up is fast approaching. We look forward to seeing you in Gwinner, June 6th-8th for the Spring Ceremonial. If you are camping, reach out to Paul White. Finally, as we approach warmer temperatures and summer weather, plan that family vacation in Moose Jaw. MSA will be a blast!

Until next month, Lady Katy

### Did someone say golf ?

EL Zagal will be teeing up a bunch of golf opportunities for you this summer. The OK TIRE Charity Golf Tournament – May 21st at the Hawley Country Club The 9 holes in One and ceremonial golf events should happen over the summer

AND THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE GOLFING SEASON – EL Zagal / CyberAdvisors PRO-AM Charity golf Tournament August 20th Registrations will be coming out soon for these stellar events, and in the interim, see me with questions.



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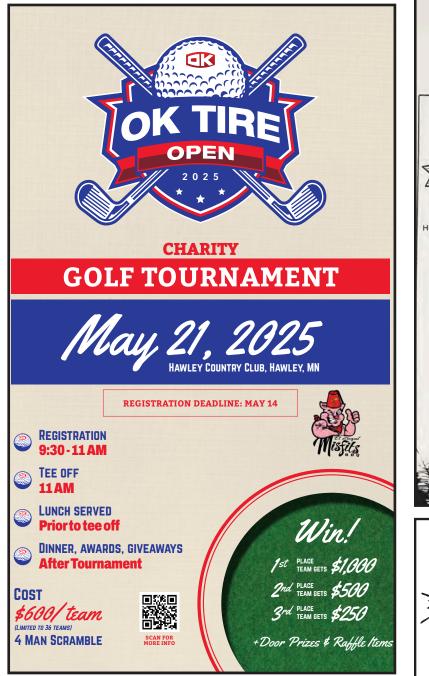
Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

I hope everyone has endured the winter well.

With the hint of spring there is an opportunity to support one of our generous donors. OK Tire has a Charity Golf Outing planned in May. Of course, there will be lots of fun and great food. Our BBQ Club the "Misfits" have partnered with them to make this a great day. Get your team signed up as soon as you can. You can also sponsor a sign, donate a prize or come out and volunteer for the day.

### Hope to see you there!

Yours in Faith MD PP



# **Gun Show in Jamestown**

Date: End of April

Location: Jamestown Civic Center Sponsor: EZ Outdoors

Join us for an exciting gun show hosted by Dudley Eudy! To attend or set up a booth, contact Dudley.

Special for Shrine units: The Mystics have a table reserved and Dudley can provide an extra table for any unit wishing to sell tickets or raffles.

Meet Dudley, an FFL dealer and certified CCW instructor. He can help you get your license!

See you there!

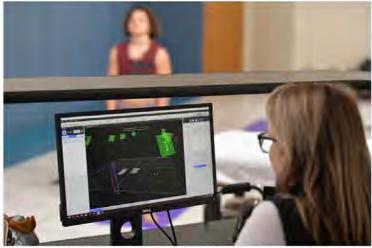




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Shriners Children's Becomes Largest Pediatric Motion Analysis Center in the World



Physical therapist Joanna Ferreri, PT, D.P.T., conducting gait analysis on a patient.

For more than 40 years. Shriners Children's has been utilizing motion analysis technology, similar to what you might find in a Hollywood movie, in each of its 14 state-of-the-art motion analysis centers (MACs). Motion analysis helps physicians determine the best treatment methods for children with movement differences caused by conditions such as cerebral palsy. scoliosis, brachial plexus or sports injuries. Now, the nonprofit healthcare system is making a change that it hopes will lead to even better patient outcomes and research advances.

Shriners Children's is digitally integrating all 14 of its motion analysis labs across the country, making it the largest unified pediatric motion analysis

center in the world. To help unify this change, Shriners Children's published a paper on its new Shriners Children's Gait Model this year in the *Journal of Gait and Posture*, which creates a standardized model to compare and interpret data across all facilities. Shriners Children's Vice President of Research Programs Marc Lalande, Ph.D., said the revolutionary change will make it easier for doctors across their entire healthcare system to share data, learn from past patient experiences. inform future care decisions and perform cutting-edge research.

"This is truly a groundbreaking advancement for Shriners Children's because it means that patients, doctors, physical therapists, engineers and other Shriners Children's staff can now analyze thousands of new data points and previous pediatric cases to make the most informed decisions on how they treat children, regardless of which hospital they were treated at," said Dr. Lalande. "While that may have been possible before, it was a more cumbersome process and we didn't have a unified. overarching system for how we process all of that data and qualify it. This is the type of change that will eventually open the doors for more innovative research and discoveries. It will truly improve the lives of our patients so we're very excited about what's in store."

Motion analysis is a technology that uses data to help analyze how a child walks and moves. Shriners Children's uses high-speed cameras, reflective markers, force platforms and muscle sensors to record a child's movement patterns. The data is then analyzed using computer-generated imagery similar to what you might see in a video game, to model the child's gait and allow doctors to compare it to a patient without a **gait difference**. Shriners Children's Corporate Director of Motion Analysis Centers Ross Chafetz, PT, D.P.T., Ph.D., MPH, said the technology allows doctors to pinpoint exactly where the problem is and more accurately determine the best course of treatment.

"With our new integrated system, when a patient comes in needing knee surgery, the doctor will be able to access data from all 14 MAC labs across our system, look at similar cases, and gain knowledge about what treatment option might be best for that child," Dr. Chafetz said. "The MACs also allow us to tell patients the surgeries we would recommend, and equally as important, when we wouldn't recommend surgery at all. Sometimes the data tells us the patient just needs time to grow, and it's not as bad as we thought. Motion labs are a service many healthcare systems aren't able to offer because it can be a timely and cost-prohibitive process, but Shriners Children's has been a leader in this area for a long time, so we felt like this was an important step forward in how we continue delivering the most innovative care."

Dr. Chafetz said, as this technology continues to improve, we envision a future where developments in its MACs can be spread to all corners of the world, helping millions of children in different countries. Using artificial intelligence. Shriners Children's is actively leading research on the use of cell phone cameras to evaluate movement in children with disabilities. This allows us to remotely evaluate children, providing them access to a powerful tool that otherwise would not be available.

Vedant Kulkarni, M.D., Shriners Children's Northern California orthopedic surgeon and assistant chief of orthopedics, said he considers the data provided by motion analysis to be a crucial part of his care plan for children.

"I think it's the ultimate precision medicine," Dr. Kulkarni said. "In a clinical setting, it's hard to grasp all the possibilities of the gait, and you're not able to see all the problems that are occurring with just the eyes. We're doing things at the highest level possible, and access to sources like motion analysis centers is what sets Shriners Children's apart. The MACs truly feed into Shriners Children's mission.

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# **Ahoy Matey's!**

July is right around the corner! Ugh...not so much, but we can start thinking about it. The contracts are signed for the 2025 Old Bastard's Fishing Trip with our Captain, Illustrious Sir, Chad Decker! The dates are July 17-20th and in the El Zagal Calendar.

A \$300 Deposit is required and DUE by March 31st and final payment by June 15th.

We have 30 spots available this year, so get your deposits in early to secure your spot. If you were on the trip last year and get your deposit in by March 31, your spot is secured.

Read through the flyers and let me know if you have any questions. <u>Please make the checks out to Ballard's</u> <u>Resort and send deposits to:</u> El Zagal Shrine 1429 3rd St. N Fargo, ND 58102 ATTN: OB Fishing Trip

I look forward to seeing everyone and getting on the big water!

Stay Hydrated, Shaun Engelsrud

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FRI & SAT 700am breakfast, guided walleye fishing (800am to 400pm), lunch on the lake, evening dinner in the dining room, nightly lodging.

Sunday JULY 20 700am breakfast, depart lodge at 800am, arrive in Fargo at 12:15pm.

### Package:

**Lodging in cabins...** Each unit is complete with living room, two single beds per bedroom, bathroom, TV, towels, bedding, & daily maid service. Based on availability and pricing, there are one, two, and three-bedroom cabins at hand for reservations. Preference is to reserve each cabin for intact parties of two to six anglers. Groups will also be matched when necessary to effectively utilize lodging space.

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MN fishing license... Purchase in advance dnr.state. mn.us, or at Ballard's Resort on arrival.

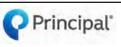
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