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### POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

The best Ships are friendShips



Septoberfest\_\_\_\_September 6
Bierstube\_\_\_\_September 11

**Fall Ceremonial at** 

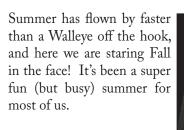
ThumperPond\_\_\_\_September 12-13

Bismarck Fly in

Drive in \_\_\_\_\_September 14

Fall Bike Run\_\_\_\_September 20

Appreciation Dinner\_October 14 & 16



The last Camel Tales article that I wrote took place right before the Old Bastards

Fishing Trip. If you get a chance to talk to anyone that was on my boat, feel free to ask who caught the most fish! I won't spoil the story, but we all know that even a blind squirrel finds a nut once in a while. Thanks again to Shaun Engelsrud for all the work he does getting this organized and making everything happen behind the scenes.

On the topic of fishing, Lady Kate and I attended the Mystic's Fishing for a Cause event. We had a fabulous time, and I was able to take some pictures with the winners of the various age groups. There were some pretty big fish that were caught, and all seemed to be having fun.

By the time you read this, the Midwest Shrine Association gathering in Moose Jaw,

SK will have taken place. Not too many El Zagal folks signed up this year - and I get that it's a fair distance to drive. But year everv we seem to back come with great stories, new friendships, and a renewed sense of Shrine Fellowship.

Next year it's in Grand Forks, and I encourage all who are able to make the trip. Our own Illustrious Sir Jason "Rocky" Rockswold will be President of the MSA in 2029 when it comes to Fargo, so let's start getting into the habit of getting to the MSA's – lots of great fun to be had.

Some upcoming events:

Bob Lucy Fish Fry in Jamestown: Another great Jamestown event, and if you've never been able to attend, I highly recommend it. Those folks in Jamestown really know how to have a great time!

Fall Ceremonial: Looking forward to all the fun the Color Guard has in store for us. I know that Lady Kate and I are super excited to participate and see all of you.

Septoberfest: Prost (cheers) to the Color Guard on September 6 – and if you make it over there, make sure you have a drink and say hi to Illustrious Sir Steve "BD" Larson for me! I'll be attending my niece's wedding but will surely miss being at this great annual event.

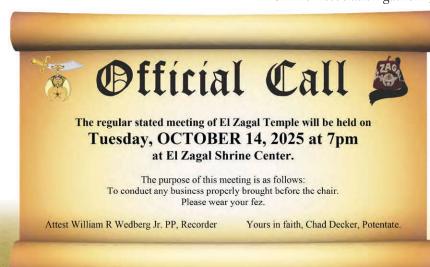
Appreciation Dinners: Mark your calendars. The first appreciation dinner will be held in Fargo on October 14 (same night as the Stated Meeting), and in Bismarck October 16. Make sure and contact Andrea to RSVP. There will also be a separate email on it but trying to get it out in as many channels as we can.

Remember – the best Ships are friendShips.

Yours in Faith, Chad Decker 2025 Potentate



### TUESDAY BURGERS



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

SEPTEMBER 2 – PROVOST SEPTEMBER 9 – DIVAN SEPTEMBER 16 – DIRECTORS STAFF SEPTEMBER 23 – ARAB PATROL SEPTEMBER 30 – MISFITS OCTOBER 7 - EMP OCTOBER 14 - STATED MEETING OCTOBER 21 – DIRECTORS STAFF OCTOBER 28 – PROVOST

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With summer coming to an end and fall approaching, I am reflecting back on the year so far. I always seem to talk about how busy we are. I won't say it this month because you don't need to hear it again.

We have a few things happening this month that you should be aware of. Our Fall Bike Run is on 9/20. We are excited to announce that we partnered with the FM Crusaders to be the turn-in event for the Veteran's Honor Flight passport book. It starts and ends at the Moorhead American Legion. Registration starts at 9:30 with departure at 11. Come out and join us! Cars and bikes are welcome. Food will be served upon our return and there will be a band that night. We also have a split pot cash raffle going on as well. If all 1500 tickets are sold, 1st prize is \$8,000, 2nd prize is \$5,000 and 3rd prize is \$2,000. Drawing will take place at El Zagal the night of our fall run so

find your favorite Director's Staff member and by a ticket or three!

It seems appropriate to close with a final thought. As Shriners we spend a lot of time working through the logistics of planning events to make money for our cause and to simply keep the lights on. We seldom stop to realize the impact we make in our patient families lives and others in the community. I feel blessed that we are able to work with other organizations such as the Crusaders to help veterans and children at the same time. As Muhammad Ali once said, "Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth." We should be proud because we, as Shriners, pay a lot of rent!

Regards, Cal Braun

See your friendly neighborhood Directors Staff member for you chance at winning big bucks today!

#### EL ZAGAL DIRECTORS STAFF

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#### 2025/26 Fargo Shrine Circus Club Meetings



#### 2025

\*\*\*OCTOBER 4th, 2025: 10 AM (AD PACKS HANDED OUT)\*\*\* \*\*\*NOVEMBER 1st, 2025: 10 AM (ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS)\*\*\* December 6th, 2025: 10 AM

#### 2026

JANUARY 10th, 2026: CIRCUS MEETING: 10 AM \*\*\*FEBRUARY 7th, 2026: CIRCUS MEETING: 10 AM\*\*\*

#### COLORING BOOK AD DEADLINE - MARCH 6th, 2026

\*\*\*MARCH 14th, 2026: CIRCUS MEETING: 10 AM\*\*\* \*\*\*April 11th, 2026: CIRCUS MEETING: 10 AM\*\*\* [Masonic Lodge in the Plumly room]

#### EXECUTIVE MEETING WILL FOLLOW DIRECTLY AFTER THE CLUB MEETING\*\*\*

JAMESTOWN CIRCUS APRIL 5, 2026

**APRIL 10, 2026** APRIL 11, 2026

DICKINSON CIRCUS

APRIL 12, 2026

APRIL 13, 2026

**DETROIT LAKES CIRCUS** APRIL 15, 2026

FARGO CIRCUS **APRIL 17, 2026 APRIL 18, 2026** 

#### New for this year!

Misfits Burgers will be served 11am-1pm after our meetings on November 1st 2025 December 6th 2025 January 10th 2026 March 14th 2026

### Ladies Auxiliary

The August Brain Teaser: How many games are there in a regular MLB season? Answer is 162 games.

Fall is fast approaching, and it is time for our El Zagal Auxiliary to start our monthly meetings. Our first meeting is on Saturday, September 6 at 10 am at the Shrine. See you there.

Volunteering is good for your health. According to an article published by the American Heart Association; volunteers have less depression, less anxiety, higher self-esteem, greater happiness, and a sense of meaning in life. Volunteering offers a number of benefits that can improve both physical and mental health for those donating their time to help others.

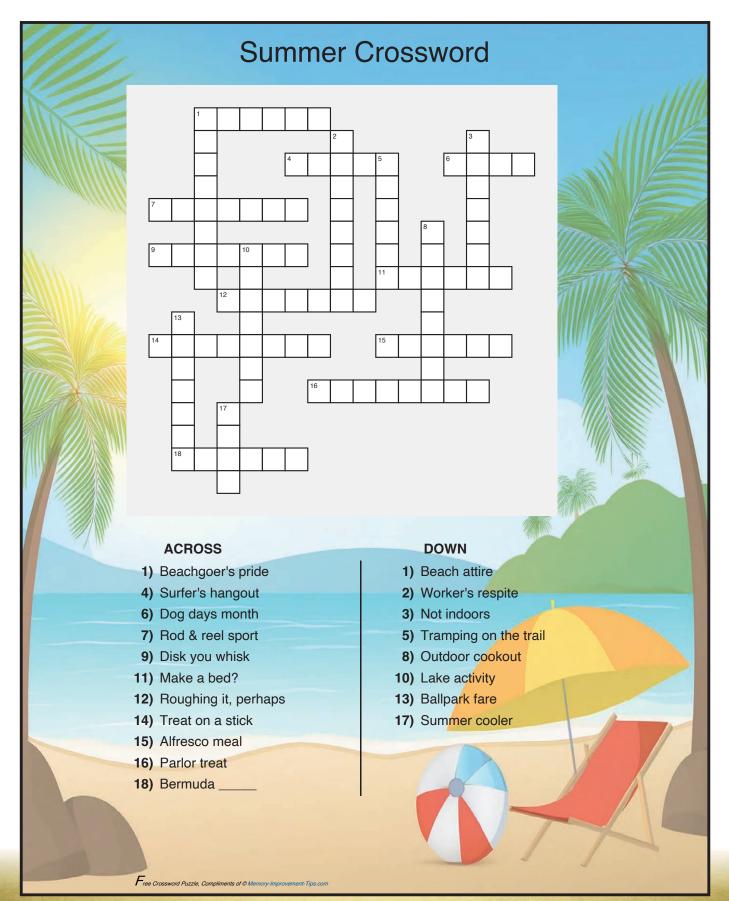
Looking forward in seeing you at the September meeting as we plan our upcoming schedule.

Brain teaser:

What year was the first world series played?

See the answer in the October issue of Camel Tales.

Auxiliary Reporter Barb



Moss does not grow on a rolling stone, the dust does not settle on a moving car, and the sun does not set on Shrinedom.

The Dusters are busy with summer socials, the last one was at the Simmers Estate. In the past when I was in charge, I called it the Simmers Compound. Maybe the latter sounds too militaristic, but I was thinking more of Kennebunkport than militia training! However, Compound is still my favorite. But times change and so does the meal. Back in the olden days we used to have steak. The past two meals have been a shrimp and sausage boil. Living in North Dakota, anything costal appeals to me, but our Chef, brought in special by Paul Wilkins, cooks it up in North Dakota style in a cream can. Tres Elegante!

The Fly In Breakfast is September 14 at the Bismarck Airport. There are planes and cars and pancakes and sausage and eggs and that

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hriners Children's equals fun. This is a great way to raise money for the Scottish Rite Speech Therapy Center and raise awareness in the community of the Shrine and all of the Masonic bodies. Set up is September 13. Many hands make light work and since we have been doing this a number of years, the work is organized and easy. We are a well-oiled machine, but not a Studebaker, more like a Corvette!

The Dusters will be sending \$10,000 to the kids in Woodbury for specialized seats and activity chairs. It was the idea of Past Potentate Travis Will and was a good one that no-good man could stand against.

Writing of good ideas that no good man can stand against, it is time to stop and have a

Take care, take five, and leave ten, Tim "Heavy D" Dawson





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### El Zagal Mystics

Hello everyone in El Zagal, hope all is well. Our Sixth Annual Fishing for a Cause is in the books. Our Annual Fishing for a Cause event was held August 9 out at the Lazy Fish Campground. Thanks to Tom and Darin for letting us use their facility. The day event started out with our kids fishing tournament. Wow! We had 166 kids fishing. Lots of fish were caught, even caught a turtle. Next on the agenda was face painting, ping-pong, ball drop, bounce, houses, and day prizes. We can't forget about the food and beverages. Oh my, the burgers were grilled to perfection as big Jerry Rekow, scrappy Jeff Oster, and Dudley were flipping them perfectly on the grill. Kurt Hayes, the hotdog king, was rolling those 100% beef dogs to perfection. And of course, the beer man and crew were serving cold frosty beverages. Rockin Ron was keeping the crowd grooving with oldies but goodies music throughout the day.

We had an auction for a four-wheeler that belonged to a child that had a heart transplant at the age of seven months. He passed away at the age of six years old. The four-wheeler was bought and donated back and sold again, his dad matched it and earned \$10,500 and the money is going to be donated to the Shrine Hospital. Wow! There were tears running down cheeks. The child's favorite song was kickstart my heart by Mötley Crüe. Rockin Ron played that song and turned it up, and the crowd went wild.

Next was the raffle drawing and the Pres. Colin was mixing and spinning the wheel as they picked out the lucky winners. I want to thank all our sponsors and all who purchased tickets. Thanks so much. We ended the evening listening to the Train Wrecks band, they were awesome. Kyle and Brock are working long nights, preparing the parade units for the last parade of the year. The Medina fall festival is September 13. If you haven't been out to Medina, those folks can put on a party. That's all for now, catch you next month.

El Zagal Mystics Howard Weispfenning



### **Jamestown Clowns**

Hello to all Nobles and Ladies,

The reporters reported that Arlie L. is doing great, and that is wonderful. He had a stroke; we all wish him well. Just do what they tell you to do and don't do anything you are not suppose too, ARLIE!!!!!

Medina Fall Festival is September 6, get there. Craig and Debbie H. are hosting. It will be a feast.

Pumpkin Patch and Amazing Corn Maze is September 20 - October 19, every weekend. Saturday and Sunday. Should be the best, ever.

BOB LUCY Fish Fry was Friday August 29th. It is always a wonderful meal and a great social event, thanks to Rod and Wade and all that help.

Holiday Dazzle Parade is November 28. Let's make a great showing for the residents of our community.

Clown for a Night is December 6, limited seating is capped at 520,so get your tickets fast!! Comedian and local great band will make it the best, ever.

Mill Hill, or as we like to say, Shriner Hill needed some TLC after the severe weather and of course we had Shriners step up and make things right again, thank you... Scott, Jon, Nick , I can go on, but this article is limited to 150,000 words. So .......

Thanks for Reading This......Weezer

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### **Misfits**

Our snout has been busy sniffing, and our tail is wagging, BBQ is in the air. A holiday weekend just screams for a cookout, we hope yours will be great.

Misfits were part of one of the BIGGEST Tuesday burger nights yet! We were huffing and puffing, and I think we lost a couple lbs. of bacon in the process. What a great night for the Shrine.

Our piglets showed up at the PRO/AM and did their best, Don Roos, Tommy Stofel, Scott Johnson and Mike R. What a fun day for Shriners Children.

It's almost time to start thinking about your Thanksgiving Turkey. You have seen the reviews in all the popular food magazines, the Misfits put out some of the best smoked turkeys to be had. In prior years, the 11 AM timeslot filled up fast, so don't be sitting on your chops when the order portal opens. We enjoy cooking for you!

Until then, keep the BBQ sauce handy

Misfits MR

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# 2025 FALL CEREMONIAL – THUMPER POND OTTERTAIL, MN

### Illustrious Sir Chad Decker and Lady Kate September 12 & 13, 2025

Schedule of events

#### FRIDAY:

Golf Scramble with games on the course 11:00 a.m.

Registration – Lodge entryway 4:00 – 6:00

Pote's Reception – Thumper Pond Lodge 5:00 – 9:00

Gilligan Island Theme - come dressed as your favorite Castaway!

Karaoke – Bar – Hors de Ovres – fun, fun, fun!

#### **SATURDAY:**

Registration – Lodge entryway 8:00 –

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sections – Thumper Pond Lodge 9:00 – 10:30

Parade in downtown City of Ottertail 11:00 –

Moslem Feast & Ladies Luncheon – Lodge rooms 12:00 – 1:00

2<sup>nd</sup> Section – Thumper Pond Lodge 1:30

Bucket golf – swimming – fun, fun, fun all day

Pote's social & Banquet 5:00 – 9:00

Registration - \$130 per person

Room block at Thumper Pond under El Zagal Shriners 218-367-2000

**RV Camping Block** – same number for reservations.

**Questions – call Steve Larson 218-841-8533** 

**Brad Richards 218-234-6358** 

Please contact Andrea at the Temple for pre-registration 701-235-7521.



Entries include Camel Tales and EZ in a Minute. Fingers crossed.





### El Zagal Camel Tales Submissions:

- To help insure accurate information, please include all names and locations of photos submitted.
- Submission deadline for Camel Tales is the 18<sup>th</sup> of each month prior.
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### The Scottish Rite Language Center

The Scottish Rite Language Center is a speech and language clinic for children ages 2–7. The clinic is completely free for all families and is part of the philanthropic mission of the Scottish Rite.

Located at the Fargo Masonic Center, our clinic was renovated in the summer of 2023 and now includes two therapy rooms. We are currently accepting new children and looking to fill both rooms with young learners in need of speech and language support.

Getting started is easy—just complete the application on our website: www.ritecarefargo.org.

We are also holding a marketing fundraiser to support the Language Center. We're selling custom ties with a matching pocket square featuring "Rite Care" for \$30. If you'd like us to ship your order, please add \$3 for shipping. To order a tie or for more information, please email D at: fargomasoniccenter@gmail.com.

Thank you for supporting our mission to provide free speech and language therapy to children in our community!

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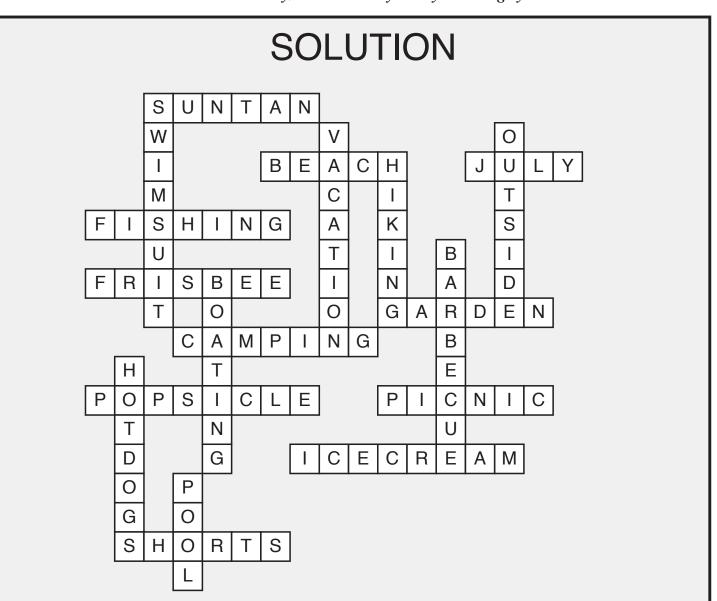
The Rednecks would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Nobles, Ladies Auxiliary, Divan, Illustrious Sir Roger Ellsworth and Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bob Simmers for making the trip to Hazen this month to join us for the Redneck Hoedown. Your willingness to travel and join us for this special event truly meant a great deal to our group and the community.

We are especially grateful for the time, energy, and support each of you dedicated to making the Hoedown such a memorable occasion .The camaraderie, fellowship, and enthusiasm you shared embody the very spirit of Shrinedom and made the day all the more meaningful for everyone involved . We truly appreciate the time and effort you gave to be part of it.

Waylon



Left to right: Past President - Greg Boyer, Treasurer - Brent Knoell, Vice President - Keith Kaley, President - Waylon Boyer and Legacy Shriner - Gered Knoell



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### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### October 2025

October 4 - Fargo Circus Meeting

October 7 - Tuesday Burgers

October 14 - Fargo Appreciation Dinner

October 14 - Stated Meeting [No Burgers]

October 16 – Bismarck Appreciation Dinner

October 21 - Tuesday Burgers

October 25 - Shriners Childrens Gala

October 28 - Tuesday Burgers

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