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# POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

The best Ships are friendShips



Gun Show\_\_\_\_\_November 22 & 23
Pizza, Puzzles & Beverages\_\_Nov 26
Children's Christmas Party\_\_Dec 13
Roast The Pote\_\_\_\_\_Jan 2
Annual Meeting & Banquet\_\_\_Jan 3

I'm definitely enjoying the nice weather we've been having – not too hot, not too cold. I know that colder weather is bound to arrive soon, but for now I'm grateful for this extended fall season.

This time of year usually starts to slow down a bit for Shrine activities, but I did get the chance to join the Directors' Staff on their Fall Bike Run. Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves, and I was glad to get out and meet a few new faces.

It also seems like the wedding season has shifted from summer into fall — El Zagal was booked just about every weekend September and October! (Actually, every Saturday was filled.) Great job to Deana and the events for staff keeping everything running smoothly, and a big thanks to the Arabian Room crew for taking such good care of all our guests. We couldn't do it without you.

Somewhere in there, we managed to squeeze in a Circus meeting — is it that time already? The year is flying by!

Both Appreciation Dinners in Fargo and Bismarck were a huge success. It was wonderful to recognize long-tenured members and reconnect with friends I hadn't seen in a while. We even had several Past Potentates and Past Grand Masters in attendance — great to see everyone!

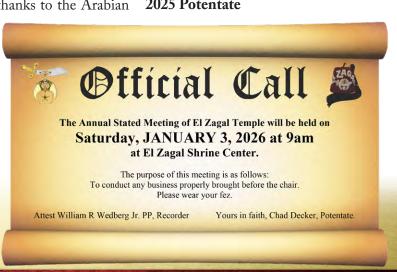
Looking ahead, we have a few more Circus meetings coming up, along with the Gun Show on November 22–23. Hope to see you there.

Lady Kate and I have had a fantastic time so far this year, and it's all thanks to you.

Remember – the best Ships are friendShips.

Yours in Faith, Chad Decker 2025 Potentate





# TUESDAY BURGER UNIT SCHEDULE

5:30PM - 7PM

NOVEMBER 4 - ARAB PATROL

**NOVEMBER 11 - MISFITS** 

**NOVEMBER 18 - EMP** 

**NOVEMBER 25 – DIRECTORS STAFF** 

**DECEMBER 2 – PROVOST** 

**DECEMBER 9 – DIVAN** 

DECEMBER 16 - ARAB PATROL

**DECEMBER 23 – MISFITS** 

**DECEMBER 30 - EMP** 

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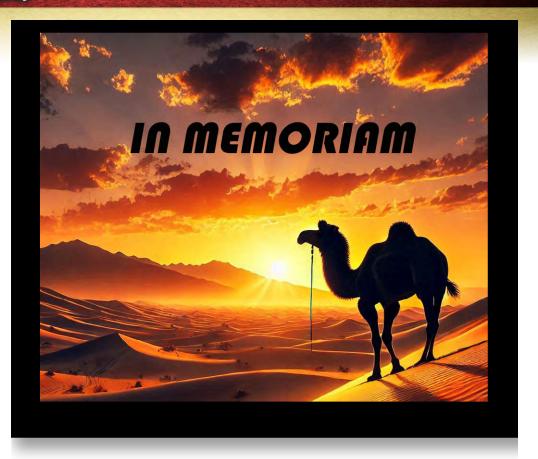
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## **Director's Staff**

This month there isn't a ton of new and exciting Director's Staff events to showcase, but we do have a really fun event that we do annually in November for you to check out. We have our annual Pizza, Puzzle and Beverages event coming up on November 26th, which is the Wednesday night of Thanksgiving week. Mark your calendar and get a team together. This has been a very successful event for us since a lot of people like to find something to do with all the relatives when they come to town. The event page is up on Facebook and Eventbrite. Sign up and come out for some fun!

Speaking of Thanksgiving, all of us in the Director's Staff wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving.

I will leave you with a closing thought from Helen Keller that is appropriate to shrine life. Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.

Regards, Cal Braun



# Ladies Auxiliary

The answer to the October question: Who is the only NFL team to have an actual human as their mascot? The Minnesota Vikings. His name is Ragnar.

Our second auxiliary meeting was held on Saturday, October 11, 10 am at the Shrine. We made blankets for the children, which go to the Women's General Auxiliary to be given to the children overcoming physical handicaps or disabling conditions. Remember, our mission is "For the love of the child."

Keep Saving those pop tabs as they provide a good source of income for us. They go towards the purchase of wheelchairs. A special thanks to all volunteers and the school children for their positive efforts. It is much appreciated!

Our next meeting is Saturday, November 8th, at 10 am at the Shrine. We will also have the election of officers and discuss upcoming events.

Walk your way to better health. Here is a simple plan: Warm up with 10 minutes of easy walking. Walk briskly for 3 minutes. Walk at a normal pace for the next 3 minutes. Repeat for 30 minutes. It is safe, smart, and it works. Barbara Hanna Grufferman, author of "Love Your Age".

The Christmas Luncheon is Saturday, December 6 at 11 am. More info to follow.

#### Brain Teaser:

Which NFL team has lost the most Super Bowls? The answer in the December issue of Camel Tales.

#### Auxiliary Reporter Barb





TUESDAY
BURGERS
5:30PM TO 7PM





Appreciation Dinner



Thank you Shriners for your years of dedication!

#### **25-YEAR MEMBERS**

James Beaudry
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Leo Worner

Rick Bosche
Jeffrey Bowman
Kent Fronk
Jeffrey Fuchs
Steven Ross
Kris Swenson



Pictured to the left is Pote Chad Decker and 50 Year Anniversary Recipient, Arlan Maszaros

#### **50-YEAR MEMBERS**

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William Lindell

#### 65-YEAR MEMBER

Alexander Macdonald

# JOIN US FOR EL ZAGAL'S 2026 Annual Meeting, Banquet & Parade To Glory

# Saturday, January 3, 2026

Morning: El Zagal - 1429 3rd St N, Fargo

8:00 am: All Nobles Breakfast

8:30 am: Camel Herders / Membership Meeting

8:30 am: Hospital Dads and Hospital Rep Meetings - Upper Level

9:00 am: Annual Meeting - El Zagal Main Level

Lunch after for Nobles in Upper Level

Ladies Bubbles & Brunch: 10 am - Lower Level \$15/Lady at the door RSVP by 12/15 info@elzagal.com

Evening: Courtyard by Marriott-1080 28th Ave S, Moorhead

5:00 pm: Social and music by the El Zagal Imperials 6:00 pm: Dinner, Parade to Glory, Music & Dancing

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#### **Dusters**

The Shrine Appreciation and Awards Dinner (formerly known as the Old Timers Dinner) was held at the Apple Creek Country Club on October 16, 2025. We had great attendance with 58 people signing up. Past Potentate Harvey Shilling attended and received an award for 50 years. Other local boys who received awards were Travis Will, CE Hasche, and Wade Moser for 25 years.

The Dusters are greatly saddened with the passing of one of our own, Jason Will. I do not know anyone who had met him that did not like him. I will always remember with a smile the times I spent with him. His smile made me smile. His kindness, charisma, and willingness to spend meaningful time with others are forefront.

As time marches on, keep involved with the Duster activities. On November 10 we have our Duster Luncheon at the Masonic Center. Ten days later, on November 20 we have the Duster's Social. Usually, the social is at 5 pm at the Broadway Grill and Tavern but check your local times and listings. The Dusters are smoking Thanksgiving turkeys for those in need on November 23 at the Masonic Center. The Duster Christmas Party is on December 13 at the Mandan Depot. Get this stuff on your calendar!

Our next big event is the Circus. It seems to come sooner every year!

Godspeed, Tim

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# El Zagal Mystics

Hello everyone in El Zagal, I hope all is well. I can't believe October is halfway through already. Last night we had our unit meeting, and the Mystics were in charge of cooking. And that's what we did. A big hand to Dale L for grilling those sirloins perfectly, Duane D Scappy (Oster) and Lucky Larry (Joe Larson) were making their bourbon glazed carrots using Three Roses Bourbon. No leftovers. As they drank the last drop at the bar, we had Dudley and Breadman serving adult beverages to order. They even had the limes sliced perfectly.

The Mystics have been busy planning our first Cash bingo. \$1500 will be given away in 10 games of bingo. It will be Monday, October 20 at the KCs. The gun raffle committee has chosen 20 high-end guns for our 15th Annual Gun Raffle. More to come next month.

El Zagal Cash calendars are out, and the El Zagal Mystics have been selling. \$20 will get you 365 chances to win. Get your calendars now. The executive committee is working on next year's leadership. A big thanks to the Light Crew. That's right, Scott A and the crew were changing bulbs and stringing new

lights. Can't wait until they turn on. Shriner Hill will shine brightly like always. Thanks again for all you guys do. That's all for now, catch you next month.

Thanks, El Zagal Mystics Howard Weispfenning



# **Jamestown Clowns**

Hello to all Nobles and Ladies,

November???? Patch is over. Those that know what that means will know it was another great year, with lots of commitment and support from all. Thanks to all. Steve, Alex, Jon, Richie, Karla, and all I forgot. It was remarkable.

Andy ran another great meeting; things were awesome. Everything from food pantry, where Charlie was remembered, to the Holiday Dazzle Parade on November 28.

October 22 was the last Dinner at the Lodge for the year. And it was sooooo good. Clown for a Night is December 6. Jamestown Civic Center at 6pm. Tickets are 40\$ round tables, 8 a person, limited to 520 seats so get your tickets now!!!! An idea that has been in the works and implemented last year was well received. Way to go Dave!!!

The lights on Shriner Hill have been reworked, and Scottie and the crew absolutely achieved a herculean task IN THE RAIN the day they scheduled to do it. The whole town waits to see the lights, they won't be disappointed!! It is a sight, no matter how many times you drive the hill!!!!!!

February 27 is the Shrine Stag. Put that on your schedule. Our attendance at our monthly meetings are pretty steady, and the group is a fun one, even if they latch on to a subject and pick, pick, pick. HA HA .

Thanks for Reading This......Weezer



Love to eat turkey, love to eat turkey.

Turkey for me, Turkey for you, let's eat the turkey.

Well, the Misfits have switched over to turkey for our annual turkey cookout held on Thanksgiving Day. You can order your turkey @ misfitsbbq.com with a pickup time of 11 AM or 4 PM. The 11AM fills up fast, so don't delay. Need an excuse to get out of the house for a while, stop up to the EL Zagal Temple we will start @ 4 AM and not stop until the last bird has flown the smoker. We love company. You can always donate a turkey to a less fortunate family in the area, just order online and specify your bird is for a donation, please choose the 4 PM slot.

You can catch the Misfit crew cooking up burgers for the Fargo Circus meeting on 11/1 and then again for Tuesday burgers on the 11th. Our monthly meeting will be on the 20th for the final stages of Turkey Fest 2025, have I mentioned we're smoking turkeys?

The tryptophan is kicking in from all this turkey business, so it's time to get a blanket and take a nap (pigs in a blanket, get it?)

Misfits MR



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### **El Zagal Misfits BBQ**

team will be smoking Thanksgiving turkey again in 2025

Pick up times of 11 AM & 4 PM email info@misfitsbbq.com



#### 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\*\*\*

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

#### JAMESTOWN CIRCUS

APRIL 7, 2026

#### BISMARCK CIRCUS

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 APRIL 19, 2026

#### New for this year!

Misfits Burgers will be served after our meetings on November 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 December 6<sup>th</sup> 2025 January 10<sup>th</sup> 2026 March 14<sup>th</sup> 2026





#### WILD GAME FEED 2026 FEBRUARY 21<sup>57</sup>

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#### MEETINGS

OCTOBER 28<sup>™</sup> AT 6:30 PM NOVEMBER 25<sup>™</sup> @ 6:30 PM

**DECEMBER 16<sup>™</sup> @ 6:30 PM** 

JANUARY 13™ @ 6:30 PM

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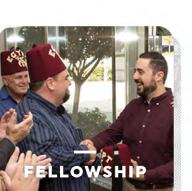
Make sure to put the Wild Game Feed on your Unit or Club's agenda and make a point of attending WGF meetings. Each year we ask units and clubs to donate a raffle item, this year we would like your cash. We found out last year that our buying power goes a lot farther if we can purchase everything at the same time.

Contact Mike Hennebry at m.f.hennebry@gmail.com or 701-238-3573 with donations, volunteering or tickets.



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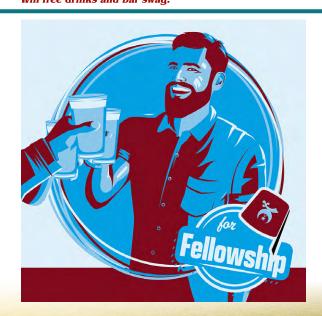
Buy one and the next is on us!
(Limit one BOGO per person/per night)

Thursdays: Shriner appreciation night.

Happy hour pricing all night for Shriners and their Ladies.

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# 4 Shriners Children's locations honored in 'U.S. News & World Report' Best Children's Hospitals list

*U.S. News & World Report*'s "2025-2026 Best Children's Hospitals" rankings have been released, and our official philanthropy is proud to be included in the pediatric orthopedics category of this prestigious list.

This accomplishment reflects the hard work, expertise and compassion that our healthcare teams bring to Shriners Children's every day. It also reflects the dedication and support of each and every member of this proud fraternity, which founded and still governs and supports this incredible organization. Together we are building a culture of excellence that keeps Shriners Children's at the forefront of pediatric orthopedic care.

Please congratulate everyone at the following Shriners Children's locations that have been recognized in this year's rankings (along with their university affiliates):

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No. 22 — Shriners Children's Salt Lake City, together with Intermountain Primary Children's Hospital – University of Utah

No. 23 — Shriners Children's Northern California, together with University of California Davis Children's Hospital

No. 45 — Shriners Children's Lexington, in partnership with Kentucky Children's Hospital

"Earning this recognition is not just about a ranking," said Chairman of the Board of Trustees Leslie D. Stewart, M.D. "It's about the countless moments of care, innovation

and teamwork that happen here every day. The Joint Boards are proud to support this remarkable group of professionals whose dedication ensures children and families receive the best possible care and experience. This achievement reflects both their skill and their heart."

The recognition by *U.S. News & World Report* shows that Shriners Children's commitment to excellence, focus on delivering the highest quality care, and drive for continuous improvement are what set our healthcare system apart.

"Excellence in medicine is never an accident," said Chief Medical Officer Fran Farley, M.D. "It is the result of constant learning, collaboration, and an unwavering focus on patients. This recognition affirms what I see every day at Shriners Children's: Teams dedicated not just to high standards, but to raising them, so that children and families receive the very best care."

*U.S. News & World Report* is the leading authority in healthcare quality assessments, known for their trusted reputation. These rankings help families find the best medical care for their children. When children need specialized treatment for complex orthopedic conditions, these rankings help guide parents to us.

Together, we will keep advancing care, strengthening our dedication to our mission, and shaping the future of pediatric medicine so that every child we serve has the best chance to thrive.

Congratulations to each and every member of our St. Louis, Salt Lake City, Northern California and Lexington locations, and thank you to each of you for your extraordinary support. Recognitions like this remind us of what a privilege it is to be a part of something larger than ourselves.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### December 2025

December 2 - Tuesday Burgers

December 6 - Circus meeting w/Burgers

December 9 - Tuesday Burgers

December 16 - Tuesday Burgers

-- Wild Game Feed Meeting

December 23 - Tuesday Burgers

December 25 - Merry Christmas

December 30 - Tuesday Burgers

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NOVEMBER 2025						Circus Meeting w/ Burgers
2	3	Tuesday Burgers	5	6	7	8
9	10	Tuesday Burgers	12	13	14	15
16	17	Tuesday Burgers	19	20	21	22 Gun Show
Gun Show 30	24	Tuesday Burgers	Pizza, Puzzles & Beverages	27 Happy Thanksgiving	28	29

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