

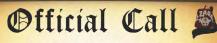
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FROM ALL OF US AT

El Zagal



The Annual Stated Meeting of El Zagal Temple will be held on Saturday, JANUARY 3, 2026 at 9am 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, Chad Decker, Potentate.



Children's Christmas Party\_\_Dec 13
Roast The Pote\_\_\_\_Jan 2
Annual Meeting & Banquet\_\_Jan 3

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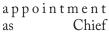
# The best Ships are friendShips

I've started the last few articles talking about the weather, and while I'd love to keep enjoying our mild fall, I think Mother Nature might be ready to remind us of what season it really is.

As we slide from fall into winter (depending on your

level of optimism), the Shrine Calendar starts to slow down. However, we've had an exciting development recently – we've hired a new Event Coordinator! I'm sure there will be some additional articles and information coming out on that, so be on the lookout for those. And we certainly appreciate the work that Deana has done for us and wish her the best.

Thinking about transitions and the future, I'm realizing that this is my very last Camel Tales article. While some of you may be saying 'Thank Goodness!', it has honestly been very satisfying and rewarding serving as your Potentate. From my initial



Ambassador in 2018 until now, it's been a fantastic ride. Lady Kate and I are very thankful for the support and hospitality that all of you have extended to us this year and throughout our time on the Divan. I look forward to spending time with

you next year and all of the years to come.

Speaking of Lady Kate, I can't express how much help she's been on this journey. She's been supportive and understanding all the way, even if I didn't always deserve it. And while I'm on the subject, I want to say a very enthusiastic THANK YOU to all the Shrine Ladies. Ladies, from the bottom of my heart, I am thankful for all that you do for us. From the countless hours, the encouragement behind the scenes, you're an integral part of what makes us what we are.

Our next major gathering is the Annual

Banquet weekend. We'll kick off with 'Roast the Pote' on Friday night (assuming that it doesn't get cancelled) followed by Saturday's Annual Meeting and the banquet in the evening. I know that incoming Potentate Bruce and his Lady Kim have a great time planned for us.

As I close out my final Camel Tales article as Potentate, know how grateful I am for each of you. May the coming year bring health, joy, and continued fellowship.

After all, The best Ships are friendShips.

Yours in Faith, Chad Decker 2025 Potentate



\*details inside

# TUESDAY BURGER UNIT SCHEDULE

5:30PM - 7PM

DECEMBER 2 - PROVOST DECEMBER 9 - DIVAN

DECEMBER 16 - ARAB PATROL

**DECEMBER 23 - MISFITS** 

**DECEMBER 30 - EMP** 

JANUARY 7 - PROVOST

JANUARY 14 - DIRECTORS STAFF

JANUARY 21 - ARAB PATROL

JANUARY 28 - MISFITS

# Director's Staff

Where has the year gone? December already? I know I am not the only person asking this question. My mom used to tell me that the older you get the faster the time goes. I didn't believe her back then but I sure do now!

Christmas and the new year are upon us. This is a time of year for reflection on the year that seemingly has passed so quickly and planning for the year coming in. It is a time to create memories with family and friends and to take some quiet time to plan all of the great things that you will embark on in 2026. As you experience these

moments, my wish for all of you is that the memories you create help you to be grateful and the plans you make drive you to success in 2026.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Regards, Cal Braun



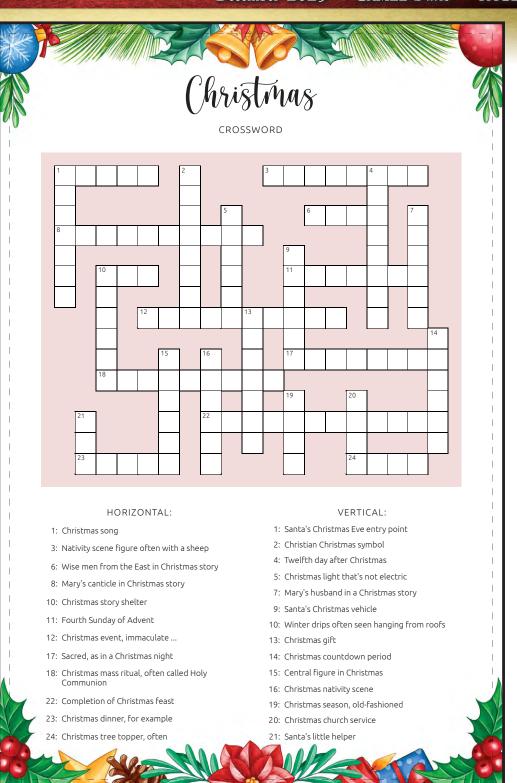
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# Ladies Auxiliary

The answer to the November question: Which NFL team has lost the most Super Bowls? The Denver Broncos.

On behalf of the El Zagal Shrine Auxiliary, we extend our deepest gratitude to each of you for your service and generous spirit. At this time of year, it is our pleasure to wish you all a very Merry and Blessed Christmas.

Our Christmas social and luncheon is on Saturday, December 6 at the Shrine. Meeting at 10 am; social top follow at 11.

We will be having a burger basket all with trimmings. Please RSVP to Andrea at the office by December. Looking forward to seeing everyone. Suggested gifts: \$10 gift card or child's toy.

The Auxiliary Officers for 2026 are as follows:

Chair: Gretchen Schoer Assistant Chair: Sue Paul Treasurer/Membership: Julie Volk Secretary: July Maxson

Our next meeting will be at El Zagal Shrine, Saturday, February 14th at 10am. Discussion about the upcoming style show in October, theme and other details to be decided.

Tips to maximize closet space:

- 1. Invest in thinner hangers of a no slip velvet variety
- 2. Sort and discard
- 3. Remove plastic coverings on drycleaning and discard bulky shoe boxes
- 4. Use labeled storage containers to keep belts and small handbags

Maximizing closet space comes down to some creativity and decluttering.

Ther is no brain teaser for no. Watch for upcoming ones in 2026.

Auxiliary Reporter Barb



TUESDAY
BURGERS
5:30PM TO 7PM





# 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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November 11, 1940 — November 23, 2025 Fargo, North Dakota

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October 29, 1935 ~ August 27, 2025 Fargo, North Dakota

(Families may send submissions to <a href="mailto:cameltales@elzagal.org">cameltales@elzagal.org</a> to list loved ones.)



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# **Dusters**

The scribe that the Dusters hired, Tim Dawson, is reported as AWOL. After the Dusters paid him a healthy salary, he just walked away. There is a rumor circulating that some of the hunters he allows to hunt on his ranch land locked him inside one of his nasty blinds. This mutiny occurred on November 7, Opening Day of deer season and we have not seen him since then. Allegations are that Tim the deerslayer had too many rules about hunting deer on his ranch land. So, in his absence, I will write the article for the Duster Camel Tales.

The Dusters in conjunction with the other local Shrine Units/Clubs along with the Masonic Lodges are conducting the second annual "Masons Smoking Turkeys" on November 23. The members will smoke 16 turkeys and donate 15 turkeys to the local Dream Center which is affiliated with the Great Plains Food Bank. The turkeys will be used as a part of the Thanksgiving meal provided by the Dream Center. One turkey will be carved up for a social gathering of the Masons and Shriners at the Bismarck Masonic Center. This is a family event. The Dusters lunch meeting is scheduled for December 8 at 12:00 pm at the Bismarck Masonic Center.

The Duster's annual Christmas Party is on December 13 at the Mandan Train Depot and will be catered by Lady J's. The Missouri Slope Shrine Club is again hosting an all Masons/Shriners Christmas dinner at the Bismarck Eagles on December 5. The Dusters had officer elections for the 2026 year and they chose to keep the existing Duster officers from 2025 for the same positions in 2026. Bad choice.

Finally, the Dusters lost one of their brothers on October 15, Jason Will, brother of Past Potentate Travis Will. Brother Jason touched a lot of hearts, including mine. I/we will miss you Jason.

Bob Bartosh Duster Secretary/Treasurer





Representatives from the four Jamestown El Zagal Units-The Clowns, Mystics, James Valley Shrine Club, and EZ Wheels present a \$50,000 donation to the Nickeus Park project. The Jamestown Park & Rec led a campaign to create an all inclusive playground at the park for all children, including those with disabilities. Photo courtesy of Truman Haut.

# Jamestown Clowns

Hello to all Nobles and Ladies,

The year is about over; can this be true? However, Holiday Dazzle Parade, Clown for a Night events are over now, but the community will be talking about these events until they happen again!!

We had summer until winter, what a turn of seasons!! Annual meeting is coming, along with all the festivities involved, please try to make them. It is fun!!!! And we Clowns are all about fun!!!

Andy will be off the hook soon, thanks for a great year, best ever!!! At least until next year, ha!!

Not much going on with us over the holidays, except family time, which is a wonderful

Will have to end it here, Talk at all of you in 2026!!

Thanks for Reading This......Weezer..

# El Zagal Mystics

Hello everyone in El Zagal. I hope all is well.

The 1st Annual Mystics Cash Bingo was held on October 20th at The KC's. It was a Grand Slam. We had about 150 people come out to take part in this fund raiser.

10 games of Bingo, meat raffles, silent auction, 50/50 raffle. Food, yes, we had Dudley serving his famous B.B.Q.'s, Knephla soup by J & L concessions. Thanks to all that supported this event.

We just had our November meeting and last one of the year. A big thanks to (The Fridge) The Prez. Colin W. For another successful year. Another record was broke, you'll have to wait until the Annual Meeting in January to hear the Grand Total.

We had election of new officers for 2026, I think we are a solid crew for 2026.

The Gun Raffle committee has tickets at print shop getting printed and will be ready to sell by the 1st of the year.

Fishing For A Cause committee will be meeting soon, more to come.

Shriner Hill is shining brightly, as the lights are on. Thanks to the light committee for making Jamestown shine bright.

Week from Thanksgiving. The El Zagal Mystics want to wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday season. Hopefully everyone can spend quality time with family and

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

El Zagal Mystics **Howard Weispfenning** 



# **El Zagal Camel Tales Submissions:**

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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\*\*\*

\*\*\*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



# Nightly Specials

**Monday Night Football:** 

Bucket of 6 domestic beers \$17 (Busch Light, Bud, Bud Light, Coors, Coors Light, Ultra, Miller Lite).

Tuesday: Burger Night

Burger basket with fries \$11. (some sides extra) Add: +\$2 for a domestic beer or \$2.75 for a premium beer.

Wednesdays: BOGO drink

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.

Fridays: Free bar BINGO

Play at 6pm, 7pm, 8pm, and 9pm. Win free drinks and bar swag.

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

CALLING ALL NOBLES AND LADIES. WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS AND PEOPLE TO HELP WITH ONE OF THE YEAR'S FINEST TASTING TEMPLE FUND RAISERS.

### MEETINGS

OCTOBER 28<sup>™</sup> AT 6:30 PM

NOVEMBER 25™ @ 6:30 PM

**DECEMBER 16™ @ 6:30 PM** 

JANUARY 13™ @ 6:30 PM

JANUARY 27<sup>™</sup> @ 6:30 PM

FEBRUARY 3º @ 6:30 PM

PREP WEEK IS FEBRUARY 16TH - 20TH

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.



# SHRINERS









The El Zagal Shrine 2026

# Wild Game Feed

Anyone 20 or under must attend with a legal guardian.

All ages need a paid ticket.

4:00 pm - 9:00 pm

"Food served 5 pm until gone".

Social and early bird games start at 4 pm.

Grand Prize drawings at 9:00 pm.

El Zagal Shrine 1429 3rd St. N. Fargo, ND

### **PRIZES**

1st Prize \$1000 Scheels Gift Card
2nd Prize \$750 Scheels Gift Card
3rd Prize \$500 Scheels Gift Card
4th Prize \$250 Scheels Gift Card

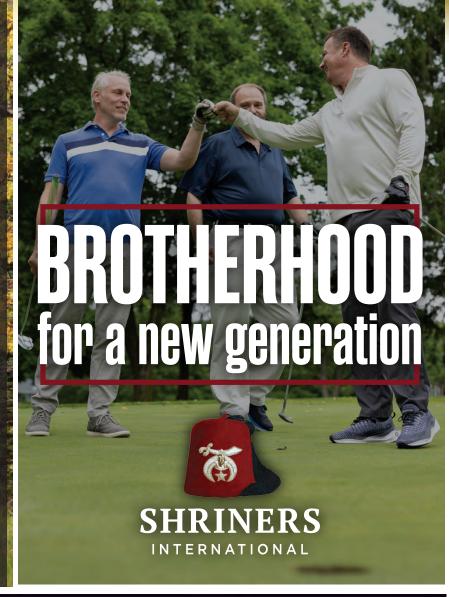
\*Additional games and raffles throughout the night.

\*\*Must be 18 or older to participate in raffles.

(proceeds benefit Temple operation only and are not a charitable donation)

\$40.00 in advance

Limited Tickets so get yours in advance, tickets may not be available at the door.









**DRESS THEME** 

# WHAT I WAST TO BE WHEN I GROW UP

# TICKETS \$40

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# CLOWN JKIT FOLLOWING FIRJT BAND BREAK BUFFET DINNER PROVIDED BY THE CLUB 1887

Limited seating available. 520 maximum. First come, first serve. 8 person round table setting.

Proceeds are for the benefit of Jamestown Shrine Clowns activities. Payments are not deductible as charitable donations.



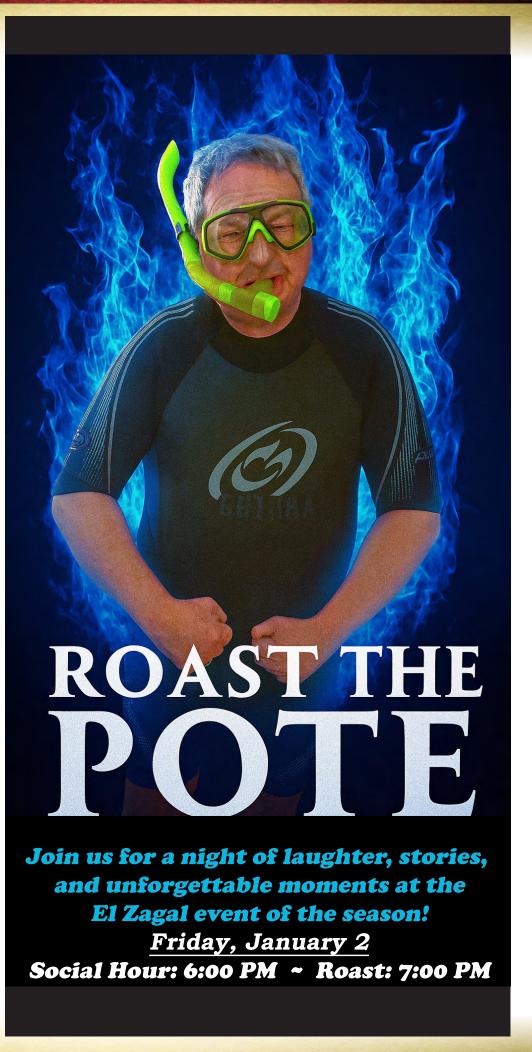
We smoked, we ate, we got FATER. Our mascot Curly was seen nibbling on the 120 turkeys that were cooked on Thanksgiving Day by the Misfits. Time now to get into shape for our next BIG cooking adventure. What an impressive day for the Misfits and El Zagal Shrine. Chairperson Mike Dow PP was very appreciative of fellow Shrine members that helped make it a momentous day. Donations from Paul White, Clint Bergstrom, Tommy Stoffel, Lowell Nestor, Joel Swanson, and the EZ PROVOST GUARD that donated 5 birds. What an excellent group of people.

We started the day off at 4 AM, with MD, Joel, Scott, Joe, Don, Dan, MH, Tommy, MR, Adam, Alex, and new Misfit Tynan. Everyone in their lifetime should see the sun rise over the Temple. Every year, this event gets bigger. We are looking for a group to hold a 5k Run/Walk for the Turkey event in 2026, hint, hint. Draw more people to the El Zagal Temple.

You can catch the Misfit crew cooking up burgers for the Fargo circus meeting on 11/1 and then again for Tuesday burgers on December 23. Our monthly meeting will be on December 18th Stop in and see us.

Misfits MR





# **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

# January 2026

January 1 – Happy New Years!

January 2 - Roast the Pote

January 3 - Annual Meeting

-- Annual Banquet

January 6 - Tuesday Burgers

January 10 -- Circus meeting w/Burgers

January 13 - Tuesday Burgers

January 20 - Tuesday Burgers

January 27 - Tuesday Burgers

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7	8	Tuesday Burgers	10	11	12	Children's Christmas Party
14	15	Tuesday Burgers Wild Game Feed Meeting	17	18	19	20
21	22	Tuesday Burgers	24	25 Merry Christmas	26	27
28	29	30 Tuesday Burgers	31 Happy New Year's Eve	DECEMBER <b>2025</b>		

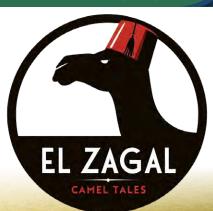
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