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As we're all settling into our new year, I hope that you all enjoyed a wonderful 2025. I know my Lady Kim and I did. We first Congratulate Illustrious Sir Chad Decker and his Lady Kate for making 2025 a memorable and fun year in El Zagal land. Thank you both for your years of dedication to our wonderful Shrine organization. We look forward to seeing you both in the future.



I would like to congratulate and thank both Illustrious Sirs Bob Wedberg and Jason Rockswold for their continued dedication to our El Zagal Shrine Temple - respectively Recorder and our Treasurer. As many of you were able to make our Annual Meeting and Banquet, you know that we were able to appoint some very special Nobles this year: Membership Chair Nathan Hopper, Director Illustrious Sir Blake Wrigley, Parliamentarian Illustrious Sir David Rott, 1st Ceremonial Master Colin Wegenast and our newly appointed past Chief of Staff appointed as 2nd Ceremonial Master, Joel Swanson. Welcome aboard! That left us with an opening for Chief of Staff. That was easy – the first Noble I thought of was my brother Mark Grothe. Congratulations Mark and to all of the above-mentioned appointments.

And to my elected Divan, I am so proud to have you on this journey. I look forward to a fun and successful year with all of you by my side!

This year's Parade to Glory represented an amazing level of fundraising to help Shriners Children and our communities. For all the units that presented, thank you to all your Nobles, their Ladies and family members that helped make it happen.

To the Drum & Thistle Corp, a big thank you. To the Imperials, who played for us again this

year, thank you. These two entertainment groups made our ceremonial extra special. Thank you to the Escort Motor Patrol and to their Nobles who escorted the Divan into this year's banquet, and the Detroit Lakes Color Guard for presenting our Colors. To Kallie (Decker) Fischer, such a beautiful rendition of our Star Spangled Banner! Illustrious Sir Jason "Rocky" Rockswold did a great job as Emcee. A huge Thank you to Imperial Sir Matt Sturlaugson as well as our Director Illustrious Sir Blake "Ringo" Wrigley for doing our installation of officers.

A sincere thank you to Illustrious Sir Past Potentate Mike Dow and the Misfits for a wonderful Moslem Feast and their sponsorship of this year's dessert table. Thank you to Imperial Sir Matt Sturlaugson and his Lady Mandii for donating your picture equipment for our use. Many fun pics were taken by many who attended. Gabbi and her friend managed this effort and a big Thanks to you as well.

February is coming soon and it will be a busy one. I would love to see all of you at these upcoming events. Please take a look at our Shrine Calendar to take note of all the monthly events. In February alone, we have MSA in Grand Forks, along with the Wild Game Feed here in Fargo. We also have the James Valley Stag and Stagette in Jamestown. Then the Dusters Car Show in Bismarck is coming up on March 7th & 8th. I encourage all Nobles and their Ladies to attend these wonderful events. Even more fun events to be highlighted in the upcoming months.

On behalf of myself and my Lady Kim, thank you for allowing us to serve you this year.

Yours in Faith,
Bruce H Ridgway
El Zagal 2026 Potentate

YOUR 2026 DIVAN



Back Row:

Bob Wedberg, PP & PGM, Recorder
Blake "Ringo" Wrigley, PP, Temple Director
Nathan Hopper, Membership Chair
Jason "Rocky" Rockswold, PP, Treasurer
Joel Swanson, 2nd Ceremonial Master
Colin Wegenast, 1st Ceremonial Master
Mark Grothe, Chief of Staff

Front Row:

Casey Schoer, High Priest & Prophet
Mark Kennard, Chief Rabban
Bruce Ridgway, Potentate
Shane Heiberg, Asst. Rabban
Tim Dawson, Oriental Guide

YOUR 2026 LADIES DIVAN



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Toni Wegenast
Kim Sistad
Laurie Rott
Lisa Swanson

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Gina Singer
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MARCH 10 - MISFITS
MARCH 17 - EMP
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LADIES AUXILIARY

As we proceed into the year 2026, we follow the Mpls mission statement which is as follows: "The Women's General Auxiliary (WGA4Kids) provides wheelchairs, adaptive equipment, funds for patient activities, toys and blankets for the children at Shriners Children's Twin Cities to enhance their quality of life through financial donations and contributions from the Shrine auxiliaries/chapters in the Midwest."

The El Zagal Auxiliary Officers for 2026 are:

Gretchen Schoer
 Sue Paul
 Julie Volk
 Judy Maxson

We appreciate any support you could give us as it truly makes a difference in the lives of the children we serve.

Hope to see you at the February meeting on the 14th at 10 am at Shine. We will be making blankets following the meeting. Watch for upcoming articles and info on upcoming events.

Auxiliary Reporter

Barb

**El Zagal
Ladies
Auxiliary**



2026 Meetings

- **February 14 @ 10 AM- Meeting & Blanket Day**
- **March 14 @ 10 AM - Meeting**
- **April 4 @ 10 AM - Meeting**
- **May 2 @ 11 AM - Potentate's Ladies Luncheon**

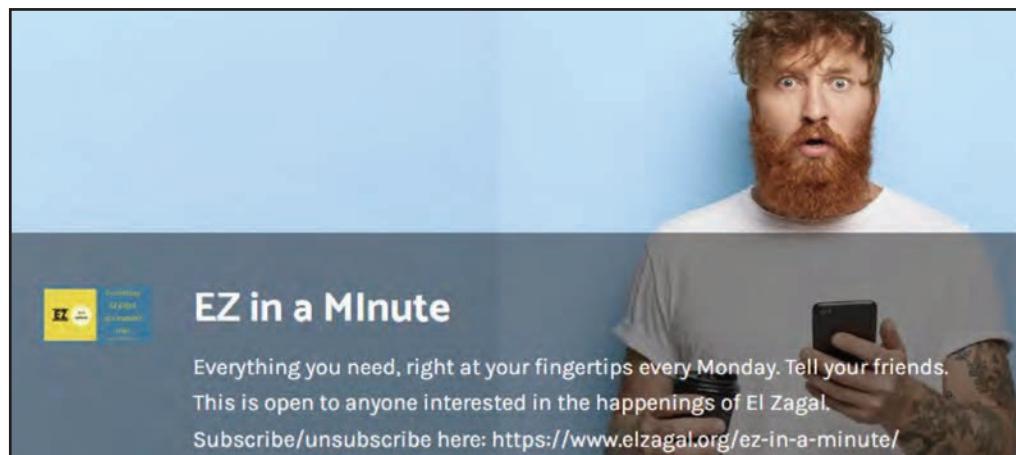
DIRECTOR'S STAFF

The Director's Staff hasn't had a ton of things actually happening, but we are in planning mode for 2026. Our Christmas party was pushed into the new year this year and we did something different. We did a murder mystery dinner titled "Murder on Two Wheels" held January 10th at the temple. The killer ended up being "Arnold Epicure" an old school biker which happened to be played by me. The dinner part was an unplanned potluck. It was really fun and I think having the food unplanned was the way to go since the food was incredible! We only had two bowls of green Jello with one having a faint taste of alcohol...weird. Anyways, I want to extend a **HUGE** thank you to my Lady Kris for all of her hard work on this and to Shiny and our friend Melissa that helped with all of it.

Even though it is early, we are gearing up for Suds N Spuds 2026. Mark your calendars. It will be on Saturday April 25th. It will be overall the same as past years with beer tasting, potato bar for attendees and a black box chef competition similar to Chopped on Food Network. The great news is that we already have six vendors confirmed and waiting on more. We realize that not everyone loves beer so we are very excited to have Proof and God Bless Vodka attending this year bringing the seltzer and cocktail game to the party. God Bless Vodka is a couple of veterans from Hawley and Willmar that hatched a plan for this project while serving in Iraq. It is a super cool story in my opinion. In addition to Proof and God Bless Vodka, we currently have Drekker, Brockopp, Prairie Homebrew Companions, and Laughing Sun on board. I would bet that Mike from Laughing Sun will bring a seltzer as well since it was such a huge hit last year. Director's Staff members will have tickets for the event very soon.

With the theme in mind, I am going to leave you with a parting quote. Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy. Although believed to be said by Benjamin Franklin, he never said it. In a 1779 letter, Benjamin Franklin wrote about rain feeding vines, saying, "...there it enters into the roots of the vines, to be changed into wine, a constant proof that God loves us, and loves to see us happy". While not Franklin's original words, the quote captures a sentiment about finding joy and divine presence in simple pleasures, making it a favorite for many who enjoy a good beer. I like the original quote better though, so I am sticking with that. Go and find joy in the little things and make sure that Suds N Spuds is one of those simple things this year!

Cheers,
Cal Braun



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Well, it's a little too chilly for these little piggies to be cooking out but it's not too cold for Misfits to challenge you guys to slat hockey. Sunday March 22, at 9 AM and 1030 the misfits are challenging any and all takers in Shrinedom.

We beat the Provost last year and are willing to take on any challengers. Contact Mike Dow or Mike Rieckman if you're interested in playing.

Misfits are also paying for the misfits ladies and Nick's chicks so if your wife's girlfriends or significant others are interested talk to Lisa Dow and she will get you coordinated to play with that team.

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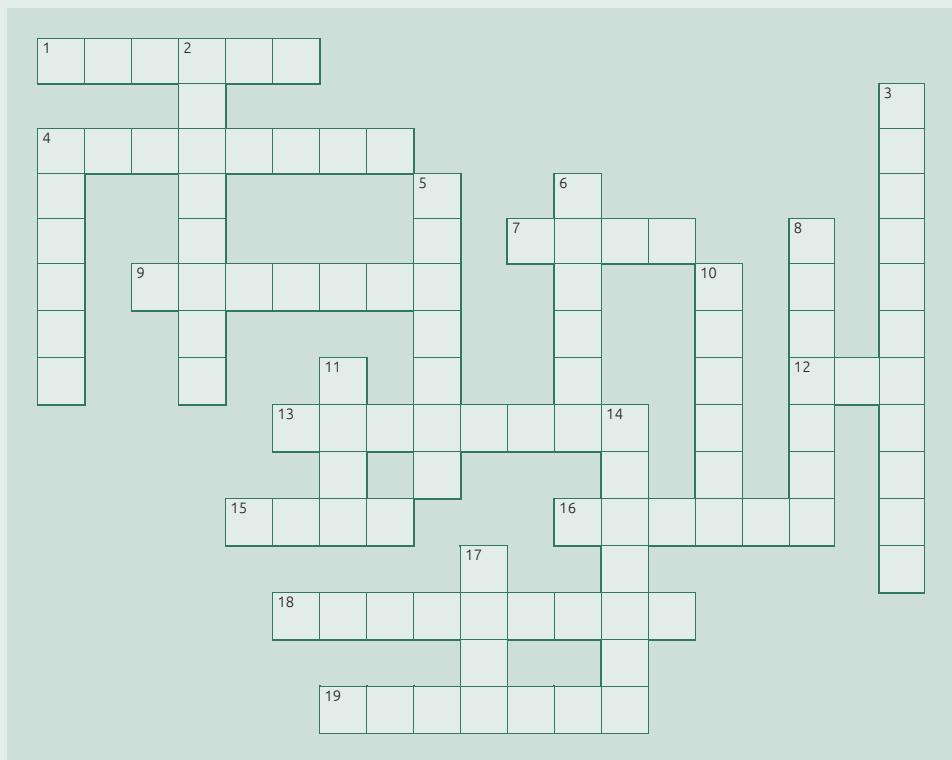


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REDNECKS

What a wonderful way to begin 2026. The El Zagal Rednecks extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Imperial Sir, all Illustrious Sirs, the Nobility, and their Ladies for the warm hospitality and fellowship shared with us at the banquet. It was truly an evening that exemplified the spirit of camaraderie and brotherhood.

We would also like to congratulate Illustrious Sir Chad Decker on an exceptional year of leadership and dedicated service, and to extend a warm welcome to Illustrious Sir Bruce Ridgeway as he begins his year. We look forward with great enthusiasm for the leadership and vision he will bring.

A significant accomplishment for the Rednecks this year was the presentation of the Samsar Award to Waylon Boyer. This honor recognizes his outstanding leadership not only within the Rednecks, but also throughout the Shrine. His continued partnership with Wheelchairs and Walleyes, his involvement on the Circus Committee, and his unwavering commitment to service exemplify what true leadership is and should be. He has set a standard that inspires many.

We are also excited to share that planning is once again underway for the Redneck Hoedown. While still in the early stages, we are exploring new ideas and enhancements to make this year's event even more memorable. Please mark your calendars and watch for additional details, as we are planning for the Hoedown to take place on October 10th.

Keith Kaley

LIVING ROOM SAFETY

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DUSTERS

The Dusters are hitting the busy season. The Winter MSA is in Grand Forks on February 13 and 14. The Car Show is on March 6 and 7. The Circus is on April 10 and 11. The Spring Ceremonial is on June 5 and 6 in Jamestown. The Shrine Bowl week is June 14 through the 20th. The ND Shrine Bowl is one of the best in the nation, raising over \$135,000. July 3 is a car show on the Capitol grounds for the 250-year celebration of our country. The hope is to have 1,000 cars. The Dusters will be part of that celebration.

The Car Show and the Circus are our largest fundraisers. We used that money last year, in part, to purchase \$10,000 in adaptive chairs for the children receiving treatment at the Woodbury clinic. We do good things and have a good time doing them.

Every Shriner should say at last once a month to a deserving person: "You would make a good Shriner." There are Shiners out there that do not know they are Shiners! Let them know. The tree does not grow far from the apple.

Ed Hasche, a former Duster, passed away. He was a kind and accomplished man whom I admired. Being a Shriner is a lot about the relationships we make. Ed was reason enough for me to be a Shriner, and he will be missed.

**Godspeed,
Tim**

MYSTICS

Happy New Year everyone in El Zagal. Hope all is well. I can't believe 2025 is in the books. The El Zagal Mystics had an amazing year. Thanks to all that helped make it happen. I feel that we are going to have another great year coming ahead.

The El Zagal Mystics are back at it. In three days, we are having our second cash bingo, meat raffle, and a silent auction. We will let you know next month how it went. That's right, the 15th Annual Mystics Gun Raffle tickets are out and ready to purchase. \$100 gets you great chances to win some great, high-end guns and cold cash. Get your tickets now as they are selling fast.

Fishing for a Cause Committee is working hard on the Seventh Annual FFAC Raffle. The tickets should be ready soon. More to come.

Come one, Come All. The El Zagal Shrine Circus is coming to town. The Circus Chairman is working hard getting the troops selling ads for the circus book and getting ring sponsors.

Kyle is working on parade units, oil changes, new paint, tires, and expanding legroom for our big guys. When he's not ice fishing and losing his cell phone, that is. I can't forget about our annual fish fry that will take place March 20th at Shadys banquet room and offering car side to go.

That's all for now. Catch you next month.

The El Zagal Mystics
Howard Weispfenning

JAMESTOWN CLOWNS

Hello to all Nobles and Ladies, 2026!!! Now we're closer to 2050 than 2000!!!

A new year means new leadership, and us Clowns are ready to get from under the heavy hammer of Andy. Welcome to the podium Tory Anderson and of course he broke the gavel on the first blow!! The power of the office must have an effect. WOW, to be a Clown President!!!!

The Annual Meeting in Fargo was well attended, if you didn't make it, you lost out on all the fun. Roast the Pote turned out to be a favorite of the crowd, as always, us Clowns made it happen. Thanks to Dave H. and his crew. WE ARE THE BEST UNIT IN EL ZAGAL!!!!!!

The Parade of Glory was quite a spectacle to be seen, Mystics.....we tip our hat. Totally it was the best year for El Zagal ever. We are proud to be a part of it. Illustrious Sir Bruce will lead us into a year of good times and welcome our own Mark in 2027.

This year will prove to be more fun, more positive, more constructive, more fruitful, more encouraging, more propitious, and rosier than what we've been part of so far in El Zagaldom.

And our Clown meetings will be more attended, with more attention, and with maybe more ice cream at supper time!

I for 1[one] can't wait to see....Our confident and buoyant new president will be bouncing in with an attitude like no other, he will just bring more, more, more, every month. Right? Tory.

Stag is Feb. 27, 6pm. The Spring Ceremonial is June 5-6. Hillbilly theme.....What an insult to all the country bumkins.

Rory T. thanks for stepping up to be over all person in charge of all parades. AND we have lots of them, I think I saw 35 on the agenda. Which is quite a few for 12 weekends.

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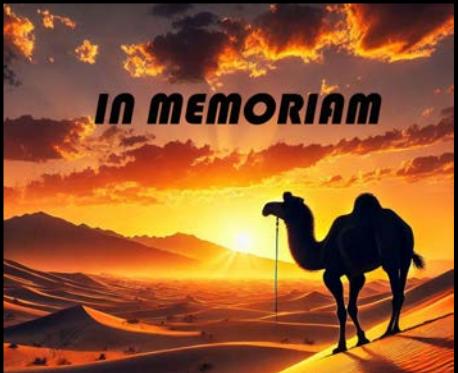
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A Million Memories for Bobby Schmit

A written transcript of the article and video by Alix Larsen.

In this season of giving and generosity, a unique effort is uniting people far and wide.

Thousands of small "Bob Tops" are being collected as a memorial and to support a cause that helps others. These tiny pieces are making a big difference, all inspired by the remarkable spirit of one local man.

"Every time I see a little top or someone hands me one, it always brings back memories," says Chris Schmit.

People all over Oakes and around the globe are tearing off "Bob Tops" and saving them for Bobby Schmit.

"When I get a box in the mail from somewhere, I'm like, 'Oh, wow-they're saving all their tops and thinking about Bob, and it's all going into a great purpose, too,'" says Chris, Bobby's brother.

The purpose is the El Zagal Shrine.

"The Ladies Auxilliary typically takes those pop tops and donates things like wheelchairs and walking aids-things like that-to the hospital," says Chad Decker, Potentate of the El Zagal Shrine.

Dozens of people came out on Friday, December 19th, for the donation. The goal was 1,000 lbs. It takes about 1,100 tops per pound.

Bobby's father-in-law, Troy Jacobson, a member of the Vikings Shrine from Gwinnett, says, "Every time one is ripped off, it means somebody was thinking of Bobby. That's awesome."

The way this began shows Bobby Schmit's giving nature.

"Back in the day, they had this little thing where if you filled a five-gallon bucket full of pop tops, you could get a free keg of beer," says Lynn Jacobson, Bobby's mother-in-law. Bobby and his friends started collecting tops, and when he started dating his future wife, Lexie, Lynn says, "Lexie said, 'Oh, my grandpa collects those for the Shrine.' Her Grandpa was Steve Jacobson, also a member of the Vikings."

Instead of cashing in his full five-gallon bucket, Bobby brought it to Lexie's grandfather.

"At Christmas that year he walked into the house, handed it to Lexie's grandfather and said, 'Merry Christmas-give it to the Shrine,'" Lynn recalled.

Family and friends have been collecting since shortly after Bobby died in a farming accident nearly six years ago. He was only 25.

"He's just a person you can never forget, and it means a lot that all these people still think of him and think of our family, because the grieving never stops. So many people loved him," says Bobby's widow, Lexie Thares.

The bin, overflowing with small, shining memories, shows a promise: to live like Bobby.

"Bobby had a heart of gold-he really did. He loved kids," shares Lucas Jacobson, Bobby's brother in law. Lucas is also a member of the Vikings.

"Hard worker that could do anything for anybody," says Chris.

"Bobby Schmit was a planner and a doer and a thinker," says Lynn.

"Living life to the fullest and loving everyone unconditionally," says Lexie.

Folks from across the street and around the world are sending "Bob Tops" to Oakes.

"We met a couple in Aruba, they sent us a box from England, we've got some from Ideaho, and we just got a box last week from Texas. Sorority sisters of a friend sent them from Colorado-they've come from everywhere," says Kim Schmit, Bobby's mother.

"It's everywhere we've gone. People have handed us bags, and it's been heartwarming that they remember him. The love they feel for him and for us have lifted us," Kim adds. Bobby's father, Doug Schmit, continues, "It keeps going on."

Bobby's widow, Lexie has remarried and has two young sons.

"Sometimes it gets brought up. He sees a picture and asks, 'Who's that?' I says, 'That's Bobby. That's someone Mommy loves a lot.' I hope they grow up to be good humans-just like Bobby as," says Lexie.

How many thoughts of Bobby are in this bin?

"We were scared when we first got the tote that we weren't going to be able to fill it," says Chris.

Total-1,179,200 memories-roughly 1,072 pounds, surpassing the goal.



"One million represent him very well because he always dreamed big," says Lynn.

"It's been amazing-so many thoughts of Bob that each one of these has brought," says Kim.

"He would come up with ideas, and he would always follow through. So to see the follow-through on this is just great," says Lynn.

All of these are promises to never forget and "LLB-Live Like Bobby."



"Live Like Bobby means live every day to your fullest. Don't let any opportunity slips away," says Lucas.

"Do everything that he would do, be kind, and live life to the fullest," says Lexie.

The job isn't done yet. Friends and family will continue collecting Bob Tops.

If you want to get involved and send yours to the family, you can mail them to:

Kim and Doug Schmit

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A special thanks to Alix Larsen and her coverage of this story for us to help us keep Bobby's memory alive.

You can view the video on

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ESCORT MOTOR PATROL

Hidy Ho everyone! After a long and well sought after absence from these pages, and in the immortal words of that famous Mason and leader of men, Douglas MacArthur, "I Have Returned!"

No doubt, this is a mystery to many of our new readers, meaning any member who hasn't been here or joined prior to the last 8 years or so. You see, it was at that time that I was asked by the EMP leadership, their words not mine, to deliver a Camel Tales article against my will... or else. No one ever informed me what "or else" consisted of, but one thing I knew, I could make them regret it. I warned them, said I, that they would rue the day that they demanded that I write about the various and innumerable glories of the EMP against my will.

And thus, it came to pass that an article, so full of mockery and disdain, steeped in so much ridicule and hilarity, so utterly disrespectful of the hierarchy of the unit leadership, came out as the unit's contribution to the Camel Tales.

I was thus assured, having committed such heresy, I would never, ever, absolutely not, even under the pain of torture most severe, be asked to do so again. As if that wasn't what I was angling for all along. Jeez people, buy a clue.

However, time, it seems, tends to cloud the memory and forgive old trespasses, to which I say (expletive deleted). Consequently, it falls to me to deliver this message from the EMP to the nobility.

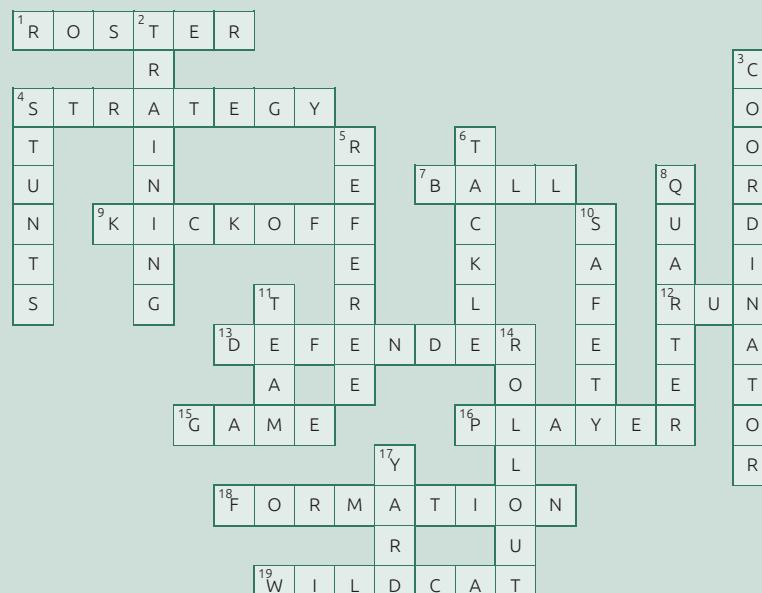
HEY! We are having a spaghetti feed on the 28 of February at El Zagal! We are doing this to raise money so we can send drivers and cars to both Pittsburgh and Omaha in support of Imperial Sir Matt Sturlagson and Lady Mandii. Personally, all kidding aside, I can think of no two people who are better qualified to represent El Zagal at the highest level of Shrinedom or who are more deserving of support from us. They deserve nothing less than all the support we can offer! It's \$10 a plate, but we will gladly accept free will above that. Bring your family, bring your friends, buy a ticket to bring a snack home to your dog, heck, even bring people you don't like if they are willing to donate to the cause, we're not picky. Swearsies!

Now if I really wanted to keep this writing gig, I would obviously know what time serving starts, but I don't and I don't. But if I had to guess, I would say around 5 PM and if I'm off on that, well, then that is what the Arabian Room is for.

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HORIZONTAL:

- 1: Super Bowl team lineup
- 2: Preparation process for Super Bowl
- 4: Super Bowl coach's plan
- 3: Super Bowl strategist, briefly
- 7: Super Bowl item
- 4: Super Bowl halftime show feats
- 9: Super Bowl game starter
- 5: Super Bowl game official
- 12: Super Bowl offensive strategy, not a pass
- 6: Super Bowl defensive move
- 13: Super Bowl team's protector
- 8: Super Bowl game segment
- 15: Super Bowl event, briefly
- 10: Super Bowl scoring play, briefly
- 16: Super Bowl participant
- 11: Super Bowl competitor unit
- 18: Super Bowl team's strategic lineup
- 14: Super Bowl commercial debut strategy
- 19: Super Bowl named play, a trick formation
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15	16	17 Tuesday Burgers	18	19	20	21 Wild Game Feed
22	23	24 Tuesday Burgers	25	26	27 Ladies Stagette James Valley Shrine Club Stag	28 Spaghetti Feed

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