



# CAMEL Tales

## POTENTATE'S MESSAGE *Family Fun & Fellowship*

### *Greetings Nobles and Ladies,*

Spring is here. But unfortunately; we are again without our famous El Zagal Circus. It's quite disheartening not to have our main temple fundraising event and to not be putting smiles on children's faces. With that thought, we still have many offerings of fun things to do and attend at El Zagal and throughout our area.

But first, a big shout out to EZ Wheels for a great fundraiser in the truck drop through the ice in Jamestown. It went down a lot earlier than I thought.

The Jamestown Mystics had a great evening at their annual fish fry on March 26th. They served more fish than ever before and offered curbside pickup for the first time. Congratulations President Craig and fellow members for a job well done. It was delicious!

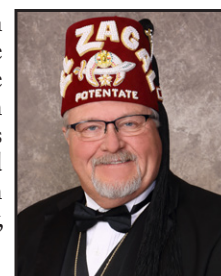
Our Membership Chairman Russ Schell has been working diligently on finding new ways to encourage men of all ages to join our philanthropy. He knocked it out of the park Friday, April 16th with Shriner night at the Fargo Force Hockey game. We almost packed Scheels Arena with lots of Nobles in Fez's, introducing our philanthropy with an assortment of our units parade vehicles on display as they walked in, a membership

booth, Clowns selling motorcycle raffle tickets, handing out toys to the kids and just showing those in attendance how much fun we have. Chief Rabban Steve Larson wowed the fans with a great rendition of our National Anthem! Thank you, Steve, you made us proud! It was great to see the units and clubs that were there to join in including our own PP and Imperial Sir Matt Sturlaugson and Past Potentates Mike Dow and Lady Lisa, Jason "Rocky" Rockswold and Lady Tiffani, Blake "Ringo" Wrigley and Dave Rott and Lady Laurie! Thank you Russ and Lady Lisa!

As I am writing this we are just 6 days away from Director Staff Suds n Spuds. Lady Tammy and I will be part of the judging team for this fun event. We hope to see y'all there. The following week is the Ladies Luncheon; don't forget your hat and Kentucky Derby Party on Saturday, May 1st. It will be a great day for a little fun and fellowship!

May continues to be a busy month with the Oilers Annual Golf Tourney at Prairie West in Mandan. The next day is the Pote's Ball. This is a theme party, "Back to the 50's". It's going to be a lot of fun. Purchase your tickets and we hope to see you there! That pretty much wraps up what is happening in May. June looks to be busy with our ND Grand

Lodge Communication starting June 10th. The ND Shrine Bowl is the next weekend along with the Jamestown Clowns Motorcycle Run and Raffle drawing, both happening on Saturday, June 19th.



And who could forget the Spring Ceremonial or the "Fluffimonia" as Kevin "Diesel" Thoele, the chairman, has named it. See more in this Camel Tales or be watching for an email etc. to reach out to you all.

I have secured 40 rooms at the Gladstone Inn, where the banquet will be Saturday evening. They are double bed rooms at \$50.00 + taxes etc. per night. There will be no amenities with that price as they are opening the hotel just for us as they have been closed since last year.


There will be camping at the Elks Park, just to the north of the Jamestown Masonic Lodge too. There is no power or water here so please be prepared if you choose to camp with us. If you need more services, please contact recreation.gov to reserve. Lakeside Campground is the closest campground.

Please, join in the fun when you can, attend an event, buy a raffle ticket or stop in the Arabian Room, it all supports us and in turn, helps our kids!


Yours in Faith,  
**Dennis "Fluff" Sand**  
2021 Potentate

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## Official Call



**The regular stated meeting of El Zagal Temple will be held on  
Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 7pm  
at El Zagal Shrine Center**

The purpose of this meeting is as follows:  
To conduct any business properly brought before the chair.  
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Attest William R Wedberg Jr. PP, Recorder
Yours in Faith, Dennis "Fluff" Sand

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# Membership

## What A Night! El Zagal Scores a Hat Trick!

Not always do things go according to plan. Some things do not go as well but other things go better than expected. That explains how the Shriner for the Night at the Fargo Force game went.

It was close to being a sold-out game and we got to greet close to 3000 people that came through the door. We ran out of nearly 300 circus toys within about 15 minutes.

The Jamestown Clowns were able to make some great sales on their impressive Harley that they were raffling off.

Seeing the smiles on the kid's face that won the bikes was a reminder of why we do what we do. For me I got to listen to remarkable stories from families that were Shriner patients themselves or their kids that were Shriner patients.

We had plenty of inquiries about membership. One person I'll be meeting this week has his Grandpa's Harley Davidson that his Grandpa rode in the parades when he was a Shriner. A lot of walks down their memory lanes.

It was good to be out with the community, able to give back and then demonstrate who we are and what we do.

Thanks everyone for coming out and being part of the night and let's continue to let the good time roll.

Membership Chairman  
**Russell Schell**

# Wild Game Feed 2021

## OCTOBER 16, 2021



### New Games Coming!

New games and ideas are being developed as your reading, in a secret laboratory, in an undisclosed location.

LIMITED EDITION 2021 MINNOW SHOTS shirts will be in the house again!



As a Temple wide event, we will again reach out to everyone to help blow the doors off the Temple and put some \$\$ back in their pockets.

If you would like to be part of the fun of this project, we are always looking for people to champion a section of the night. We would love to have you on-board; give us a call.

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# Mandan Indians

## Desperately Need Cool, Clear Water

Well, Chief Mato told all of the Mandan Indians that they cannot have any campfires, no more smoke signals and no wacky-tobaccy. – the only fire allowed is firewater. And drink all you can and do the rain dance. WE NEED RAIN BAD!!

All I can say is that Low Vale is coming up. And we had a get together on April 17 – that was when we were suppose to have the circus. I hope we

have one next year.

I do not have much to say as we have not been doing anything. Maybe with summer coming we will have more to do. I hope to have more to write about next month.

Chief Mato  
 Edward J C Dockter

## Hospital Auxiliary

### New Year Looking Good

Our meeting April 10th was well attended. We had some new members who came with new ideas for us of which we were very grateful!!

We will be acquiring a list of e-mail addresses from our members so we can send out the minutes after each meeting. Want to be on the list?? Contact Gretchen Schoer at northschoer4@msn.com and give her your information.

Would you like to become a member of the Auxiliary but don't know anything about it? Also send your e-mail address and a message to Gretchen. We will be glad to get the information to you!

The Style Show will definitely be held on October 14th with just the one show in the evening. We will be charging \$20 admission. This will include one beverage as well as the hors'd'ouvres and dessert!!

It should be a fun time! Would you like to be a model? We need 10 ladies and 6 men! Also, we want people of all sizes so if you think it would be fun contact D Hennebry at dhennebryavon@mail.com or call her at 701-238-3173!

We will be attending the Ladies Luncheon on May 1st so that will constitute the May meeting. That will be at 11:30am! Come and enjoy a good lunch as well as a good time!!

Respectfully submitted,  
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## Color Guard Croonings

Spring has sprung here in Color Guard land. You can tell, as most of the guys have lined up for their yearly spray wash bath at 4 seasons car wash. Illustrious Thompson is kind enough to do the spray down on all the guys. Feels good to get all that winter grime off 'em.

Grilling season has returned, and the guys are eager to get back to grilling for our monthly meetings. It appears that someone took some cooking lessons over the winter, as Ryan Hendrickson made a meal for the virtual Grand Lodge at the Shrine club a week ago, and served 14 smoked turkeys with all the trimmings. I understand there was some left over.

Todd Knopf was recently seen at the Pizza Puzzles and Beer event at El Zagal. He has promised the Potentate to shave his beard if the Color Guard can sign up 10 new Nobles this year. I have never seen Todd without a beard, but I am gonna take a shot at this!

There was a recent trip to Las Vegas, where the question of marriage came up for Greg Neisen. I understand that Sue wanted to "take the plunge" with Elvis doing the ceremony, and the details are still sketchy. I think there needs to be more investigation into this matter. It would appear that they are acting like they are married – you decide!

Jerome Tappe has recently given up the car business and gone into the swimming pool repair business. While wintering in Arizona, he became bored and branched into pool repairs. It seems he has had plenty of practice at working on his own pool, and thought it would be a great fit. Ask him about details – if you have an hour or so to spare.

One of our own – little Robbie Richards is tying the knot this summer. We are so proud of how he has grown up! Now that Rob no longer has to wear rubber undies, Keli decided it was time to marry. They plan an elaborate event complete with motorcycle gangs and a heavy metal band for the dance. Father of the groom, Brad Richards has promised an open bar for the entire week. I am not sure he knows what he is getting into, or how much little Robbie and crew like beer!

The bike rodeo is still on track with pictures and frames at the ready. Working on a new plan can always be difficult, but it is definitely worth a try! Our mission is a fine one, and bringing it to the community can only help us and the kids. If you know if someone who would sponsor a bike, please reach out to a fellow Shriner to support this cause.

Soon all our snowbirds will be back, and we are excited. I noticed the liquor truck was backed up to the building recently, and that can only mean that Roger Forsgren is soon back in town. We can hardly wait!

It is a great time to be a Shriner! Let's support Illustrious Sir Dennis "Fluff" Sand and Lady Tammy by bringing new members into our group. With membership growth will come new friendships and more activity! It will be fun to do something other than worry about Covid!!

Our monthly meetings are the 3rd Monday of the month, and begin with a social at 5:30, dinner and meeting to follow. Please join – it's what all the cool kids do!

Keep your patch weeded!  
**Lars**

## Jamestown Mystics

### Fish Fry is a Whopper

Hello everyone at El Zagal, hope everyone is well.

Our Mystics 40th Annual Fish Fry was held on March 26th, and we hit a Grand Slam, it was another record. Thanks to all Nobles and Ladies for making this a successful event. And a Big Thanks to Sir Fluff and Lady Tammy for greeting our guests.

Brother Brock and the boys have been busy getting new paint on the parade units and making adjustments so Big Guys can fit in little cars. Parade dates are getting set up and we can't wait to make El Zagal proud .

"Fishing for a Cause" fundraiser raffle tickets are \$20 per ticket for a chance to win some sweet prizes and are already for sale, ask a Mystic to get your tickets.

Also, our 10th Annual Gun Raffle tickets are going fast. They are \$100.00 per ticket and only 400 tickets are sold. A chance to win 20 guns or

gun #20 is a \$2500 gun or \$2000.00 cash. GET YOUR TICKETS SOON .

I want to welcome our new brother, James Meland to the El Zagal Mystics .

Brothers Dale Lende, Tory Hart and Jeff Fuchs hit a Grand Slam in the kitchen Tuesday night at Lodge meeting, with their famous prime rib and fixings. Oh boy, it was delicious .

Let's keep The Casey Willman family in our prayers. Casey lost his mom this past week. Also Arnie Becker and Carl Huss .

That's it for now,  
**Jamestown Mystics**



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*2021 Spring Ceremonial aka Fluffamonial June 25th and 26th*

Honoring Farmer/Seed man Joel Lees and Junk man Jeff Oster at Jamestown.

Friday night theme will be "El Zagal County Fair", so men dig out your bib coveralls, straw hats, and ladies, find your best country attire/fair outfit, and be ready to enjoy the evening by eating some of that delicious fair food served from the diner "Joel's Feed Trough" and "Jeffs Junk Food."

Events: Tug of war between the new candidates and the Divan-Hay rides Singing around the campfire---Pig races---and other Midway games.

## Exhibit Hall

Shriners and your Ladies ... Don't miss your chance to enter Friday night, during registration in one of the six categories: Sewing, baked goods, canned goods, crafts, needle work or open class which will be judged by everyone for the people's choice awards to be given out at the banquet on Saturday night!

**Cost:** \$85.00 per person covers: Meal Friday evening, Ladies Luncheon, Moslem Feast, Saturday Night Banquet. Children cost additional \$15.00/ child.

## Schedule

Friday July 25th 9:00 golf at the Jamestown Country club  
Registration 5:00 to 7:00 at Masonic Lodge  
El Zagal County Fair 5:00 until closing

Saturday July 26th

9:00 1st and 3rd section (Masonic Lodge)  
11:30 Moslem feast (Masonic Lodge)  
11 :30 Ladies Luncheon (Masonic Lodge)  
2 :3 0 Parade (Location to be announced)  
5 :30 Banquet (Gladstone Motel)

## Director's Staff

*Maybe, Just Maybe  
Better Days Are Underway*

The snow has melted and the sun has started to peek out of the clouds. Spring might just be here and we're ready for it!

One of the motorcycles had its 2021 debut and was showcased at "Shriner for a Night" at a Fargo Force game and a majority of us showed up for the fun event. Great job to Noble Russell Schell and his crew, to organize and put El Zagal and our mission center stage at a Force Game. It was a fun night and so glad to have been a part of it.

The competition team is almost set and looking to start practicing once the weather warms up a bit. We are hopeful that things continue to open up, events start to happen and we'll be able to get back in the community soon.

Our 10th Annual Suds n Spuds is April 24th. We have been meeting and planning the past couple months and excited to be holding it this year. We've added raffles, prizes, and games! We are optimistic this will be the best Suds n Spuds ever! Hope to see everyone there.

Keep an eye out on the calendar this summer. We have a few events coming up that we're excited about. A "Hole in One" contest (more details to come), our Fall Bike Ride and possibly another Pizza, Puzzles, and Beer Event too.

I hope everyone is doing well and see you at El Zagal soon.

Stay Hydrated,  
**Shaun Engelsrud**

## Misfits Musings

Well, Spring is in the air and so is the smell of some BBQ! The El Zagal Misfits are at it again.

We had a great event in March. We were able to provide our community with some great BBQ. We sold Brisket, Ribs, Brisket Beans and Smoked Mac & Cheese. As always, we sold out and had a lot of happy eaters!

We have some Big Events on the Horizon:

- Saturday, May 22: We are providing BBQ at the OK Tire Roundup.

This will be a great event, as we will have a Membership Table there and will be reaching out to all Units and Clubs to be there to represent El Zagal. Bring your Unit/Club vehicles and signs. We will have Bikes to give away again this year. Please wear your Fez and Shrine colors.

- Tuesday, July 27: We are being showcased at the Choice Bank "Go Hawaiian for Hospice" event to benefit Hospice of the Red River Valley.

This is an event that raises a lot of money and gives back to our community. Please stop out and show your support.

There are many other events on the horizon! Additional details will be provided in future musings.

When you smell the smoke of delicious BBQ, stop by and say Hi.

Until we meet again  
Yours in Faith  
MD, PP



## ND Shrine Bowl 2021

It feels like it has been years since we have held the annual North Dakota Shrine Bowl and excitement is building for the 2021 game.

We are once again holding the camp at Mayville State University June 15 - 18. Mayville has been home to the camp since 2011 and has been a great host to the players and coaches. We plan to try to hold the game in June each year going forward.

The banquet will be held at the Fargo Holiday Inn and the games will be played at West Fargo High School on June 19th.

Ad sales are underway, and by the time you read this article, the nobility letter will have already arrived in your mail box. New this year is our Donor mini helmet. The mini helmet is designed after the maroon helmet we give the players as a memento for playing in the game.

With a \$100 donation for the Noble Hall of Fame, you will also receive the mini helmet in addition to having your name listed on the Noble Hall of

Fame page of the program book. You can also get the mini helmet by making a \$50 donation.

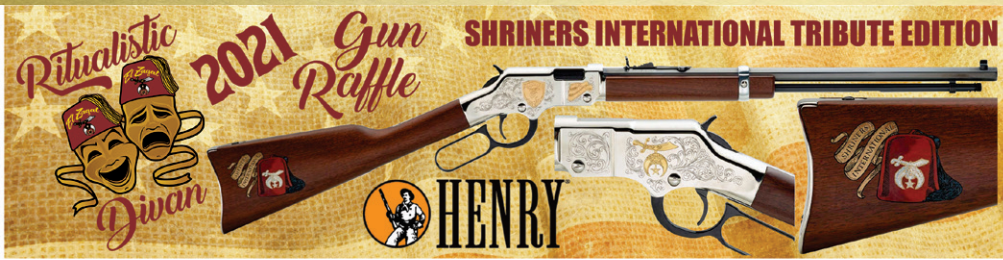
Each year that you renew the donation going forward, you will receive an additional sticker for the helmet with that year on it. This will serve as a great way to show your support for the game year after year and looks great on an office desk or shelf at home.

Please send the donation in so it arrives no later than June 1st to ensure we can get your name into the program book.

We will also appreciate any volunteers to help us out on game day. We will need ticket sellers for admission into the game and help with clothing sales and the silent auction.

Thank you for all of the support given by you and your family over the years. The tradition continues!

**Shane Heiberg**  
NDSB Co-Chairman



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YITF, -Dan  
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## Jamestown Clowns

*The Fun Has Begun, Are You Ready?*

Hello to all Nobles and Ladies,

Only one more month to Clown Bike Run and Fluffamonia!

First, the Bike Give away and Run. Sell those Tickets!!! After all, it's a brand new 2020 Road Glide Custom. June 19, 11am kick stands up. Stutsman Harley is the center of events for the day. Any time you see John or the guys up at Stutsman Harley thank them, they do a lot for us.

**FIRST JIM RIVER SHRINE CLUB NIGHT IS MAY 26. BRING YOURSELF AND YOUR LADY!**

June 25 and 26 is going to be proof of "fun in 21". Spring Ceremonial, Jamestown Lodge, be there or be square. The honorees, if you haven't heard, are Jeff Oster, and Joel Lees. Of the tens of thousands of Nobles to pick from -- what a pair to honor! It's cogent evidence that it's who you know, not what you know. That's all I can say about that. Congratulations to you both!!

Wimbledon Parade, July 17th to be exact. PARADE TIME will be next month's info. Let's Clown Up. Corn Maze is going to be fantastic, just wait. Detroit Lakes Water Carnival Parade is July 18. There is a White Cloud Parade, (we think). CLOWN for a NIGHT is on!! DECEMBER 4TH. JAMESTOWN CIVIC CENTER

President Seth has been straightening us out at the meetings (It's been a challenge for him). We can be an unruly bunch, but it's always FUN!

He is breaking in kinda hard. Don't fret...we can break him. We always do! This Clown is in awe of Secretary Truman, what a trooper. Great Job! The minutes never read so good! Problem----when you start at the top, expectations are high; I know you can take the pressure.

Fluff is done with his first quarter of the year. It goes fast doesn't it? Second quarter should be great too! Each quarter better than the last. Does that seem like it has a probability too low to inspire belief? -- not for a Clown, it is just how we roll.

I talked with Jeff Oster the other day, cost me 85\$. His name should be ironman, not junkman. Sadly, that's already taken.

Now Joel Lees, on the other hand, has many nicknames. Most not fit for print. You know what they say -- "if you can't say nothin nice, don't say nothin at all". I'll have a lot more to elaborate on next time. I was standing next to him when he got the call about being an honoree. I can't say any more yet about that, it was truly a moment.

I think if you are still reading this, it's time to let you go. However, Alex Looysen needs a little time in this article. After all, it's his yard the Corn Maze is in!! AND he asked me to write a bit about him. What a great young Shriner.

Also a gold star goes to the Mystics for the unit meetings dinner after the April meetings. WOW! It was soooo good!

Thanks for reading this...  
Weezer.

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For every poster you put out, next time you see me in the Arabian Room, I will buy you a free beer tomorrow. Don't let this great opportunity pass you buy. Don't get into the mindset that "it's

not my unit", "I don't need to worry about it". As a Temple event it is everyone's project.

We would like to welcome our new committee members PP Mike Dow and Lady Lisa, and Provost member Joel Swanson. We are a small group, but have a big impact. I think we have more PP than any other event within EZ -- tells you something about their commitment to El Zagal and our philosophy.

See you on the course and for more information, see the shady characters below.

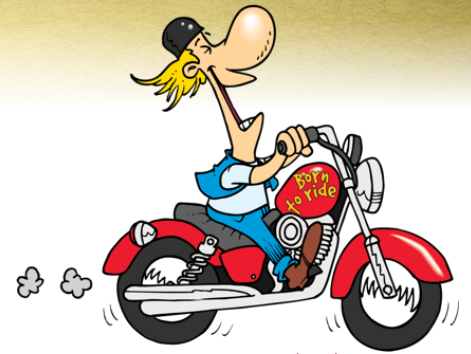
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UN-POTE  
TRIP 2021

Well, maybe I was a little premature about my spring is here comment. I take full blame for the extended winter season, I should not have sold my snowmobiles, the snow gods are getting back at me.

As I type this on April 14th, the ground is white and baby it's cold outside!

By the time you read this, our May 1st lodging deadline is past, but **you can still go with us.** Our host locations have been great to work with, and they will do their best to get you in. We would love to have you along for the ride. We're leaving Fargo on June 7th, coming home on the 13th.

If you want to be part of this fun, or even a section of the fun, let Mike Dow or Mike Rieckman know. Just because we are listing it as a motorcycle trip, does not mean that you cannot join us in your car or truck. I know of 2 vehicles going at this point. **Everyone is invited.**

Looking forward to another fun time with the wind in our hair and bugs in our teeth. Planning ahead for 2022, if Canada opens up, Tour of Lake Superior, eh?

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## EZ Wheels

EZ Wheels wrapped up a busy month with the championship of our Cornhole League taking place on March 30th. Two champions were crowned in the A League and B League and fun was had by all. Many thanks go out to our members for helping make the league a success and especially to our ramrod Craig Beedy who kept things running smoothly. Thank you Craig.

There was also a "Champion" crowned in our EZ Wheel Truck Drop raffle. Overall winner was none other than Blake "Ringo" Wrigley who had the closest guess without going over. Winning the \$2000 prize is kind of like a Hole in One, so

drinks are on Ringo. Ringo is pictured above with EZ Wheel members and his big check.

According to our truck monitor, Travis Edinger, the truck "dropped" through the ice on March 20th at 7:31 and 45 seconds. Ringo's guess was 7:13. We had 53 people guess March 20th but Ringo was the closest. Go figure. Congratulations, Ringo.

Have a great spring and send some rain Jamestown way.

**Submitted by Joe BURGARD**



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### JUNE 2021

- June 1: Tuesday Burgers
- June 7-13: Un-Pote Trip
- June 8: Tuesday Burgers
- June 10: Jamestown Golf Tournament
- June 11 & 12: Grand Lodge
- June 15: Tuesday Burgers
- June 19: Clowns Motorcycle Run
- June 19: ND Shrine Bowl
- June 22: Tuesday Burgers
- June 25-26: Spring Ceremonial in Jamestown
- June 29: Tuesday Burgers

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Divan Meeting at the Temple  Stated Meeting at the Temple	12	13	14	15
16	17 BURGERS 5:30 to 7 pm	18	19	20	21 Oilers Golf Tournament	22 Potes Ball at the Temple
23	24	25 BURGERS 5:30 to 7 pm	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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