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## LYNN MISIALEK OUR NEW 2016 POTENTATE

**H**ello Nobles! It will be my honor to serve KEM Shrine as your Potentate. I was elected by you and I will do my very best so that you will be proud to be a Shrine Mason. I do take this title very seriously. This is a huge responsibility and I will need all your help.

For the past 17 years Kem has had positive growth and we fully expect that to continue but it won't happen without a lot of hard work by all of our Nobles. So if you know a Master Mason who is not a Noble please invite him to join the Shriners. If you know a good man, invite him to join your masonic lodge. Many lodges across the state will be doing degree work this spring. I know a lot of you help with the work and if you haven't you should. It's a lot of fun and a great time to get to know your fellow masons.

This year has been off to a busy start. On January 2nd, my lady Cheryl and I drove down to Fargo for El Zage's installation of officers. Then on January 9th was Kems annual meeting. The following weekend found my Lady Cheryl, Myself and Past Potentate Lowell Domier and his Lady Deb traveling to Winnipeg for Khartum's installation of Officers. On January 29th & 30th we attended Zhurah's Potentates Ball along with Chief Rabban Scott Midstokke and his lady Bernice. It is enjoyable to see our counterparts and meet new nobles from the other temples.

There are many meetings, parties and various functions to attend this year. In early February the Divan will be traveling to Marquette, MI for the Midwest Shrine winter session. This is the business session which will make plans for the summer Midwest Shrine convention August 4, 5, & 6. Please mark your calendars and start planning for your trip to Marquette! We will have a great time!

On February 10th will be the annual Masonic Building Board Meeting at 5:00 pm. Open to all KEM Shriners.

On February 11th will be our Divan meeting, Uniformed Units Meeting and Circus Kickoff all at the Grand Forks Masonic Center. Please plan on attending.



LYNN WAS BORN JULY 12, 1958, AND RAISED IN MINTO, ND. HE GRADUATED FROM LAKE REGION JUNIOR COLLEGE IN 1978 WITH AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN ARCHITECTURAL DRAFTING AND ESTIMATING.

LYNN WORKED AT GF GLASS AND PAINT FOR 9 YEARS AND THEN AT BRIN NORTHWESTERN GLASS IN MINNEAPOLIS FOR 5 YEARS BEFORE PURCHASING O & K GLASS IN 1991.

LYNN WAS RAISED A MASTER MASON IN MARCH, 2000 IN MALTA LODGE #131. HE IS A PAST MASTER OF MALTA LODGE IN 2004 AND 2007. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE SCOTTISH RITE, VALLEY OF GRAND FORKS, AND IN 2011 WAS INVITED TO RECEIVE THE KNIGHTS COMMANDER OF THE COURT OF HONOUR (KCCH). LYNN JOINED KEM SHRINE IN 2000. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE MOBILE NOBLES, RITUAL DIVAN, PROVOST, MULLIGANS AND 4TH FLOOR CLUB. HE HAS SERVED AS HOUSING DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF. HE WAS APPOINTED TO THE OUTER GUARD BY PAST POTENTATE CHUCK CHURCHILL IN 2008

LYNN IS ACTIVE MEMBER OF AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH. HE SERVED AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT IN 2002 & 2003. HE ALSO SERVED AS TREASURER FOR 2 YEARS PREVIOUSLY.

LYNN AND HIS WIFE, CHERYL HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR 30 YEARS AND HAVE 4 CHILDREN. KYLE, A GRAND FORKS POLICE OFFICER; KELSEY IS WORKING FOR MICKEY MOUSE AT DISNEY WORLD IN ORLANDO, FL.; KODY IS A JUNIOR AT UND MAJORING IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH A MINOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND KOURTNEY IS A FRESHMAN AT UND.

On Saturday Feb. 13th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm we will have our first Bean Bag Tournament & Chilli cook off. This will be open to all Shriners, Masons and all our friends. Bring your best pot of chilli and enter the contest.

On February 27th we will be having our Annual Wild Game Feed and Gun Raffle. If you have any wild game that you can donate to this fund raiser it would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to work the event or just want to eat please bring your friends fun will be had by all.

As you can see there is a lot going on in the month of February and remember as a Shriner, you are invited to attend all of our events.

Please keep the families of the Shriners who have answered the call of the black camel in your prayers.

Lady Cheryl and I would like thank everyone for your best wishes on this coming year.

Remember we are Shriners we are living the dream.

"Es Selamu Aleikum"

Lynn Misialek  
Potentate 2016

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**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

I would like to start off this article by congratulating our 2015 Potentate Bruce Krabseth, the Kem Divan, Membership Committee and all the Nobles who worked very hard to make 17 years of continuous growth possible. CONGRATULATIONS!!! Kem is the only Temple in the world that can say this, yes I said World. This is an accomplishment that we should be very proud of and work to continue. Our new Potentate Illustrious Sir Lynn Misialek has some new ideas along with things already in place to make 2016 a successful year. Eighteen years in a row is possible and if every Noble in Kem pitches in we could continue this distinction for years to come.

This all starts by making new Masons, many of you are active in your Lodges already but we need to do more. Some of our smaller Lodges are closing and we need to be actively helping to make them strong by creating new Members and participating in Lodge functions. If our Blue Lodge numbers are strong, our Shrine numbers will continue to grow. I know you might be getting tired of hearing Membership! Membership! Membership! But the truth is my Brother Noble, organizations fall by the wayside every day due to lack of membership.

We are very lucky to have a strong working relationship with the Grand Lodge of North Dakota. I would like to see more communication with the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, but it is still better than most jurisdictions. Remember, an organization without active members creating new members in an organization on its way out.

Membership is our responsibility to ourselves, to the children in our Hospitals and to our fraternity.

Yours in the Faith,  
 Lowell Domier, PP  
 Membership Chairman

**IT'S CIRCUS TIME AGAIN**

It is time to start working on Circus again.

**Kick Off** for sale of children's tickets for the Grand Forks Circus will be held with the Uniformed Units meeting **Thursday February 11th**. The Kick off will be at the Grand Forks Masonic Center starting about 6:00 pm. All Shriners are invited to join in the fun and discussion on the Circus process.

Please be sure that the Circus representative or someone from your unit is there to pick up their Posters and tickets.

In Grand Forks Routes are protected until March 25th.

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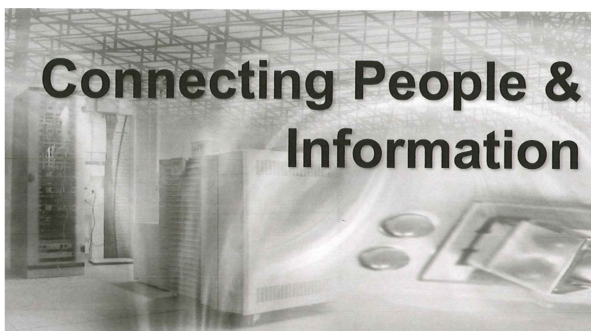


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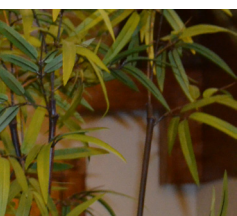
# ANNUAL



**MEETING**



**MINOT CHRISTMAS PARTY**



## FOURTH FLOOR CLUB

Happy New Year Fellow Nobles!! The members of the FFC hope you all had a great Christmas and New Years celebrations. The ending of 2015 signals the completion of many Shrine events and activities.

Thank you to everyone who helped construct the Christmas in the Park Display. Having our Shrine and Masonic displays all put together looked incredible. Way to represent our terrific organizations so well.

The Kem Annual Meeting was held on January 9th. What a great day we all had. It marks the transition of duties from last year's potentate to our new one. FFC would like to thank Past Potentate Bruce Krabseth for all of his contributions and leadership over the past year. You represented the members of Kem Shrine in so many wonderful ways. Your efforts, together with all nobles, gave us another year of positive growth in our fraternity. We would like to congratulate our newly elected potentate, and FFC member Lynn Misialek, on becoming the 2016 Potentate of Kem Shrine! We are all excited to see you lead us in the next year. The members of the FFC will continue to support and assist you throughout your yearlong adventure. We believe that your efforts and hard work will also provide yet another positive year of growth. You'll be a fantastic leader.

Coming up we have 2 big events we hope you will all come out and support if you are in the area. February 27th is the annual Wild Game Feed. Tickets are \$20 for the food and gun raffle. We also have \$10 tickets available for anyone who would just like to enjoy some delicious food! Anyone that would like to volunteer his or her time or food, we would greatly appreciate it. We are still looking for more Duck, Goose, or Pheasant if you have anything you can share. The St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held March 12 at 3:00 p.m. The FFC will be participating in the parade. Come out and walk/ride through with us. More info will be available at a later date.

The FFC would like to welcome our newest members Dan Dammen and Will Sellers to the group. We're glad you're able to be a part of this terrific group. Bring your "A" game – and be ready for some fun!

The FFC would like to wish one of our members a proper farewell. Jake Babb, The Silver Fox, will be leaving Grand Forks for his newest assignment with the U.S. Air Force. We know you'll represent Kem.

### MEMBERS WHO HAVE ANSWERED THE CALL OF THE BLACK CAMEL

#### Dave Beach



## MOBIL NOBLES REPORT

### Greetings Everyone!

First and foremost the Mobil Nobles would like to congratulate Illustrious Sir Lynn Misialek on being installed as Potentate of the Kem Shrine, 2016. All of Kem is looking forward to a great year. Secondly, we could also like to extend a bleated holiday greetings to all and best wishes for 2016. We hope this letter finds you in good health.

The Mobil Nobles closed out 2015 in style as some of us participated in the 'Parade of Lights' in beautiful downtown Grand Forks on the weekend of Thanksgiving. We then hauled our newly lettered up cart trailer down to Lincoln Drive in the greenway, strung from lights and wreaths, anchored a few spot lights on it and called it good. The "Christmas in the Park" displays, put on by the local Lyons Club, are quite impressive and getting bigger & better every year. We encourage other units to check into it and put your units on display. It's a good way to keep and preserve public awareness of the Masons and Shriners in our communities.

On December 5th, one of the Mobile Nobles favorite events of the year happened. The Children's Christmas party was a huge success. We cooked and serve pizza, hot dogs and fries to all the children who came. Ice cream was also for dessert! Santa also came that day and delivered gifts. The ceremonial also on that day created 7 new Shriners. A great time was had by all!!!

The New Year came and with that the annual meeting was held. The Mobil Nobles crew prepared cooked fish with an awesome lady crew to keep us in check. With a good number of Green Shirts in attendance, one of our very own, Lynn Misialek was installed as potentate of Kem 2016 at approximately 11:41AM. We then celebrated late into the night with the Downtown Horns playing at the Masonic Center in Grand Forks. Do we know how to have a good time or what?

We have also added several Shriners to the Mobil Noble membership list and we encourage them and all Nobles to become active and involved with Kem. Anyone would be hard pressed to find finer group of gentlemen and their ladies to know and get to hang out with.

We are looking forward to the upcoming Wild Game feed, St Patrick's Day parade and have started planning for the Shrine Circus already. Come on out and discover what's in it for you! Until next time....Cheers!

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## REMINDERS:

Financial Reports are due: February 5th

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### February

- 4-6 Midwest Shrine Winter Session
- 10 Masonic Building Board Annual Meeting
- 11 Divan Meeting/Uniformed units /Circus Kickoff
- 13 Bean Bag Tournament & Chilli Cookoff
- 27 Wild Game Fundraiser

### March

- 9 Masonic Building Board Meeting
- 10 Divan/Uniformed Units Meetings
- 12 KEM Ceremonial / St Patty's Day Parade
- 20 Palm Sunday
- 24 Scottish Rite Maundy Thursday Observance
- 25 Good Friday
- 27 Easter Sunday

### April

- 13 Masonic Building Board Meeting
- 14 KEM Board of Trustees/Divan/Uniformed Units Meetings
- 25-27 Minot Shrine Circus
- 28 KEM GF Circus Setup (The Ralph)
- 29 KEM Shrine Circus
- 30 " " "



## 9TH ANNUAL ST PATRICK'S DAY MASONIC PARADE



The 9th Annual St Patrick's Day Masonic Parade will be on March 12th. The lineup will be at 2:30 on south 3rd St by the Grand Forks County parking ramp. The parade will start at 3:00 and travel north, ending at Kelly's Tavern. This year we are honored to have the Grand Master of North Dakota, Tony Telken as the Parade Marshall.

Downtown restaurants and bars will be selling shamrocks for \$1.00. All funds from the shamrocks will be donated to the Shrine Hospital - Twin Cities. Please buy a shamrock or two and encourage your friends to do the same.

This parade is open to the public. People that are not involved in the Shrine or Masonic part of the parade are welcome to walk in the family section of the parade, behind the driving units.

There will also be a Shrine Ceremonial at the Shrine Center the same day. More information about the Ceremonial will be available soon. All Shriners can attend the Ceremonial to cheer on the new members. The new Shriners will also be in the parade.

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## 2016 HOSPITAL BUS TRIP

It is not too early to plan on going on this year's trip to the Shrine Hospital in the Twin Cities, May 20-22 for the annual "Hospital Days" The bus will be leaving Friday morning from Minot and making stops along the way picking up riders and returning on Sunday. Cost will be \$60/ persons for the bus ride, plus 2 nights at the Roseville Radisson at \$88/night. Both the noble and their lady are encouraged to attend this informative outing. If you have been a Shriner for a year or less, you and your Lady will ride the bus free. The Minnesota Twins are in town that weekend, we have tickets for Friday nights game against the Toronto Blue Jays, cost will be \$36/ ticket.

Mark your calendar now!

## MSA WINTER SESSION CHANTER ASSOCIATION

It has been decided that the Winter meeting of the MSA Chanters Assoc will be held in Sioux Falls and NOT in Marquette Mich.

The date will be January 30th at the El Riad Shrine Temple from 10 am to Noon. All Chanters, directors and chanter unit presidents are welcome.

Please let your members know.

Thanks you in advance.

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### STEVE RENSLAW APPOINTED OUTER GUARD



Steve Renslow was appointed Outer Guard at the 2016 Kem Shriners Annual Meeting.

Steve was born in Langdon, ND. He attended grade school in Minot ND and later in Victorville, CA. He attended Jr. High in Rialto, CA. The family moved to Grafton, ND and Steve graduated from Grafton Central High School. He also attended the North Dakota State College of Science where he graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering Technology. Steve and his wife Kim have been married for 35 years and live in Grand Forks. Steve has been an agent with Farmers Insurance Group for 30 years. His wife Kim is a Pharmacy Technician at Thrifty White Drug in Grand Forks.

Steve was raised a Master Mason in November 2012 with Malta Lodge #131 in Grand Forks and joined Kem Shriners in December 2012. Steve is the current President of the Kem Uniformed Units Council. He is also a member of the Drum & Bugle Corp, 4th Floor Club and the Cycle Corp. He was awarded the Samsar Jewel in 2015. Steve is also a member of the South Forks Lions, Sons of Norway & the Red River Snowmobile Club.

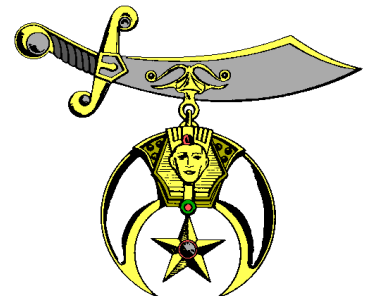
### RON BERGH ELECTED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Ron Bergh, of East Grand Forks, MN., was elected to the Board of Directors of the KEM Shriners at their annual meeting held January 9th 2016. Bergh was raised to the degree of Master Mason in 2009 at Malta Lodge 131 in Grand Forks, ND., currently serving as Malta's Worshipful Master. In June of 2009 he joined Kem Shrine and is currently a member of KEM Cycle Corps, EZRiderz, Mobil Nobles, Ritualistic Divan, Mulligans, and 4th Floor Club units. He is also the current co-chairman of the Kem Shrine Circus and serves on the temple public relations committee.

Ron had a 32 year career as a Federal Firefighter at Grand Forks Air Force Base, retiring as Fire Chief in 2012. Ron is currently a Regional Hazardous Materials Response Manager for Wenck Response Services of New Hope, Minnesota, and is a Senior Emergency Planning and Incident Response Consultant for Wenck Associates of Mandan North Dakota.

Ron and his wife Nancy reside in East Grand Forks, Minnesota. They have 5 children and seven grandchildren.



Steve enjoys several hobbies, riding motorcycles, snowmobiles, camping and water skiing. He and his wife also enjoy traveling and meeting people at Shrine events.

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