



MESSAGE FROM YOUR POTENTATE

NOTICE OF KEM SHRINERS ANNUAL MEETING

January 11, 2014

The 2014 Annual Meeting of Kem Shriners will be held in the Auditorium of the Masonic Center in Grand Forks ND on Saturday, January 11th beginning at 9:30 am. Business to be transacted include; reading of Reports, adapting a budget for 2014, election of officers and representatives to the Imperial Council. Installation of officers for 2014 will follow.

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Attest: Yours in the Faith,

Dale Duchscherer *James J. Kienast*

Dale Duchscherer, PP
Recorder

Jim Kienast
Potentate

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(A) The printing, publication, circulation or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets or other devices by a Noble, suggesting, recommending, opposing. Or containing the names of proposed candidates for the office in the Shrine is prohibited.

(B) For any violation of (a), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of officers void and order a new election.

(C) At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election the Shrine Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.

The year is going really fast as winter is almost upon us. With the fall weather we are having, you have missed a lot of fun if you have not come out to our tailgating spot at the UND football games. What you are missing is great fellowship with other Shriners, a lot of really great food, and you are also missing a great opportunity to tell our "Shriner story" to some very young people who are more than willing to learn about Masons and Shriners. You will have one more chance for tailgating on November 9th as the Mobil Nobles will be hosting the tailgate. Get out and join them. I believe they are planning on having a fire pit, so they will keep you full and warm.

On October 19, the Williston Roadsters hosted a Potentates' reception in Williston. Let me tell you they have some really great Shriners in the Williston area as they treated us royally. Bruce, Don, and Dave, and the rest of the group really made us feel at home. Thank you for a great time. Everybody really enjoyed themselves. And to top the weekend off, we were able to bring in 3 new Shriners.

If you get some more, I will come back out there again before the end of the year.

Another year has gone by with another successful Table De Jour. Thank you Deb and Lowell Domier as you guys run a very great program. The ladies had a great time plus it sounds like we were able to raise over \$6000 for the Shrine Hospital. I tip my hat to you. Speaking for myself, I do enjoy working this great event.

If you are wondering what events are going on or you need a petition for a new member, just visit our website at kemshriners.com and you will find all of this information. It is set up where you can even pay your dues online with a credit card. If you want to have an event on our website, contact a Divan member and if it is approved we will list your event on our calendar. We are also looking for pictures to put on the site so if you have some, let us know and we possibly can get them on too.

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From The Desk of the Recorder

Greetings,

Since this may be the last Burning Sands of the year, I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a Blessed Holiday Season, and that means "Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas".

We are still working very hard on membership and all help is appreciated.

I would also like to remind all Units to please get your financial paperwork turned in and as you have your election of officers for next year please turn your officer lists in to the office.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the Christmas party and annual meeting.

****REMEMBER**** the children are the reason we do what we do, while having fun.

Dale Duchscherer, PP Recorder

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Pote's article continued

A couple of events coming up are the one day class for Masons in Grand Forks on November 16 and the Shriners Christmas Party on December 7. If you have any candidates for Masons, get them to Grand Forks Masonic Temple by 8:30. On December 7 we will be hosting a Christmas party for the kids complete with gifts and some food. Later on we will be having a ceremony to bring in any new Shriners. In the evening we will have a catered meal followed by a dance at the Temple. Come out and enjoy the fun. We have a block of rooms at the Town House and we will host a hospitality room later in the evening.

The last thing is MEMBERSHIP. WE NEED MORE SHRINERS. Do your best to bring in a new Shriner today. We need them. We are the only Temple that has had 14 straight years of membership growth. Let's not stop now!!!

Now on a personal note. This is my last article for the Burning Sands. I told you this year was going fast. It has been a great honor to be your Potentate. I want to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart. If I tried to thank everybody for this year I would run out of space. I hope that I thanked most of you personally and/or recognized you during the year in the Burning Sands. On Jan. 11, 2014 you will be electing a new Potentate. Please give him and his Divan as much help as you have given me during the past ten years. It has been great. When I am done, I won't disappear so look out! God Bless America and God Bless Shriners.

Jim Kienast, Potentate

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MEMBERSHIP IS A GOAL:

As the season changes and we plan for the coming holiday season, KEM Shrine has entered the closing months of 2013. Year-ending activities and ceremonials are planned. Plus, plans and actions to get us ready for 2014 are in the works.

“Man becomes great exactly in the degree in which he works for the welfare of his fellow man.”

KEM Shrine has numerous tasks at hand. A major task is to meet our membership goal. For 14 years we have achieved this goal. This is a goal we must meet and achieve. As a result, membership has taken center stage and we need the help of all our Nobles. We need to find good men to become Shriners. We can do this and there are 3 ways to show a gain in membership. 1) **Recruitment** is always a key factor in KEM Shrine growth. So if you know of a good man who would make a great Shriner, or if you know a fellow Mason, now is the time to approach these men. 2) **Restoration** is yet another area we all need to review. Look around your acquaintances and revisit their names and ask about their Shrine involvement. This is a great source for membership as well. 3) **Retention** for those who have delayed paying their dues—take care of this before the holidays. KEM Shrine is counting on your membership and we need your involvement. Nobles, address these concerns as soon as possible.

“Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.”

Have you been to your Lodge lately or your



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Shrine center? If not, make a point to go before the first of the year. Members are still there and we welcome your attendance.

“I do not regret one moment of my life.”

There are Masonic one-day classes on November 9 in Devils Lake and November 16 in Grand Forks. This is a good date to start your attendance again, bring your candidate. Come for half a day or more—you will be welcomed. Or attend the Children’s Christmas Party and/or the KEM Christmas party on December 7. Details of these events are listed in this issue of the Burning Sands. Bring your Lady and enjoy the brotherhood of our Shrine. Also, Nobles are encouraged to attend the monthly Units Meetings. The next Units Meeting will be held in Crookston, MN on Thursday, November 14. Call the KEM office and Carol will have the time and the location. Make plans to attend.

“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.”

Your membership committee is willing to work with all Nobles to address membership. Call our Potentate, or Carol, at the office and all concerns and questions will be addressed.

Nobles, KEM Shrine has seen 14 years of membership growth and we need to continue this growth. We cannot control the Black Camel, but **Recruitment, Restoration and Retention** are all keys to growth. We have a task before us. We all need to work together to meet our membership goal.

Below is our membership status as of November 1:

Creations	24
Restorations	4
Additions	28
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Deaths	32
Current status	-4

There are 66 members on the Suspension list. We need 40 new members to meet our goal.

Be Sure to get your candidate to the Masonic one day class and the December Ceremonial. If your candidate cannot be at the Ceremonial contact the Membership committee to arrange a Mini ceremonial in your area.

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THE CHANTER CHANNEL

By Dave Beach

Your Kem Chanters continue to have an active schedule. Eight parades, the Midwest Shrine gathering (another gold medal!) and several appearances at non-Shrine events have kept us busy. And the season isn't over yet!

Two recent events deserve special mention. On September 23, we were involved in a concert that we will long remember. Under the sponsorship of Malta Lodge #131, a joint concert of an all-Masonic male chorus from Sarpsborg, Norway and the Kem Chanters was held in the auditorium. Sarpsborg is a sister city of Grand Forks. About 25 Norwegian singers were present, most with wives. The Norwegians sang about five numbers, including their national anthem, Auld Lang Syne, and one piece in German. The Chanters sang about the same number of our familiar songs, then joined the Norwegian brothers in singing the Norwegian folk song "Niedelven". Yes, the Chanters actually sang in Norwegian! You may hear us do this again in the future. We had many compliments after this concert. The main floor was just about full and the balconies maybe one-fourth full. Success came through the arrangement of the event by our Director, PP G. Paul Larson,

the good work of Malta Lodge in delivering a good pre-concert meal and the great acoustics that we enjoy in our Auditorium.

A couple weeks ago, we had a great afternoon. It was a double header for us. First, we went to Tuft Manor and did our standard nursing home routine. We usually do some old favorites that the residents recognize, plus maybe a patriotic number and a religious number. They usually treat us afterward, no adult beverages of course, but some good cake and coffee. From Tuft, we went directly to another similar facility, where one of our longtime members recently became a resident. It was a surprise to him, but he stood up and sang with us for the benefit of all the residents. When we left the building, he saw us off at the door and shook hands with all of us. He said, "I will remember this for a long, long time". Nobles, this is one important part of Shrinedom: remembering our older, longtime members and keeping them involved. We adjourned to one of our favorite watering holes where we then had an adult beverage. A well-spent afternoon!

Otherwise, our normal activities continue. Practices are the second and fourth Mondays in the Shrine Conference Room. Come and give us a try if you enjoy singing. We are already preparing for next year's Midwest.

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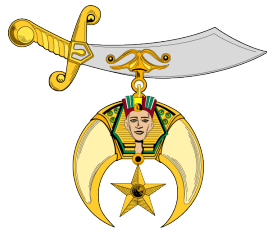
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KEM Shriners Ceremonial and Christmas Parties December 7, 2013



Ceremonial - (New Member initiation)

Please let us know if you plan to attend. Call 701-772-7125 Thank You !! Walk-ins are welcome

Candidate Registration	9:00 – 9:30 am
Candidate Orientation	9:30 – 9:45 am
Ceremonial (Initiation Ceremony)	9:45 – 10:30 am
Second Section	10:30 - Noon
New Shriner Fezzing (upper auditorium)	
Ladies come and fez your new Shriner	Noon

Initiation Fee is \$150. This includes 2014 dues.



Kid Christmas Party - for our hospital patients and their families

(Ladies casual, slacks – sweater)

Kids arrive	11:30 – Noon
Party starts (food by Mobil Nobles)	
(New Shriners and Ladies help serve kids)	Noon – 1:00 pm
Santa's Visit	1:00 – 2:00 pm
<i>Hospitality</i> (Guest House 259, former Townhouse)	2:00 – 5:00 pm



Kem Christmas Party, - New Shriners & Their Ladies are our Guests

Please RSVP to 701-772-7125 by Tuesday Dec. 3rd.

(Shriners, Sport coat & slacks, Ladies, semi -formal)

Social Hour (and a half)	5:30 – 7:00 pm
Dinner (Caterer TBA)	7:00 – 8:00 pm
Dancing (Gary Emerson)	8:00 – Midnight
Cost \$10 per person	

Hospitality (Guest House 259, former Townhouse) 11:00pm – 1:00 am

For those from out of town there is a block of rooms at Guesthouse (701-746-5411)
Make reservation by November 22nd.

Questions, Check out beashrinernow.com, kemshriners.com or call Tom Hanson (218-779-9810)

All events are at the Grand Forks Masonic Center, 423 Bruce Ave, Grand Forks, ND

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov	14	Uniformed Units
	16	Masonic One-Day Class
Dec	7	Patient Christmas Party
		Units Christmas Party
		Ceremonial
	12	Uniformed Units
Jan	11	Annual Meeting
Feb	13	Uniformed Units
	?	Circus Kick Off
	15	Unit/Club Financial
		Reports Due
	28	Wild Game Feed

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January 11, 2014

For the Nobles

At the Masonic Center

9:30 Annual Meeting
Doors will be tiled

11:00 Installation of Officers
Noon Fish Fry

Meetings will follow for all 2014 Unit
Officers including:

Presidents
Secretaries
Circus Reps
Hospital Reps
Football Reps
Membership Reps
Insurance Reps

2:00 Membership
2:45 Board of Directors

2014 Potentate Reception – Masonic Center

6:00 – 7:00 Social Hour
7:00 Dinner
9:00 – 1:00 Dance
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SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN OPEN



(Pictured on far left is Kem Shrine's Jim McConnell the Imperial Treasurer and far right is Kem Shrine's Dale Stauss, the Deputy Imperial Potentate. Webb Simpson in center won the tournament and is pictured with his wife and several hospital patients in the foreground)

My wife and I volunteered to work this event in Las Vegas the week of October 14-20th. We were assigned to hospitality. This event is staffed primarily by Shriners and their families, last year 950 volunteers accounted for 25,000 hours worked to put on this Fed Ex Cup tournament held at TPC Summerlin.

There is a job for everyone here, with reduced hotel rates at the Sun Coast Casino and Hotel- a very nice place to stay, with shuttles to and from the golf course and their events. To volunteer or get more information for next year's event, go to shrinersinternational.org and click on events, although next spring would be when the next years information would be available. You will meet fellow Shriners and spouses from across this country and Canada that all share the same goal.

Thanks go out to Imperial Sirs Jim and Dale for their great representation of Shiner's International at this event. If you have any questions about participating in next year's tournament call Bill at 218-791-6162.



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