

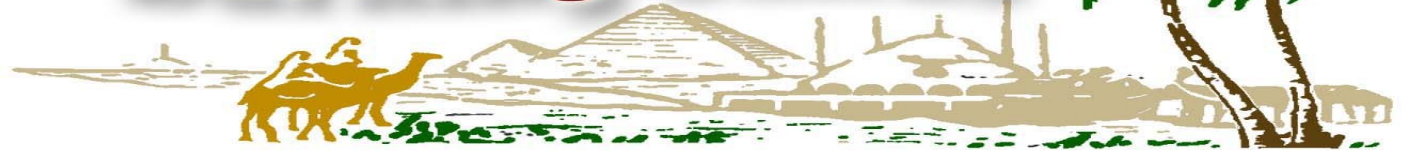
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Jim Kienast Potentate 2013

I would like to thank everyone for their support and for the honor of being elected to serve as Kem's Potentate. The nine years that I have spent on the Divan has been the fastest nine years of my life but they have been so rewarding.

It all started when Wayne Bauste appointed me as Outer Guard nine years ago so blame him. It seems like only four or five years. I have met some truly great people not only in Kem but the other Temples as well.

I would like to thank Past Potentate Dennis Hansel and Lady Drina for a very successful and fun-filled 2012. They left such big shoes to fill. It was truly an honor to serve with them this past year. Dennis' year marks the 14th consecutive year of positive membership growth.

There is always the danger of forgetting someone to thank but here goes because these people all played a part. To Al Nipstad and the ladies who help serve the meal at our Annual meeting, to Tom Moe and Darrel Schrader, to Wayne Bauste and Linda who have been there throughout, and to all the members of the Divan and their Ladies. I also want to thank Dave Rustebakke for accepting the Outer Guard position for Kem Temple. But a big special thanks go to Janie Briss and Jonelle Soderstrom and all the members of Lake Region Flag Corp for being there.

I would like to cover a few things coming up. The Spring Ceremonial will be held in Devils Lake this year. We will be leading the parade off for Devils Run this year. For those who don't know it, Devils Run had over 900 vehicles register last year. It is a four day event and the town will be hopping with people. Nu-

merous events, entertainment and shopping extravaganza is held during this event. We always anticipate a huge crowd for this event and we will be able to show Kem Temple to a whole new group of people. It ends on Sunday with the vehicles lined up at Roosevelt park with food and 60's music entertaining you. You need to reserve your room at the Great American Inn (701-662-4001) by February 1st. After that no guarantees!!!! Please note that our Units Meeting in March will be in Langdon this year. We will have a one day class on March 9th. St. Patty's Day is March 16th in Grand Forks. A fun day! And don't forget the Circus' in Williston, Minot and Grand Forks in April. Hope to see you all there. Mark your calendars for our Shriner's Hospital trip on May 17th. Everyone should go there at least once.

Please look at an ad for the Alaska trip on August 29th. This trip is open to all the Midwest Temples with numerous sites to see. My understanding is that there has been quite a few Shriners sign up for this already. Please note that you can save \$300 per person flying out of Fargo vs. Grand Forks. This promises to be a great trip. Call me if you have questions. I hope to see a number of you on this trip.

We are entering 2013 with 14 years of continuous growth in membership and I intend to make it fifteen. However, this can happen only with the help of the entire Nobility of Kem Shrine. There are a lot of good men not yet Masons, and a lot of good Masons who are not yet Shriners. Let us work together and get fifteen years of GROWTH in MEMBERSHIP. My theme this year is investing in our children's future and what better way is there then to get more Shriners that can help more kids.

With you, I am looking forward to a good year. In closing, I am borrowing this from Wayne Bauste, God bless Shriners and God bless American.

Jim Kienast Biography

Jim was born in Luverne, Minnesota on March 31, 1949 and graduated from Luverne in 1967. He received his BA from Southwest Minnesota State University at Marshall, Minnesota, graduating as a charter class graduate in 1971. Following graduation, he joined the US Navy and spent 4 years stationed at various bases in the United States. Following his discharge in December 1975, he moved to Devils Lake, North Dakota and has been there since. He joined the North Dakota National Guard and spent the next years in the 3662nd GS Maintenance Company until he was called to active duty with the US Army in January 2003 in support of Iraqi Freedom. Upon his return from active duty, he joined the Camp Grafton Training Command and stayed with this unit until his retirement from the military in March 2009 with over 37 years of military service. Jim retired with the rank of Chief Warrant Officer Four. Jim started his own insurance agency in 1980 and stayed with this until September of 1997 when he sold his business. That same date, Jim started First Financial Center and ran this business until his retirement on December 31, 2012.

Jim is a Master Mason in both the Devils Lake Lodge and the Church's Ferry Lodge. Jim is a member of the Lake Region Flag Corp, Kem Band (strictly non-player status), the Mulligans, Hillbillies Clan #172, Ancient Order of the Camel Herders, and the Boat Racers.

On the local scene, Jim has held various positions with different organizations. He is presently serving his 18th year on the local Airport Authority Board. In addition, he is a member of the Devils Lake Elks, Rotary Club, Our Savior's Lutheran Church and has served on the boards for Lake Region Life Underwriters and Lake Region College Foundation Board and the Our Savior's Church board. In his spare time, he really enjoys golfing and reading.

Jim has one daughter. Kristi graduated from UND and then spent over 2 years in Ghana, West Africa and a year in Mexico teaching English. Kristi is married to Arturo and they have one daughter named Aralyn. They live in Apache Junction, Arizona.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE RECORDER

Happy New year to all! We moved into 2013 with another successful year. Congratulations to Past Potentate Dennis Hansel for a great year and a membership gain. Good luck to our new Potentate Jim Kienast and the 2013 Divan.

I would like to thank the Nobles of Kem for their confidence in electing me to server another year as your recorder. We are already off and running into 2013, Units please get your new officers and unit reps sent into the office and don't forget to get your Financial Statements.

Membership is one of the keys to our success so make sure you members are getting their dues paid. You need do have your dues paid to get credit for working the circus and also to participate in parades or any shrine functions. To you guy that do not belong to a Unit it a good time to look at all of them and join up. If any of you have the time come on out to a Units meeting, they are posted in the Sands.

I would again like to thank Carol in the office for all the help. Remember all, you as Shriner's each own a part of our great hospital system. Take Pride in it. Pay your dues, Get involved, and always, always remember, We do it for the Children. Dale Duchscherer PP, Recorder

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 1st 6 7-9	Wild Game Feed Circus Kickoff MSA Winter Session
Mar. 9 16	One Day Class St. Patties Day
Apr. 26-28	Circus Grand Forks Circus Williston Circus Minot
May. 16-18 31	Hospital Bus Trip Spring Ceremonial
June 1	Spring Ceremonial

Membership

New for 2013

**Kem will have a new Website.
Dues bills will be mailed monthly.
Units will have membership quotas.
Tailgating at UND football games.**

2012 was a tough year but with the hard work from the nobles we were able to make 14 years of positive membership growth.

Kem vs Zurah



As you can see by the picture Kem lost to Zurah in the membership challenge. Our hats have to go off to Zurah as they brought in over 100 new Shriners. It was a hard fought battle which went down to the wire. Hopefully Imperial Sir Dale Stauss has been taking singing lessons as he has to not

only wear the Jersey he has to sing the MN Gophers school song at the MSA winter session. We put up a good fight but came up a little short in the end.

Dale mentioned that everyone involved will be on stage singing. So a couple of us have a little surprise for our

It is 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 Uni-formed Units meeting **Wednesday February 6th**. 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 21st. All tickets sales need to be turned in by April 12th.

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May 16-18

for the annual "Hospital Days."

The bus will start in Minot, picking up along the way, Thursday morning and returning on Saturday. Cost will be \$60/ person, plus 2 night's motel, which is about \$70/night. Both the noble and their lady are encouraged to attend this informative outing. If you have been a Shriner for less than a year, you and your Lady will ride the bus free. More information will be provided in the next Burning Sands.

Mark your calendar now.

The Minnesota Twins are in town, let me know if you want tickets to the game.

If interested contact: Scott Midstokke
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WILD GAME FEED FEB 1, 2013

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND IS THE KEM WILD GAME FEED!

Friday February 1st the Masonic Center will host the popular event, starting with a social hour with beverages for young and old. Serving will begin at 6 Pm and continuing until 9 PM with music from our energetic and vibrant KEM Band. The menu will feature (just to name a few), pheasant & wild rice, elk lasagna, pulled buffalo slider sandwiches, spotted owl and much more. There will also be some good old fashioned dishes for those that might not be as adventurous for the rest. Desserts will be donated by some of our members and if you feel you would like to donate something please give us a call - Bill Steckler, 218-791-6162, or just bring it with you when you come. Cost is just \$10 for all you care to eat, \$5 for ages 5-15 under 5 free.

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Happy New Year and Hope you all had a Great Christmas. Congratulations to Kems upcoming Potentate and thanks to Past Potentate Dennis Hensel and Lady Drina for their year.

Crookston Shrine Club had a good year overall. And with the new concession trailer. We thank those Nobles and Ladies that worked with the circus and other events throughout the year. Kenneth Gillespie (Dizzy) was the Midwest Clown President and made all the arrangements for the clown competition. Thank you. Also appreciate the Chanters for all the past and years of providing entertainment at our Nursing Homes.

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CHANTERS HAD A BUSY 2012

2012 was one of the busiest years in recent memory for the Kem Shrine chanters. Just look at these numbers: Our normal biweekly gathering combines a business meeting with a practice and there were 23 of these! The past year saw the refurbishing of our colorful parade trailer. We showed it off by participating in 11 parades, including small towns, larger towns and the big MSA parades. We appeared in 4 church services, including the funeral service for a Kem Noble. We provided the entertainment for 6 gatherings of various Masonic Bodies. Appearances before non-Shrine/Masonic Groups totaled 5 and ranged from wedding anniversaries to delivering the national anthem at Bemidji Homecoming. One of our most fulfilling activities is singing at nursing homes and we did this 7 times during 2012. On two occasions, we joined our ladies for a social evening.

Along with these activities, we worked in the production of the Kem Shrine Circus, selling advance tickets and manning the gates at the circus itself. We attended the MSA Winter Session, planning for the 2012 Midwest in Grand Forks. We entered the Shrine Chanter competition at the MSA and although we didn't win, we were awarded a Gold Medal.

You can see that we are an active Unit. If you like activity and enjoy singing, this might be the unit for you!



Christmas Party 2012



Annual Meeting



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SPRING CEREMONIAL

Make your motel reservations before

Feb 1st, 2013

KEM Shrine Spring Ceremonial will be held in Devils Lake

Fri, May 31st and Sat, June 1st.

**The famous "Devils Run" is the same weekend, so it will be impossible to get a motel room after

Feb 1st.

**There is a "Shriners" block of rooms reserved at the Great American Inn 701-662-4001.

A brief summary of the weekend events:

*Hospitality Room at Great American Inn!!

*Golf

*Ceremonial

*Shriners lead the famous parade of ~ 1000 cars!

*Men's lunch w/view of the parade

*Ladies' luncheon

*Arena full of shopping for the ladies

*Pote's Reception Sat evening

*Variety of music & other Devil's Run activities throughout DL

*Show & Shine event on Sunday at Roosevelt Park

*Hospitality Room at Great American Inn!!

More details to come later. Please pass this on and make your reservations for fun in Devils Lake!

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Feb 12 Acacia Lodge Dinner @ 6:30
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FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE

Feb 7 Malta Lodge Dinner @ 6:30
Degree work @ 7:30
Mar 26 Acacia Lodge Dinner @ 6:30
Degree work 7:30

MASTER MASON DEGREE

Jan 15 Goose River Lodge Mayville
Dinner 6:30
Degree work 7:30

ONE DAY CLASS

Mar 9 Malta Lodge
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EA Degree @ 8 AM
FC degree @ 9:30
MM degree @ 1 PM after lunch

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Scott Midstokke
Oriental Guide

Scott was born and raised in Finley ND, and graduated from Finley-Sharon High School in 1983. He attended Bismarck Junior College earning a degree as Electrical Lineman in 1987. Upon graduation Scott returned to Finley to work for Sheyenne Valley Electric, in 2001 Scott



moved to Michigan ND and started working for Nodak Electric as a lead lineman, in July 2012 Scott was promoted to District Crew Foreman in Michigan ND. Scott has 2 sons, Ryne who is working as a lineman in western ND, and Tyler who is a sophomore at Finley-Sharon High School. Lady Bernice has 3 children; Brittany is an RN at Altru Hospital in Grand Forks, her husband Nick is a lineman at MinnKota Power and they have a new baby daughter, Brielle. Her son Clinton is a lineman in western ND, and daughter Katie is attending UND Nursing School.

Scott was raised a Master Mason in the Mayflower Lodge #94 in Finley. Scott joined KEM in 2000; he is a member of the Provost, Hillbillies, Mobil Nobles, Mulligans, Roughriders, and the 4th Floor Club. Scott is past President of the Provost and currently the Secretary-Treasurer. Scott and Bernice served as Potentate Aides in 2006, 2007, and 2009, and currently organize the

Steve Adams
Treasurer

Steve Adams was born in Valley City North Dakota and moved to Grand Forks at an early age. He graduated from Aaker's Business College in 1973 with a General Business and Accounting degree. He spent 33 years keeping the records for Greenberg Enterprises. Steve is currently the Sales Manager for Prudential Crary Real Estate and is actively involved in Real Estate Sales, Land Development and Residential Construction. He is a member of the City of Grand Forks Planning and Zoning Commission and acting Chairman of the Metropolitan Planning Organization. Steve was raised a Master Mason in November of 2011 in Malta Lodge #131 and is the acting treasurer for the Lodge. He joined Kem Shrine in December 2011. He is a member of the Mobile Nobles and the Mulligans.

Steve and his wife Mary reside in Grand Forks. Their two children both live in Grand Forks. Matt and his wife Jennifer, their kids Koby, Brody and Lauren; Sara and her daughter, Haleigh.



Dave Rustebakke
Outer Guard

Dave continues to farm and raise cattle on the Family Farm where he grew up in rural Larimore.

In High School Dave participated in the FFA, 4-H, and lettered in wrestling. Dave attended NDSU and received his Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics.

Before returning home to run the Family Farm Dave worked for Farm Bureau in various capacities including, regional representative, communications director (with his own radio show) with his last responsibility as the legislative director. Dave is currently the Chairman of the North Dakota credit review board.

Dave has two daughters, Carly who is a Sophomore at the University of Southern California and Mari a Freshman at Red River High School.

Dave continues to be a avid NDSU fan, enjoys golf, fishing, snowmobiling and riding motorcycle His Lady Steph works for Ferrell Gas and has two girls Emma, and Sarah.

Dave was raised a Master Mason in North Star Lodge 16 and is currently the JW and head chef. Dave is in the Kem RoughRiders, Mulligan's, Ritualistic Divan, Hillbillies, and the 4th floor club.



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