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## POTENTATE'S REPORT SCOTT MIDSTOKKE

**W**OW, where does time go? It's hard to believe that we are in the last part of July already. June 2nd and 3rd was Spring Ceremonial weekend and what a great weekend it was. Friday-17 nobles golfed at the Grand Forks Country Club and fun was had by all. That evening the 4th Floor Club had a Canadian themed party, what a great night. Saturday morning we started the day off by creating 7 new KEM Shrine nobles, with the parade and Oasis following. After the Oasis the Hillbilly Degree was performed with 28 new members joining the Clan. That evening we enjoyed a great meal with some live music to finish the day. Thank you to everyone that helped make that weekend a success!!

On June 16th and 17th, Bernice and I traveled out to Medora for the ND Grand Lodge Communication where KEM's very own Mark Williamson from Larimore was installed as the ND Grand Master. That evening I had the honor of presenting Mark with his KEM Grand Master Fez, it was a great weekend visiting with old friends and meeting new ones.



July 9th-13th KEM Shrines representatives traveled to Daytona Beach for the Imperial Session, where legislation and change of leadership happens. It was a very good session. The Imperial parade was on Tuesday night with KEM being very well represented, Dizzy the clown from Minot rode his bike, the Divan walked in the parade, Bruce Krabseth had his yellow roadster and the KEM Provost had the 59 Ford cop car in the parade. Earlier in the week there was a Walk, Ride or Drive for Love at the Daytona International Speedway where we had people walk and the Roaster and Cop car got to go around the track, while raising money for Shriners Hospitals for Children. As soon as we got home it was Shrine Football weekend and what a great and

memorable weekend it was. We had a special guest join us for the weekend, Alec Cabacungan and his parents from Chicago. Alec is a Shriners Hospitals for Children National Television Patient Ambassador, what a great young man. While Alec and his parents were here they had a busy schedule, Alec started his day off attending a North Star lodge breakfast and was the Parade Marshall at the Larimore parade with an Oasis following the parade and then off to Grand Forks to get a tour of the Ralph, and a "Meet and Greet Social" at the Masonic Center that evening. Sunday started off with the Shrine Football banquet which was incredible once again with

Alec sharing his story. Following the banquet we created 2 new KEM Shriners and fezzed them at the first halftime. A big THANKS goes out to everyone that made the weekend, one to remember!!!

The upcoming months are full of events, starting with the MSA in Bloomington MN, August 17-19, we will be having the KEM party back at the hotel right after the parade Friday evening. The Potato Bowl parade and game are September 9th in Grand Forks and on the same day the Bemidji Shrine Bowl is also held. Don't

forget about UND Tailgating this fall and the KEM Shrine Potentates Ball in Minot, on October 7th, just to name a few. More details about these events and more are in this issue.

As always membership plays an important part of the success of KEM Shrine and we need your help. If you have been contacted by the membership committee to help with past due nobles, please take time and help get these nobles current on their dues. The next Ceremonial will be September 8th the night before the Potato Bowl so if you have any candidates, bring them to the Masonic Center in Grand Forks that evening for the ceremonial.

Congratulations to Past Potentate, and Past Imperial Treasurer Jim McConnell for the 28 years that Jim has served on the Budget and Finance Committee, Imperial Auditor and Imperial Treasurer. KEM Shrine is very proud of all the years that you have served at Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children. Job well done Jim!!

Lady Bernice and I would like to thank everyone for the great hospitality that we have received in our travels. It is an honor to serve as your Potentate in 2017.

Scott Midstokke

KEM Shrine Potentate

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**MAY-PORT KEYSTONES**

We recently attended a meeting to discuss a joint Mason/Kops memorial park project. We'll continue to meet to formalize and begin the project in August.

Parades attended so far have been well received by the crowds.

Looking forward to July 15th in Larimore to support Alec, the Shrine Hospital spokesperson. We hope to have the paddy wagon at the MSA. We are in the process of replacing/upgrading equipment.

We assisted the Shrine football committee during football practice week in Mayville.

Thanks to the Evans Farms for allowing us to work on our equipment in their shop.

We are planning a social event for the active Kops members and guests later this summer.

See you all at the upcoming parades!



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The club is hosting a Potentates Ball for our Illustrious Scott Midstokke and his Lady Bernice. The cost is \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 for a couple. Lots of fun, music and dancing. Please come and join us in honoring our Potentate and Lady Bernice.

**Schedule of Events**

**Shrine Ceremonial** 3:00 PM at the Masonic Center 2524 Burdick Expressway East (by the Fair Grounds)

**Registration** 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM (Vegas Motel)

6 PM Social Hour (cash bar)

7 PM Banquet (Sevens Bar and Grill)

Music and dancing until 1 AM

**Other Information:**

Dress; Men: Business to Formal

Ladies: Semi-formal to formal

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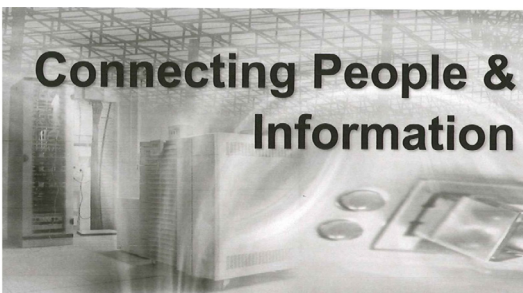
Greetings Nobles

Busy, Busy, Busy! That sums up the Summer so far! Mobil Nobles will have been to 12 parades by the time you'll read this article. We live in a great community and have great communities around us that support each other. It makes for a fun time at these events.

This Spring we have added a few more members to the Mobil Nobles. I would like to welcome Darrin Looker, Brad Klindt, Chris Landis, Robert Slivicki, and Curt Tanabe. It's always great to see new faces at parades and events, welcome!

I would like to thank Ryan Scott for organizing and implementing the "Mini ATV Raffle" and congratulate the Mobil Nobles for a very successful raffle. Great job Nobles!

It was great to see the Cycle Corps guys stop by on their bikes after our last meeting. We had a good time.



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**FOURTH FLOOR CLUB**

Hello Nobles,

The members of the Fourth Floor Club hope you are all having a great summer season! We hope your 4th of July was a great time together with family and friends.

I would first like to recognize our FFC president, Randy Shear, for all of his hard work, dedication, and leadership throughout his time as our president. We appreciate all that you have done as you lead this great group of men. We are excited to continue to support you as we go forward. Lead on Randy!

We were excited to participate in the Spring Ceremonial. Thank you to Potentate Scott Midstokke for a wonderful day of fraternal events and an evening of fellowship, fun, and dancing. FFC would like to also thank you for your incredible leadership this year as well. We look forward to seeing you at future events coming up.

Parade season is in full swing. We hope you have all been able to come out and be a part of one or two. Let's get out there and show our numbers in each town.

If anyone is interested in joining the FFC come join us at our next meeting July 26th . If you are unable to join us that day, come on out the last Wednesday of the month for future meetings. Have a great rest of your summer! See you all around at the many events coming up.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Lloyd

**Hopscotch Night**

Sep. 29th  
 6pm-Midnight  
 Fourth Floor Club

Live band

Members \$5  
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For questions contact Randy Shear

**KEM TAILGATING SCHEDULE**

THE POTATO BOWL GAME kicks off the 2017 UND Fighting Hawks tailgating season. A different unit provides food at each game, starting about 3 hours before game time! Kem tables, chairs and canopy are supplied for your enjoyment. Meet all your Kem friends and invite friends of your own to enjoy the pre game festivities. Bringing your own refreshment is encouraged. Check the schedule out & make your plans!

Sept 9	Potato Bowl Missouri State vs UND	TIME- TBA
Sept 23	Montana State vs UND	1 PM
Oct 7	Northern Colorado vs UND	1 PM
Oct 21	Sacramento State vs UND	1 PM
Nov 11	Eastern Washington vs UND	1 PM

# ALEC CABACUNGAN VISITS KEM!

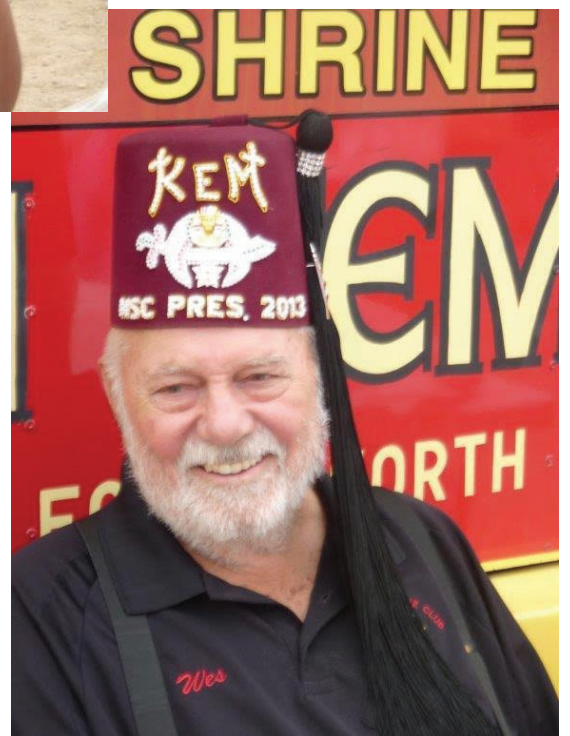


WE HAD A SPECIAL GUEST JOIN US FOR THE WEEKEND, ALEC CABACUNGAN AND HIS PARENTS FROM CHICAGO. ALEC IS A SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN NATIONAL TELEVISION PATIENT AMBASSADOR, WHAT A GREAT YOUNG MAN. WHILE ALEC AND HIS PARENTS WERE HERE THEY HAD A BUSY SCHEDULE, ALEC STARTED HIS DAY OFF ATTENDING A NORTH STAR LODGE BREAKFAST AND WAS THE PARADE MARSHALL AT THE LARIMORE PARADE WITH AN OASIS FOLLOWING THE PARADE AND THEN OFF TO GRAND FORKS TO GET A TOUR OF THE RALPH, AND A "MEET AND GREET SOCIAL " AT THE MASONIC CENTER THAT EVENING. SUNDAY STARTED OFF WITH THE SHRINE FOOTBALL BANQUET WHICH WAS INCREDIBLE ONCE AGAIN WITH ALEC SHARING HIS STORY, FOLLOWING THE BANQUET WE CREATED 2 NEW KEM SHRINERS AND FEZZED THEM AT THE FIRST HALFTIME. A BIG THANKS GOES OUT TO EVERYONE THAT MADE THE WEEKEND, ONE TO REMEMBER!!!

## PARADE PIX



# WELLS COUNTY FAIR



# IMPERIAL SESSION 10 PAST POTENTATE'S AND CURRENT POTENTATE



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- August 10th Uniformed Units, Mayville, host Keystone Cops
- August 16. MSA counterparts, Bloomington MN
- August 17-19 MSA Summer Session, Bloomington MN
- September 7th Burning Sands deadline
- September 9th Potato Bowl Parade
- September 9th Bemidji Shrine Bowl
- September 9th Missouri State vs UND tailgating
- September 14th Uniformed Units Meeting, Devils Lake
- September 23rd Montana State vs UND tailgating
- September. 29th Hopscotch
- October 5-7 Membership Seminar, Tampa
- October 7th Northern Colorado vs UND, tailgating
- October 7th Pote's Ball, Minot
- October 12th Trustee, Quarterly, Uniformed Units Meeting, Grand Forks, host Roughriders
- October 14th Pheasant Hunt, Williston
- October 19-21 SCAFRA, Sioux Falls
- October 21st UND vs Sacramento State, tailgating
- October 28th Tables DuJour, Grand Forks



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## KEM QUARTERLY MEETING

Thursday, October 12, 6:30 p.m.

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Grand Forks, ND

You are notified that regular stated meeting of Kem Shriners will meet at the above time and place for hearing reports, purposed Capital Budget Amendment and conducting regular business. Admittance by your 2017 dues card. Please wear your Fez.

Attest

Yours in the Faith,

*Dale Duchscherer*     *Scott Midstokke*  
Dale Duchscherer     Scott Midstokke

PP, Recorder

Potentate

## MEMBERSHIP

Summer is flying by and can't believe that it is almost August. As always we are looking for a few good men to join our fraternity. If you know anyone who would make a good Shriner, please ask him to join us. If he is already a Mason, he just needs to fill out a Kem application. If he is not a Mason, we will have to have him fill out a petition to join a masonic lodge first. This process does take longer than most of us realize. A petition has to be read in lodge, then sit for at least 14 day before being read a second time. This all takes place before we can vote on it. Then the degree work can start. Every Lodge has a different schedule as to when they do this work.

Our number of new Nobles looks good so far, but we still need approximately 25 to 30 new Nobles by years end to meet our Illustrious Potentate Scott Midstokke's goal of 65 new nobles and have a positive gain in membership for this year.

Please get those petition's into your lodges as soon as possible . Check with your lodge for dates and times of degree work.

There is a Shrine Ceremonial scheduled for the Friday evening before the Potato Bowl and one the first Saturday in December.

Let's help Scott out and make his goal of 65 new Shriners a reality and help Kem start a new run of consecutive years of growth.



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## NEW KEM PLAQUE



What a great addition to the other plaques that hang in the lower level of the Grand Forks Masonic Center, each one was designed by Noble Neal Martin from Grand Forks.

Thanks Neal for sharing your time and talents in the design of this plaque and your great eye for detail.

*Some facts about the plaque;*

37.5" in diameter and 1.5" thick

Wood is solid mahogany carved in Manila, Philippines and then detail painted.

Job very well done Neal

## POTATO BOWL CEREMONIAL

September 8th, 2017

Grand Forks Masonic Center

If you have candidates that want to join the Shrine, what a GREAT time to do it on Potato Bowl weekend. This is a great weekend with a lot going on. Ceremonial Friday night, lead the Potato Bowl Parade on Saturday, tailgate before the game and watch a UND victory. Grab your candidates and let's make them Shriners !!!!

6:00 pm Registration

6:45pm Vote on candidates

7:00pm Ceremonial begins in the Auditorium

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The 2017 Midwest Shrine Association (MSA) will be in Bloomington, MN this year. Zuhrah Shriners have planned a great event. We will be at the Double Tree Hotel, which is also the headquarters hotel. It starts on Thursday, August 17th with the Marketplace store opening for shoppers. Thursday night is the Shrine-A-Rama social and buffet. At noon on Friday they will have the Ladies Luncheon. Friday night is the Shrine parade. After the parade the Kem party will be in our hospitality room at the hotel. A schedule for all of the events is in the Burning Sands. You can also go to the MSA website, [msa2017.org](http://msa2017.org), for more information. Once again Kem will have a big presence at the MSA.

### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AS OF 3/25/17

#### Wednesday, August 16

- 12:00 noon Registration begins at the Double Tree Hotel
- 5PM Registration closes for the day. Animal Units arrive at the Zuhrah Horse Ranch, 4504 CR 92, Independence, MN
- 6PM Counterparts Social at Minnesota Valley Country Club
- 7PM Counterparts dinner served
- 7-9PM Marketplace setup in Veranda Ballroom Double Tree

#### Thursday, August 17

- 7-9AM Marketplace setup in Veranda Ballroom Double Tree
- 9AM-5PM Marketplace open
- 9AM Registration begins at Double Tree Hotel
- 5PM Registration closes for the day

- TBD Animal Units - Practice offered in Zuhrah Horse Ranch arena and barn
- 12:30-3:30PM "Gems of Minneapolis" City Tour
- 6PM Shrine-A-Rama Social at Double Tree Ballroom
- 6:30-9:30PM Shrine-A-Rama Buffets open

#### Friday, August 18

- Competitions:
- 8AM Motor Corps - TBA
  - 8AM Foot Patrols
  - 8:30AM Chanters - TBD
  - 9AM Clowns - Double Tree Hotel, Edina Room, with dressing rooms available at 7AM
  - 9AM Horsemen - Zuhrah Horse Ranch

No Competitions; Bands, Drum & Bugle Corps, Oriental Bands, Pipes & Drums, Shrine Provosts

- 9AM-5PM Marketplace open
- 11:30AM Ladies Luncheon Social - Grand Ballroom Foyer, Double Tree Hotel
- 12-3PM Ladies Luncheon
- 1:30PM All Midwest Ceremonial, Contact: Tom Moe (701) 786-2442
- 4PM Parade line-up
- 5PM Parade kicks off
- 5-7PM Marketplace tear-down
- 6PM Parade Oasis begins
- 9PM Parade Oasis closes

#### Saturday, August 19

We encourage you to stay and "enjoy" the Twin Cities for the weekend: Pote's Golf Tournament, Minnesota Twins baseball games, Mall of America, Valley Fair, etc.

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MINOT SCREENING CLINIC HELD JUNE 12, 2017.



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