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BURNING SANDS

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POTENTATE'S REPORT LYNN MISIALEK

Hello Nobles!

Well, the parade season is over until next spring. A lot has happened since the last Burning Sands. We had our first ever Potato Bowl Ceremonial on Friday prior to UND's Potato Bowl football game. It was a nice night and we brought in four new Shriners. After the Ceremonial, several nobles and their ladies went over to Town Square and danced to the Fabulous Armadillos.

The next day was a full day. We started off with the Kem Shrine Potato Bowl Parade. There was a nice turnout of parade units. The parade was also carried live on KNOX radio where our own Ryan Scott became a celebrity, he was the play by play announcer. After the parade, several Nobles headed to the Alerus Center to Kem's tailgate spot prior to the football game. A few of us headed to Bemidji, MN for a parade and the Shrine Football game at Bemidji State. Kem Noble Joe Dunn has organized this event for the past 20 years (Thanks Joe!).

Also the same day as the Potato Bowl game in Grand Forks there was a one day Masonic Class in Williston. I want to thank everyone involved in putting that together. It's always a lot of work but a fun time!

On Saturday September 24th Kem Shrine sponsored an aid station for the Wild Hog Marathon. We handed out water and Powerade to the runners. The Fourth Floor Bus and the Cycleers carts and trailer were on display. We set up at 7:30 am and were done by 10:30. This was a nice event for Kem Shrine to participate in. Thanks to all the nobles who participated!

On Friday September 30th the Fourth Floor Club held their 4th Annual Hop Scotch Party. Everyone was invited to bring their favorite Beer or Scotch that they would like to share with others. The group Moon Shine Red provided the music for the evening. What a great evening! Lots of fun with Shriners, Masons and their guests! This goes in the column of "you should have been there."

On Saturday, October 8th, the Minot Shrine Club honored my lady Cheryl and myself with a Potentates Ball. What a great night and well attended by many nobles and their ladies. Cheryl and I can't thank you

enough! Check out the Minot Shrine Club website and see all of the photos. Orren Anderson's, Lady Karen, does a wonderful job taking a lot of photos.

The manager of the Ralph Engelstad, Jody Hogson was our guest speaker at our quarterly meeting on the 13th of October. Thanks to Steve Renslow, our Uniformed



LYNN MISIALEK & LADY CHERYL

Units President, for lining up all of our speakers this year. It sure has added a lot to our units meetings.

The Williston Shriners held their annual Pheasant hunt Saturday, October 15th followed by a Shrine Ceremonial that afternoon and a fish fry in the evening. Those nobles sure can show you a good time when you go out there. I had a chance to shoot at a few birds. I'm not a very good shot, but had a great time. We were able to bring in a few new Shriners that afternoon as well. What a day!

Did you know that Kem has a Hospital fundraiser the last Saturday in October call Tables du Jour? This event was started by past Potentate Lowell Domier and his lady Deb. This is an awesome event where the ladies decorate tables and some even dress to a theme. There are many silent auction items to bid on and a few games. The Nobles are dressed in their Tuxes and serve the ladies. We have a great time!

As you read this article, the Shrine Hospital for Children Fed Ex Golf Tournament should be in progress in Las Vegas, NV. It runs from Monday Oct 31st through Sunday Nov 6th .

Here's an upcoming event to look forward to. On Saturday, November 12th , there will be a Masonic one day class at the Grand Forks Masonic Center. If you have a candidate who has been voted on, make sure you have him there in time. This will be the last chance to make a new mason this year. Saturday, December 3rd will be a huge day at the Grand Forks Masonic Center. We start the day with a Shrine Ceremonial (read further in the sands for details). Following the Ceremonial, there will be a Christmas Party for all our Shrine Hospital Patients. The Mobil Nobles will be serving pizza and hot dogs. Santa will be there with gifts for the kids. This party for the children is always well attended. Please be there to help serve and clean up. That evening will be the Uniformed Units Christmas Party. Hope to see all Nobles this day!

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, January 14th. This will be our Annual meeting and installation of our new Potentate.

My lady Cheryl and I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Lynn Misialek & Lady Cheryl

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**UNIFORMED UNITS
 COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The next Uniformed Units Council meeting will be on November 10th in Stephen, MN at the Stephen Community Center. It will be hosted by the Stephen Funsters. Our December 8th Units meeting will be in Grand Forks at the Masonic Center. Our guest speaker in Grand Forks will be Matt Sturlaugson from El Zagal. Matt has been a very active Shriner for several years while he and his wife raised their 3 children.

**MULLIGANS - KEM SHRINE
 GRAND FORKS, ND**

Greetings Nobles!

It seems weird to be writing about our Kem golf unit, Mulligans, when it's 40 degrees outside and area golf courses are shutting down for the year! But yes, we do have a golf unit.

Mulligans was organized about 4 years ago by a group of golf fanatics intent on promoting Shrinedom through golf. The unit was started as a means by which Shriners could get together and golf. It didn't take long for Mulligans to assume the role of running and promoting golf events for Masonry as well as the Shrine.

We have promoted, and participated in the Grand Masters Golf tournaments at the annual Communications, the Kem Shrine Spring Ceremonial and the Shrine Football Golf Tournament. We have had teams representing Mulligans participate in the UND Potato Bowl Scramble and this past summer we participated and were a sponsor of the North Dakota Special Olympics Golf fundraising tournament at King's Walk Golf Course.

This coming summer our big event will be promoting and running the North Dakota Shrine Football Golf Classic. This golf tournament will be held in Grand Forks in July and will be open to everyone, Shriners and public as well. We hope to have the golf tournament information included as part of the packet of information sent to the participating football players and parents.

As is the case with all the units we need members to keep our unit functioning.

If you like Shrine, like to golf and like to have fun Mulligans is for you.

Dues are \$20.00 per year!

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SHRINE HOSPITAL TRIP

This year I (Ted Anderson) will be taking over the hospital trip for Scott Midstokke. Anyone planning on going on this trip please contact me at teddee@polarcomm.com or text me at 701-520- 0115 with your email address & phone number. Thank you.

The trip will be May 19, 20, 21, Fri., Sat, Sun. This is a trip every Shriner should attend at some time. Ladies are more than welcome. It is a fun trip!

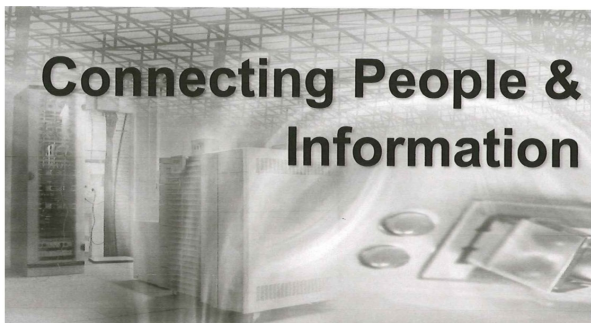
A bus will leave Minot Friday morning picking up people along the way to Grand Forks and Fargo. The bus ride is \$60 per person, new Shriners & their ladies ride free.

We will be staying at the Roseville Radisson at a cost of \$88 + taxes per night, it will be a two night stay Friday and Saturday. There is also a Minnesota Twins game that Friday night against the Kansas City Royals. The bus will take us to the game. The cost per ticket will be \$35-\$40.

As the trip gets closer I will provide more information.

Hope to see you on the bus!

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DRUM AND BUGLE CAN SIGN THEM UP:

One fine morning I was piloting the Dakota Queen Riverboat and we had a breakfast charter for the Past Potentates. They were an impressive bunch so I looked up Dale Stauss and asked him how I could be part of it. He signed me up with the Masons, Scottish Rite, Shrine and the best group of all the KEM Drum and Bugle Corps. This is the greatest fun a man can have legally. Each summer our unit gets together for parties and parades. We drive from all over the country to do this, Florida, Texas, North Dakota, Minnesota, even Devils Lake. In 2016 we performed for these great events: people cooking turkeys on a spit, people standing in front of a museum, people drinking at a fake oasis, journalists trying to produce a newspaper in their office, people stopped in traffic while we marched down middle of the street. Where else can you find guys willing to do that with you? For the Aneta parade my daughter Becky flew in from San Francisco, so did her friends from Jakarta and Minneapolis; they just wanted to see the Drum and Bugle perform the old 1-2- 3-4. We had fun this summer. Next summer we get to do it again. Maybe you know someone who is looking for some fun. Tell them to look down the street at the guys having a great time and they will be looking at Shriners. If they ask, we can sign them up.

Paul Lester: Bugle Player

KEM HOUSING

By: Steve Renslow

The Uniformed Units Council will have their annual Christmas Party on December 3rd at the Masonic Lodge in Grand Forks. This is the Uniformed Units Circus Appreciation Christmas Party. We will also have a Shrine Ceremonial and the Children's Christmas Party on the same day. Kem has a block of rooms reserved for December 2nd & 3rd at the Country Inn & Suites at 3101 S 42nd St, Grand Forks. Call 701-757- 2200 to reserve your room now. Please call before November 2nd to reserve your room and get the special rate of \$110 per night. After November 2nd the rooms are subject to availability and the room rate could be more. We will also have a large hospitality room at the motel. A shuttle bus will be available to transport you from the Lodge to the motel.

The Kem Annual meeting will be on January 14th. Kem has a block of rooms reserved for this event at the same Country Inn & Suites for January 13th & 14th. The block of rooms will be saved until December 13th. The hotel contact information is the same as above. Kem will also have a hospitality room and a shuttle bus from the Lodge to the hotel for this event. For more information

49ERS

The 49er's shrine unit has members from Pembina and Cavalier county. The name comes from the 49th parallel or the Canadian Border.

The 49er's had a good year. They participated in several parades. In April the unit had its annual fund raiser at The Hop. For those who never attended the 49ers host a party in Langdon. Food and drinks are free from 8:00 PM till 11:00 PM. With dancing until 12:00PM and prize drawing during the evening.

In July we had our annual Fishing Trip to Devils Lake. John and Maria Erickstad of Lake View Lodge are a wonderful host. Bobby Mostad organizes the trip and we usually have around twenty five attending. The food, adult beverages and fishing tales are good even if the fishing isn't.

We want wish every on a Joyous Holliday Season and congratulate ILL Sir Lynn on a very good year

MOBIL NOBLE LETTER

Greetings to all!

I hope this update finds everyone well and in good spirits. The Mobil Nobles have been active in several events since the last update. Parade season came to a close for us with the Kem Shrine Potato Bowl parade and UND homecoming parade. Another year in the books! Can you believe how fast it went? Speaking of the Potato Bowl parade, what a great job fellow Mobil Nobles, Larry Wilson, Myke Costello and crew did on the annual potato bowl breakfast at the barn. It was another successful breakfast and this event keeps growing.

We never take a break. We have a busy few months coming up. The Mobil Nobles look to participating in the

ever fun Tables du Jour event coming up. It's always a fun time serving our ladies. Also we look forward to hosting tailgating at the last University of North Dakota Football game coming up in November. It should be an excellent game and time with how well they are playing. Other groups spreads have been fantastic. The next event is one of the Mobil Nobles favorite events of the year, the annual kids Christmas party that is quickly approaching. This is a must be at event to see all the excitement on the little ones faces. Rumor has it Santa will be attending again. Well until next time....Cheers!

NOTICE OF KEM SHRINERS ANNUAL MEETING

January 14, 2017

The 2017 Annual Meeting of Kem Shriners will be held in the Auditorium of the Masonic Center in Grand Forks ND on Saturday, January 14th beginning at 9:30 am. Business to be transacted include; reading of Reports, adapting a budget for 2017, election of officers and representatives to the Imperial Council. Installation of officers for 2017 will follow.

Admission by 2017 dues card

Wear you Fez

Attest: Yours in the Faith,



Dale Duchscherer, PP

Recorder



Lynn Misialek

Potentate

SECTION 325.11 OF THE IMPERIAL CODE:

(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.

FOURTH FLOOR CLUB

Happy Fall to all family & friends, ladies, and nobles of Kem Shrine. The leaves are turning all different colors, the temps are cooling off, but that hasn't slowed the many amazing things happening here in the Fourth Floor Club.

We had the annual UND Potato Bowl Parade in Grand Forks. A bunch of people participated in the parade. Weather held up and the number of people watching was huge. Thank you to all who walked through or rode in the parade. We use this wonderful event to raise awareness of our main goal, which is providing children's assistance at our Twin Cities Shriners Hospital. Tailgating before the game was a blast. If you haven't had a chance to stop by yet, we encourage you to swing by, enjoy some friendship, fellowship, and refreshment with delicious food. GO UND!!

FFC hosted an aide station at this year's Wild Hog Marathon. Congratulations to all the runners that participated in one of the races this year! We handed out gallons and gallons of water and Powerade. We look forward to supporting the runners again next year.

Our 4th annual Hops & Scotch night was held recently. What a turnout we had. The band was terrific. Food and drinks were great. And the laughs and stories were plentiful. Definitely come on out next year – you won't be disappointed!

As always – We wish you all good fortune moving forward. We'll see many of you at various events held by other Shrine units. We are always looking for people to join the FFC and have fun while helping kids at the same time. Contact any member and we'll get you involved. Until Next Time – Adios My Good Friends!

Yours Fraternally,

Scott Lloyd

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CHANTER NEWS

By G. Paul Larson

The Chanters are back to their regular rehearsal schedule now that summer activities are over, meeting the second and fourth Mondays of the month. A business meeting starts at 6, practice runs from 6:30 to 7:30 in the Morrison room downstairs in the temple. Membership is always on the Chanters minds, and that has resulted in two new Chanters on the roster, one a brand new Shriner, the other was already a Shriner, thanks to Ken Huhta's efforts. However on the other hand, the Chanters recently lost two members to the black camel, Dave Beach a year ago and Don Olson just last month. Noble Beach left us with a takeoff on Letterman's "Top10" list. It hits the spot right on, and is included below.

10 Reasons I'm Proud To Be A Chanters

Written by Noble Dave Beach (1935-2015)

Number:

10. Our Director and Accompanist bring out the best in us, making our singing fun and rewarding.
9. Knowing that we have capable and committed officers.
8. Attending the Midwest Shrine Summer Session and we come home with Gold in the MSA Chanter competition.

7. We often sing at a Sunday church service in the summer.

6. When singing in a nursing homes and seeing the looks of appreciation on the resident's faces, we know we have just made their day a little brighter.

5. Walking into a pub after a parade, sing a song or two, and maybe be rewarded with a free libation, but always hearing thanks for what Shriners do for children.

4. We attend social events with our ladies.

3. Working the circus together with other Chanters and Shriners and seeing all the happy faces on the children.

2. Singing during a parade from our trailer, making eye contact with the crowd while they sing along with us.

1. Knowing that each time we gather to sing or to play, the combined efforts are part of our support for

Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Now, after reading that, and you can carry a tune, join us for practice and see how much fun it is.

If you want to talk to someone first, Duane Nelson is the secretary-treasurer, G Paul Larson is the director. Either would love to talk with you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

- 1-6 Shrine Hospital for Children Fed Ex Golf
Tournament-Las Vegas
- 9 Masonic Building Board Meeting
- 10 Divan/Uniformed Units Meetings - Stephen
- 12 Masonic One-day Class – Grand Forks

December

- 3 KEM Ceremonial/Shrine Kids Christmas
Party/Uniformed Units Christmas Party
- 8 Divan/Uniformed Units Meetings - Grand Forks

January

- 14 Annual Meeting

NAME THE FIELD



Kem Shrine has sponsored the kids ballfield at the Masonic Park at S 20th St & 40th Ave S. in Grand Forks. We are asking Nobles to submit suggestions as to naming the field. Waiting to hear your ideas on a great name for this ballfield! Please send your suggestions to Potentate Lynn Misialek at glassman@gra.midco.net

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GRAFTON CYCLEERS

BY TED ANDERSON



It has been a great year for the Cycleers, We would like to thank everyone that attended the Summerfest Parade in Grafton and the First Annual Cycleer Oasis. Hopefully our oasis will be bigger & better next year.

We have been busy attending a lot of the local parades this summer starting with the first weekend in June in Grand Forks and ending the season with the Shrine Potato Bowl in Grand Forks and then going onto Bemidji later that day.

We had a short notice to sell CD's at Korn Concert in Fargo as a fund raiser for the Twin Cities Shrine Hospital. We had four Shriners from the Cycleers along with friends and family that participated. We do not have a final number yet to what was raised. Also a guitar signed by Korn and Breaking Benjamin was given away.

We are in the process of making a couple new Shriners.



CYCLE CORPS ATTEND POTATO BOWL PARADE



KEM SHRINERS CHRISTMAS PARTIES AND CEREMONIALS DECEMBER 3RD

Saturday, December 3rd will be a big day at the Masonic Lodge in Grand Forks. It will start with a Shrine Ceremonial for new Shriners at 9:00 am. The Christmas Party for Shrine Hospital patients will start at 11:30. They will have lunch at noon and Santa will be there with a presentation of gifts from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

The Units Christmas Party will start with social time from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. The catered dinner will start at 7:00 pm. After dinner we will have a live band and dancing along with prizes and blackjack tables with funny money. A new feature this year will be a free photo booth for everyone to have some fun with.

Dress will be Christmas casual or an ugly Christmas sweater. This party is free to all Shriners and their Ladies (dinner is free, drinks are extra). This is a great event for new Shriners. Babysitting will be available in the Lodge free of charge. A shuttle bus will be traveling between the Country Inn and Suites and the Lodge for your convenience. See the housing article in the Burning Sands for hotel information. Please put this event on your calendar and plan to have fun with the Shriners and their Ladies. RSVP is necessary by November 25th for food, contact the Kem office at 701-772-7125 or [kemshriners @ymail.com](mailto:kemshriners@ymail.com).

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WILD HOG MARATHON



LAKE REGION FLAG CORP

The Lake Region Flag Corps wrapped up their parade season with the Devils Lake Homecoming parade on Saturday, Sept 17th. We were pleased to lead the parade entries through downtown Devils Lake as the Firebirds' students and alumni celebrated this annual tradition.

We continued our football season fun when the Flag Corps hosted the KEM tailgate party at the UND football game on Oct 1st. Many UND football fans joined us for food, drink, and social time before the great game with UND beating Cal Poly! KEM has a superb tailgate location, so the Shriners were very visible to many, many people, both young and old! A big thank you to those who joined us and to the Flag Corps' Nobles and Ladies who traveled from the DL area to help make our very first tailgate party a success! On the eve of our tailgate party, several of us attended the 4th Floor Club's Hopscotch Party on Sept 30th where a grand time was definitely had by all! We will be back in the future and recommend this annual event to everyone.

Many of our Ladies enjoyed Tables du Jour on Oct 29th. This is always an outstanding event with fun for all, including our Nobles who enjoy helping in the kitchen.

The Divan kept the Mimosas flowing while the Ladies were entertained by the huge array of creative tables, the exciting silent auction, and delicious brunch. Our sincere gratitude goes to Deb & Lowell Domier for their devotion to this magnificent fundraiser for our Shrine hospital in the Twin Cities!

We look forward to our Christmas party, that will be held at The Ranch in Devils Lake on Dec 10th. The weather may be chilly, but we trust that the evening will be filled with plenty of camaraderie, holiday cheer, and Brandy Alexanders for dessert!



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