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MESSAGE FROM THE POTENTATE

As I found out, becoming Potentate doesn't give you much time to relax. On Wednesday January 14th I arrived in St. Petersburg Florida for the 80th East West Shrine Game.

On Monday February 23rd I was back in Williston for the Williston Shrine Circus kickoff meeting. Williston will hold there Circus on April 14th and 15th.

On Thursday January 15th I went walking down the aisles of the East-West Shrine Game's Silent Auction and found many exciting items!

February 27th I met with the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota Dave Bickel at the Fourth Floor Club in Grand Forks,

On Friday, January 16th I attended the Players'/ Hall of Fame Banquet at Tropicana Field and had dinner with players, coaches, NFL Alumni, and Shriners Hospitals for Children patients. The event included the presentation of the East-West Shrine Game Pat Tillman Award and the East-West Shrine Game Hall of Fame inductees, honoring all-stars of the past and present.

I went to North Star table Lodge and Oyster Feed in Larimore on March 6th. North Star Lodge and The Rough Rider Shrine Unit hosted our 3rd annual Family Fun Day at Larimore Dam. March 8th. We had beautiful weather and a great turnout. Thank you to everyone who participated.

March 12th attended Units Council/Divan Meeting in Langdon. The next day, March 13th attended the Grand Lodge Festival in Langdon.

March 14th was a great day as we accomplished a lot of great things. First, we created 9 new Nobles, than we had a great time St. Patties Day Parade in Grand forks. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota Dave Bickel was the parade Marshall.

Mark your calendar for May 15th – 17th. We are going to the Shriners Hospital in Minneapolis. A bus will depart from Minot Friday, morning May 15th, and will be stopping in Devils Lake and Grand Forks to pick up people. How about it Rugby? Can we get some of those members to join us? And then that night a bunch of us will be going to the Twins/Tampa Ray's ballgame. There will be a section reserved for us so all the Shriners can sit together but we will need to hear from you soon. We will visit the hospital on Saturday May 16th and returning home Sunday May 17th.

Coming up in April will be the KEM Circuses to be held in Williston, Minot and Grand Forks .

Bruce Krabseth Potentate

The 2015 East-West Shrine Game took place on Saturday January 17th as Mike Singletary's East team defeated Jim Zorn's West squad 19-3 in the 90th East-West Shrine Game at Tropicana Field. On February 7th my lady Melanie and I along with Chief Rabban Lynn and his lady Cheryl attended the Zuhrah's Potentates Ball in Minneapolis, MN. We all had a great time.

February 11th I attended Circus Kick-off/Units Council/Divan Meeting in Grand Forks

Many attended the winter Session of the Midwest Shrine Association held in Fargo, ND on Feb 12-14. They also held a membership seminar in conjunction with the winter session on Friday February 13th. We will have more information on the Summer Session of the MSA to follow. The date is Aug 13-15, mark your calendar.

Melanie and I attended the Cycle Corps Pancake Breakfast in Grand Forks on February 15th. Fun had by all.

On February 20th I was a Paul Bearer at Bud Morgan's Lady Linda's funeral. All the Paul bearers for her funeral were Williston Roadsters. She was a strong supporter of the Williston Shrine Auxiliary and will be greatly missed.

CIRCUS DATES

**APRIL 14-15
WILLISTON**

**APRIL 24-26
GRAND FORKS**

**APRIL 27-29
MINOT**



KEM QUARTERLY MEETING

Thursday, Apr 9, 6:30 p.m.

Masonic Center
Grand Forks, ND

You are notified that regular stated meeting of Kem Shriners will meet at the above time and place for the purpose of hearing reports and conducting regular business. Admittance by your 2015 dues card. Please wear your Fez.

Attest

Yours in the Faith,

Dale Duchscherer

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**FROM THE DESK OF THE
RECORDER**

Greetings,

We still have not received Financial Statements and Unit Officer lists from some units. Please take care of this ASAP!!

Just a few things to take care of since parade season will be starting soon:

- (1) Make sure you get your parade requests into Potentate Bruce so you are covered on our insurance.
- (2) (2) Make sure everyone parading has a 2015 dues card.

If you haven't paid your dues please take care of them. (Including your Masonic dues.) Please remember that as a paid up member of Shriners International you are a part owner of a 10 Billion Dollar Hospital System. These hospitals belong to each and every Shriner. Maybe it's not something you can put on your Financial Statement, but it's something you can be very proud of and you are also helping so many children.

Dale Duchscherer , PP
Recorder

FOURTH FLOOR CLUB NEWS

By Bill Steckler

Many members helped at the very popular Gators' n Tators, Kem Shrines game feed, held on Feb 20th. Participation by groups to be fair were the Easy Riderz, Mobil Nobles, Cycleers, Cycle Corp, Chanters and the Mulligans. Thanks to everyone for the great help and those that made all those great desserts. It was a lot of work and a great success.

We meet on the 3rd Wed. of each month on the top floor of the Masonic building, this month we will organize for the circus and our next hospital fundraiser-watch for details. The 4th floor clubs' Prairie Pontoon proudly floated through the St. Patrick's Parade and helped spread cheer and candy throughout downtown.

KEM HOUSING

By Steve Renslow

We have three fun and important events coming soon and hotel rooms are now available. The first one will be the Kem Reception for Imperial Sir Dale Stauss at the Hilton Garden Inn in Grand Forks. The Hilton is off of 42nd St, between University Ave & Demers Ave. The reception will be on Saturday, May 2nd starting at 6:30 pm. We have a block of rooms reserved for this event up to April 1st. After that date the rate could be more and is subject to availability. The rates will be \$99 for a King room or \$119 for a Jr. Suite. Please call the Hilton at 701-775-6000 to reserve your room under the Kem Shriners block of rooms as soon as possible.

Next will be the June Ceremonial on June 6th in Grand Forks. We have a block of rooms reserved at the new Country Inn & Suites in Grand Forks for June 5th & 6th. The hotel is located at 3101 S 42nd St, Grand Forks, next door to Amundson Funeral Home. You have your choice of a room with 2 queen beds for \$99 per night or a room with 1 king bed for \$99. Next would be a King Studio Suite (king bed plus a pullout couch) for \$109. Another option is the King One Bedroom Suite (king bed plus a pullout couch) for \$119. All rooms have a fridge, microwave & coffeemaker. They also have a complimentary breakfast. For your entertainment, Kem has reserved a large hospitality room on the main floor next to the breakfast room. To reserve your room please call The Country Inn & Suites at 701-757-2200 as soon as possible. The cutoff date for the Kem Shriners block of rooms is May 5th. After May 5th the rate could be more and is subject to availability. We will have a shuttle bus available to go between the Masonic Lodge and the Country Inn & Suites.

The 2015 Midwest Shrine Association will be held in Fargo this year from August 13th to the 15th. We have a block of rooms reserved at the Holiday Inn on 13th Ave S across from West Acres. The rooms at the Holiday Inn will have 2 queen beds. The rate will be \$119.00 per night. We have also reserved a large party room, with appetizers for Thursday night after the parade. A hospitality room will be available on Thursday and Friday nights, it will be on the top floor of the Holiday Inn Tower. Each Unit should start a list of who will be attending the MSA. Please send the list of Nobles and Ladies that will be attending the MSA to Steve Renslow by July 1st. This MSA is very close to Grand Forks, we should have a huge turnout from Kem for this fun event.

More information about these events can be found in this issue of The Burning Sands. For any questions please contact Steve Renslow at 701-741-3621 or email: srenslow1@hotmail.com

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OUR MEMBERSHIP/OUR NOBLES

By Wayne Bauste

After our first three months, membership 2015 is again alive and well. We have new goals and achievements to undertake. We again, need ALL Nobles to get involved and to participate in order to achieve Noble's concerns. For 2015 we need 75 new creations to sustain our growth for the 17th year. At the present time, we have 92 members on the suspension list. We are work working on this issue. New billings for unpaid dues will be mailed out within the next two weeks. Nobles, we ask you to take care of this ASAP!

"I always prefer to believe the best of everyone, it saves so much time." Unknown

We also are asking each Unit to send their representatives to each month's Units Meeting. At these unit meetings the suspension list is handed out and Nobles present are asked to review and contact these named suspended Nobles. We did this at the Langdon meeting on March 12 and will be doing this at all future units meetings. This method could help in our efforts to contact each and every Noble. If you are Unit Representatives, make plans now, with your fellow Representatives, and attend the next meeting. This meeting will be held in Grand Forks on April 9. We hope to see you Nobles at this meeting.

To further address our suspension list, copies of Nobles who are on our suspension list will be mailed to each Unit President, Secretary and Units Membership Chairman. We ask all Nobles to get involved in your own membership list.

"If you think you are too small to have an impact, try going to bed with a mosquito in your room." Unknown

April is our Circus month and it is time to have fun. Circus dates are April 14 and 15 in Williston; April 24 – 26 in Grand Forks; and April 27 – 29 in Minot. This, Nobles, is a time to have fun and help out your Shrine at the same time. Take a fellow Noble and make plans to make one or more of these shows this year. It is an opportunity to share your time with your fellow Nobles and their Ladies. Also, do not forget about the Hospital trip May 15 – 17.

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever." Unknown

A Ceremonial is planned for Williston on May 23 and the Spring Ceremonial is in Grand Forks June 6. As many Lodges may go dark during the summer months, now is the time to get these great men through these Lodge Degrees. This is a way we will have candidates ready for future Ceremonials. This will be a great time to make a visit to your Lodges and help them with their membership, as well.

We ask all Nobles to complete a few tasks for your Shrine.

We need to upgrade our email addresses. If you have not previously shared your email address, do so today. Email Carol at kemshriners@ymail.com in the Shrine office. This will aid in future correspondence and bring our temple's communications up-to-date in 2015.

Along with your email address, we also request your cell phone number. These cell numbers are vital when contact is needed on short notice.

We ask you to visit www.beashrinernow.com. The information found here is a great tool for Nobles who want to update his knowledge of shrinedom. **We recommend you take a few minutes to visit this site.**

"I'd rather do and not promise than promise and not do." Unknown

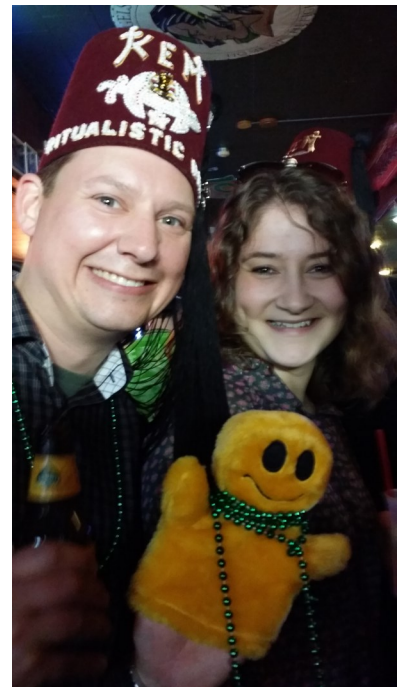
Membership, circuses and emails are all tasks that take our time and energy. This can be fun and enjoyable. When you can spend quality time with fellow Nobles, and in some cases their Ladies, these are special times. Take a day or evening and attend a Units Meeting, Circus performance or Ceremonial and find the joy in being a Noble in KEM Shrine.

"A friendship that can cease has never been real." Unknown

Spring is a busy time for many Nobles, but make plans for the upcoming Parade season. Take the time to share these good times.

Remember May 2 and mark your calendar. It is an evening to spend with Imperial Potentate Dale Stauss and his Lady Cheryl at their reception at the Hilton Garden Inn in Grand Forks. Another FUN time Nobles.





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April 9	Quarterly & Units Meeting Grand Forks - <i>Cycle Corps EZ Riders</i>
April 14-15	Circus—Williston
April 23	Circus Set-up—Grand Forks
April 24-26	Circus—Grand Forks
April 27-29	Circus—Minot
April 30-May 1	P.R. Seminar--Tampa
May 8	Deadline Sands
May 8	Minot After Circus Party
May 14	Uniformed Units—Stephen <i>Funsters-Snow Nobles</i>
May 15-17	Hospital Visitation Day
May 22-23	One-day Class & Ceremony Williston
May 30	Minot Shrine Club Spring Gala
June 5	Ceremonial Golf
June 6	Ceremonial and Potentates Ball—Grand Forks
June 10	Uniform Units—Grafton <i>Cycleers</i>
June 11-13	Grand Lodge—Grand Forks
July 5-9	Imperial Session—Houston
July 16	Evaluation Clinic—Mayville
July 16	Quarterly & Uniformed Units Meeting, Feed Players <i>Mayville Host Provost-Keystone Kops</i>
July 18	Shrine Football—Grand Forks
August 13-15	Midwest Shrine Assoc. Summer Session—Fargo
August 20	Uniformed Units Grand Forks

CIRCUS
By Tom Hanson
Circus Chairman

The Kem Shrine Circus will be April 24, 25, and 26. The Circus will be at the beautiful **Ralph Engelstad Arena**.

The novelties and cotton candy supplies are here. There are several new exciting novelties.

This year we have **Cindy Migley's Circus Spectacular** returning as our producer. There will be several new acts including **Bears, motorcycles in a ball and as usual, Tigers, and Elephants.**

Workers will sign in at their work site. If you don't have a place that you have been working in the past we will have someone by the southwest entrance to direct you to a site where we need assistance.

It is very important that every Shriner support Kem Shrine and the Circus by making a commitment to come and work as much as possible at the Circus.

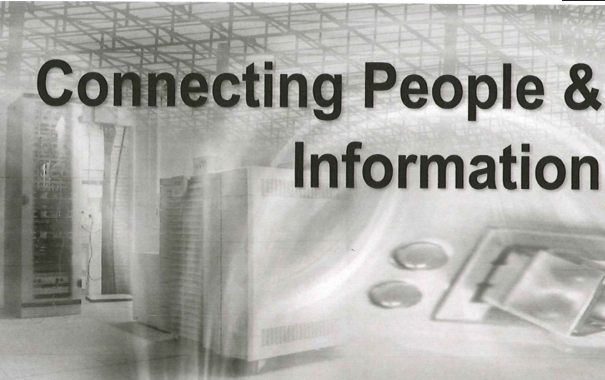
As usual we are asking the ladies to come and help at the Circus. Ladies will receive worker credits just as our members do. They can sign up to apply this credit to their Shriner's Unit, Star, or Rainbow.

Advance sale of Children's Tickets is underway. Reports so far are good. This effort is always very important. Be sure to visit all businesses on your route. All ticket sales need to be turned in to the office by April 3rd.

If you are a new Shriner who has not yet joined a unit, come and work at the circus. It is a lot of fun and a great opportunity enjoy the fun and camaraderie of the Shrine. Bring your Lady too.

Many Shriners have made a serious commitment over the years to work at the Circus. To them we say thank you very much. Please make plans now to - **Come and Join us for the fun of the Circus**

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NEWS FROM THE MOBIL NOBLES

By Mikac Costello

We would like to start by letting you know this is our 1st writing, so please bear with us.

The Mobil Nobles have been very active even through the winter mo.s. Out meetings are held on the 3rd tues of each month, our most recent on Mar 17th. Here is our update: On Feb 24th we had a breakfast meeting, then proceeded to our Circus ticket route. Ticket Sales went well, we will also be making a call back this wk for prospective sales.

Several M.N. also participated in the Wild Game Feed on Feb 20th. We haven't heard any numbers yet but it was an awesome turn out. We would like to give a big shout out to all who participated (we had two gentlemen would eventually become M.N.'s also participate).

Most recently, we participated in the "St. Pats' Parade". Mobil Nobles had all vehicles in parade consisting of both double headed cars & mini sprints. We would like to give a big shout out to Bill Steckler & his crew for an awesome job in coordinating this event. Nine men were made Shriners that day.

Our last order of business we voted to be partial sponsors for a group of youngsters in Larimore to promote gun safety & participation in competitive shooting, LHS Clay Target League. What better place then one of the worlds greatest migratory flyways.

We are looking forward to participation in Kem's Shrine Circus Apr 24-26th. Hope to see you all there.

Finally we voted in 5 new members in Feb & 4 into the M.N. This meeting. We anticipate having them involved as they are all fired up to go.

Our next meeting will be Apr 21st (hopefully @ the Circus Barn). With that & nothing else for the good of the Order, the M.N. will keep you posted.

THE DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN!!

By Steve Renslow

When we march down the parade route with drums pounding on our left and bugles playing on our right it makes us glad to be Shriners. People love us! If you are a new Noble or if you have been a Noble for a while, you are invited to join our trophy winning Drum & Bugle Corps. In 2015 we will perform in ten area parades. After the parades we ballyhoo from oasis to oasis. Often we are the only live music and people gladly buy us beverages. We will supply you with a uniform and your choice of a drum, bugle, baritone or cymbals. We will provide instructions on how to play and march to keep you in step on the parade route. The dues are only \$25 per year to be a part of this fun group. Our band members are from Devils Lake, Grand Forks, East Grand Forks, West Fargo and the Bemidji area. If you would like to get more information about joining one of the oldest Kem Shrine units, please contact our President Paul Lester at 701-213-8828 or ndlester1@hotmail.com. Have some fun in the Shrine! You will feel upbeat when you join the Drum & Bugle Corps!

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The following motion was voted on and approved at our annual meeting in January, that Kem Shriners initially reserve \$50,000 from the investment fund for the purpose of enhancing the involvement of all participating shrine Units. Use of these funds would be made available to all shrine Units, either existing or newly formed, in the form of an interest free loan to be repaid in five equal annual installments.

All request for use of the funds will be presented to the Kem Divan for approval. All Units will be directed to make their request to the current Oriental Guide and he will make the formal request to the Kem Divan.

Any Unit making a request will be required to have approved by-laws, a list of the current officers and their scheduled meeting dates on file at the Shrine office.

The request for funds can be used for any Shrine related item, including but not limited to; vehicles, trailers, equipment and instruments that may be required for their Unit. All titles, MSO's or bill of sales will be kept on file at the Shrine office unit such time as the loan is paid off or the current Kem Divan in its sole discretion allows said document to be returned to the appropriate Unit.

Each Unit making a request will be required to include within the request:

- The intended use of the funds
- Their 5 year plan for repayment
- What is their intended community involvement to help further enhance the overall popularity of Shriners International

Bill Steckler
High Priest and Prophet



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Saturday is Hospital Day's at the Twin Cities Shrine Hospital

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