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GRAND FORKS SHRINE CIRCUS REPORT

By Tom Hanson

THANK YOU

As we approach the end of our tenure serving as the Imperial Potentate of Shriners International, Cheryl and I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the Nobles and ladies of KEM for the support you have given us throughout the time we have served. It has been a most humbling and rewarding experience to represent Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children. It is great to see the respect that everyone gives to the office and the mission we support.



I have been very proud to wear a KEM fez and represent KEM Temple. We are known throughout Shriners International and respected by everyone for the positive message we portray with sixteen years of steady growth. It's not only that, our temple is well run, financially healthy and everyone gets along.

We want to thank the Minot Shrine Club, the Williston Shrine and of course Kem Temple for the receptions held in our honor. They were great events and we really appreciated the opportunity to get together with everyone.

This has been a year we will never forget. Even though it has been extremely busy, we have really enjoyed meeting and making friends wherever we travelled. We have promoted only those ideas that have been in the best interests of Shriners International and the Nobles that make up the membership.

Once again, we want to say thank you for everything and especially for the opportunity to serve. We are extremely proud to be part of KEM.

Dale and Cheryl

The Grand Forks Circus was great. Attendance was the third largest ever. There were more workers, Shriners and their Ladies, than ever before. Our income per guest was better than last year so the Circus was a great success.

From every way we can measure it, this appears to have been a great Circus. The final income and expenses are not all in yet, however every indication is that this will another very great Circus.

Circus Daddy Program

The Circus Daddy Program is a very successful program and provides a great public image for Shriners. Many of you return your tickets that you are not going to use to the Office. We use these to fund complimentary tickets that we provide for the disadvantaged and those with disabilities. We work through local social service organizations to help financially strapped parents get their children to the Circus. Several organizations bring adults with disabilities to the Circus.

This year we hosted a group of 90+ English is a Second Language Students from Winship school. Only one of these students had ever been to a Circus. They all got

Clown Noses and Cotton Candy. They had a great time. We also made arrangements to accommodate a group from the School for the Blind.

All these actions are great for the Shrine's image. Keep up the good work.

A special thank you to all you Circus Daddies out there!!

Thank You to all the Nobles and Ladies who came and joined in the Fun of the Circus!!!

You made it a Great Circus!



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**Fort Buford
Degree Work & Shrine Initiation**
May 22nd & 23rd



At Fort Buford under the tent at the Masonic Site.
Friday 6 pm Enter Apprentice Degree by the Mandan Indian Degree Team

Saturday 10 am Fellow Craft by District 9 Lodge
Noon Lunch by Williston Shrine Club
1 pm Master Mason Degree by Divan
4:30 pm Shrine 1st Degree

6:30 pm Social & Banquet (\$20) at *Mulligans* at the Williston Golf Course
Conclusion of Shrine Initiation
Dress: Tux, Jacket & Tie

RSVP: Dave Brevik 701-570-7389
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A block of rooms are reserved at the Hampton Inn, 701-774-5909 at \$149.

POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

This year is going fast. Still trying to find my way home. It looks like spring might finally be here.

On March 22nd I went to Tioga and met with the Yellowstone Historic Lodge #88 to talk about our one day two day class at Fort Buford on May 22nd and 23rd.

It kicks off Friday Night 6:00 PM May 22nd, 2015 with Enter Apprentice degree at Forth Buford. Mandan Indian Degree Team will perform Enter Apprentice degree.

Saturday morning (May 23rd) at 10:00 AM Fellow Craft degree and the degree team will be district 9 Blue Lodge brothers.

Master Mason degree starts by 1:00PM the Divan and past Potentates will perform the Fellow Craft Degree.

Shrine Ceremonial 1st section will start by 4:30 PM. (Done by Grand Lodge Members) Second section to follow.

Than head into Williston for the Social, Banquet and Dance at 6:30 PM at Mulligan's (Golf Course north Williston). Attire – Shrine Divan Tux – Grand Lodge officers Tux's – all others suit jacket and tie.

On April 6th traveled to Rugby and met with there Lodge and Shrine Club. I would like to thank the Ex Riders for hosting the April Units Council meeting in Grand Forks. Discussed up coming Ceremonies in May and June. It was also mentioned the Units gather information for the Sands articles.

I attended 4 Circuses in Williston on April 14th and 15th, 7 Circuses in Grand Forks on April 24th, 25th and 26th, and 7 Circuses in Minot On April 27th, 28th and 29th, . Each and every one was a great success.

The weekend of May 1st and 2nd was Stauss weekend. We had a great Friday night with Imperial Sir Dale Stauss and Lady Cheryl at Lucy Lu's in Williston. Than on to Grand Forks on Saturday to the Hilton Garden Inn for another great evening with Imperial Sir Dale Stauss and his Lady Cheryl. Great attendance and lots of fun at both. Thanks Nobles and Ladies for all your support.

Kem has two ceremonials coming up soon. The first one will be in Willistone on May 22nd and 23rd mentioned above in this article. Friday June 5th ceremonial spring weekend starts off with Golf at noon at the Grand Forks Country Club with hospitality that evening. Saturday June 7th begins with Candidate



Registration at 8:00 am. This is our big ceremonial so let's try to have as many Candidates as possible. Parade line-up is at 9:30 with a picnic to follow the parade, our Ladies will be having lunch at the North Dakota Museum of Art after the parade, a bus will be the last unit in the parade so ladies just hop on and he will take you to the luncheon.

I hope to see as many Nobles and Ladies as possible in the basement of the Masonic Center for an evening of food, dancing and fellowship. Remember to make all new nobles and ladies welcome. Look over the whole Spring Ceremonial schedule printed in this Burning Sands.

PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT TO BRING IN A NEW NOBLE THIS YEAR. We are off to a great start lets keep it going.

Bruce Krabseth
Potentate

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Well as I sit down to write this it is snowing and the ground is turning white.

Doesn't seem much like parade season is upon us but, it's here. Units please turn in parade request to the Potentate so you are covered under our insurance. Check with all members that are involved with a parade or any other unit activity that all have a currant paid dues card. We still have a number that have not paid their 2015 dues.

All three circuses are over and it sounds like they all went very well. Good Job All.

To all Nobel's, the Shrine Football game is right around the corner. The teams and coaches have been selected and all plans for the game are in place. Now is time to start making the money to pay for the game and hopefully we will have profits to give to our hospital and travel fund. If every Nobel would sell one \$60.00 business card add we could have our best year ever. So please go ask someone you know to help sponsor our game and advertise in our Game book

The Deadline for ads is June 20th.

All we need is the business card and a Check for \$60.00 made out to North Dakota Shrine Bowl.

Thank You
 Dale Duchscherer PP, Recorder

KEM HOUSING

By Steve Renslow

June 6th will be the June Ceremonial for Kem Shrine. The motel we are using is the Country Inn & Suites at 3101 S 42nd St, Grand Forks. If you call now you still might be able to get a room for June 5th & 6th. The phone number is 701-757-2200. A complimentary breakfast is included with the room. We will have a large hospitality room on the main floor next to the breakfast room. A shuttle bus will be available to go from the Country Inn & Suites motel to the Masonic Lodge.

The 2015 Midwest Shrine Association will be held in Fargo this year from August 13th to the 15th. This is very close to Grand Forks and we should have a huge turnout from Kem for this fun event. We have a block of rooms reserved at the Holiday Inn on 13th Avenue South, across from West Acres. The rooms will have 2 queen beds with a rate of \$119.00 (plus tax) 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 & Friday nights. This hospitality room will be on the top floor of the Holiday Inn Tower, with a very nice view of the city. The Holiday Inn has a large parking lot available for all of the parade units. Each unit should start a list

of people that will be attending the MSA. Please send the list of Nobles & Ladies that will be attending to Steve Renslow **by July 1st**. Any questions contact Steve @ 701-741-3621 or srenslow1@hotmail.com. Let's try to fill this motel with Kem Shriners!

MULLIGANS NEWS

By Lowell Domier

The Mulligans are starting their third year with a full slate of events to participate in. We may have some more events come up, if you have any questions, please contact Lowell Domier @ domierconst@outlook.com or 701-430-0257, or John Murphy @ mayvillegc@gmail.com or 701-212-3214. All nobles and friends are invited to attend, and if you decide to join the Mulligans, every event you participate in gains point for our year-end Fez Ex Championship, which comes with much adulation and even prizes! Hope to see you there!

May 13th (Wednesday) – Golf Outing @ Mayville Golf Course starting at 6pm, meeting to follow.

May 23rd (Saturday) – Event @ Eagle Ridge Golf Club in Williston. 18 holes + cart for \$60, tee times available 804am through 832am. Contact Tony Telken @ 218-779-9928

June 5th (Friday) – Kem Spring Ceremonial @ Grand Forks Country Club. 1115am registration, noon teeoff. 18 holes + cart + prizes for \$70, contact Lowell or Steve Adams @ 218-791-3960

June 11th (Thursday) – Grand Lodge Golf Outing @ Riverwood Golf Club in Bismarck. 1015am registration, 11 teeoff. Contact Lowell or Mike Bakken @ 701-261-2011

June 17th (Wednesday) – Larimore Mason Golf Tourney. Registration 1115am, teeoff noon. 18 holes + cart + steak supper for \$60. Contact Dave Rustabaker @ 701-741-4381

July 17th (Friday) – Shriner Football Tournament @ Northwood Golf Club. Registration 1100am, teeoff noon. 18 holes, cart, beverages, food and prizes for \$125. Contact Lowell, John or Troy Johnson @ 218-779-8509.

August 8th (Saturday) – Andy Brown Tournament @ Valley Golf Club in EGF. 1100am Registration, noon teeoff. Contact Kirk Driscoll @ 218-779-1919.

September TBD – FEZ EX CHAMPIONSHIP

October 13th – 19th – Shriners Hospital Open @ TPC Summerlin in Las Vegas. We're looking for volunteers to help with the tournament, contact John for more information.

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THE CHANTER CHANNEL

By Dave Beach

Hurray, hurray, it's the first of May!

Or even a bit later, by the time you read this. Anyway, it is the time when we look ahead to another active Kem Chanter year.

With the Circus behind, we extend thanks to those, Chanters and others who continue to make the Circus a success year after year. At the risk of omitting other names, the Chanters must point out the ceaseless work of Duane Nelson. With the Circus as well as other Chanter activities, Noble Duane is the glue that keeps our Unit performing its mission so effectively.

The Chanters can look forward to another typical busy season, or let's say another successful summer. We will participate in several of the parades. On May 11, we have a doubleheader, performing at both Hatton & Northwood the same afternoon. (These are not parades.) We will play our usual role at the Ceremonial on June 6. We would also like to participate in two or three church services this summer, although we have no definite commitments on these. Then we hope to give a great performance at the Midwest in Fargo. (Unfortunately, only about a third of the Midwest Temples still have active Chanter units.)

The Kem Chanters plan to hang around for quite a while yet. We do have two new members and are certainly open for more. Starting on June 3 we will be meeting & practicing "summer hours" at the Masonic Center, first, third and fifth Wenesdays at 6:30 PM.

Which reminds me, we should also thank United Lutheran Church for our temporary practice space since the fire at the Masonic Center, as well as those responsible for arranging it.



CIRCUS, CIRCUS, CIRCUS



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2015 PARADE SCHEDULE

JUNE

6 Spring Ceremonial GF 10:00
 7 Erskine MN 5:00
 13 Finley ND
 20 Aneta ND 3:00
 27 Mayville ND 10:00
 27 Grafton ND 10:00
 17 Argyle MN 11:00

JULY

4 Pembina ND 6:00
 4 Hatton ND 1000
 4 Park River ND 10:00
 4 Neche ND
 12 Fertile MN 2:00
 16 Thief River Falls MN 7:00
 18 Minot ND State Fair 3:00
 18 Drayton ND 10:00
 18 Oslo MN 12:00
 23 Warren MN
 25 Northwood ND 10:00
 25 Manville ND 10:30
 25 Cavalier ND

AUGUST

1 Mountain ND 10:30
 8 Karlstad 10:30
 15 Crookston MN 7:00
 13 MSA Fargo ND 6:30
 15 MSA Dilworth ND 10:00

SEPTEMBER

6 Stump Lake Park ND 11:00
 7 Stump Lake Park ND 11:00
 19 Bemidji MN 2:00

OCTOBER

10 UND Homecoming GF 10:00



A WORD FROM YOUR CHIEF OF STAFF

The 2015 parade season is starting off with the spring ceremonial parade on June 6th. Due to repairs on the bridge that connects Grand Forks and East Grand Forks the parade will start in Grand Forks on N 3rd St and University Ave in front of Kelly's Bar and continue south to the Temple. The new Kem bus will be at the end of the parade and pick up the ladies and deliver them to the ladies luncheon.

The 2015 parade schedule will be in the Burning Sands and on the Kem website. All units participating in parades must have permission from the Potentate before stepping off in any non-shrine parades. Parade forms can be found on the website or contact Carol in the office and she can email or U.S. mail you the form.

Ken and Diane Huhta will be hosting an oasis at their residence in Northwood after the parade. Please bring a lawn chair or two if you plan to attend. Bemidji will also have an oasis following the parade and stay for the Football game that starts at 6:00.

Chris Larson

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SPRING—A NEW SEASON FOR MEMBERSHIP

With any new season, come new duties and challenges. The first 4 months of 2015 we have added 21 new Nobles to our Shrine. Thanks go to KEM Nobles in the west who have created a major portion of new Nobles. As we all know, it takes the entire Nobility to create new Nobles. So let's all 'spring' into creating new Nobles.

"A team is more than a collection of people. It is a process of give and take." B. Glacel

As we had mentioned earlier, each Unit has been sent a list of Nobles who are delinquent in paying their Shrine dues. Again, if you are delinquent in paying your dues, take care of it ASAP! As one Noble explained, this is an obligation you must do only once a year. It is spring—time to renew your membership. Each Unit president, secretary and membership chairman should have received the list of delinquent Nobles. We ask each Unit to address their fellow Nobles of the above list.

"Leadership is practiced not so much in words as in attitude and actions." Unknown

Units are reminded to get your parade requests into the office. Units need to complete this responsibility for insurance purposes for the parades. All members of Units who participate in parades must be paid-up. Parades are a great way to advertise our Shrine mission. Units please plant the seed and attend as many parades as possible. Parades are a great way to share time with our brothers. Don't forget to get your family involved as well.

"You may have to fight a battle more than once to win it." Margaret Thatcher

We need new nobles. If you know a Master Mason who is not yet a Shriner invite him to join us. See the information on the Spring Ceremonial in this issue. The Black Camel is charging through our ranks after slowing down last year. We have already lost 15 members this year.

Nobles need to set aside June 5 and 6 for our Spring Ceremonial. This may be our first parade of 2015 and we encourage all Units to participate. The activities for these two days are found in this issue as well. Come out and enjoy the food, fun, frivolity and fellowship. After all, it is spring.


"We do not remember days, we remember moments." C. Pavese

For those Nobles attending the Imperial Session in Houston, TX, July 5 – 9, your arrangements should have been taken care of by now. But if any of you have plans to attend, contact Potentate Bruce Krabseth at 701-570-4148 ASAP. **Remember** the Membership Committee is asking each Unit or Noble to help address the unpaid dues list. It may be tough for some to address this issue. But a simple request of a Noble is all that is really needed. So, attend our Units Meetings and share our Shrine with your Units. We need year 2015 as a plus to make it **17 YEARS OF GROWTH**. Spring is a new beginning in growth. Plant the seed for Recruitment, Restoration and Retention.

"Friends are the family you choose." J. C. Scott

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Fourth Floor Club

Happy summer to you all from the members of the FFC! It's been an incredibly busy spring so far which leads into an even busier summer.

Thank you to all members of Kem Shrine and FFC who graciously donated their time at the circus in April. We were happy with the turnout and how well it was put on. In addition to the circus, we've had a number of other events take place.

FFC held a party for a local 6th grade basketball team up on the fourth floor. All kinds of food and events were enjoyed by the members of the team. The fourth floor is always open for others to use as long as it's not previously booked.

FFC recently brought in 2 new members at our last meeting. We are always looking for prospective members to join. If you have any interest, please come to a meeting, or talk to a current member and they will help get you involved with our group. Our next meeting is to be held on May 20th at 7 p.m. on the 4th floor of the temple.

Thank you to the members of Kem Shrine and Potentate Bruce Krabseth for everything provided at the Imperial Potentate's Reception held on May 2nd. It's an honor to have so many friends and guests join us from all over the Midwest.

Thank you to Imperial Sir Dale W. Stauss for your leadership and vision. Together we can accomplish your goals of growing Shrine membership across the country.

Golf, Golf, Golf – For anyone interested in putting a team together for an upcoming golf tourney sponsored by a Shrine Unit or Masonic group, the Fourth Floor Club would like to sponsor your team. We are interested in sponsoring teams for the following tournaments: GFAFB May 17th, Shrine Ceremonial June 5th, North Star Lodge in Larimore June 17th, and Andy Brown Fundraiser (Red River Lodge) in July. Please contact Bill Steckler or Steve Adams for further info.

People Mover Naming Contest – FFC has purchased a people mover and it is almost ready for use by all Shrine members. We would like to have a nickname for it. We ask for your help in giving it one!! Please email Scott Lloyd at: s_lloyd10@hotmail.com and he can pass your suggestions along the next meeting.

We are look forward to seeing you all at the many upcoming Shrine and Masonic events this summer. Get out there and enjoy some sun and fun!! From all of us at the Fourth Floor Club - Stay Awesome!!

Scott Lloyd
Potentates Aide

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11 Man Game - **4:00 PM**

09 Man Game - **7:00 PM**

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Grand Forks , ND

June 5-6, 2015

Friday—June 6th
Golf Grand Forks Country Club
Tee Off @ 12 noon

Saturday—June 7th Ladies Luncheon
@10:00 \$30/pp

8 am Candidate Registration
Fee \$150
8:30—9:30 1st Session

9:30am—Parade Line Up
10:00 am—Parade
10:30 Candidate Orientation
Unit presentation
11 am—Oasis and Lunch
1pm—2nd Session

Western Night

5:30pm—Social at Masonic Center
7pm Supper \$40/PP
8:30pm Dancing



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Kem Shrine Ladies' Luncheon

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Saturday, June 6, Grand Forks
10:30am - Registration & Wine \$30/PP
11:30am - Lunch & Program
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dress/skirt)
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Deadline for reservation is May 25th

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 Cycleers
June 11-13	Grand Lodge—Grand Forks
July 4	Shrimp/Sausage boil Picnic Minot Masonic Center
July 5-9	Imperial Session—Houston
July 16	Evaluation Clinic—Mayville
July 16	Quarterly & Uniformed Units Meeting, Feed Players Mayville Host Provost-Keystone Kops
July 18	Shrine Football—Grand Forks State Fair Picnic - Minot
August 13-15	Midwest Shrine Assoc. Summer Session—Fargo
August 20	Uniformed Units Grand Forks
September 4	Harvest Festival – Minot
October 17	Potentate's Ball - Minot

FILL THE FEZ

On Friday, May 22nd, from 8 AM – 6 PM the second annual Fill The Fez fundraiser will be held at the Dusterhoft Cenex Station Store on Demers Ave, by I-29, in Grand Forks. There will be radio spots leading up to the event and Shrine vehicles will be on site that day for advertisement. WE NEED YOU! We need Shriners to work 2 hour shifts to offer "old fashioned" full service for tips. At a minimum, four Shriners per shift are needed. However, to cover more vehicles (donations) and provide good service, more than four Shriners per shift and coverage through the entire day are necessary. Shifts start at 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM, 2 PM and 4 PM. To sign up, or for more information, please contact Fred Kitko at 218-779-2965 or fred.kitko@gmail.com. Workers are to wear their Fez and unit shirt so they are clearly identifiable as a Shriner.

Also, from that Friday until the end of May, patrons may also purchase donation cards at both Dusterhoft Cenex Stores. Besides the Demers Ave store there is another one located at the corner of South 20th Street and 32 Ave S. in Grand Forks.

Last year during this event over \$2,500 was raised for our hospitals. Please encourage the people you know to participate and stop in to make a donation. This is an approved Shriners Hospitals for Children Fundraiser. All proceeds for this event benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children.