

KEM ACROSS THE Burning Sands



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Kem Shriners, Grand Forks, ND

September 2015

KEM QUARTERLY MEETING

Thursday, October 8, 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
PP, Recorder

Bruce Krabseth
Potentate

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EA - 8 am

FC - 10 am

MM - 1 pm

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701-741-0946

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DECEMBER 5TH



KID'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Noon – 2:00 Lunch by Mobil Nobles
Visit from Santa with gifts

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UNIFORMED UNITS PARTY

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Christmas Parties and Shrine Ceremonial

By Steve Renslow

The Kem Children's Christmas Party, the Units Christmas Party and a Shrine Ceremonial will be on December 5th at the Masonic Lodge in Grand Forks. We have a block of rooms reserved for December 4th and 5th at the Red Roof Inn (formerly the Town House) for Kem Shriners. If you need a room please call 701-746-5411 to reserve your room. The room rate will be \$75.00 for a room with one bed, \$95.00 for a room with two beds. The reservations for this special rate must be made before the November 5th cutoff date. A bus will be available for transportation between the Masonic Lodge and the Red Roof Inn. If you have questions please call Steve Renslow at 701-741-3621.

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THE CHANTER CHANNEL

By Dave Beach

This past Saturday morning, I was hanging around the Circus Barn, waiting for the Potato Bowl Parade to get organized. The Mobil Nobles were getting the Nobility fed, the weather was beautiful and everyone seemed in an upbeat mood. I thought back over my years as a Shriner. How very different some things are now! And yet how very much the same.

I remember attending a Masonic Function fifty years ago, probably in the new East Grand Forks high school. The Chanters were the featured entertainment of the evening, very spiffy in their blazers and plaid ties. I was not yet a Shriner, but was probably inspired by their performance that evening. The Director (Jim Preston) introduced every Chanter individually. I believe one Chanter who sang that night, is still an active Chanter today – Bert Dickson. I remember them singing "I am proud to be a Shriners" which we still sing today. Memories. Having reached the eighty mark this past summer, there are lots of memories. And forty-five of those years have been spent as a Shriner.

So how are things different compared with fifty years ago? Of course there has been change; nothing is permanent but change. The average Shriner is perhaps younger. But hey, we needed that! Today, the average Shriner comes from a wider range of occupations. We needed

FROM THE DESK OF THE RECORDER

Hello again!

Thank you to all the nobles that attended the summer session in Fargo.

The KEM Shrine Potato Bowl Parade was a huge success. The committee did a great job and they deserve a huge Thank you!!

We do have an issue with KEM Uniformed Unit Meetings: Our attendance by our unit members has not been good. If there are issues with the meetings or what goes on at the meetings we would sure like to know what the issues are and would like to be able to resolve them. If you have any ideas to make changes for better meetings please let us know. If you have any suggestions please give me a call (701-741-4381).

Remember it is all about the children!

Thank you very much,

Dale Duchscherer , PP

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that, too; we can't all be business owners or professionals. Some fine Kem Units disappeared during the past fifty years, although new Units appear to replace them. The Shriner of today is more casual, and that is in step with society in general. Those are some factors that have changed; but what is the same?

To most of us, the Shrine still represents fun and fellowship with like-minded men. We still support one of the world's greatest philanthropies and we don't want that to change. So there you are: we are part of an organization that can change for the right reason, but still retain its core principles. I look forward to more years of accomplishment for the Shrine.

I'll get off the soap box now and review the summer for the Chanters. We had the usual number of parades and we participated in the Midwest at Fargo. Now we have one more outside event: Bemidji homecoming this next Saturday. Then will come participation in whatever ceremonials there will be, Christmas party and probably a Unit dinner for ourselves. Some of our Chanters don't see very well and some don't walk very well, but we can still sing like heck. Also, we have one solid new member, who has participated in several events, including the Midwest at Fargo. We have room for more new members, so give us a look and we will be happy to give you a look.

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TIME TO ADDRESS KEM MEMBERSHIP

By Wayne Bauste

As our parade season comes to a close, Nobles and Units need to address our membership. The Membership Committee needs your help and support. Those Nobles who have been selected by their unit to lead their membership efforts should address your members who are delinquent in their dues. Also seek out those Masons or men who would make future Nobles.

KEM membership stands at 1,301. Seventy-four Nobles are on the 2nd year suspension list and 12 of these Nobles want to be suspended. Our goal for 2015 was to create 70 new Nobles, and as of today we have created only 32. We want to commend those Units who have addressed their suspension list. We thank you for your efforts.

"A good message will always find a messenger." A. E. Barr

We as Shriners are asking the general public for their support on our PSA's (Public Service Announcements on TV). We are asking for \$19 a month to support our hospitals or 63 cents a day for our "Love to the Rescue" campaign. This campaign is getting great results. At \$19 a month, that is \$228 a year for our hospitals. Can we, as Nobles of KEM Shrine, pay our \$50 dues a year? All Nobles need to give this serious thought.

"Great leaders don't tell you what to do . . . they show you how it's done." Unknown

All Units are reminded about our monthly Units meetings. We need your attendance and your help to keep KEM moving forward. Stay active and enjoy the fellowship of our great fraternity. The joy and fun that we enjoyed at MSA at Fargo on Friday, August 14, in downtown Fargo was memorable.

Nobles stay busy with the Shrine and attend as many activities as you can this year. Tailgating at UND Football games, family fish fry, monthly Units Meetings, and Potentate's Ball in Minot on October 17. All of these activities are family friendly and enjoyable.

"Always remember to forget the troubles that pass your way; BUT NEVER forget the blessings that come each day." Unknown

With the start of the fall season, many Lodges will once again get active and we all need good men in our ranks. Send in the new petitions early so that they may be read. On November 14 there is a one-day class in Grand Forks that all can attend. And if there are any Lodges out there doing De-

gree work, call the KEM office or inform our Potentate.

Membership is a challenge and we all need to do our part to make 2015 our goal of 16 years of growth. May all Nobles enjoy the fall season, help with our membership and stay active while experiencing the joy of watching our Shrine grow.

2016 DUES INCREASE

At present there are three components to the Shrine Dues that we all pay.

These are :

Hospital Assessment	\$ 5.00
Imperial Per Capita Charge	\$ 15.00
Kem Dues	\$ 30.00
Total dues prior years	\$ 50.00

The new dues will be as follows

Hospital Assessment	\$ 5.00
Imperial Per Capita Charge	\$ 30.00
Kem Dues	\$ 30.00
Total dues 2016	\$ 65.00

The last change in the Imperial Per Capita Charge was in 2003. The Imperial Per Capita Charge had to increase because of the decreasing numbers of Shrine membership and the increasing cost of doing business. The Imperial leadership has put significant effort into controlling and reducing their operating costs. It was apparent that there was no choice but to increase their income. At the last Imperial session and the Representatives approved the increase.

Kem dues were last increased in 1999. At present Kem has been able to avoid increases in our Dues because we have maintained our Membership (16 years of Growth) and because the increases in the income from the Grand Forks Circus have kept pace with inflation and other cost increases.

If you want to lock in membership costs, you can buy **Life Memberships**.

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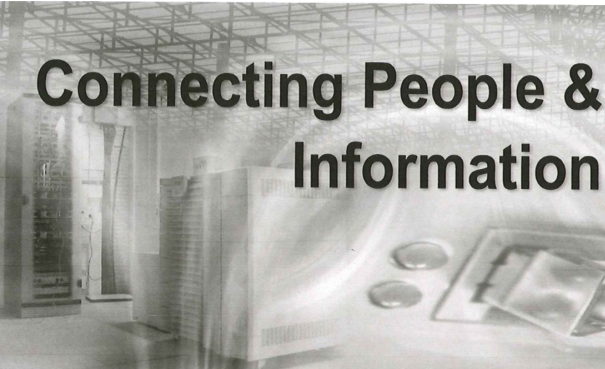
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MAY-PORT KEYSTONE KOPS

By Roger Baier

The parade season is winding down and we have just one parade left on October 17 for the Mayville State Homecoming. We were saddened to hear that the founder of the Keystone Kops, Glen Plais-tad had passed away. His wit and humor laid the foundation for us.

Moving into the fall and winter, we will be working on our monthly meeting schedule to begin discussing the next year activities, future membership, etc. We have had an interesting year with our equipment, as our 1971 ambulance used for pulling one of the equipment trailers, decided to call it quits. Just tired!! We tried to "nurse" it back to health, but to no avail. Thanks to our crack mechanic, Terry Birkholz, we were able to resurrect some of our other equipment though, so there was a plus side.

On October 17, If anybody is interested in being a "Kop" for a day, maybe even learn to drive the Paddy wagon, and hang around with the kops, please contact Shane at 701-430-0374. We are always looking for members! We received a donation to help us jump start the reflection garden which will be to honor those Kops who have passed on. We will be drawing up the plans for this, so it is ready to construct in the spring.

Until we meet again, those famous last words; this is General Custer speaking. Men, don't take prisoners!

DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS HELPS THREE GUYS GET LUCKY!

The Midwest Shrine Convention has come and gone but three guys will not forget it soon. On August 15th we drew three winners to conclude our 2015 raffle.

First Prize \$1,500 Vern Sheard
Second Place \$1,000 Harry Liperd
Third Place \$500 Jim Noah
(Jim Donated \$250 back to the Red Fez fund)

KEM Drum and Bugle Corps thank everyone who purchased raffle tickets from us. These funds allow the corps to maintain our marching uniforms and instruments. The KEM Drum and Bugle 2016 raffle starts at circus time. Good luck to you next year.

We are looking for a new band leader to wear the white uniform, march in front and tell us when to play. If you would like to be our Music Man, apply today.

Paul Lester President
Steve Renslow Vice President

FOURTH FLOOR CLUB

By Scott Lloyd

Fall greetings to everyone from the members of FFC. It's been a terrific summer filled with many various events. Many of us are wondering where summer has disappeared to.

The members of Kem Shrine and FFC would like to give a huge thank you to the members of El Zagal for hosting an incredible weekend at the MSA in Fargo this year!! Many new faces were there for the 1st time. We can't wait for next year's MSA to roll around. The FFC transported the Drum and Bugle Corps around to downtown Fargo. We all had a blast following them around to various stops downtown. The Kem band was also there serenading numerous people and providing entertainment for everyone. Way to represent Kem Shrine both groups!

With the arrival of fall, we spent a lot of time preparing for the 50th Annual Potato Bowl festivities. Kem Shrine put on a great parade help Saturday morning. Many parade-goers lined the streets for this amazing time. We're so fortunate the weather was beautiful for everyone involved. Along with the Potato Bowl events, UND football season has begun. There are reserved spots for Kem Shrine to tailgate at. The FFC will be hosting the tailgating on November 14th. You should definitely stop by and have fun with other Nobles and their friends, families, and ladies.

Our 3rd annual Hopscotch night will be held September 25th. For this year's party we have local band, Jazz on Tap, playing from 8-10 p.m. We cordially invite all members and any guests to join us for a night of games, laughs, and fun! Current Shrine members pay just \$5.00 and guests attend free.

For anyone interested in joining Fourth Floor Club – feel free to contact myself or any current member and we'd love to get you involved. You can reach me at s_lloyd10@hotmail.com. You may also want to stop by any event and we can answer any questions you may have. Have a great fall – We hope to see you all around!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

- 17 Potentate's Ball - Minot
31 Tables de Jour—Grand Forks

November

- 12 Uniformed Units—Crookston
Host Clowns-Color Guard

December

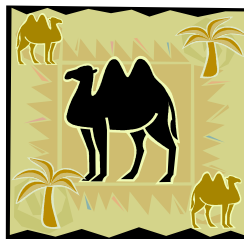
- 4 Minot Shrine Club Annual Meeting &
All Masonic Christmas Party
5 Ceremonial, Kids Christmas Party GF
Units Christmas Party
10 Uniformed Units—Grand Forks
Host Chanters-Dir. Staff
13 Kids Christmas Party—Minot

January

- 8 Trustees and Board Meeting
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9 Annual Meeting & Potentates
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Dale Stauss Elected Chairman of the Health Care System



Dale W. Stauss of Grand Forks, N.D., was elected Chairman of the Shriners Hospitals for Children® Board of Trustees, during the Shriners' 2015 Imperial Session, held in Houston July 5 - July 9. Stauss is currently serving his 12th term as a member the Boards of Directors for Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children. As Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Stauss also serves as President of Shriners Hospitals for Children. He served as Imperial Potentate of Shriners International during the 2014 - 2015 Imperial Year.

Imperial Sir Stauss appreciates the trust and confidence given to him by the nobles who elected him Chairman. Having served the philanthropy and fraternity in various leadership capacities for many years, Stauss is very aware of the challenges the two organizations face. At the same time, he is deeply committed to the mission of both organizations to improve our world by improving the lives of children.

A History of Dedication and Commitment

As an Imperial Officer, Stauss has served as chairman of the Imperial Athletic Committee, the East-West Shrine Game, the Shriners Hospitals for Children Golf Tournament, and the Imperial Membership Committee. He also served on the Planning Committee and the Buildings and Equipment Committee, where he was the building representative for the Portland hospital expansion. He was also involved in overseeing the building of the replacement hospital in St. Louis. In the 2013-2014 year, he led the Imperial Public Relations Committee, and initiated several new projects to enhance communication throughout the organization.

Meeting Challenges to Care for More Children

Shriners Hospitals for Children is known worldwide as a leader in pediatric specialty care, with an expert medical staff that provides innovative treatment, hope and compassion to children and families coping with complex conditions. We need to offer that life-changing care to as many children as possible.

To do that, we need to build on and emphasize our health care system's reputation of excellence, expertise and compassion, and be willing to implement changes that will help ensure our ability to care for more children in the best possible manner.

Significantly increasing patient volumes will take time and implementation of a well thought out plan and process. Stauss looks forward to working with the hospitals, temples and nobles to accomplish this.

Our current marketing and advertising efforts are having an impact, and are helping raise awareness and name recognition of Shriners Hospitals for Children, which, in turn, can help increase our patient numbers. Stauss hopes to continue these efforts, and find additional ways to share our message.

Stauss, along with many of you, has heard patients and families say "thank you," "you wrapped us in hope," or "without you, I wouldn't dream as big as I do," and believes we must do the work necessary to give that hope to more children and families.

Clearly, our new President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees is dedicated to Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children. It is easy to understand why - his life is guided by this statement:

"One hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove...but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child."

Dale and Cheryl have four grown children - Brandy, Jodi, Nicole and Eric - and 14 grandchildren. When time permits, they relax at their lake home in Bemidji, Minn.

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