

# KEM ACROSS THE Burning Sands



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## MESSAGE FROM YOU POTENTATE

# The Circus is Coming!!

**APRIL 25-27  
GRAND FORKS**

**APRIL 28-30  
MINOT**

**MAY 5-6  
WILLISTON**



hope many of you are able to attend. There will be more information to follow.

A one-day Masonic Class was held on March 8th which was sponsored by Acacia Lodge. Thank you to all Nobles who helped to make this possible, 14 new Masonic Masons were Raised!!

I would like to thank the 49er's for hosting our Mach Units meeting. It was very well attended. One of the items discussed was to combine some of our Shrine Clubs with their Units, due to some tax issues. If your Club has been contacted about this please give it some attention. It is fairly easy to complete. If you have any questions about this please contact our Kem Shrine Treasurer, Steve Adams.

As I write this article, we are slowly starting to see some signs of spring. Lady Deb and I have enjoyed attending several events that have been sponsored by our Shrine and Masonic Units. We would like to thank Goose River Lodge and Acacia Lodge for inviting us to their Ladies of the Table event. A Very enjoyable time was had by all in attendance. Also the Cycle Corps had their pancake & Sausage Breakfast in East Grand Forks, great food as usual. The Wild Game Feed & Gun Raffle was a big hit, it was very well attended and the food was wonderful (I really enjoyed the spotted Owl). I hear plans are already under way to make next years event even bigger and better. A big thank you to all Nobles and Ladies who worked hard to make these events a hug success.

Top of the Morning to Ya!! We just held our St Patty's Day Ceremonial and even if the weather didn't cooperate it went GREAT! We raised 9 new Nobles to bring our total for 2014 to 10. Thank you to everyone who works to make the parade and ceremony a big success. I know our new Nobles had a day they won't forget and isn't that what becoming a Shriners should be.. UNFORGETABLE!

Nobles, we are again working toward achieving a net gain in Membership. This will be 16 years in a row. We can only get there with everyone's help, we all know at least one good man that we could talk to about becoming a Master Mason and then a Shriners. This would include but not be limited to brother, son, neighbor, friend, co-worker, etc, and if they are already a Master Mason even better. Invite them to one of our functions. With our Circus coming up in Minot, Williston and Grand Forks, this would be a great opportunity to bring in new members. I hope to see as many of our Nobles at our circuses as possible.

In February the Midwest Shrine Association (MSA) held their Annual Winter Session meetings in Sioux Falls, SD. This is where planning and preparation is done for the Midwest Shrine Convention held in August. The El Riad Shriners from Sioux Falls are organized and ready for us. This will be a lot of fun. I



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**KEM QUARTERLY MEETING**

Thursday, April 10, 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 2014 dues card. Please wear your Fez.

Attest Yours in the Faith,

	
Dale Duchscherer PP, Recorder	Lowell Domier Potentate

our largest Fund Raisers. There is always a lot of fun to be had whether with our old friend or making new ones. The highlight is the kids, their smiles and excitement are a great thing to see and isn't that what its all about?


This has been a busy week putting together housing needs for the Imperial Session. Our Hotel is the Double Tree Inn in downtown Minneapolis. Because of Kem wonderful response to getting our housing numbers in on time they have given us the chance to obtain a few more rooms. This really helps. If any Units need to add a few Nobles we still can.

Our High Priest and Profit Scott Midstokke is again organizing our bus trip to the Twin City's Hospital. It leaves from Grand Forks on Thursday May 15th and returns on Saturday May 17th. This is a trip all Nobles and Ladies should attend at least once.

Kem's Spring Ceremonial is held in Grand Forks this year. We have a block of rooms at the Guest House. This will kick off on Friday June 6th with a golf event at the Grand Forks Country Club. Saturday morning June 7th we will hold Kem's Spring Ceremonial and parade. This would be a great time to bring in a new Noble. On Saturday evening put on your shorts and dancing shoes!! Invite a new Noble and Lady to the Kem Spring ceremonial Party, this will be a very entertaining evening. Let's not forget the Ladies Luncheon. It's being held at the Boardwalk in East Grand Forks located just right so the Ladies can keep a close eye on there Nobles (they need it).

I look forward seeing everybody at our up coming events. It's always a great time. Our April 10th Units meeting in Grand Forks is a Quarterly business meeting and the Units meeting on May 8th will be held in Stephen, MN.

Thank you Nobles for opportunity to serve as your Potentate, we have a busy year ahead and I can't think of a better group of people to work and play with..

  
Lowell Domier  
Potentate

**FROM THE DESK OF  
THE RECORDER**

2014 is off to a great start.

Congratulations to all that planned and took part in the Game Feed and St Patty's Day parade and ceremonial. Job well done!

To all units, make sure you have your financial reports into the office.

To all Nobles: please take care of your dues, by having that paid dues card you are a part owner of our Shrine Hospital Systems. It's all about taking care of the Children.

Dale Duchscherer  
PP/Recorder

**MAILING ADDRESSES**

BAD ADDRESSES

The following is a list of names we do not have correct addresses for. Please view the list and help us out with any addresses you can.

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Joshua Volkert	William Paolino

SNOWBIRDS

We also need our Snowbirds to give a correct mailing address as they head south for the winter months. If you can provide us with the approximate time you leave and when you think you would be returning, we can make those changes automatically so you will not miss out on the important Shrine information. This includes information on Christmas party, Annual Meeting, one-day classes, hospital trip and Circus.



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## WHY ARE THE CHANTERS CALLED CHANTERS?

By Dave Beach

A fellow Kem Noble (not a Chanter) said to me: "I've heard you fellows sing many times, but I have never heard any of you chant. Where did you get the label of Chanters?" A fair question, there are Chanter units throughout Shrinedom, so it's not unique to Kem Shrine. I proceeded to do many hours of research on the matter. Here is my best effort, which of course you can challenge. There is a French word *CHANTEURS*. It simply means singers. So there you are; Chanters is just an English corruption of the French word for singers. And let's not get into French pronunciation.

So, Chanters we are, and Chanters we will remain. Even during the winter months, we have had some activity. We sang at a nursing home in Northwood just before winter became really challenging. During December, we sang at the funeral of a longtime member and also at the funeral of the mother of one of our members. On the same day, December 7, we did our usual part in the ceremonial, sang at a church luncheon and participated in the kids' Christmas party. Our Chanter Christmas gathering, complete with spouses, was a dinner party at the Eagles Crest. A few days later, we sang at the York Rite Christmas observance and hosted Uniformed Units Council. We were proud to participate in the Parade to Glory at the annual meeting. We sent our representative to the MSA winter session in Sioux Falls. By the time you read this, we will have participated in the St. Pat's Ceremonial and Parade. That's life as a Kem Shriner.

Looking ahead, we will be involved in the usual schedule of summer parades. We may not be able to meet all requests, but we can consider all requests. We look forward to the Imperial Session in the Twin Cities, and yes, we will be there. August will find us in Sioux Falls for the Midwest. (Should I mention that we will be seeking our third consecutive gold medal?) And of course we will be involved in ceremonials as requested. We're looking forward to a great season!

P.S. We're always open to new members. Give us a look.

## CIRCUS

Tom Hanson  
Circus Chairman

The Kem Shrine Circus will be April 25, 26, and 27. 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, A High Wire Motorcycle, ATV Tricks 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 11<sup>th</sup>.

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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**MEMBERSHIP GOAL #16**

By Wayne Bauste

As the first quarter of 2014 comes to an end, KEM Shrine has their plans and goals to meet. The next six months are busy with many activities and all Nobles are asked to remain active.

**"Don't find fault, find a remedy." H. Ford**

The membership goal is a top priority for all of KEM. It is Goal #16 in 2014. Each year, for the past fifteen years, we have maintained a positive membership gain--and 2014 is our next challenge. Lowell Domier, our Potentate, has set a goal of 80 new creations. This is the minimum number we need to achieve success in 2014. With our yearly average of suspensions and the Black Camel, 80 is the goal we all need.

**"Goals are dreams with dates attached." Author Unknown**

One of our first requirements would be to limit our suspensions. If you have not yet paid your yearly dues, today is the time to do so. You can pay your dues online if you wish, simply go to [kemshriners.com](http://kemshriners.com) and select the "Current Members" tab. The third billing was sent out on March 14, so please take note fellow Shriners.

**"Remember, It's not the problem that's the problem. It's your attitude about the problem, now that's the problem." Author Unknown**

Units are asked to remind their members to do their part. All Nobles must work together in solving this issue. Also, we all should assign a mentor to new members. Many of you are doing this and we commend you for your endeavor. A gentle reminder to increase our effort is a good idea.

**"Enthusiasm is the greatest asset in the world. It beats money and power and influence." Henry Chester**

Where are the new Nobles? This million-dollar question is asked each year. Each Unit has been assigned a membership creation goal. We challenge each Unit to meet or exceed their assigned goal. This is a fantastic ambition for 2014. Nobles, "Let's just do it!"

**"The definition of G.O.A.L.S: Guts to use an Opportunity to Achieve the next Level of Success: Robert Proctor**

KEM Shrine has a great year planned and we are asking all of you to take part.

- April 10, - Uniformed Units, Grand Forks
- April 25, 26, 27 – KEM Circus  
Grand Forks
- April 28, 29, 30 – KEM Circus, Minot
- May 5, 6 – KEM Circus, Williston

- May 8, - Uniformed Units, Stephen
- May 15, 16, 17 – Hospital Trip to  
Twin Cities/ Twins Baseball Game
- June 6, 7 – Spring Ceremonial  
Grand Forks

- June 11, Wednesday** - Uniformed Units  
Grafton **This is a Date Change**
- July 6 – 10 -140<sup>th</sup> Imperial Session of  
Shriners International, Minneapolis
- July 13 – Shrine Football Game – Fargo
- May–Oct. – Parades throughout  
KEM Shrine Territory

Nobles and Units should make plans to attend. Bring your energy, your fun and your laughter. **YOU CAN'T BEAT FUN FOR A GOOD TIME. Stay Active.**

Unit membership goals follow:

<u>Unit/Club</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>#Name</u>
Band	2	4
Chanters	4	8
Color Guard	2	4
Clowns	2	4
Cycle Corps	2	4
Cycleers	2	4
Dir Staff	2	4
D & B	4	8
Ez Riderz	2	4
Flag Corps	2	4
4th Floor	2	14
Heart of Amer	3	6
Keystone Kops	2	4
Minot Merrymen	2	4
NW Shrine	2	4
Mobil Nobles	10	20
Model T's	4	8
Mulligans	3	6
Provost	6	12
Rit Divan	2	4
Roughriders	5	10
Snotnobles	3	6
Funsters	2	4
Roadsters	6	12

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FUN TILL TWO**



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**NEWS FROM THE 4TH FLOOR CLUB**

By Bill Steckler

The 4th Floor Club has completed adding a "destination" bathroom to the top floor of the Masonic Center, kudo's to all that pitched in. We had ten or more people pitch in with a few doing the "heavy lifting." These guys deserve a job well done!

Many members also donated time and worked the very successful "Gators 'n Taters" Kem Shrine Game Feed which served as a fundraiser for several Shrine Units and was attended by over 200 people. We also rode the Prairie Pontoon in the St. Patrick's Parade.

Coming up we are sponsoring a Hospital Fundraiser at the Dusterhoft Station Stores the last two Fridays in May, so be sure to stop in and support us for that event as all proceeds go the Children's Hospital in Minneapolis.

See you all at the Circus!

**Kem Roughriders**

By Phil Landis

On March 9<sup>th</sup>, the Roughriders and North Star Lodge #16 hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Family Fun Day at the Larimore Dam. The weather was perfect and all the kids attending went home with a prize.

The event included an ice fishing derby, hockey shoot out, bean bag toss, and a snow obstacle course. Chili, hotdogs, barbecues, pop and hot chocolate were provided for a free will offering.

Kem Roughriders and Northstar Lodge thank our sponsors and look forward to the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Family Fun Day next year.

- Donald L & Virginia Anderson
- Allan Bauer
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- James Beatty
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- Robert & Carol Machovsky

**MSA HOUSING**

By Steve Renslow

The 2014 Midwest Shrine Association (MSA) will be in Sioux Falls, SD from August 21st through the 23rd. Kem Shrine has a block of rooms reserved at the Holiday Inn City Centre in downtown Sioux Falls. This hotel was recently remodeled and updated.

The room rates will be reasonable at \$119 or \$139 per night. With the lower priced rooms you will have your choice of 2 queen beds or 1 king size bed per room. The concierge level rooms also include a continental breakfast and appetizers at night. The hotel restaurant has a full breakfast buffet for \$8.95.

We will also have a hospitality room for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights. After the first parade the party room will be at the Starlit Ballroom on the 10th floor of the hotel with a beautiful view of downtown Sioux Falls.

Start your lists of Nobles and Ladies that will be attending, we will need your reservation by July 1st. Please contact Paul Hanson or Steve Renslow for information or reservations.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Apr. 10** Units Meeting—GF
- 25-27** Circus Grand Forks
- 28-30** Circus Minot
- May. 5-6** Williston Circus
- 8** Units Meeting—Stephen
- 15-17** Hospital Bus Trip
- June 7** Spring Ceremonial
- 11** Units Meeting – Grafton
- July 6-10** Imperial Session
- 13** Units Meeting—Mayville
- ND Shrine Bowl– Fargo**
- Aug 14** Units Meeting
- 20-23** MSA—Sioux Falls SD

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### Schedule

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ones and hearing about the Twin Cities Hospital.

Meet the 2014 Rainbow of Hope Award Winners

To assist with planning, please RSVP to 612.596.6112 or  
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If you are part of a bus group, please register the total  
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### **Morning Program**

8:00 Continental Breakfast  
8:30 Presentations & Tours  
10:00 Welcome and Program  
12:00 Lunch, Tours and Entertainment

### **Afternoon Program**

1:30 Medical Staff Presentation  
2:00 2014 Rainbow of Hope Awards  
2:30 Adjourn

## **Kem Shrine Ladies Luncheon** to honor our new Nobles Ladies

When: June 7, 2014  
Where: Broadwalk (Downtown East Grand Forks)  
Registration: 11:30-12:00  
Lunch: 12 noon  
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## *Tables de Jour*

*It's not too early to start planning your table...*

*October 25, 2014*

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## **2014 Annual Rainbow of Hope Nomination**

Do you know a current or former Twin Cities hospital patient of at least 8 years of age  
who you believe is a role model for others? If so, please nominate them today!

### **Criteria of a role model:**

- ♥ someone who has overcome physical limitations while maintaining a positive attitude;
- ♥ someone who serves as a mentor;
- ♥ someone who is a good example to their peers; or,
- ♥ someone who has provided service to their community.

**All nominations must be received on or before April 1, 2014.** Each winner will receive a plaque and a cash prize to be awarded at the Hospital Day event held on Friday, May 16, 2014 at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Twin Cities. Winners and/or their families will be asked to address the crowd, so they must be able to attend Hospital Day.

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