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POTENTATE'S REPORT

LYNN MISIAEK

Hey Nobles!

Can't believe we are already getting to April. We must be having fun, because time is surely flying by. There has been a lot going on in early February. The Divan traveled to Marquette, MI where we had our winter planning session for this coming summer's Convention. I hope you are all planning your summer! This summer's Midwest Shrine Session will be August 4, 5, & 6. This will be the first time the Midwest will be in Marquette, MI. This part of Michigan is a very beautiful scenic part of the country. Please plan on attending!

On Saturday, February 13th, we had our very first Corn Hole Tournament and Chili Cookoff. There were approximately 50 participants. Ryan Bohn & Mark Jenson were the winners of Corn Hole tourney and Bill Steckler took 1st place in the Chili cook off. It was a fun afternoon and everyone had a great time. Then Saturday February 27th was our annual Wild Game Feed. If you missed it, you missed one of our best annual events. Thanks to Bill Steckler, Steve Adams and all the Nobles who worked this event.

March 5th there was a one day Masonic class organized by Acacia Lodge with the help of Malta and North Star Lodges. A big thank you to all the Masons who did the work. As you know we need Masons before we can create new Shriners. As most of you know KEM has had 17 years of positive growth and for us to continue this, we will need to create 80 -100 new nobles this year. So I'm asking for everyone's help. If you know someone who would make a good Shriner please ask him to join. If you know a good man, talk to him about joining your Lodge. Let's make it 18 years of positive growth.

On March 12th we had a ceremonial and created 6 new Nobles. Then a lot of our parade Units participated in our first parade of the season, Malta Lodge's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Grand Forks. A beautiful 65 degree day, the parade was short and sweet with a lot of spectators. Everyone had a great day!

April will be a very busy month. Williston will be having there Circus on Monday the 11th and Tuesday 12th with two shows each day 4:00 & 7:00 PM. Minot will be having there Circus on the 25th, 26th, & 27th with seven shows. Grand Forks will be having their Circus on the 29th, 30th and May 1st Please come out to work and have fun.

April 14th will be our Quarterly meeting and Uniformed Units. Please plan on attending! Every Noble is invited and we will be having a guest speaker, former Governor of North Dakota, Former US Secretary of Agriculture and Current interim President of UND Ed Shafer. May 7th will be a Kentucky Derby party in the 4th floor club at the Grand Forks Masonic Center. Put on your best Derby attire. A great time will be had by all.



May 20th, 21st & 22nd will be our annual trip to the Minneapolis for Shrine Hospital Day please read the rest of the Sands for more details.

June 4th will be our Spring Ceremonial and Potentate's Ball. Remember membership.... we need new Nobles.

As you can see it is a very busy next couple of months and the parade season hasn't started yet.

Please keep the families of the Shriners who have answered the call of the Black Camel in your prayers.

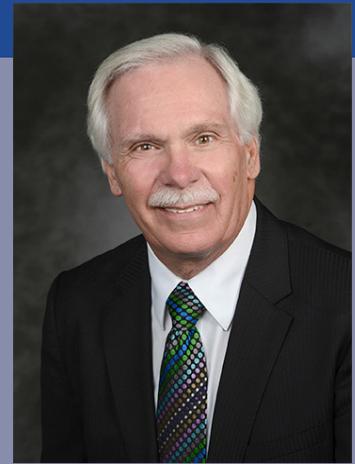
Lady Cheryl and I would like to thank all the Nobles and their Ladies for your hard work and good times. It is greatly appreciated!

Remember we are Shriners we are living the dream.

"Es Selamu Aleikum"

Lynn Misialek

Potentate 2016



EDWARD SCHAFER TO SPEAK AT THE APRIL UNIFORMED UNITS COUNCIL MEETING

The next Units Meeting will be April 14th in Grand Forks at the Masonic Center.

We will be honored with a special guestspeaker. The speaker will be the Interim President of the University of North Dakota, Edward Schafer Born and raised in Bismarck, ND, Schafer graduated from the University of ND in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and earned an MBA from the University of Denver in 1970.

Schafer was sworn in as the 29th Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture on Jan 28th, 2008 under George W. Bush. He served as North Dakota's governor from 1992 to 2000. Ed Schafer is a Senior DeMolay and an active supporter of DeMolay. He was inducted into the International DeMolay Hall of Fame in 2008. Before entering public life, Schafer was an executive with the Gold Seal Company in Bismarck which produced products such as "Mr Bubble", "Glass Wax" and "Snowy Bleach". The Gold Seal Company had been founded by his father, Harold Schafer, who was a Potentate of El Zagal Shriners.

The social will be from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm. President Schafer will speak after dinner, with the Kem Quarterly meeting and the Uniformed Units Council meeting to follow. Let's have a big turnout for this special speaker at our meeting!

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Lowell Domier

Hello Nobles and Brothers! What a beautiful ending to our winter. I would like to welcome our newest members to our fraternity. They joined the nobility of the Shrine on Saturday March 12th in Grand Forks on a wonderful 64-degree day. Let's remember to include and invite all of our newest Nobles to our functions and unit activities. They all joined to be involved! Right now our Blue Lodges are making new Mason's to carry on the fraternity. We talk about membership and fraternity but what does this really mean? Well, I'll tell you, according to Merriam-Webster's Dictionary (remember the original spell check)

Fra.ter.ni.ty: A group of people associated or formally organized for a common purpose, interest or pleasure. Example: A men's organization formed chiefly for social purposes having secret rites and the quantity or state of being brothers.

Mem.ber: One of the individuals composing a group. Sounds very familiar. As members of the Mason's Fraternity we need to show our new Brothers and our existing Brothers, who for many reasons haven't been involved lately, that being a Kem Shriners is about having fun by participating in parades, social events and fundraising. Friendship that will last a lifetime and caring about what happens to one another and/or families. Benevolence for the purpose of doing good things through our Shriners Hospitals for Children.

So Brothers, if you know a Mason who would make a good Kem Shriner, or just as importantly, a man who would make a good Mason, please talk to them. How many of your closest friends would you know if it weren't for our Fraternity. Nobles, I look forward to seeing you and many newer Nobles throughout the year. Let's show everyone else how we get it done!



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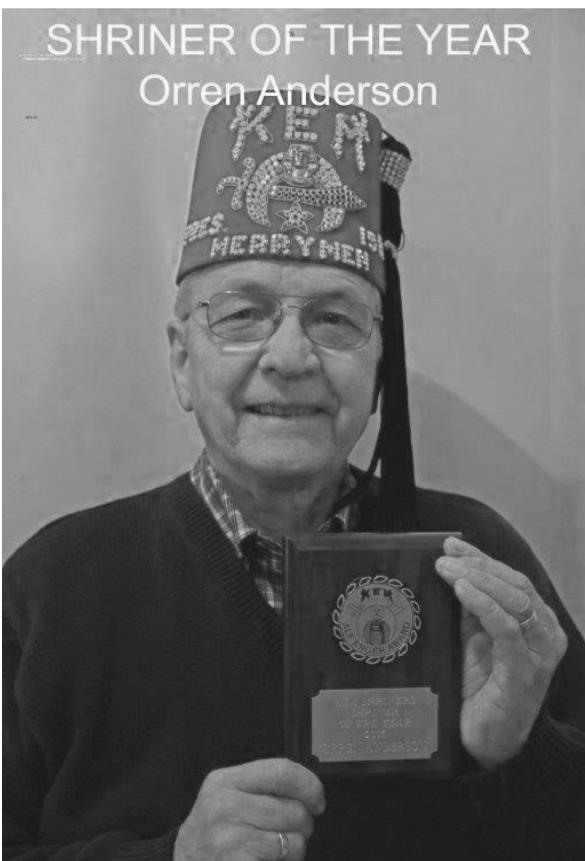
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MSA IN MARQUETTE, MI

Kem Nobles & Ladies,

The dates for the MSA in Marquette, MI are August 3-6. The first parade is Thursday night in Marquette. The second parade will be on Saturday morning in Ishpeming, MI, which is about 15 miles west of Marquette. Kem has a block of rooms reserved at the Ramada Inn in downtown Marquette. The Ramada is actually on the parade route for the Thursday night parade. The Ladies can watch the parade in front of the motel. The Friday night MSA party will be 3 blocks from our motel. Kem will also have a poolside hospitality room (thur & fri) along with a party room that will be used after the Thursday night parade. The downtown area has several restaurants, bars and stores within walking distance of the Ramada Inn. The headquarters Hotel will be the Holiday Inn which is a few miles from the downtown area. Most of the activities are downtown. The dinners are at the UP Masonic Center which is 3 blocks from the Ramada. The Ladies Lunch & Brunch will be in the Great Lakes Room at Northern Michigan University.

Marquette is a tourist area in the summer. It is in a beautiful scenic area on the shores of Lake Superior. Motels are usually full all summer. Because of the high demand for motel rooms, we need to submit a list of names for the *motel rooms by April 15th*. The MSA room rate is \$164.95 (with tax) per night. The regular rate for these rooms is \$235, plus tax. Due to the distance from Grand Forks to Marquette, some people are going a few days earlier or staying a few days later and making the trip a vacation. Kem has blocked off rooms from Monday, August 1st to Saturday, August 6th. You will get the special low rate for any of those dates. Please let me know what dates you plan on being in Marquette. If anyone wants to camp, they have a campground in the city limits just a short distance north of the downtown area. Ahmed Shriners have also arranged for guided tours of the area if you are interested.

We have also reserved a bus from Grand Forks to Marquette. The bus ride would be about \$100 per person for a round trip, based on 40 people riding the bus. The final price will depend on the number of riders on the bus. The bus will leave Grand Forks at 4:00 am on Thursday and arrive in Marquette at about 4:00 pm. The bus will return to Grand Forks on Saturday after the parade.

Registration is \$85 per Noble and \$85 per Lady. The Ladies Brunch is \$25. The Ladies Lunch is \$45. The Past Potentate Reception is \$20 for the PP and \$20 for the Lady. Registrations are due by June 15th. All registrations are being done through KEM. Each Unit will pay Kem for their member registrations and Kem will write one check to Ahmed Shriners in Marquette for all of Kems registrations.

Each unit should be making a list of who is going. The list should show, who is going on the bus, what nights you will be staying in Marquette, will your Lady be traveling with you and what will you be registering for? Please let me know before April 15th.

The web site for more information is www.MSA2016.com. It is still being updated. Another great web site about Marquette is: http://msa2016.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/ahmed_shrine_presents.pdf

If you have any questions, let me know.

Steve Renslow

701-741-3621 or email: srenslow1@hotmail.com

TWIN CITIES SHRINE HOSPITAL BUS TRIP

May 20-22, 2016

- Bus leaves for the Twin Cities, Friday morning from Minot picking people up along the way
- Friday night if interested, Minnesota Twins vs. Toronto Blue Jay's, we have great seats down the 3rd base line, price is \$36/ticket. If you want tickets I need to know how many by April 29th, after that date you are on your own for tickets if you want to attend the game.
- Saturday is Hospital Day's at the Twin Cities Shrine Hospital
- This is a trip that All Shriner's and their Ladies should attend at least once; it is a chance to see one of "OUR" hospitals.
- Cost: \$60/ person to ride the bus
- 2 nights at the Roseville Radisson \$88/ night
- **If you have been a Shriner for less than a year, you and your Lady ride the bus free**
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KEM QUARTERLY MEETING

Thursday, April 14, 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 2016 dues card. Please wear your Fez.

Attest

Dale Duchscherer

Dale Duchscherer

PP, Recorder

Yours in the Faith,

Lynn Misialek

Lynn Misialek

Potentate

KEM'S Run for the Roses Kentucky Derby Party

Saturday, May 7, 2016
4:00-7:00
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June 4, 2016

8:00 am	Coffee & Rolls
8:30-9:00	Candidate Registration
9:00-9:30	Candidate Orientation
9:00 Shrine	Opens in Red Room for purpose
9:45-10:30	Ceremonial
10:30	Parade Line up
11:00	Parade
11:30	Ladies Luncheon
12:00	Nobles Lunch
1:00	2nd Section of Ceremonial
3:00-5:00	Hospitality Room Open at Country Inn & Suites
6:00-7:00	Social at the Grand Forks Masonic Center
7:00-8:00	Dinner
8:00	Dance
	Hospitality Room Open at Country Inn & Suites after Dance

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ST PATRICK'S DAY FUN!



FOURTH FLOOR CLUB

Happy Spring fellow Nobles and Ladies. What an amazing and early spring it's been so far. This weather has lead to some great attendance at our past couple events. I would imagine we are all ready for summer to quickly arrive.

February 27th was our annual Wild Game Feed. What an incredible turnout we had. The basement of the temple was full of people who were there to enjoy some delicious food. Thank you to all the members of the Fourth Floor Club and the Mobil Nobles that donated their time to make it such a successful event. We sold 300 more tickets this year than we did last year. We couldn't have done it without all of your efforts. The food was delicious!!

March 12th was another fantastic day for fellow nobles. We had the annual Kem Spring Ceremonial that morning. We brought in 6 new nobles that day. Following the ceremonial, we had the Masonic St. Patrick's Day parade in the afternoon. There was a great turnout for that. Thank you to everyone who participated in the parade.

April 29 through May 1st is the Annual Kem Shrine Circus in Grand Forks. The children in the schools are always excited for this huge event. If any fellow nobles are able to work any of the shows, we could definitely use the help. Setup for the circus will take place on April 28th, with shows happening the next three days. Come on by, have some fun working, and help make the circus another success.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the events coming up. Have a great spring and enjoy your summer!

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For the past two years, Shriners Hospitals for Children — Philadelphia has won the Hoops for LOVE challenge. Can they continue the winning streak or will another hospital take home the FEZ CUP?

How it Works:

Visit HoopsforLOVE.org to make a donation to your favorite hospital.

On March 24 and April 1, we will share which hospitals are in the lead.

On April 7, we will announce the winners of this year's challenge. The hospital that raises the most money will receive the coveted FEZ CUP. This year, we will also award a certificate to the hospital that receives the highest number of donations, even if they did not raise the most money.

How you Can Help:

Host a Hoops for LOVE Fundraising Event

Ask representatives from local businesses to hold Hoops for LOVE fundraising events during the big college tournament.

Organize a tournament viewing party at your temple to benefit Shriners Hospitals.

Host basketball-themed fundraising events, such as a local tournament at a school or community center

Spread the Word

Tell your fellow Nobles and anyone else who is interested in helping Shriners Hospitals for Children that Hoops for LOVE is back!

Raise Funds

Encourage friends and colleagues to join you and give to their favorite hospital at HoopsforLOVE.org so that the patients can win big this March.

Nobles like you make it possible for us to send Love to the rescue®. Every person on the team makes a difference, and we know that we couldn't win big without your help.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

- 11-12 Williston Circus
 13 Masonic Building Board Meeting
 14 KEM Board of Trustees/Divan/Uniformed Units Meetings, Grand Forks
 25-27 Minot Shrine Circus
 28 KEM GF Circus Setup (The Ralph)
 29-30 KEM Shrine Circus

May

- 1 KEM Shrine Circus & Tear Down
 7 Kentucky Derby Party (4th Floor)
 11 Masonic Building Board Meeting
 12 Divan/Uniformed Units Meeting, Roseau
 20-22 Shrine Hospital Days - Twin Cities

June

- 3 Potentates Golf Tournament
 4 KEM Spring Ceremonial & Pote's Ball
 9 Uniformed Units Meeting

July

- 10 Shrine Football Game

SHRINE PARADE REGULATIONS

Neither candy nor other objects shall be THROWN to spectators along the parade route. A Shriner may walk along the edge of a parade route and hand out candy, Shrine information or other appropriate objects. (No latex balloons)

In a Shrine only parade at an annual session of Shriners International, or in local Shriners parades or exhibitions under the auspices of temples or Shrine associations, only Nobles shall participate.

In Civic Parades and non-Shrine public appearances, Nobles, their ladies and children, and Masonic related or sponsored organizations may participate, with the approval of the Potentate. Only nobles may perform, compete, ride vehicles with fewer than four wheels, or operate any vehicle while parading.

THE BAND PLAYS ON!

After a long winter, and not having performed since early December, the Band dusted off their instruments and got tuned up for the annual Mason's St. Patrick's Day parade. Although I was unable to attend, I understand that 7 or 8 hearty souls showed up to provide music for the parade, and lead the masses on the Leprechaun loop. It was a beautiful day, and a great time was had by all!!!

So now that we've blown out the dust we'll be ready to entertain at the Kem Shrine Circus in late April. After that, we'll be at the Spring Ceremonial in June, and, of course, at the MSA in Marquette, Mi. in August. We're looking forward to all of these events, and to sharing our musical talents with all of the Nobles, their ladies, and the general public. The year is flying by!

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For more information contact Tom Pollard at:

tpolgrafix@gmail.com



Welcome to a new addition to the KEM Burning Sands, the KEM LADIES CORNER.

We want to have a spot for the Ladies to share any upcoming events and announcements that are happening within our large KEM family.

If you have an inspirational story to share this would be a great place to share it.

We also want to invite you to join our (Kem Shrine Ladies) Facebook page if you have not done so already, all ladies of our nobles are invited to the group. It's a great place to share pictures of events that you have attended or information about upcoming events as well.

Did you know that ladies can access Shriners Village on line? You will just need to know your nobles membership number. Go to www.shrinersvillage.com and click on Register Here. There is so much to learn by visiting this site. Learn more about our current Imperial First Lady, Lisa Gantt. Lisa introduced a program, In Dreams I Walk, which will augment the programs of Shriners Hospitals for Children that assist children with osteogenesis imperfecta OI, also known as brittle bone disease.

We hope to see you all come out and help your Nobles with the upcoming Shrine Circus's. Williston April 11 and 12th, Minot April 25,26,27th, and Grand Forks April 29,30, and May 1st. Come one come all

Please contact Lady Cheryl Misialek at cmisialek@gra.midco.net or Lady Nancy Bergh at rnbergh@gra.midco.net with stories, or upcoming events. Thank you for all you do to help your Nobles.



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 ordered and most of them 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, ATVs, camels, and new acts with 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 15th.

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**

Thank You,
Tom Hanson
Circus Chairman

