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Hello Nobles & Ladies!! I hope 2014 brings all of you good health & happiness. Where did the last eight years go? It seems like yesterday when Lady Deb told me, "I'm not 100% against it". And here we are. I am honored to be elected Kem's Potentate for 2014, I will do all I can to fulfill the expectations entrusted to me. Thank you all!

A special thanks' has to go out to Past Potentate Jim Kienast for a wonderful year and for the 15 years of consecutive growth. Great job Jim! A Special thank you to two Ladies who put in a lot of extra work this past year Janie & Jonielle. Thank you for making the transition easy.

I would like to thank Roger Baier for accepting the position of Outer Guard or "Keeper of the Pink Purse". I can only hope you have as much fun over the next few years as I have had. I wouldn't trade any of it, good luck Roger! 2014 POTENTATE ELECT LOWELL DOMIER

I suppose I should thank Past Potentate Tom Moe (I think) for appointing me Outer Guard in 2006. He has given me a lot of advice & support (some of it even helpful). Thank you Tom!

I would like to thank all of the Nobles who attended the Annual Meeting, Potentate's Reception, and the hospitality room on January 11th. It was a very special day for Lady Deb and I. As some of you know I was able to bring my son Eric into the Shrine at the Annual Meeting. It is an opportunity that doesn't present itself very often. Thank you Ritualistic Divan for helping to make this happen. Thank you, to my First Wife Deb for all her support and time.

As I found out, becoming Potentate doesn't give you much time to relax. I'm proud to announce that within the next few weeks we will have a New Kem Shine Unit-CAP N CORK! There will be more information following in the next issue of the Sands. The winter Session of the Midwest Shrine Association is being held in Souix Falls SD on Feb 20-22. We Will have more information on the Summer Session of the MSA to follow. The date is Aug 21-23, mark your calendar. Our first regular ceremonial is on March 15th in conjunction with the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Lets do all we can to make it a big day. The Circus in Grand Forks & Minot are scheduled for the end of April. Williston Circus at this time does not have a date set. The Hospital Trip to Minneapolis is set for May 15-17. If you have never attended, this is something as a Shriner, you

should attend. Scott Midstokke has done a wonderful job with this. Just let him know if you're planning to attend. Kem's Annual Spring Ceremonial is June 7th. There is a block of rooms at the Guest House Inn. Hope you can attend.

The Annual Grand Lodge Communication is held in Grand forks June 13 & 14. July 6th thru 10th is the Imperial Session held in Minneapolis. As most of you know our very own Dale Stauss, PP and current Deputy Imperial Potentate is set to become Imperial Potentate of Shriners International. Yep! That's right, the #1 Shriner in the World and I think it would be great if we could have a large number of Kem Nobles in attendance. Monday July 7th is election, Tuesday 8th: 7:30 Parade & Kem Party to follow, July 9th: Dales installation. This is a one time event so let's give Dale all the support we can! This year we are going to try and have a few more functions to help our new Nobles start becoming involved. Membership again is a priority not only bringing in new Shriners but keeping the Nobles we already have. With everyone's help we can reach 16years of growth.

Remember we are Shriners, it is our job to maintain our Hospitals to Build Better Tomorrows One Kid At A Time!

Lowell Domier, Potentate



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#### **2014 Election & Appointment**

Also elected to the Kem Divan were: Bruce Krabseth. Chief Rabban Williston: Lvnn Misialek, Assistant Rabban, Grand Forks; Scott Midstokke, High Priest & Prophet, Michigan; Bill Steckler, Oriental Guide, Grand Forks; Steve Adams, Treasurer, Grand Forks; Dale Duchscherer, PP, Recorder, Aneta.

Potentate Domier made the following appointments to his appointed Divan: Phil Landis, First Ceremonial Master: Ron Bergh, Seconded Ceremonial Master; Steve Symons, Marshal; Dave Rustebakke, Captain of the Guard; Roger Baier, Outer Guard; Ken Huhta, Director.

Serving on the 2014 Board of Directors are Potentate Lowell Domier. Bruce Krabseth. Lynn Misialek, Scott Midstokke, Bill Steckler, Dale A Duchscherer, PP, Steve Adams, Wayne Bauste, PP and Tom Hanson, PP.

The following were elected to the board of trustees: Lowell Domier, Potentate, Steve Adams, Robert E Nygaard, Wayne Bauste, PP, and Tom Moe, PP.

For the year 2014 Potentate Domier appointed as his aides: Brad Domier, Dennis Peterson, Ted Anderson, Pat Lundby, Kurt Driscoll and Dave Brevik.

Other officers appointed by Potentate Domier to serve in the year 2014 were: Mike Bakken, Chaplain: Chris Larson. Chief of Staff: Paul Hanson, Housing; Ken Gillespie, Hospital Chairman; Nels Christianson, Director of Ritual; David Beach, Orator; Ron Bergh, Public Relations; Wayne Bauste, Membership; Tom Moe, PP, Temple Attorney.

Official Kem photographer for 2014 will be Michael C Moulton. Mike Bakken, Charles I Ottem, Lon Kvasager, Wendal Van Wechel and Ray F Webb were appointed Masonic Relations.

Appointed to the 2014 Donor Relations is: Thomas R Moe and Gerald Fleck. 2014 Insurance Committee: Mark E Paulson, Tom Waind, PP, Gary Belanus, James Fee, and James Kienast, Chairman.

Tom Hanson, PP of Grand Forks was reappointed Circus Chairman and Ron Bergh, Circus Co-Chairman for 2014. Dale Duchscherer, PP was appointed Football Chairman for 2014.

#### FROM THE DESK OF THE RECORDER

Congratulations to Past Potentate Jim Kienast and Kem Shriner's for 15 years of growth. Great Job! Also, congratulations to New Potentate Lowell Domier and all officers of Kem.

We had a good turn-out for the Annual Meeting and PP AI Nipstad with help from some Mobil Nobles did a great job on the fish fry. Potentate Lowell and Deb did an outstanding job planning the evening meal and entertainment.

All units should have their new officers, so turn them in ASAP so we can get a new Directory out, also turn in your financial reports so we can get our year end finalized.

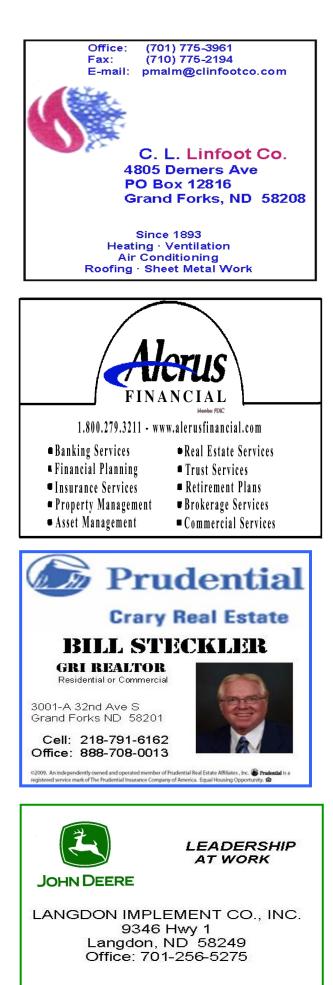
Always remember that as a paid up member we are all part owners of our hospital system. Please send in your dues, help us find children that need our help and Have fun helping our kids.

Dale Duchscherer, PP Recorder



#### Deadline: March 15th Contact to book rooms:

Paul Hanson 701-741-6769 Email: phanson\_58257@yahoo.com Or Steve Renslow 701-741-3621 Email: srenslow1@hotmail.com



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Paul Johnson receives his Samsar Award







Devils Lake Christmas Party

















# **Annual Meeting**

















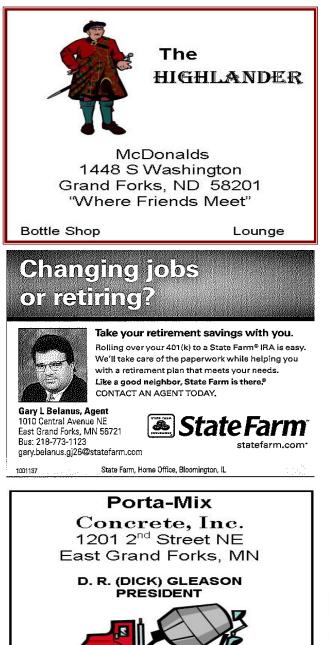






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Burn Awareness Preventing Burn Injuries

## Annual Burn Awareness Campaign Scheduled to Begin in February

Shriners Hospitals for Children<sup>®</sup> continues to be determined to decrease the number of preventable pediatric burn injuries by raising awareness. One program in this effort is the annual Burn Awareness campaign, which began more than 20 years ago.

During the first full week of February, our public relations efforts emphasize Burn Awareness Week, the kickoff of a yearlong educational campaign aimed at burn awareness and prevention, including offering free educational materials via our website. The items, including posters, activity books and fact sheets, are designed to be a resource for firefighters, teachers, parents and others concerned with the safety and well-being of children. Many of the items are available in both English and Spanish.

We are once again using the theme "Be Burn Aware," and focusing preventing burn injuries in the home because the vast majority of preventable burn injuries continue to occur in residences. Homes are the sites of thousands of burn injuries to children every year, including scalds, fire-related injuries, and even electrical burns. Many of these incidents could have been easily prevented by following and implementing some basic safety tips. In the U.S. the occurrence of major pediatric burn injuries has decreased; these educational efforts do have an impact.

"At Shriners Hospitals for Children, preventing burn injuries and providing burn awareness education is an ongoing effort," said Kenneth Guidera, M.D., chief medical officer, Shriners Hospitals for Children. "In 2014, our campaign, 'Be Burn Aware,' will again focus on teaching children and their parents ways to avoid burn injuries at home, with added information on preventing fire and electrical-related injuries. So many of these injuries – as well as those caused by scalds or other incidents around the home – could have been prevented. We hope our annual campaign helps reduce pediatric burn injuries."

The campaign features two child-friendly characters who showcase and share our messages. Boots and Brewster – a caped, cuddly bear and a googly-eyed teapot – are featured in activity books



for children ages 3-7 and 8-12. The entertaining duo leads the children through the various rooms of a house, pointing out dangers, and how to easily correct or avoid them. The coloring pages, word searches, cartoons, and other activities are designed to grab the children's attention and present the information in a memorable, age-appropriate manner. The campaign also includes a poster of safety tips, as well as materials emphasizing prevention of scalds, fire-related and electrical burns.

"Shriners Hospitals for Children is committed to improving and protecting the lives and health of children," said Richard Kagan, M.D., chief of staff, Shriners Hospitals for Children — Cincinnati and member of the physician executive team. "Our burn awareness campaign is one element of that effort. Following prevention guidelines can keep children and families safe and help them avoid potentially serious, devastating injuries."

All available materials will be available for viewing and ordering at **burnawareness.org**.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is also assisted in its burn prevention efforts by members of the Shriners fraternity, who promote the campaign in their local communities in a variety of creative ways.

shrinershospitalsforchildren.org burnawareness.org

#### 2014-----ANOTHER YEAR OF GROWTH-----2014

**KEM Shrine reached its 15<sup>th</sup> year of growth in 2013.** The membership goal was reached and now we all must look forward to 2014 and our goal to make 16 years of growth.

"The great thing in the world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving." O.W. Holmes

All Nobles must be thanked for all the growth we experienced in 2013. Also, thanks for the membership, new units, new activities and the effort to keep all Nobles active and committed. The key to our Shrine success is our commitment to membership growth. All Unit/Club membership-creation goals will be listed at the end of this article. Unit/Clubs will need to gather names of potential Nobles and the goal is to create new members from your lists. Effort toward these goals need to begin ASAP so that we may again reach our goal of a plus in membership growth in 2014.

"Individual commitment to a group effort—that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work and civilization work." Vince Lombardi

There is a need, too, for Nobles to be good mentors to our newest Nobles. Upon receiving the names of Nobles who would be willing to be mentors—we ask that you follow-up and communicate with the newest Nobles. So, if you are willing to take on this role, please contact the KEM office. The office in turn will contact the membership committee or Potentate Lowell Domier.

"One of the things I keep learning is that the secret of being happy is doing things for other people." D. Gregory

Lastly, restoration of Nobles is always an ongoing project. We must secure the membership we have and reach out to our Brothers. A new contact with a Noble could make all the difference in the world. All our lives change over time, but to bring back good men is a gallant task. Involve their family as well and encourage Nobles to return.

"Problems are not stop signs, they are guidelines." R.H. Schuller

Our commitment to membership has always been our goal. All Nobles must keep this goal in sight. We have all worked to reach this point in membership growth. We can all make 2014 our best year to date. Be involved, be committed, get active and enjoy this year with your family and our Shrine Center.

Membership Committee

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Feb.	20-22	Circus Kickoff MSA Winter Session Wild Game Feed			
Mar.	8 13 15	One Day Class Units Meeting— Langdon St. Patties Day			
	10 ? 25-27 28-30	Units Meeting—GF Circus Williston Circus Grand Forks Circus Minot			
May.	8 15-17	Units Meeting—Stephen Hospital Bus Trip			
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#### BILL STECKLER Oriental Guide



Bill is from Jamestown. ND. He attended LRJC in Devils Lake, then graduated from UND. His wife Lee-Ann is also from Devils Lake and have they two daughters and grandchilthree dren. All of them now live in Grand

Forks.

Bill is a realtor with Prudential Crary Real Estate in Grand Forks. He is currently the president of the South Forks Lions Club and Master of Lodge for Malta Lodge 131 in Grand Forks, where he was raised a Master Mason in 2006. He also joined Kem Shrine in 2006 and is a member of the Mobil Nobles, Ritualistic Divan and is the current president of the 4th Floor Club.



#### 2014 Hospital Bus Trip

It is not too early to plan on going on this year's trip to the Shrine Hospital in the Twin Cities, **May 15-17** for the annual "Hospital Days."

The bus will start in Minot, picking up along the way, Thursday morning and returning on Saturday. Cost will be \$60/ person, plus 2 night's motel, which is about \$75/night. Both the noble and their lady are encouraged to attend this informative outing. If you have been a Shriner for less than a year, you and your Lady will ride the bus free. More information will be provided in the next Burning Sands.

The Minnesota Twins are in town, let me know if you want tickets to the game.

If interested contact: Scott Midstokke 1-701-270-8195 stokker@polarcomm.com



#### ROGER BAIER Outer Guard



Roger Baier was born in Warren. MN and raised in Fordville, Wahpeton and Ellendale. ND. After graduating from Ellendale High School he attended various colleges: UND-Ellendale branch NDSCSand Wahpeton earning

AA degrees in business management; Presentation College-Aberdeen, SD, earning a AA degree in Nursin Home Administration. He then spent two years as nursing home administrator in Dunseith, ND before returning to college at Mayville State University-Mayville, where he earned a BS degree in Business Administration in 1976. Following graduation he accepted a position at Union Hospital in Mayville as Business Manager and was promoted to CEO/CO in 1998. In 2010 he became CEO of Sanford Medical Center Mayville, a position he currently holds.

His wife Linda plans to retire in May from her position as Professor in the Division of Business and Computer Information Systems at Mayville State University. Roger and Linda have two children. Brian and wife DeeAnn and their children Jacob, Kylie and Miranda live in Grand Forks. Carrie and husband Dustin Jones live in Rancho Cucamonga, CA. Roger was raised a Master Mason at Goose River Lodge #19 in Mayville in 1996 and was Worshipful Mast in 2009-10. Roger is a member of the Keystone Kops and currently Vice President. He joined the KEM Shrine in 1998.

Over the years Roger has been a member of many community and healthcare organizations. He currently serves as an officer of the Eastern Area Health Education Center Advisory Board, North Region Health Alliance, Sanford North Foundation and Mayville Improvement Board. He is also a member of ND Trauma Foundation, May-Port Lions Club, EDC and MSA Comet Athletic Club.

Roger enjoys golfing, summer nights on the deck listening to music, travels to southern California and attending Mayville State University sporting events.

### KEM SHRINE WILD GAME FEED



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The exciting St. Patrick's Day Parade will be March 15th at 3 Pm and assemble on South 3rd Street in front of Widman's Candy and the County Parking Ramp, then moves down 3rd Street to Kelly's Tavern. Lineup is at 2:30. Remember family members and children are welcome to walk in the family section of the parade.

The ceremonial for new Kem Shriners is at 1 PM at Kem Shrine Center and the new Shriner's will lead this St. Patrick's Day parade. Please have all new candidates at the Shrine Center by 12:00 noon.

