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POTENTATE'S REPORT SCOTT MIDSTOKKE

It has been a couple of busy months in KEM Territory !!!

September 29th the Fourth Floor Club held Hopschotch night, another successful night it was with live entertainment and hops and scotch to share, it was a fun evening.

On October 7th we traveled to Minot for the Potentates Ball hosted by the Minot Shrine Club. It was a great evening and well attended. Lady Bernice and I would like to thank everyone for attending and to everyone that had a hand in planning this event. Once again Minot Shrine Club did a great job and as always the hospitality was off the charts.

On October 14th Grand Master Mark Williamson, Bryce Berdahl, Ryne Midstokke and I traveled to Williston for the Mt Moriah Lodge Pheasant Hunt. It was a fun weekend full of laughs, sore feet, fresh air and a couple of birds. We had the pleasure of hunting behind Noble Don Akins, 2 German shorthairs. Saturday afternoon we created one new Shriner, what a great weekend.



SCOTT AND BERNICE MIDSTOKKE

On October 28th, the 9th annual Tables DuJour was held at the Masonic Center in Grand Forks. 19 Tables we're decorated by the ladies with all kinds of different themes. Brunch was served to the ladies by Shriners in tuxedos. After brunch Cheryl Stauss gave a very good talk about the hospital system and what we do for our Shrine kids. Afterwards there was a silent auction, with over 70 items donated to raise money for Shriners Hospital system. This year the

appointed Divan chaired Tables duJour event and they did an awesome job in running this event. Thanks to everyone that helped out to make this event a success and raise \$7,000 for Shriners Hospitals for Children.

On Saturday, November 11th there was a Masonic 1 day class in Grand Forks hosted by Malta lodge with 10 new Master Masons created, Degree work was done by North Star, Acacia, Malta and the Ritual Divan. Afterwards we created 3 new KEM Shriners that couldn't attend the Christmas Ceremonial. Congratulations to the new Master Masons and Shriners.

On December 2nd we will be having a Shrine Ceremonial in the morning with the Christmas party starting at noon for our Shrine Hospital Patients. The Mobil Nobles will serve lunch and Santa will be making an appearance after lunch with presents for the kids. Finishing up the day with the Uniformed Units Christmas Party that evening. You can find all the details in this issue,

hope to see you there.

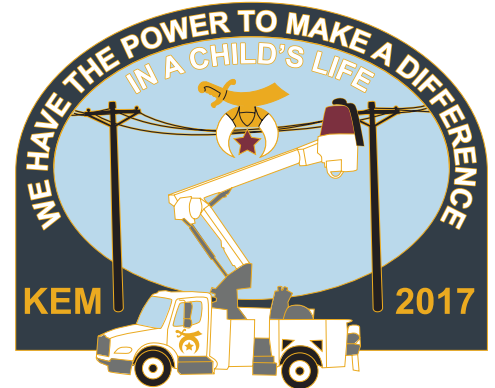
Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 13th for KEM Shrines Annual Meeting and installation of the new Potentate and Divan.

Lady Bernice and I, would like to thank everyone for the great hospitality that we have received in our travels, it is an honor to serve as your Potentate.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Scott Midstokke

KEM Shrine Potentate



2017 MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE

KEM will pay 2018 Shrine dues, for the 2 Shriners with the most first line signatures on petitions. Leading the way the first 6 months is

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KEM SHRINE INDOOR ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT

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 - Licenses are \$20 apiece and are non-transferable
 - You may buy additional lures
- You'll place your lures in the holes (buckets) you would like to fish in. You may fish all of your lures in one hole or spread them out over several holes.
- Once the tournament starts we'll draw a hole that has a fish in it every two minutes.
- Once the active hole is drawn we will draw out one of the lures. If your number is called you must report to the hole with your license, before the next active hole is drawn.
- When you arrive at the hole, you'll draw a card which indicates the weight of the fish
 - Aces are 1 lb, Jacks are 11 lbs and so on
 - Jokers are a missed fish
- You'll then clip your card to the stringer (Lanyard)
- At the conclusion of the tournament at 9:00 you'll turn in your stringer and the weights will be calculated
- FISH CANNOT BE TRANSFERRED BETWEEN FISHERMEN
- The top three weight totals will be paid out
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KEM SHRINE 2018 ANNUAL MEETING



HOTEL ROOMS

The annual meeting for Kem Shrine will be held on the weekend of January 12th and 13th. Kem has a block of rooms reserved at the Country Inn & Suites in Grand Forks. The room rate will be \$119 per night and we will have a hospitality room for Friday and Saturday night along with a shuttle bus from the Masonic Lodge to the hotel. The Ladies luncheon will be on Saturday. The meal will be a catered meal at the Country Inn & Suites in the meeting room on the 1st floor. If you are staying at the hotel, it will be very convenient for attending the Ladies luncheon.

Please make your reservations before December 12th, after that date the rooms may not be available and the room rate will be more. For reservations, please call the Country Inn & Suites and ask for the Kem Shriners block of rooms. The number to call is 701-757-2200. The address for the Country Inn & Suites is 3101 South 42nd St, Grand Forks. If you have questions contact Steve Renslow 701-741-3621. More information about the weekend is in the Burning Sands.

ANNUAL HOSPITAL TRIP

Nobles and Ladies

Thank you for attending the Twin Cities Shrine Hospital Day's. I hope you found it a rewarding experience to see some of the great work that happens at "OUR" Shrine hospitals. The staff at the hospital is first class and this shows when the children talk about their trips to the hospital and how they are treated.

Spread the word to your fellow Shrine friends and let them know about this trip. It is something all Nobles and their Ladies should do. SAVE THE DATE next year's trip will be May 18,19 & 20, 2018!

Special thank you to Jim Clifford for donating his time and driving one of the buses and also to the other driver Herman Meier, they both did a great job!

If you think there is something we can improve on to make this trip better send me an email, we are always looking to improve.

Thanks again, Ted Anderson

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MOBIL NOBLES REPORT

Greetings Nobles,

The Mobil Nobles have had a great year. We have added 8 new members to the unit over the past year. We attended 21 parades this past year. We purchased a vehicle to pull our sprint car trailer. We had a first-time raffle for a mini-atv that was a huge success. We always have great participation and help at the KEM Shrine Circus. This is just mentioning a few things we've done. We can't do this without the help of our fellow unit members and the members of the KEM Shrine. I would like to thank everyone of the Mobil Nobles and the KEM Shrine for your dedication and help this past year. I would also like to thank our Potentate, Scott Midstokke and Lady Bernice for their leadership, time, and work in making this a great KEM Shrine.

Todd Herz



LADIES LUNCHEON

SAVE THE DATE:

January 13, 2018

Ladies Luncheon

Where: Country Inn & Suites, Grand Forks, ND

11:45- Registration

12:00- Lunch – Catered by Ground Round

Speaker

Dress- Beach Party Attire, (Optional sun glasses, sandals, seashell jewelry, water wings)

Cost: \$20.00

Please RSVP BY JANUARY 8, 2018

Telephone: 701-772-7125/ EMAIL:
keamshriners@ymail.com

Please bring items to donate to My SPA, a special Grand Forks summer theater program.

Some of our Shrine patients have had the opportunity to participate In this wonderful program.

Donation ideas- craft items, fabric, yarn, scarves, ties, hats, sunglasses

Questions- Please contact Lee Ann Steckler-
218-779-1652



KEM 2018 ANNUAL MEETING JAN 12TH, MASONIC CENTER

- 8 AM COFFEE & DONUTS
- 9:30 AM ANNUAL MEETING: 2018 DUES CARD REQUIRED
- 11 AM OFFICER INSTALLATION
- NOON FISH FRY
- 1 PM UNIT REPS MEETING (CIRCUS, INSURANCE, FOOTBALL, MEMBERSHIP & HOSPITAL)
- 2 PM DIVAN PICTURE
- 2:30 PM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
- LADIES LUNCHEON –Saturday -January 13th- COUNTRY INN & SUITES. Cost: \$20
- BEACH PARTY- Bust out your sandals, sunglasses, water wings, seashell jewelry, etc.....
- (no speedos, please!-)

11 AM REGISTRATION & LUNCH \$20

RESERVATIONS DEADLINE JAN. 8, 2018, Please call Carol @ 701-772-7125 OR EMAIL
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POTENTATE'S RECEPTION – Saturday, January 13th- GRAND FORKS MASONIC CENTER

DRESS IS FORMAL (DIVAN IN TUX'S)

5:30-6:30 PM SOCIAL

7 PM DINNER- RSVP REQUIRED BY JAN 8, 2018, CALL CAROL 701-775-7125

8 PM DANCE TO "SHAKE, RATTLE & ROLL"

BUS WILL LEAVE COUNTRY INN & SUITES AT 5:15 PM TO THE MASONIC CENTER, WILL MAKE RETURN RUNS AT 10 PM & 11:30 PM.



**ANNUAL
MEETING**

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POTENTATE BALL



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

- 2nd Ceremonial, Kids Christmas Party, and Units Christmas Party
14th. Uniformed Units Meeting, Grand Forks, host, Chanters and Director Staff

January

- 1st Get Well Party, Masonic Center
12th. Trustee and Board Meeting
13th. KEM Annual Meeting
16th Burning Sands Deadline
20th East-West Shrine Game
24th Burning Sands Print Date
27th Indoor Ice Fishing Tournament

February

- 1-3rd MSA Deadwood SD, Bus Leaves Early AM
8th 4 PM BOD Grand Forks
Uniformed Units Meeting
24th Wild Game Feed

MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR

October 5-7, Darlene and I were invited to attend the annual membership seminar in Tampa with Bill and LeeAnn Steckler. We were given a lot of information during the seminar to increase membership and met a lot of people from many other Temples and shared ideas.

I AM (Committed Now) R U is the new program released by Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske and it focuses around recruitment, restoration and retention. This program is centered around how each noble can truly make a difference.

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NOTICE OF KEM SHRINERS ANNUAL MEETING

January 13, 2018

The 2018 Annual Meeting of Kem Shriners will be held in the Auditorium of the Masonic Center in Grand Forks ND on Saturday, January 13th beginning at 9:30 am. Business to be transacted include; reading of Reports, adapting a budget for 2018, election of officers and representatives to the Imperial Council. Installation of officers for 2018 will follow.

Admission by 2018 dues card

Wear you Fez

Attest: Yours in the Faith,
Dale Duchscherer *Scott Midstokke*
Dale Duchscherer, PP Scott Midstokke
Recorder Potentate

SECTION 325.11 OF THE IMPERIAL CODE:

- (A) The printing, publication, circulation or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets or other devices by a Noble, suggesting, recommending, opposing. Or containing the names of proposed candidates for the office in the Shrine is prohibited.
- (B) For any violation of (a), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of officers void and order a new election.
- (C) At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election the Shrine Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.

CHRISTMAS CEREMONIAL

December 2nd, 2017

Grand Forks Masonic Center

Candidate Registration 8:30-9:00am

Candidate Orientation 9:00-9:15 am

Vote on Candidates 9:00am

Ceremonial 9:15-10:00am

Second Section 10:00-11:30am

New Shriner Fezzing (Auditorium)

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SHRINER'S INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Noble Trygve "Trig" Olund honored with summer Shriner Spotlight Award

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Trygve "Trig" Olund



Noble Trygve "Trig" Olund of Abu Bekr Shriners in Sioux City, Iowa, is the recipient of the Shriner Spotlight Award for summer 2017. The award program honors outstanding nobles who demonstrate an extraordinary commitment to both Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

Committed to his temple, the children of Shriners Hospitals and his country

Twenty years ago, nine years into his retirement, Olund signed on as a member of the Abu Bekr Shriners Hospital Dads Unit. Ten days later, he transported a child to Shriners Hospitals for Children — Twin Cities for the first time. That was nearly 300 trips ago.

Olund, according to Noble Roger Merrill, Membership Chairman of Abu Bekr Shriners, rates as "one of the 'most unforgettable nobles' ever encountered at the Abu Bekr Shrine Center." And for good reason.

Born in Northwest Iowa, Olund graduated from Merrill High School in 1947, and worked for several area farmers while he also trucked for numerous companies. He enlisted in the Iowa Air National Guard in 1950, and was called to active duty during the Korean Conflict, which ended in 1953. He returned home to assist his father with farming and trucking. During that time, he continued aviation training with the Air National Guard. In 1968, Olund was called back to active duty during the Pueblo Crisis. After again being released from active duty in 1969, he became a DCOIC of the Avionics Age Section and was appointed Superintendent in 1982, and held that position until his retirement in 1987. He served in the Air Guard and Air Force for more than 36 years, and traveled all around the United States, Panama and England. Olund has also been an American Legion member for more than 40 years.

Olund and his wife, Mary, are celebrating their 60-year wedding anniversary this year. They have two children: a son, Brian (and his wife, Pam); and a daughter, Lesly (and her husband, Craig). Olund and his wife have four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

An exemplary man, Mason and Noble

Olund is a 54-year member of Landmark Masonic Lodge #103. He served as Worshipful Master in 1970, and for a number of years on the Masonic Speakers Committee. Last year, Olund's oldest grandson followed in his footsteps, and was also installed as the Worshipful Master of Landmark Masonic Lodge, which was one of Olund's proudest moments. In 2015, Olund became a 50-year member of the Scottish Rite.

In 1996, Olund joined Abu Bekr Shriners and became a member of the Hospital Dads Unit. Today, he continues as an active driver for the "kids," and is a mentor for new trainee drivers. For his trips to the Twin Cities hospital, Olund will often meet the child and his or her parents in Sioux City for the long drive north, and return with the traveling party the following day. Olund bonds with the children and families during each five-hour trip to the hospital, and puts them at complete ease. He even brings his Norwegian entertainment "bag of goodies" along with him, and takes the time to try to amuse the children in the waiting room by showing magic tricks and telling jokes. Knowing how long a trip to the hospital must feel to a child, Olund does whatever he can to make them feel more comfortable and enjoy the experience, and has a wonderful way of making them feel special.

Olund also serves as a guide for his fellow patient transportation drivers, and shows them the easiest routes to use, especially for rush hour, where to fuel up, and the best eateries and motels. Once at the Twin Cities Shriners Hospital, the drivers-in-training not only get the full hospital tour, but Olund also introduces them to everyone there — from management, doctors, and secretaries to the maintenance staff.

Olund says that being active with the patients, parents, and fellow drivers has become the most rewarding experience for him. Never wanting any kind of special attention, in an article written about him in the Sioux City Journal, Olund said, "I'm not special, please don't make it sound that way. I'm much more humbled by the kids we take. Really, I consider it a privilege."

Olund also serves as a speaker and educator, spreading awareness about Shriners International and serving children.

"Noble 'Trig' Olund has quietly labored at his love for helping the 'kids' in excess of 50 years, while gently nudging fellow brothers to do the same through his diligent examples," said Noble Merrill.

"We can think of no other brother more worthy that has labored for so many years, for such a noble cause, to earn the Shriner Spotlight Award as Trig Olund."

We thank Noble Olund for his contributions to Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children, and congratulate him on receiving the Shriner Spotlight Award.

How to nominate

To submit a nomination for the quarterly award, please send the name of the person you are nominating and why, along with a photo of the noble (wearing a fez), to shrinepr@shrinenet.org.

***Recipients may not be a member of their temple's Divan, and must be actively involved in promoting membership.**

POTENTATE'S RECEPTION

The social will be at the Masonic Center 423 Bruce Avenue in Grand Forks, ND on Saturday January 13th, 2018 from 5:30 – 6:30. Dress will be tuxedo's for Divan men & formal for their Ladies. Dress will be formal/semiformal for all attending.

Introductions will be at 6:30 PM followed by dinner at 7:00.

The meal will be your choice of:

\$44 Grilled Filet Mignon topped with Mushroom Truffle Sauce, Mixed Green Salad, Steamed Asparagus & Au Gratin Potatoes, Fresh baked Rolls & Butter. New York Cheese Cakes with Raspberry or Blueberry Toppings.

\$38 Balsamic Grilled Chicken (Grilled Chicken with White Cream Sauce topped with fresh Brushetta & Balsamic Reduction), Rice Pilaf, Baked Baby Reds topped with Blue Cheese Sauce. Fresh baked Rolls & Butter. New York Cheese Cakes with Raspberry or Blueberry Toppings.

Kids meals for those 12 or under will be provided, (hot dogs or chicken nuggets with fries), please mention quantity needed, when making your reservation.

Please RSVP with Reservations and food choice by January 8th, 2018. 701-772-7125.

At 8 PM we will all dance to "SHAKE, RATTLE & ROLL!"



POTENTATE WELCOMES NEW SHRINERS



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