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BURNING SANDS

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POTENTATE'S REPORT LYNN MISIALEK

Hello Nobles,
Well, 2016 is over and what a year it was!

This past November I attended a Scottish Rite Renaissance Table Lodge. What a night and a great meal it was! Everyone received a half a chicken, a large turkey drumstick, and a bowl of soup. The only silverware used was a spoon for the soup otherwise we just used our fingers to eat. It was a messy but fun dinner. Charles Ottom, our SGIG, Lon Kvasager, the North Central District Commander Knights Templar USA and myself were all "roasted". What an awesome night!

On Friday November 18th I was able to attend the Board of Governors meeting at the Twin Cities Shrine Hospital. It was an experience that I will not forget. This gave me a great appreciation for the commitment these Board members put into all the time spent in meetings and traveling to and from the Twin Cities every month.

Late November and thru December the Units Christmas parties started. My Lady, Cheryl and I have attended as many of these as possible. We couldn't make it to every one of the units, and for that, I'm sorry.

What a great day we had at the Grand Forks Masonic Center on December 3rd. The day started off with a Shrine Ceremonial in which we brought in six new Shriners. We followed that with our annual children's Christmas party. The Mobil Nobles served pizza, hot dogs and soft drinks to the kids and their families. Santa came and had gifts to give out. That evening, we had our Uniformed Units Christmas party. This really has turned into a great party for the Nobility and their Ladies. With all of the activities going on that day, UND and NDSU having home playoff games, and several Nobles attending the Sioux hockey game in New York City at Madison Square Garden, we had a great turnout. Every table was full and if you missed it, you missed a great party! Uniformed Units President Steve Renslow and his lady Kim did a fabulous job!

A note on membership.... as most of you know, Kem Shrine has had 17 years of positive growth. No other temple in Shrinedom has been close to this number. This Burning Sands is going to print prior to the end of the year, but I'm pretty positive that Kem will not make it 18 years. I'm very sad about this happening the year that I'm your Potentate. However this year, I have seen growth in a couple of units whose numbers the past years have been declining. I believe the Cycle Corps had 13 motorcycles in this year's Potato Bowl parade and not all their members were able to be there. The Chanters have also signed up some young nobles. On a happy note, I've noticed that the new Shriners that we have brought in this year are in their 20's and 30's. I believe this is a good sign for years to come for Kem Shrine!

Please mark your calendars for our annual meeting to be held on Saturday January 14th. Please plan on attending. This will be a tiled meeting. New officers will be elected and the budget for 2017 will be voted on. Plan on being there and bring your fez and dues card. At noon we will have our annual meeting fish fry for lunch. That evening we will have a reception for our newly elected Potentate and his Lady.

This is my last article for the Burning Sands as your Potentate. I want to thank all the Nobles of Kem Shrine for the friendship and support! My Lady Cheryl and I have been honored and humbled by this experience!

Es Selamu Aleikum Nobles

Lynn Misialek & Lady Cheryl

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KEM 2017 ANNUAL MEETING

**For the Nobles at the
 Grand Forks Masonic Center**

8 am. Coffee and Donuts
 9:30am Annual Meeting
 Doors will be tiled
 You will need your 2017 Dues card
 11 am. Installation of Officers
 Noon. Fish Fry
 1pm. Meetings for all 2017 Units Officers
 and Unit Representatives

Circus Reps
 Insurance Reps
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 Hospital Reps
 2 pm. Divan Picture
 2:30pm. Board of Directors Meeting

Ladies Luncheon

To honor Lady Cheryl Misialek
 Where: Eagles Crest Grill
 5301 Columbia Road, Grand Forks
 Registration: 11:00am - 11:30am

Lunch. 11:30am
 Cost. \$15/person

Deadline for reservations is January 9th
RSVP to Bernice Anderson Midstokke
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2017 Potentate's Reception

Grand Forks Masonic Center
 5:30 - 6:30pm Social
 7:00pm. Dinner
 8:30 - 12:30. Dance to the Downtown Horns
 Dress: Formal (Divan in Tux's)

Cost \$25/person

Babysitting will be provided

A bus will be running from the hotel to the Masonic Center and back later in the evening.

First shuttle will leave the hotel at 5:15pm second shuttle 5:45pm

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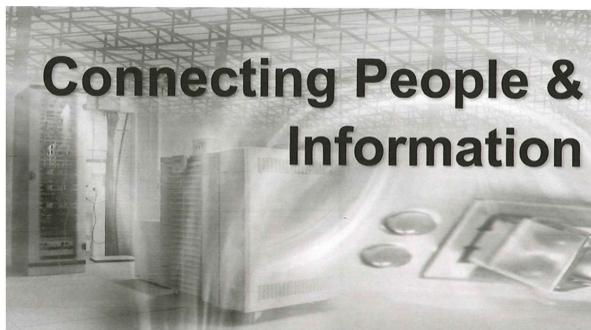


KEM HOUSING

By: Steve Renslow

The Kem Annual meeting will be on January 14th in Grand Forks at the Masonic Center. Kem has a block of rooms reserved for this event at the Country Inn and Suites for January 13th and 14th. The rate will be \$119 for a King Studio or a King Suite room. Please contact the hotel at 701-757- 2200 to reserve your room before they are gone. The hotel is located at 3101 S 42nd Street, Grand Forks. Kem will also have a hospitality room on Friday night and Saturday at the hotel. A shuttle bus will be running from the Lodge to the hotel on Saturday.

For more information or questions please call Steve at 701-741-3621.



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The best part? The East-West Shrine Game is played for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children. Our cause is to support Shriners Hospitals for Children in message and deed. Join us, either by watching the game, or attending in person, and help us achieve our mission.

For complete event information, visit the official East-West Shrine Game website at www.shrinegame.com.

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ROADSTER'S CHRISTMAS PARTY IN WILLISTON

PICTURES BELOW SHOW THE CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD IN WILLISTON. APPROXIMATELY 50 KIDS ATTENDED. WE HAD A WONDERFUL AFTERNOON. SANTA WAS THERE AND HAD GIFTS FOR ALL OF OUR KIDS. PIZZA WAS SERVED AND A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL. WE HAD GREAT VOLUNTEERS THAT DAY AND IT WAS ALL IN ALL A GOOD DAY.



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NEW SHRINERS



CHANTERS CHRISTMAS PARTY!



FOURTH FLOOR CLUB

Happy New Years to all the members and family of Kem Shrine. We hope you all had a great Christmas season and fun time celebrating New Years!

Fourth Floor Club would like to thank Illustrious Potentate Lynn Misialek for all of his time, efforts, and accomplishments throughout his year as Potentate. We are fortunate for the many things you represented us at and we know that you are leaving things in good hands as we go forward. Thank you for a great year Lynn.

Congratulations to the UND Men's Football and Women's Volleyball Teams as they won their Big Sky Championships and moved on to post season play in their respective sports. We look forward to cheering you on next year!

Coming up on March 4th, we have our 6th annual Wild Game Feed. We hope that you, your family, and your friends are able to join us. The food is delicious, raffle items are fantastic, and the company is tremendous. Come on down for a great evening!

Lastly, we would like to officially welcome 22 members to the Fourth Floor Club. They are: Scott Adams, Greg Bryson, Caleb Cearley, Bryan Crane, Dan Dammen, Brian Fjestad, Justin Keintz, Martin Klava, Jim Light, Barry Mawby, Kyle Misialek, Darren Renfrow, Mark Rustad, Bobby Ryan, Darrell Schmitz, Will Sellers, Bobby Smith, Jesse Stephan, Jose Vargas, Matt Walkawiak, Joshua Washington, and Monyatta Wattford. Get ready for a great adventure!

Looking forward to seeing you all at events coming up in the next couple of months. If you're interested, we'd love to have you join the Fourth Floor Club. Just reach out to any member and we'll get you joined up and involved quickly.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Lloyd



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Shriners Hospitals for Children®

Dear Fellow Nobles,

I'm very happy to report that the November meeting of the Joint Boards was very positive, innovative and productive. Many topics were discussed and much progress was made on a variety of topics impacting the future of our great philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

The members of the Joint Boards are determined to ensure that our health care system will continue to provide our patients with the best care possible, in the best possible environment. Clearly, our staff is ultimately responsible for fulfilling that goal, and they must be well informed and well educated. Toward that end, the Board Members authorized additional funding for staff education through additional tuition reimbursement programs. They have authorized taking steps that will allow more hospitals to achieve nursing excellence and magnet status. They have also authorized research and outcome studies to improve our quality of care. Additionally, the Board Members authorized updating job descriptions, pay structures, and market adjustment in order to attract and retain the best professional staff. Likewise, they adopted a supplemental retirement plan (SHC Defined Contribution Supplemental Retirement Plan) for staff members with pay over the 401(a)(17) limit, who are not eligible for the Supplemental Employee Retirement Plan (SERP) because they are not participating in the Defined Benefit Plan.

In addition to enhancing and improving opportunities for our staff, we need to ensure that our governing bodies – both the Joint Boards and the Boards of Governors – are all performing according to best practices and current standards. Through the Governance Institute, we have initiated self-assessment surveys that will provide information to help us improve our leadership procedures and processes. The new programs provide opportunities for continued learning for the Board members at both the national and Temple levels. Educating and strengthening both our staff and our leadership ultimately will improve the quality and effectiveness of patient care, which is always our overall goal.

We will also be expanding the telehealth initiative to include all hospitals over the next few years. This is a very significant effort as it saves time away from home and work for our patients and families, and significantly reduces travel costs for our Temples.

Many other topics were discussed and decisions made that will help us operate more efficiently and effectively, including changing the board's process for reviewing new business plans from the hospitals, working toward a paperless environment, and reducing printing costs.

Executive Vice President John McCabe is preparing a comprehensive recap of the November Joint Boards meeting, which will be posted on Shriners Village in the very near future.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank the Joint Boards and our home office executive staff for such an amazingly productive meeting, and for their spirit of both camaraderie and cooperation, which was clearly evident and a tremendous asset to the meeting.



While we can certainly celebrate many successes, and have many reasons to be proud of the amazing work of Shriners Hospitals for Children, we need to be aware that we also face many challenges. Chief among these are the need to increase patient volumes, and to balance the budget within a reasonable time frame. To help accomplish these things, we are increasing our advertising efforts and our donor development programs, as well as continuously seeking ways to reduce expenses across the system. I'm sure that if every one of us made a personal commitment to consider ways to improve our operations – and shared those suggestions, it would make a tremendous difference to our overall budget.

If we all work together, and if we are committed to meeting the challenges we face, we can accomplish anything.

Thank you for all you do for your philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children, and your fraternity, Shriners International.

In closing, I want to wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Yours in the faith,

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January

- 13 Trustee, Alerus Bank and Board of Directors Meeting, Eagle Crest
 14 KEM Annual Meeting and Potentates Reception
 28 Corn Hole Tourney, Grand Forks, Masonic Center

February

- 8 Uniformed Units, Circus Kickoff, Grand Forks. Host Mobil Nobles
 9-11 MSA Winter Session, Bloomington MN

March

- 4 Wild Game Feed, Grand Forks
 9 Uniformed Units
 9-11 Oriental Guide Seminar, Tampa
 11 1 day Masonic Class, Malta, Grand Forks
 12-14 Assistant Rabban Seminar, Tampa
 18 St Paddy's Day Ceremonial and Parade
 20-21 Sports Seminar, Tampa
 12 Trustee Meeting, Board of Directors and

April

- 4-5 Circus Williston
 12 Uniformed Units Meeting, Grand Forks
 24-26 Circus Minot

NOTICE OF KEM SHRINERS ANNUAL MEETING

January 14, 2017

The 2017 Annual Meeting of Kem Shriners will be held in the Auditorium of the Masonic Center in Grand Forks ND on Saturday, January 14th beginning at 9:30 am. Business to be transacted include; reading of Reports, adapting a budget for 2017, election of officers and representatives to the Imperial Council. Installation of officers for 2017 will follow.

Admission by 2017 dues card

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Dale Duchscherer *Lynn Misialek*

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GRAFTON CYCLEERS



Ladies Luncheon

JAN. 14, 2017

To Honor Lady Cheryl Misialek

Where: Eagles Crest Restaurant

When: Registration at 11:00 AM with lunch at 11:30 AM

Cost: \$15.00

Dress: Business Casual

ALL LADIES ARE INVITED

if you know of someone new to our system, please ask

if they would like to join us for the day.

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Looking forward to seeing everyone in January 2017 as we bring in a New Year!



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