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BURNING SANDS



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POTENTATE'S REPORT SCOTT MIDSTOKKE

Where has the year gone, here we are at the beginning of October and the trees are turning colors and loosing their leaves and the days are getting shorter and cooler. It has been busy couple of months since the last Burning Sands. August 1st and 2nd hospital screening clinics were held in Thief River Falls, Grand Forks, Devils Lake and Bemidji held one on September 8th, and what a GREAT SUCCESS they were with 22 children being referred to our Shrine Hospital system, what a great job by everyone that helped make this happen.

The Midwest Summer Session was held in Bloomington MN, August 17-19, I would like to thank everyone that attended and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves. A special THANKS goes out to the Potentate's Aides on doing a tremendous job in running the hospitality room, Bernice and I can't thank you enough on making this a huge success.

On September 9th the KEM Shrine Potato Bowl Parade was held, congratulations on a job well done to all of the KEM nobles that helped in planning and working the day of the parade, both sides of University Ave where lined with people and watched as 105 Parade entries went by, also the same day Bemidji MN had their parade, with tailgating and football game following, what a great day!!

With parade season drawing to a close there's still a lot of activities coming up starting with tailgating at UND football games, Potentate's Ball in Minot, Tables DuJour, 1 day Masonic class, Christmas Ceremonial, and at noon the children's party starts with Uniformed Units / Circus Appreciation Party to follow in the evening, more details on all of these events can be found in this issue.

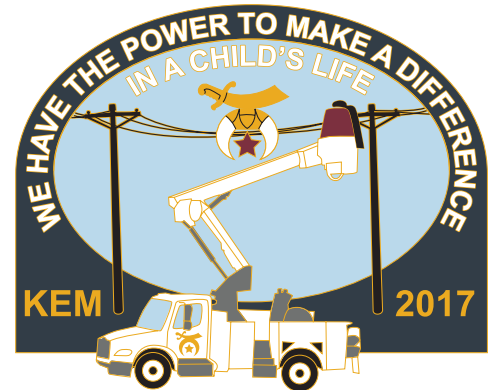
As always membership plays an important part of the success of KEM Shrine and we need your help. If you have been contacted by the membership committee to help with past due nobles, please take time and help get these nobles current on their dues, also 2018 dues notices were sent out in September so please take time send them in. If you know of a Master Mason that would like to be a Shriner get a petition filled out and let me know and we will make it happen and many lodges are doing Degree work and

some lodges are just opening lodge after being dark this summer, so get your new candidates petitions signed so they can be voted on and ready for degree work.

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 in 2017.

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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MASONIC ONE DAY CLASS

Grand Forks Masonic Center

Saturday November 11 th

Malta Lodge #131 is sponsoring a one day class on November 11 th at the Grand Forks Masonic Temple. This has always been a great day filled with camaraderie and brotherhood so we are eagerly anticipating hosting the event again this year.

It was requested that Malta Lodge follow the Grand Lodge of North Dakota guidelines for one day classes. In order to avoid any issues the day of the event, please read the following information.

This will be a tiled meeting. Brethren must present a current dues card in order to gain admission.

Candidates must arrive with their copy of "Approaching the Portals", which must have been reviewed prior to the date of the one day class.

Any courtesy work will be arranged between the Secretary of the visiting Lodge and Secretary of the Malta Lodge no later than 14 days before the date of the class.

Courtesy candidates' home lodge representative must bring all candidate degree work regalia, proof of election and paid status, and all degree proficiencies for their candidates. **Courtesy candidates without proper documentation will not be admitted.**

Courtesy work for candidates whose home Lodge is outside of the North Dakota jurisdiction must have the proper approvals from the Grand Lodge of North Dakota and the Grand Lodge of their jurisdiction.

Candidates, and brothers who are being passed or raised, need to be at the lower level of the

Grand Forks Masonic Center one hour prior to the scheduled start of the degree.

Here is the schedule for the day:

7:30 AM	Registration — Lower Level of Grand Forks Masonic Center
7:45 AM	EA Candidate review by Grand Lodge representative and degree preparation
8:10 AM	Malta Lodge opens in Master Mason and calls down to EA
8:30 AM	Entered Apprentice degree
9:45 AM	Proficiency
10:30 AM	Fellow Craft Degree
11:45 AM	Proficiency
12:15 PM	Lunch—Lower Level of Grand Forks Masonic Center
1:30 PM	Master Mason degree

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KEM SHRINE POTENTATES BALL

The Minot Shrine Club cordially invites all Nobles and their Ladies to attend a special event at the Vegas Motel in Minot on Saturday, October 7th 2017.

The club is hosting a Potentates Ball for our Illustrious Scott Midstokke and his Lady Bernice. The cost is \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 for a couple. Lots of fun, music and dancing. Please come and join us in honoring our Potentate and Lady Bernice.

Schedule of Events

Shrine Ceremonial 3:00 PM at the Masonic Center 2524 Burdick Expressway East (by the Fair Grounds)

Registration 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM (Vegas Motel)

6 PM Social Hour (cash bar)

7 PM Banquet (Sevens Bar and Grill)

Music and dancing until 1 AM

Other Information;

Dress; Men: Business to Formal

Ladies: Semi-formal to formal

A block of rooms will be reserved until Sept. 20th. Rate is \$59.99. Make your reservations now at the Vegas Motel, 2315 N. Broadway,

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Please contact Ron Penfold for Banquet reservations at 701-460-7144

E-mail Ron-Penfold@Hotmail.com

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TABLES DU JOUR 2017

October 28 th sees the 9th Annual Tables Du Jour at the Grand Forks Masonic Temple. This is an ever popular event. Cost is \$200.00 for a table of eight. The ladies uniquely decorate their tables, and sometimes themselves, and are served brunch by Shrine Gentlemen wearing Tuxes. Mimosas and juice will also be served. Ladies generally bring dessert for their table. A silent Auction is held at this event and we are always looking for donations for the auction. Doors open at 8:30am with a chance to view all the tables and bid on the auction items.

Brunch is served at 10:30am. A 50/50 paddle game is also played during the event. All proceeds from this event go directly to the hospital in Minneapolis.

The event runs until around noon.

A maximum of 23 tables are available and of course we'd love to fill them all. They do go quickly so please call/text Steph at 218-230- 3599 to reserve your table.

To donate silent auction items please call/text: Karen 701-789- 0866, Kim

701-741- 2431; Darlene 701-265- 2351



UNIT CHRISTMAS PARTY

The KEM Uniformed Units Christmas and circus appreciation party will be held on December 2nd, at the Masonic Center in Grand Forks, ND. Social will begin at 5:30 with the meal being served at 6:30. As in the past there will be entertainment, gaming and prizes for your enjoyment.

This is a units party and I encourage all nobles to attend and bring your significant others. There will be child care available and evening will end by 11pm. Dress for the evening is casual with nobles encouraged to where their units colors.

To help with the planning for this event I would ask that you RSVP to Carol at the Shrine office (701-772-7125) as soon as possible or no later than November 28th if you are a procrastinator like me.

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)

Ladies come and fezz your new Shriner at 11:30am

Initiation Fee is \$165, this includes your 2018 dues

If you have a candidate let Carol know,
call 701-772-7125



KEM TAILGATING SCHEDULE

Sept 9	Potato Bowl Missouri State vs UND
Sept 23	Montana State vs UND
Oct 7	Northern Colorado vs UND
Oct 21	Sacramento State vs UND
Nov 11	Eastern Washington vs UND



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NORTHWOOD PARADE



SIX CYCLE CORPS MEMBERS PREPARE FOR LINE UP, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: GREG BRYSON, RON BERGH, LEE MARTIN, PAT ENDRES, TOM POLLARD AND LARRY WILSON.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

- 5-7th Membership Seminar, Tampa
- 7th Northern Colorado vs UND, tailgating
- 7th. Pote's Ball, Minot
- 12th. Trustee, Quarterly, Uniformed Units Meeting, Grand Forks, host Roughriders
- 14th Pheasant Hunt, Williston
- 19-21st SCAFRA, Sioux Falls
- 21st Sacramento State vs UND, tailgating

November

- 9th Uniformed Units Meeting, location Stephan Mn
- 9th Burning Sands deadline
- 11th 1 day Masonic Class, Grand Forks, hosted by Malta
- 11th Eastern Washington vs UND tailgating
- 22nd Burning Sands print date

December

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

January

- 12th. Trustee and Board Meeting
- 13th. KEM Annual Meeting



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KEM QUARTERLY MEETING

Thursday, October 12, 6:30 p.m.

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You are notified that regular stated meeting of Kem Shriners will meet at the above time and place for hearing reports, purposed Capital Budget Amendment and conducting regular business. Admittance by your 2017 dues card. Please wear your Fez.

Attest

Yours in the Faith,

Dale Duchscherer *Scott Midstokke*

Dale Duchscherer

Scott Midstokke

PP, Recorder

Potentate

MEMBERSHIP

We only have a little more little more than three months left to meet our membership goal for the year. We still need to create at least 23 new shriners by the end of December. Summer is over and now is the time to get to work. Degree work is starting in several lodges across the state and we need to help them, help us. Even if you don't know the ritual for the different degrees, they always could use your help conducting candidates, cooking a meal or helping with refreshments after the work is done. As you all know, we are looking for a few good men.

Also, as a reminder, as a Shriner you are invited to any function that we have during the year. You are invited! If you know a Shriner who may not read the Burning Sands, please remind him that he is invited. We also have several events coming up, that your Ladies are welcome at.

Please read the Sands for all of the upcoming social events that we will be having in the next few months. Hope to see you then!

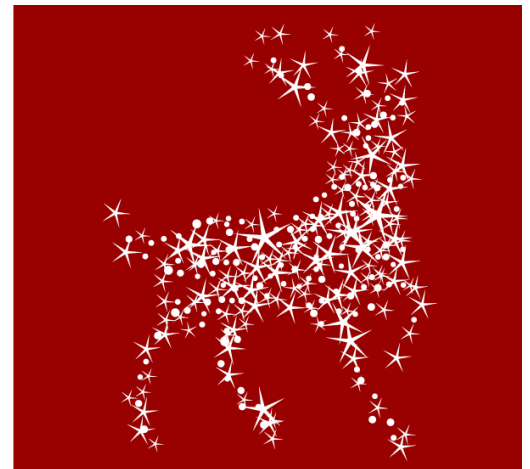


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2017 KEM SHRINE CHRISTMAS PARTY

HOTEL ROOMS

Yes, it is amazing, Christmas is coming soon! Nobles and Ladies are already planning for the Kem Christmas Party at the Masonic Center in Grand Forks on Saturday, December 2nd. Kem will have 2 Christmas parties that day. One party for the Shrine patients at noon, the other party is for the Nobles & Ladies later that night. We have a block of rooms reserved for Kem Shrine at the Country Inn & Suites in Grand Forks for December 1st and 2nd. The room rate is \$109.00 per night. You can call the hotel directly at 701-757- 2200 to reserve your room. This block of rooms is reserved until November 1st, after that, the rate and availability might change. We will also have a hospitality room at the hotel on Friday night and Saturday. The address for the hotel is 3101 S 42nd St, Grand Forks. If you have any questions, call Steve Renslow 701-741- 3621. Renslow 701-741- 3621.



PROVOST

HELLO FELLOW NOBELS,

It has been a busy summer parade season for all of us. The Provost have enjoyed lots of great hospitality from all the towns we visited. The Oasis were much enjoyed.

2017 MSA in Minneapolis was a bit hit. We had a good turn out from all of KEM members. I believe all that attended would agree that the meetings went well and hospitality rooms were very enjoyable. Fun was had by all! Thanks to the host couples that put it all together and made sure they well run and available at all hours. (Shane)

Fall is gearing up to busy with tailgating starting. I hope all units can attend a few tailgating events and support your local college sporting events. Go Hawks! The Provost's tailgating will be serving prime rib sandwiches and other goodies. Stop by and enjoy!

Provost have had great success this year gaining new members.

Provost Secretary,

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Shriners Hospitals for Children encourages parents to add screenings to their back-to-school routine

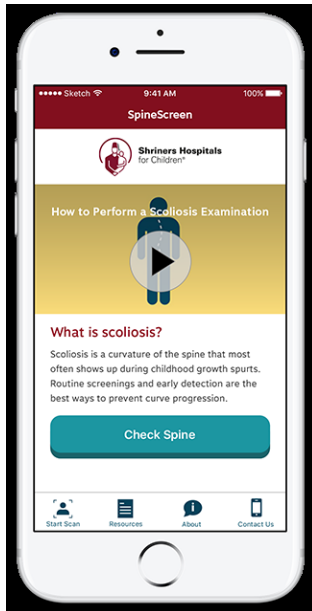
SpineScreen app on phoneParents can now check their child's spine for possible signs of scoliosis with the new app SpineScreen developed by Shriners Hospitals for Children. Available for free on the App Store and Google Play, SpineScreen detects curves as the cell phone is moved along a child's back, giving parents a quick, informal way to regularly monitor their child's spine.

Scoliosis is an abnormal curvature of the spine that can restrict movement and in some cases lead to other serious medical conditions. It is most commonly diagnosed between 10 and 15 years of age, when children grow rapidly undetected. At this point in a required, so they may see a doctor. Early detection is crucial, Shriners Hospitals download the free SpineScreen their back-to-school routine each

"Because there is often no known is an important part of a child's Samdani, M.D., chief of surgery dren — Philadelphia. He adds, early detection is key. At Shriners routine monitoring to some of the scoliosis. The earlier we see a available."

Shriners Hospitals created the to highlight the importance of reg- parents on the signs of scoliosis

"With doctors and staff who are of scoliosis care, parents turn to because they know their children sible," Gary Bergenske, chair-Shriners Hospitals for Children requires ongoing medical treat- commitment to provide care re- pay is a huge relief to parents."



cause, monitoring for scoliosis ongoing health care," says Amer for Shriners Hospitals for Chil- "It is a progressive condition, so Hospitals, our care ranges from most advanced treatments for child, the more options we have

app as part of a broader initiative ular screenings and to educate and treatment options.

global leaders in the treatment Shriners Hospitals for Children will receive the best care pos- man of the Board of Directors for said. "Since scoliosis usually ment throughout childhood, our gardless of the families' ability to

If you have immediate concerns about your child's spine or other possible medical condi- tions, please consult your health care provider.

Read more information on scoliosis screenings and treatment options, and download the SpineScreen app. Gary J. Bergenske, Imperial Potentate

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KEM SHRINERS HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN SCREENING CLINICS A HUGE SUCCESS

During the spring and summer of 2017 Erin Jurkovich from the Twin Cities Hospital screened several children during our six Shriners screening clinics. 23 children are being referred to our Shriners hospital in Minneapolis. Many families benefited from the expertise and time saved as a result of the clinics.

Erin Jurkovich sent a special note to the team after a successful two day screening clinic took place stating "Thank you to all who helped make this event such a success. It truly takes a team to pull off a successful screening clinic and this is one team that I am extremely proud to have been a part of this week. We not only had one successful screening clinic but 3 within 2 days!"

It takes a team of many to have a great clinic so this year in effort to increase the number children evaluated for assistance at our hospitals, local care providers were contacted to assist with our 2017 screening clinics. Our local providers greatly added to our success by providing clinic locations and promotional support

On behalf of KEM – I want to thank you and the entire staff at Minneapolis for making these events possible and such a great success. You have no idea how much this means to us and the children we serve. Thank you.



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