

ys from Potentate Lowell and

Hello Nobles & Ladies, it's hard to believe that the end of the year is fast approaching. The talk of wind chill, traces of snow and bare trees tell us that winter & the Holidays will be here soon (weather we like it or not)! Kem has had a very busy fall starting out with the Kem Shrine Potato Bowl Parade. I can't remember the last time we had this many Kem Units in one Parade, we were impressive! Following the parade we had a beautiful afternoon for tailgating at UND, Thank you to all who put the time in to making this a first class event.

On Sept 11th the Kem Units meeting was held in Devils Lake, thank you to the Flag Corp for hosting. Nobles, each Unit needs to send their Representatives to these meetings. It is the only way right now that we can find out what events you have coming up and what we can help each oth-On Sept 12-13th the Bemidji er with. Shriners from Kem and Aad Temples host- On Sept 20th the Minot Merrymen spon- the pictures of all Past Potentates. Kem's ed the Bemidji Shrine Football Game. Fri- sored their first Annual 5K Walk/Run for temporary office is set-up in the Morrison day started off with a golf tourney at the Love to raise money for the Twin Cities Room on the basement level. Carol has beautiful Bemidji Country Club. We did Shrine Hospital. The weather wasn't great been working hard to bring things back to learn that just because they are Imperial but the enthusiasm was! Lady Deb & my- normal. I know we don't always say thank Officers, they are not Imperial Golfers self finished last but that wasn't what the you, so thank you! thank you! There have (Dale, Jim and Chris) you know who you day was about. Everyone who participated been many Nobles who have put in extra are. The day finished with an Oasis at the learned about our Hospitals and what our time to help in bringing a normal atmoshome of Imperial Potentate Dale & Cheryl Kem Shriners represent. I would like to ex- phere to Kem. We are fortunate to have Stauss, wonderful Hospitality. On Saturday tend a special thank you to Michelle, she the experience of our Nobles & Masonic there was a parade thru downtown Bemidji put in a lot of work to get this started and Building Board to fix this, GREAT JOB!! and an Oasis at Diamond Pointe Park prior she has no ties to the Shrine. Several of to the game. At half time of the game Im- our newer Shriners were also involved, Our Oct 9th Quarterly Meeting was held at perial Treasurer Jim McConnell and Imperi- GREAT JOB and I'll see you next year! al Sir Dale Stauss spoke to the crowd about the Shrine. Thank you to Joe Dunn and all The 2nd Annual Hop-Scotch was held in functions have been held at the Masonic of the Kem Shriners who helped put the the 4th Floor Club on Sept 26th and the Center. weekend together.



turn out was fantastic. What a great way to invite non-Shriners in to see some of what's

going on in Kem Shrine. The 4th Floor Club is doing a great job of hosting this event and getting young men interested in the Shrine, WELL DONE!!

At the Membership Seminar in late September our Nobles took their Jobs very serious by bringing in a new Noble while attending meetings. Congratulations to Roger Stout on becoming a new Shriner.

On the morning of Oct 2nd, as most of you know there was a fire in the Masonic Center in Grand Forks. The fire started in the Kem Shrine Office and was contained to that area. The building suffered smoke damage through out. Our Kem Office sustained the worst of the damage, destroying carpet, window, furniture pictures, files and supplies. Fortunately the hard drives in our computers survived, as did the contents of the fire files (heck of away to test them) and

the Guesthouse Motel, of course our main topic was the fire. Since that time, most

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SUPER BOWL PARTY By Bill Steckler

The 4th Floor Club is again hosting a Super Bowl Party on Feb 1st, 2015. It is at no charge and open to all Masons including their children, family and friends. It is on the top floor of the Masonic Center, beginning at 3 pm until the game is over. You may bring a hors d'ourve or just yourselves and the beverage of your choice. We had a lot of fun last year and hope to make this a continuing event. Join us and watch the game on two large TV's. See you there.

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A Masonic One-Day Class was held in Devils Lake, Congratulation to all. On Oct 25th the first large function was held in the God Bless the Shrine Basement. about 181 Ladies were in attendance for the 6th Tables Du Jour. This was Kem's Best turn out yet! With help form many of our Nobles and Ladies we raised approx. \$7900 for the Shrine Hospitals and our Red Fez Fund, thank you so much from Lady Deb & myself, we couldn't do it without all of your help. You all are FANTASTIC!!

Also on Oct 25th an Imperial Potentates Ball was held in Minot. Prior to the Ball we brought in 7 new Nobles @the Masonic Lodge. As you can see this was turning into a Great Day to be a Kem Shriner. That evening after dinner we were entertained by Noble Jim Savaloja who was also the MC. Greetings were given from the Grand Lodge of ND, Khartum Shriners by Illustrious Sir Rick Holberg and Kem Shriners. But the evening was capped off by Imperial sir Dale Stauss listening to how passionate he is about the shrine. It's no wonder he was elected Imperial Potentate. Thank you Minot for preparing the evening and Thank you Dale & Cheryl, the Nobles & Ladies of Kem could not be more proud of you both.

Some of the events coming are the Units meeting in Crookston on Nov 13th, a oneday Masonic Class in Grand Forks on Nov 15th, on Dec 6th a ceremonial will be held in Grand Forks starting at 8:30 am in the Temple. Followed by the Kids Christmas Party at 11:45, the Units Christmas Party/ Circus appreciation is in the evening with some new thing to participate in. Hope to see you there. There will be a hospitality room at the Guesthouse Motel. December 11th is the Units meeting in Grand Forks with elections to be held. Dec 13th is the Kids Chritmas Party in Minot. I hope all Nobles try to attend these parties for our Hopsital kids. If you have been to one before you know why. The Annual Meeting is on January 10th (hard to believe), please come out to support Kem and our new Divan.

Finially, I've rambled long enough, this is my last article as Potentate of Kem. Lady Deb and I would like to thank you all for allowing me to serve as your Potentate for 2014. The fun we've had and the friends we have made mean more to us than I can

express. These last 9 years have gone by faster than I could have imagined. So with that, THANK YOU!!

Lowell Domier



FROM THE DESK OF THE RECORDER

Hello all, had the pleasure to spend some time with Imperial Potentate Dale Stauss and Cheryl in Minot at their Imperial Potentate Ball. Your shrine hospitals are doing well but we do need to find more children that we can help. Thanks to the Minot Nobles for putting this event on, you did a great job.

I'm sure most of you know that our office and a lot of the Masonic Building has suffered fire and smoke damage. We are back up and running with a make shift office in the basement (Morrison Room). The acts of an idiot can sure make a lot of work for the rest of us.

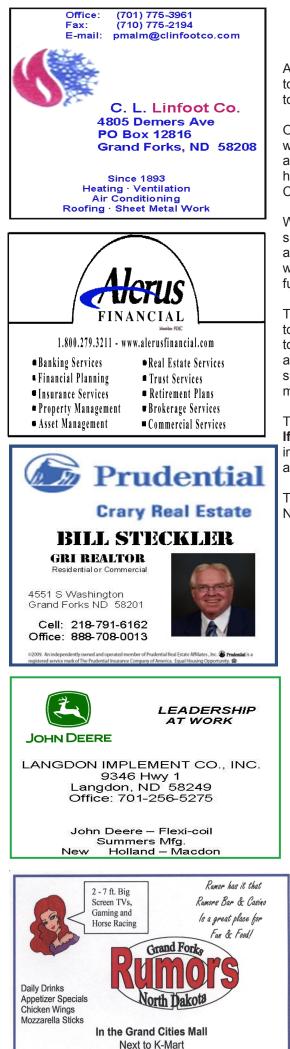
We are getting very close to the end of our Shrine year and we still have several who have not paid their dues. Please take care of this as soon as possible. Potentate Lowell and the Membership Team have been working hard to bring in new members and we are, as always fighting to have a positive year.

A few words to all units as you have your year-end meetings and election of officers please send in your officers list to Carol. To the unit Treasures, we need your year-end financial Statements.

There are several activities coming up in the shrine world. Please take the time and participate in them.

You are the owner of this great hospital system, please help it grow and always remember it's all about the CHILDREN.

Dale Duchscherer PP Recorder.



Our Membership Crisis By Wayne Bauste

As we close in on yet another Shrine year, membership becomes an even bigger issue that we all need to address. Lodges are now back in session and membership starts there. We ask all Nobles to return to their Lodges and push for membership.

Our goal for 80 new members is still the task at hand. We need to ask ourselves if we know of someone who would make a good Shrine/Mason. Approach these men and ask them why they have not become a member. We need to do this now! We have created 39 new Nobles so far this year. Our task is a huge one and we need to address this membership crisis now. Congratulations to the Minot Shrine Club for creating 7 new Nobles on October 16!

We have **62** Nobles on our suspension list and these Nobles need to step forward. We need everyone's support to continue our Shrine mission. Dues notices have been mailed out and we ask you to respond accordingly with your dues payment. We realize that some members are more active than others, but we all need to support our Shrine fraternity and our Hospitals. Your support in the past as well as in the future is part of your obligation to the Shrine.

This, my fellow Nobles, could be the final issue of this year's Burning Sands. Therefore, it is important to follow through on our membership goals. Finding new members, paying your dues now and working together to insure 16 years of consecutive growth for KEM Shrine. Potentate Domier is willing to attend any activity, meeting or gathering to attack our membership goals. We are asking all Nobles of KEM to support our potentate and his goal of creating new members. It's a hill we have climbed before. We must do this again.

The ceremonial scheduled for December 6, 2014, is a good opportunity for us to bring in new members. If you know a Master Mason who is not yet Shriner, ask him to join us. There will be a ceremonial in the morning, children's party at noon and an enjoyable Christmas party that evening. Make plans to attend these fun activities.

The membership committee wishes all Nobles and their Ladies a joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year! We all know what the Shrine has done for you as a man and the many friends it has forged.

"Friends are the family you choose." J.C. Scott

Lost in the Sands

The following is a list of Shriners that we have not heard from in a while. If you know an address, phone number or status of one of these brothers please contact the Shrine office at 701-772-7125 or kemshriners@ymail.com and give us an update.

Thanks!!

Jeremy Aasen Tom Behm Dennis Bergstad Rob D Bulman Casey Burton Michael T Conneran Marcus K Evans **Richard Fisher** John D Fox Brian J Fraser Randy K Gardiner Mathew W Gavin Steve Geatz Chris Grant David W Gregerson Mike Greig Brad Grove T N Hemmesch Bryan J Hogenson Kvle J Houske Christopher A Hurst Paul Jeffrey

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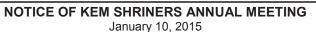








Tables De Jour



The 2015 Annual Meeting of Kem Shriners will be held in the Auditorium of the Masonic Center in Grand Forks ND on Saturday, January 10th beginning at 9:30 am. Business to be transacted include; reading of Reports, adapting a budget for 2015, election of officers and representatives to the Imperial Council. Installation of officers for 2015 will follow.

> Admission by 2015 dues card Wear you Fez

Attest:

Yours in the Faith,



Dale Duchscherer, PP Recorder

Lowell Domier 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.

















Imperial Fotentate's Dinner



WORDS FROM IMPERIAL SIR STAUSS

Cheryl and I want to take this opportunity to thank all the Nobles and ladies for your support and everything you have done to help us on this journey. I can't tell you how impressed everyone was with the number of our members attending the session in Minneapolis this summer. In the ten years I have served on the Imperial Line, we have never seen a Temple bring that many nobles and ladies to the pageant. It only goes to show everyone that we truly work together in KEM and that is why we are a very successful Temple.

We have many challenges and opportunities in front of us. We need to track more patients for our hospitals and members for fraternity. We can do this, building awareness and pride in our fraternity. As you have seen by the commercials on TV and other marketing efforts we are trying make the Shrine known world wide.

We want to thank everyone for the gifts presented to us at the session and I will make great use of the chain saw. We also want to thank everyone for the gift of money to start the First Ladies program.

It is an honor to represent KEM and I will do what is in the best interests of Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children as long as I serve in this position. We will represent you well!

THANK YOU Dale & Cheryl

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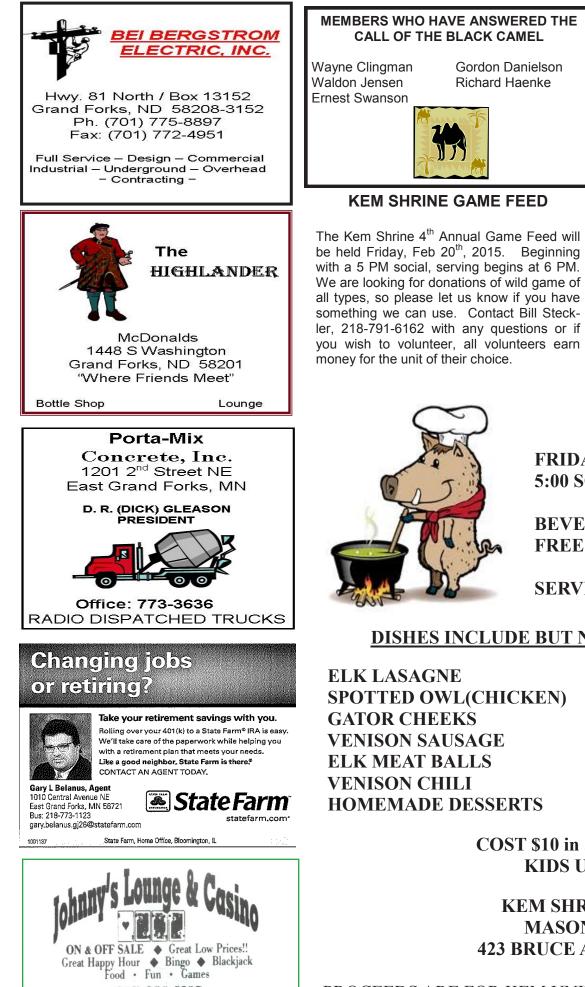




Imperial Potentates Alaskian Cruise







All Uniform Units MSA Winter Session

The Imperial Shrine is requesting your membership representative's attendance at the upcoming Midwest Shrine Winter session to be held in Fargo, February 13 & 14, 2015.

The Imperial Committee will be putting on a membership seminar. Assistant Rabbans and membership representatives will be attending this seminar.

Please notify our housing chairman, Steve Renslow, who from your Unit will be attending the Winter Session. You will be paired up with other Shriners. Overnight stay is required for Feb. 12 & 13.

If you have any questions please give me a call.

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Saturday November 29th we invite any and all Shriners to participate or to just stop by at the annual Lighting of the Christmas Tree parade in Larimore.

The Parade starts at 5:30 pm with the lighting of the tree to follow.

Fire pits line the streets for the production of s'mores and hot chocolate flows as Santa Visits with the kids.

Last year we had over 20 unique parade participants.

The festivities are located in the backyard of the Masonic Building in Larimore

MULLIGANS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday, December 3rd 2014 (a) Tony Telken's Home 2642 Augusta Dr. Grand Forks

7:00 pm Social & Hors d'oeuvres

Bring your Ladies Bring a \$10 gift to exchange (Mulligans only gift)

Donald L & Virginia Anderson Donald A Anderson, PP Allan Bauer David & Jean Beach James Beatty AI & Eva Bergstrom, PP Shirley Bostrom **Richard & Heather Bushaw** Bruce & Linda Christianson Miles & Laurie Christianson, PP William & Diana Christianson Wayne Clingman Dale and Deb Duchscherer, PP Lorne & Gertie Field Donnie Gosselin **Kipp Gould** Dennis & Drina Hansel, PP Tom & Kathy Hanson, PP Rodger Haugen Ken & Diane Huhta Darleen Jackson Leonard Jemtrud Jim Kienast, PP Barry Kingsbury Shane & Jerilvn Larck Dan Leino

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 13 Dec 6	Uniformed Units Patient Christmas Party Units Christmas Party Ceremonial
Dec 11	Uniformed Units
Jan 10	Annual Meeting
Feb 12	Uniformed Units
Feb 15	Unit/Club Financial
	Reports Due
Feb 20	Wild Game Feed
Feb 21	Imperial and Potentate
	Reception Williston

Oriental Guide Leadership Conference – Arrival on March 4, departure after 6PM on the 7, or anytime on the 8. The actual class dates will be the 5, 6 and 7.

Assistant Rabban Leadership Conference – Arrival on March 8, departure after 6PM on

the 11, or anytime on the 12. The actual class dates will be the 9, 10 and 11.

Membership Seminar – Early arrivals on the 30 of September, with the opening on October 1. Departure can take place at any time on the 4.

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KEM Shriners Ceremonial and Christmas Parties December 6, 2014

Ceremonial - (New Member initiation) Please let us know if you plan to attend. Call 701-772-7125 Thank You !! Walk-ins are welcome Candidate Registration 9:00 – 9:30 am Candidate Orientation 9:30 – 9:45 am Ceremonial (Initiation Ceremony) 9:45 - 10:30 am Second Section 10:30 - Noon (upper auditorium) New Shriner Fezzing

Ladies come and fez your new Shriner Initiation Fee is \$150. This includes 2014 dues. Noon

11:30 - Noon

Noon - 1:00 pm 1:00 - 2:00 pm

2:00 - 5:00 pm



Kid Christmas Party - for our hospital patients and their families

(Ladies casual, slacks – sweater)
Kids arrive
Party starts (food by Mobil Nobles)
(New Shriners and Ladies help serve kids)
Santa's Visit

Hospitality (Guest House 259, former Townhouse)

Annual Meet

For the Nobles At the Masonic Center

9:30 Annual Meeting Doors will be tiled 11:00 Installation of Officers Noon Fish Fry

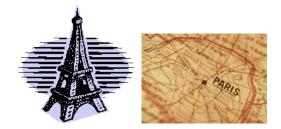
Meetings will follow for all 2014 Unit

Officers including:

Secretaries Presidents **Circus Reps** Hospital Reps Football Reps Membership Reps Insurance Reps

2:00 Membership 2:45 Board of Directors

Mail: Kem Shriners PO Box 5268 Grand Forks, ND 58206 2015 Potentate Reception Masonic Center Welcome to Paris "THE CITY of LOVE "



6:00 - 7:00 Social Hour 7:00 Dinner 9:00 - 1:00 Dance-Downtown Horns

DRESS: Formal (Divan in Tux's)

COST: \$30 per person

Telephone: 701-772-7125 Email: kemshriners@ymail.com

Circus Appreciation

and

Units Christmas

Party

Saturday, December 6th 6pm to Midniaht

Come and Enjoy an Evening of Good Music, Food and Games of Chance.

Prize\$ and Drawing\$ all Evening

Baby Sitters On-Site



Circus Appreciation



and Units Christmas Party

Please RSVP so we can plan for the food.

Punk: (218) 230-3936 Dave: (701) 741-8315 Or the Kem Office (701) 775-7125

LADIES LUNCHEON to honor Lady Deb

Where: Eagles Crest

Registration: 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. Lunch: 11:00 a.m. Cost: \$15/person

Deadline for reservations is January 2nd

Melanie Krabseth 701-570-3472 or mkrabseth@hotmail.com

MOTEL - Red Roof & Can-An 701-746-5411 COST-\$75 per night one King \$95 per night two queen

Deadline for reservations is December 27th