

POTENTATE'S REPORT SCOTT MIDSTOKKE

It's been a couple months since the last Burning Sands and a lot has happened. Williston, Minot, and Grand Forks have all had their circus's and all were very will attended. I heard many positive remarks about the shows. It takes a lot of work to have a successful circus and it starts many months before, with planning and making adjustments from the year before to keep making the experience better. A big THANKS goes out to all of the circus committees and to all of the nobles and ladies that take time out of their schedules to make this happen!

As always membership plays an important part in the success of KEM Shrine. We did a cold sands at all three circus's, bringing in 6 new nobles. On April 7th we had a very special cold sands when Marshall Ted Anderson's father Charles was made a KEM noble, Charles is a WWII vet and is 92 years young. What an honor it was to be part of the ceremony. On May 13th North Star lodge in Larimore held Low Vale Lodge and what a great day it was. 12 new Master Mason's were created and we held a cold sands afterward and made 5 new KEM nobles. Thanks to

all that made that day so successful. It takes a lot of work to pull off a one day class. Thanks to North Star, Malta and Acacia lodges and to all the other brothers that made it happen. As you can see we are off to great start this year in membership but there is still a lot of work to be done.

On May 6th a Kentucky Derby Party was held at the 4th Floor Club at the Masonic Center, and fun was had by all that attended. Thanks to Fred and Barb Kitko for making this happen.

May 11th the Uniformed Units meeting was held in Roseau MN, this meeting was very well attended and the speaker and the meal was great.

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May 19-21 over 60 nobles and ladies and 2 buses made the trip to Minneapolis for the annual Twin Cities Hospital Days. What a great trip it was. Thanks to Marshall Ted Anderson and Lady Darlene for planning a great trip and to noble Jim Clifford for driving one of the buses and donating his services. This is a must for all nobles and their ladies to do, if you haven't been to the hospital, start planning for next year, it is always the 3rd weekend of May.

Next up is the Spring Ceremonial, starting with

golf Friday June 2nd and the 4th Floor Club has a Canadian themed party Friday evening. On Saturday June 3rd the day starts with a ceremonial, parade, oasis and Hillbilly Degree. Ladies luncheon, and dinner and dance later that evening. See the complete schedule in this Burning Sands. It looks like a fun weekend!!

Mark your calendars for the upcoming events, June 15-17 ND Grand Lodge will be in Medora. The annual ND Shrine Bowl will be held in Grand Forks on Sunday July 16th, come out and take in the banguet in the morning

and the 2 football games in the afternoon, and make sure to wear your Fez.

It is time to start planning for the MSA in Bloomington, MN, August 17-19. Room reservations and registration for the MSA has to be turned in by July 1st, so start your planning now, it will be a great time.

Parade season is about ready to start, make sure you send in your parade schedule to me so I can approve it for insurance purposes.

One note, KEM's office email is changing. To send an email to Carol send it to office@ kemshriners. com Lady Bernice and I would like to thank everyone for the great hospitality that we have received in our travels, it is a honor to serve a 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 2 months is

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Mark Hannesson	1
Bert Jackson	2
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Chris R Larson	1
Ronald L Penfold	2
Michael Post	1
William Rafferty	1
Trevor Schaible	1
Ryan Scott	1
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MAY-PORT KEYSTONES

The Kops had an update meeting to discuss many topics, including the upcoming years parades of which Potentate Midstokke gave approval to. Other Topics were dues, equipment additions/ deletions, uniform changes, Kops memorial park, MSA, and Spring Ceremonial. Membership numbers have leveled off, and will continue to recruit. Equipment clean up will be held in May, date TBD. We met with a Kem Temple PR member to get information on how to promote ideas we may come up with. During the Circus we discussed how to get rid of asbestos, parade dance moves, and motor vs. pedal power.

Hope to see you at the upcoming parades and enjoy fellowship with our brothers.



June 3rd, 2017 Where: Whiteys 121 Demers Ave East Grand Forks MN 11am watch parade in front of Whiteys Registration: 11:30 am to noon Lunch: Noon Cost: \$20/person RSVP by Wednesday, May 31, 2017 701-772-7125

office@kemshriners.com

POTENTATE'S PARTY

Grand Forks Masonic Center June 3rd,2017

Social: 6pm to 7pm

Dinner: 7pm, prime rib with the fixings

Dance: 8pm to midnight to Boomtown

Dress: Casual, no shorts or jeans

Cost: \$25/person

RSVP by May 31, 2017

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RITUAL DIVAN AND PR

Spring has Sprung and it is time for the annual Spring Ceremonial Golf outing, The Spring Ceremonial, and the Spring Ceremonial Parade. SPRING, SPRING, SPRING.

The Golf outing will be held on Friday, June 2nd at the Grand Forks Country Club. Tee time is 10:00 AM. Contact Steve Adams or Scott Midstokke to sign up.

The Spring Ceremonial Ritual work will be Saturday June 3rd at the Masonic Center in Grand Forks, followed by the Spring Ceremonial Parade on the following schedule:

Candidate Registration:	8:30 to 9:00 AM
Voting on Candiates:	9:00 AM
Ceremonial Ritual:	9:30 Sharp
Parade line up:	10;30

(In the parking lot on the north side of the East Grand Forks Fire Department.)

Parade Step off:	11:00
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Oasis at the Masonic Center: End of Parade until 1 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{PM}}$

Second Section	1 PM
Hillbilly Degree:	2 PM

The Parade is the Kickoff of Parade season and we want to gather a big crowd. Tell your friends, tell your neighbors, tell your neighbors friends and lets start Parade Season off right. This is going to be a busy day so please mark it on your calendar and come prepared to do a little work and have a lot of fun.

Don't forget that June 6: In honor of the founding of the International Council of Shriners of North America on June 6, 1876, nobles everywhere celebrate International Shrine Day! Wear your Fez, wear the shirt of your unit, wear a Shrine T-shirt or Pin, just let the public know you are a Shriner.



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DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT BURNING SANDS WILL BE JULY 6TH



COTTON CANDY REPORT



We were "Spinning and Grinning" and having a great time.

Once again we sold more Cotton Candy than the previous year. The rumor was we beat the old record (Results are being stored in the Cloud at Mike and Phil beat Green.com).

Sometimes I get a little zealous when it comes to cotton candy as I threw away "someone's" popcorn with a vengeance in the green room. I blame Def Leppard and their hit song "pour some sugar on me" (the unofficial song of cotton candy).

It was an impressive site with the number of Shriners who showed up to walk the crowd. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!

Cotton Candy takes a lot of help to make it successful and our Nobles have more than stepped up to the challenge. What an impressive site to see all the Fez's walking the crowd. What a great way to show our community how dedicated we are!

I hope we can continue the tradition of not only selling our product but being able to show our commitment to our cause with 100, 500, no even better 1,178 Fez's showing up at the circus.

Once again THANK YOU!

Philip (Punk) Landis Mike Holedigger.

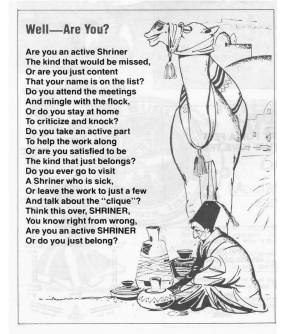
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Rabban School. It was an interesting seminar and brought light to several areas within the organization. Budgets, insurance, membership, Shrine Law and Regulations were discussed in detail. We also were able to see first hand how the Shrine Hospital was able to have personnel in Mexico to help burn victims within 24 hours of the tragedy. Just simply amazing, humbling and a reminder of why we are Mason's and Shriners.

Of course membership was a focus and spurred some heated debate. Of course during one of the discussions with a Noble from Texas it was mentioned how North Dakota allows one day classes and how you cannot be a good Mason if you went through one. I took offense to this and the debate was on. I believe I won, no I know I won. It became apparent there are areas in the USA where the older Masons would rather see the craft die than change to keep it alive. I look back at our Lodge and can only imagine how many times and how hard the Brothers bit their tongues when we started. But because of their ability to accept change we have a vibrant active lodge. North Dakota Masonry is growing which will facilitate growth of the Shrine. It seems simple but then it means change which is difficult for most. Becoming a better man and helping kids, what more could you want out of any organization.

Sincerely,

Philip E. Landis



KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY





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KEM BAND PLEASES CIRCUS CROWDS

THE KEM BAND WAS IN FINE FORM AT THE 71ST ANNUAL KEM SHRINE CIRCUS RECENTLY. WE HAD 10-12 MUSICIANS AT EACH PERFORMANCE, WHICH WAS AN AWESOME SHOWING. WE APPRECIATE ALL WHO SHOWED UP TO HELP US, INCLUDING OUR SPECIAL GUESTS, KIM AND MAX VOTAVA. IT WAS A GREAT TIME!!!

WE'RE NOW LOOKING FORWARD TO THE SPRING CEREMONIAL IN JUNE AND MSA IN BLOOMINGTON, MN IN AUGUST. IT'S ALWAYS GREAT TO SEE ALL OF OUR BROTHER NOBLES AND FRIENDS AT THESE EVENTS.

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IF THERE ARE ANY NOBLES WHO ARE INTERESTED IN PLAYING IN THE BAND WE HAVE ROOM FOR YOU. IT DOESN'T REQUIRE A LOT OF TIME, AND IT'S A LOT OF FUN. WHY NOT PICK UP THAT OLD DUSTY INSTRUMENT AND JOIN US AT THE SPRING CEREMONIAL?

IN THE MEANTIME, DON'T FORGET, WE PLAY FOR THE KIDS!!!

DENNIS PETERSON





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 2nd. Ceremonial Golf
- June 3rd Spring Ceremonial
- June 8th Uniformed Units, Grafton, host Cycleers
- June 9th Pork Chop Feed, Minot
- June 15-18 ND Grand Lodge, Medora
- July 6th Burning Sands deadline
- July 9-13 Imperial Session, Daytona Beach, FI
- July 13th Feed Football Players , Mayville
- July 16th Shrine Football Game, Grand Forks
- July 19th Burning Sands print date
- July 20th Trustee, Quarterly and Uniformed Units Meeting, Grand Forks

August 10th Uniformed Units, Mayville, host Keystone Cops

2017 PARADE SEASON

The 2017 parade season is almost here and a few units have already been parading. Ryan Scott has worked tirelessly to get the current years parade schedule out and has done an excellent job but there are always a couple parades that we unfortunatly miss, so if anyone notices a important parade in a town near you please let us know and we will add it to the list. Contact Ryan Scott at 701-740-5211 or ryan_scott@sstransport.com and Chris Larson at 218-791- 0633 or biglarz@ live.com and we will get the additions added to the parade list. The list is just a guide to help the units decide where they are going to parade throughout the summer and if a local parade is not on the list all you need is permission from the Potentate. And most importantly all units must get permission from the Potentate BEFORE you parade, all you need is a simple email to Carol at the Kem office BEFORE the parade as this is very important for the insurance coverage of the unit. Thank you and have a safe and fun parade season.





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August 16. MSA counterparts, Bloomington MN

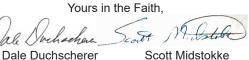
August 17-19 MSA Summer Session, Bloomington MN

KEM QUARTERLY MEETING

Thursday, July 20, 6:30 p.m. Masonic Center Grand Forks, ND

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



PP, Recorder

Potentate

Spring Ceremonial Golf

June 2, 2017

Grand Forks

Country Club

Tee off at 10AM

\$64/person includes cart, green Fees and range

RSVP with Steve Adams 218-791-3960 Scott Midstokke 701-270-8195

CEREMONIAL SCHEDULE

June 3, 2017		
8:AM	Coffee & Rolls	
8:30-9AM	Registration	
9AM	Vote on new candidates, Red Room	
9:30AM	Ceremonial	
10:30AM	Parade Line up	
11AM	Parade step off	
11:30-1PM	Oasis at Masonic Center	
1PM	2nd Section of Ceremonial	
2PM	Hillbilly Degree	
3-5PM	Hospitality Room Open at Country Inn & Suites	
6-7PM	Social	
7PM	Dinner	

8PM-Midnight Dance to "Boom Town"

NEW KEM EMAIL ADDRESSES

In this day and age, communication via email is often quicker and more efficient than making a phone call. It is also preferred by many as their main form of contact! We want to make it easier for you to get in touch with our officers, so Kem is rolling out new email addresses for not only the Divan but also many other crucial offices and positions. Here is the list of new

emails – keep in mind we will be adding more as they are needed in the future.

office@kemshriners.com - Carol/Office communication

potentate@kemshriners.com - Scott Midstokke chiefrabban@kemshriners.com - Bill Steckler assistantrabban@kemshriners.com - Punk Landis highpriestandprophet@kemshriners.com - Ron Bergh orientalguide@kemshriners.com - Steve Symons treasurer@kemshriners.com - Steve Adams recorder@kemshriners.com - Dale Duchsherer, PP

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KEM MULLIGANS

The KEM Mulligans will be getting together at Lincoln Golf Club in Grand Forks on Monday, May 26th. We have reserved a few tee times, starting at 6:00pm. We'll have a short meeting at the clubhouse after. We will be visiting a different golf course as long as weather permits. We're golfing at Larimore on July 6th.

If you're already a Mulligans member or if you want to play some golf or you know a golfer who's not a Shriner yet, give John Murphy (701-212-3214) or Mike Bakken (701-261- 2011) a call to reserve a spot. Thanks!



2017 MIDWEST SHRINE ASSOCIATION, BLOOMINGTON, MN

The Summer MSA will be in Bloomington, MN this year. The Zurah Shriners are getting things ready for a great event. The dates will be August 17th to August 19th. Kem will be in the Double Tree hotel in Bloomington, which is also the MSA headquarters hotel. The complete MSA schedule of events is in this issue of the Burning Sands. As you know there are a lot of things to do in the Minneapolis area. Zurah is offering a city tour called "Gems of Minneapolis" on Thursday at 12:30. Our hotel is only minutes away from the Mall of America, they have a free shuttle that can take you to the Mall and back.

The Zurah Shrine-A-Rama will be on Thursday night in the DoubleTree hotel. This year the MSA will only have one parade. It will be on Friday night at 5:00 pm in Bloomington. They will have an Oasis after the parade.

The room rate will be \$129.00 per night plus tax. The registration fee will be \$90 for Nobles and \$85 for Ladies. The Ladies Luncheon will be on Friday, it will be \$45. Your registration can be paid to Kem Shriners and Kem will send one check to Zurah for everyone that is registered.

Each Unit should start working on a list of Nobles and Ladies that will be attending. The list for rooms and registration is due on July 1st. Please submit your hotel and registration lists to Steve Renslow. You can email the lists to: srenslow1@ hotmail.com. If you have any questions give me a call at 701-741- 3621.

More information can be found on the Midwest Shrine Association 2017 website, http://msa2017. orq.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AS OF 3/25/17

Wednesday, August 16

- 12:00 noon Registration begins at the Double Tree
- 5PM Registration closes for the day. Animal Units arrive at the Zuhrah Horse Ranch, 4504 CR 92, Independence, MN

- 6PM Counterparts Social at Minnesota Valley Country Club
- 7PM Counterparts dinner served
- 7-9PM Marketplace setup in Veranda Ballroom Double Tree

Thursday, August 17

- Marketplace setup in Veranda Ballroom 7-9AM Double Tree
- 9AM-5PM Marketplace open
- Registration begins at Double Tree Hotel 9AM
- 5PM Registration closes for the day
- TBD Animal Units - Practice offered in Zuhrah Horse Ranch arena and barn
- 12:30-3:30PM "Gems of Minneapolis" City Tour
- Shrine-A-Rama Social at Double Tree 6PM Ballroom
- 6:30-9:30PMShrine-A-Rama Buffets open

Friday, August 18

Competitions:

	8AM	Motor Corps - TBA
	8AM	Foot Patrols
	8:30AM	Chanters - TBD
	9AM	Clowns - Double Tree Hotel, Edina Room, with dressing rooms available at 7AM
	9AM	Horsemen - Zuhrah Horse Ranch
No Competitions; Bands, Drum & Bugle Corps, Orienta Bands, Pines & Drums, Shrine Provosts		

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9AM-5PM	Marketplace open
11:30AM	Ladies Luncheon Social - Grand Ballroom Foyer, Double Tree Hotel
12-3PM	Ladies Luncheon
1:30PM	All Midwest Ceremonial, Contact: Tom Moe (701) 786-2442
4PM	Parade line-up

2017 BURNING SANDS SUPPORTERS **CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN 2017**

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5PM	Parade kicks off
5-7PM	Marketplace tear-down
6PM	Parade Oasis begins
9PM	Parade Oasis closes

Saturday, August 19

We encourage you to stay and "enjoy" the Twin Cities for the weekend: Pote's Golf Tournament, Minnesota Twins baseball games, Mall of America, Valley Fair, etc.



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NEW SHRINER DARRIN LOOKER CREATED AT THE CIRCUS

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CLAN 172

To all Clan members or those who want to join our grand and glorious order of the Hillbilly Degree. The degree will be after the parade and lunch on June 3rd. Hillbilly's will be passing out petitions during lunch. The degree will start at 2pm after a brief meeting. Candidates should have their petitions turned in with your \$50 before 2pm so we can be done by 3pm, \$25 of the degree fee goes to the hospital and you never pay dues again. Members of the Clan wear your Hillbilly clothes and be available to help the Clan with the degree. We need your support.

See you at the Spring Ceremonial.

Honor the Cob Ken Gillespie

New Shriner



TOM MOE WAS POTENTATE WHEN I BECAME A SHRINER AND NOW MY DAD IS 92 YEARS OLD AND HE BECAME A SHRINER JUST IN APRIL 2017 - TEDDY ANDERSON

Five New Shriners from Larimore



UPCOMING SCREENING CLINICS

Kem will be sponsoring screening the following screening clinics:

Williston ND.

Monday, June 12th, 2017 9am-11am 20/20 Professional Center 1500 14th St W. Suite 300 Call 1-800-293-2832 for appointments **Minot ND.**

Monday, June 12th, 2017 5pm-7pm Trinity Health

House Center Medical Arts 400 East Burdick Expressway

Call 1-800-293-2832 for appointments **Thief River Falls, MN**

Tuesday, August 1st, 2017 9am-11am Location to be determined

Call 1-800-293-2832 for appointments Grand Forks, ND

Tuesday, August, 1st, 2017 5pm-7pm Grand Forks Masonic Center 423 Bruce Ave

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Devils Lake, ND

Wednesday, August 2nd, 2017 1pm-3pm Location to be determined



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New Williston Shriners



NEW GRAND FORKS SHRINERS



MOBIL NOBLES

Greetings Nobles,

Spring is finally here and we have had some beautiful days so far! The Mobil Nobles have been busy along with the rest of the members of the Kem Shrine. It's good to be busy. We had a great showing at the Shrine Circus. Thank you to all Nobles who helped and made the circus a success this year and every year.

Some other news is we are still selling raffle tickets for our Mini ATV and cash to be given away on July 1.

We are ramping up for parade season, getting the parade vehicles ready. There will be a few of us bartending at the Spring Ceremonial. Come on out and say hi and enjoy an evening of food, fun, and dancing. It's always a good time.

The Mobil Nobles meet the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm. We like to meet at the Circus Barn on Dyke Avenue during the summer. If you would like to become a Mobil Noble, please contact one of us, we are the good-looking guys in the green shirts!

Todd Herz

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