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**TED ANDERSON AND THE
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**Kem Shriners Earn Money for
Shrine Hospitals**

Monday, April 1 fifteen volunteers sold Foreigner CD's and earned \$1,275 for the Minneapolis Shrine Hospital. With each CD purchased there was a chance to win a guitar signed by Foreigner Band members. The winner of the Guitar was Gordy Schmid of Devils Lake. ND.

All of the volunteers had a great time at the concert and helping the children by raising money. Thank you to every one that helped.

**UPCOMING SCREENING
CLINICS**

Shriners Hospitals for Children-Twin Cities will be in North Dakota conducting free screenings throughout the spring and summer. Dates and locations are listed below. Please call now to schedule your appointment - they fill quickly.

Saturday, April 21st in Bismarck

7:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Call 612-596-6105 to schedule appointment

Monday, June 11th in Williston

9 AM - 12 PM

Call 612-986-7207 to schedule appointment

Monday, June 11th in Minot

4 PM - 7 PM

Call 612-986-7207 to schedule appointment

Tuesday, June 12th in Devils Lake

11 AM - 2 PM

Call 612-986-7207 to schedule appointment

Tuesday, June 12th in Grand Forks

5 PM - 7 PM

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****Flyers are available upon request. Simply reply to this email and request a flyer for the screening clinic in the city near you.**

HOSPITAL TRIP

Bus Updates!

**Deadlines Fast Approaching for the
Hospital Bus Trip**

The Hospital Trip to Twin Cities Hospital this year is scheduled for May 18-20. The bus will make stops along the way starting out in Minot early Friday morning.

We will be staying at the Best Western Plus in St Paul for \$89 plus taxes per night.

Twins vs. Milwaukee Brewers ball game on Friday evening, tickets are \$38 each and the deadline for ordering tickets is April 15th. Please contact Ted if you plan to go and want tickets. (This is optional.)

Bus cost is \$60 per person unless you are a new Shriner of less than a year, then you and your lady both ride free.

There will be a \$5.00 lunch provided on the trip down.

The Hospital Days event is at the Twin Cities Hospital from 9-1 on Saturday morning. The rest of the day is open for you to do as you wish. Many go shopping or just hang out visiting.

We leave Sunday morning and stop at Nelson's Truck Stop in Clearwater for Breakfast before heading the rest of the way home.

This is a trip every Shriner should make at least once.

Please contact Ted Anderson at 701-520-0115 if interested in going or if you have any questions. There is a \$50 non-refundable deposit required to hold your place. The deposit will be subtracted from the total that will be due on the bus.



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KEM QUARTERLY MEETING

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

Masonic Center, Mayville ND

You are notified that a regular stated meeting of Kem Shriners will meet at the above time and place for hearing reports and conducting regular business. Admittance by your 2018 dues card. Please wear your Fez.

Attest

Yours in the Faith,

Dale Duchscherer *Bill Steckler*

Dale Duchscherer

Bill Steckler

PP, Recorder

Potentate

MOBIL NOBLES REPORT

Greetings,

The Mobil Nobles have been busy selling Circus Tickets and are very much looking forward to the Circus at the end of the month. We hope to see everyone out at the Ralph and helping out to make this another great Circus. We had another great time at the Gator's and Taters Game Feed. The food was excellent and the fun was even better. I'd like to thank everyone who had helped out and made this a great event. Well done! We had our first parade on St Patty's day, hopefully it will warm up soon. Next we will be getting ready for parade season. The parade schedule is on the KEM website. We hope to see you all out on the parade circuit. The MSA is in our crosshairs too and we will be having a great showing of Mobil Nobles at the MSA just by the looks of the sign-up sheet. The Mobil Nobles will start meeting at the Circus Barn on Dyke Ave in May. We meet the third Tuesday of the Month at 6:00pm. If you wish to become a Mobil Noble please contact Todd Herz @ 701-741- 7929.

KEM SHRINE CIRCUS

The Kem Shrine Circus will be April 27, 28, and 29. The Circus will be at the beautiful Ralph Engelstad Arena.

The novelties and cotton candy supplies are on the way. There are several new exciting novelties.

We have Cindy Migley's Circus Spectacular returning as our producer. There will be several exciting acts including, Tigers, and Elephants.

Workers will sign in at their work site. If you don't have a place that you have been working in the past, we will have someone by the southwest entrance to direct you to a site where we need assistance.

It is very important that every Shriner support Kem Shrine and the Circus by making a commitment to come and work as much as possible at the Circus.

As usual we are asking the ladies to come and help at the Circus. Ladies will receive worker credits just as our members do. They can sign up to apply this credit to their Shriner's Unit, Star, or Rainbow.

If you are a new Shriner who has not yet joined a unit, come and work at the circus. It is a lot of fun and a great opportunity to enjoy the fun and camaraderie of the Shrine. Bring your Lady too.

Please make plans now to Come and Join us for the fun of the Circus.

Thank You,

Tom Hanson, Circus Chairman

SPRING CEREMONIAL AND POTENTATE'S BALL

Illustrious Potentate Bill Steckler and Lady LeeAnn cordially invite all Nobles and Ladies to attend the 2018 KEM Shriners Spring Ceremonial in Minot ND. The event will take place on June 8 th and 9 th in the Magic City. Most activities will take place at the Masonic Center and Holiday Inn. They are within easy walking distance from each other.

Festivities will kick off on Friday evening at the Masonic Center with Minot's Annual Pork Chop feed at 6:00pm. On Saturday June 9th the Masonic Center will open at 7:30am with coffee, juice and a Continental breakfast. The main purpose of the weekend is to initiate new Shriners and enjoy fellowship. The Shrine Spring Ceremonial will begin at 11:00am at the Masonic Center. Bring your Candidates and Ladies and help grow our membership.

At 1:00pm the Shrine parade units will line up and the Shriners Parade will step off on East Burdick at 1:30pm. It will end at the Holiday Inn. An OASIS will be held at the Masonic Center following the parade with all the usual festivities.

Saturday evening at the Holiday Inn will be a banquet and Potentate's Ball. It is an annual event which Ladies and their Nobles dress in their finest and pay tribute to the Potentate and his lady. There will be a cash bar and music to follow the banquet.

More information to follow so make your room reservations (701-852- 2504) at the Holiday Inn. Room rate is \$90.00 per night. Contact Ron Penfold (701-460-7144) or Jake Windsor (701-721- 1709).

KEM CHANTER NEWS

The Kem Chanters are back rehearsing after a short winter hiatus. Even when not practicing, our circus ticket sales force lead by Duane Nelson and Kenny Roche went great guns! Currently, practice continues basically every other Monday at 6:30 in the Morrison Room in the lower level of the GF Masonic Center. The next rehearsal is Monday April 23. In June, Chanters practice will move to Wednesday evening, letting members enjoy long summer weekends.

Summer activities start with being part of the June Ceremonial as they have always done. The big event in June will be when all the MSA Chanters units gather at Yelduz Shrine in Aberdeen for a joint concert on June 24. Kem will still compete with the same MSA Chanters units at the Summer Session in Deadwood. The Chanters also plan to participate in as many parades as can be scheduled.

The Chanters are always looking for new members. If you know of a Shriner that likes to sing, encourage him to join the Chanters for a great experience. If you know a non-Shriner that likes to sing, what a great opportunity for bringing in a new Shriner.



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ST PATRICK DAY PHOTOS



DEADWOOD!

The Deadwood Chamber of Commerce says; Deadwood, No Rules, No Regrets

WOW! We have exceeded our expectations for rooms at the 2018 Midwest Shrine Association convention! Thank you to everyone that has signed up. Kem has filled the 100 rooms at the First Gold Hotel in Deadwood! If you or your Shrine Unit, have rooms reserved for the MSA, please pay Carol at the Shrine office before June 10th. Your registration is due at the same time. The room rate for Kem is \$192.71 per night, including the taxes and fees. The registration is \$100 for each Noble and \$100 for each Lady. Carol can accept payments over the phone (772-7125) with a credit card or mail your check, payable to: Kem Shrine, 423 Bruce Ave, Grand Forks, ND 58201. You can also stop in the office to see Carol and pay for your room and registration. If they are not paid by June 10th, you will forfeit your room and your reservation will be cancelled. If you have any questions about your room or registration, please contact Steve Renslow at 701-741- 3621 or email at srenslow1@hotmail.com.



2018 SUMMER SESSION SCHEDULE

DEADWOOD,SD

NAJA SHRINE

all events for motorcorps at BUFFALO CHIP

THURSDAY AUGUST 16:

SET-UP TEAM START AT 12:00 noon set-up. AT
BUFFALO CHIP

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:

Location –BUFFALO CHIP

START TIME: 1:30 PM

CAPTAINS BUSINESS MEETING:

Location— BUFFALO CHIP

START TIME: 2:30 PM

JUDGES MEETING:

Location— BUFFALO CHIP

START TIME: after captains meeting

FRIDAY AUG. 17,2018 COMPETITION START
TIME: 8:00 AM at the BUFFALO CHIP

AWARDS BANQUET:

Location: BUFFALO CHIP

START TIME: 12:00 NOON

BUFFALO CHIP WEB SITE IS: www.buffalo-chip.com

MEMBERSHIP

We made it through another winter and it's Circus time! Just a reminder.... if you haven't paid your 2018 Shrine Dues AND your Lodge Dues, you are not a member in good standing and are not able to participate in any Shrine activities (any meetings, working the circus, and parades, etc). It's sad to say that we have had a few Nobles who have paid their Shrine dues but have failed to keep up with their Lodge dues and have been suspended from their Lodges and because of this they are no longer Shriners.

We have a lot of fun events coming up in the next two months. Please read further in the Burning Sands for these events. As always, all of our social activities are open to family, friends and potential new Nobles.

We have several Units that have a large membership however, we have a few Units that are in need of new Nobles especially our Kem Band, Drum & Bugle Corp. and the Chanters. If you or you know of a Noble who can sing or play an instrument, please encourage them to join one of these units. This will not only help these units but also Kem Shrine. Remember Shriners, you're having fun helping kids.

I AM R U committed to membership.

Lynn Misialek

Membership Chairman

UNIFORM UNITS COUNCIL

Hey Nobles

There is a lot of information at the Uniformed Units Meeting that should be brought back to your units. I hope your units reps are able to attend. These meetings are to keep all of our Nobles informed of what's going on in the Shrine.

Please remember your reps should be at these meetings, but all Nobles are invited to attend. Come for the meeting, enjoy a meal and have fellowship with other Nobles.

Our May meeting will be in Devils Lake on May 10 th at the Devils Lake Masonic Building. Our Hosts will be The Lake Region Flag Corp.

June's meeting will be in Park River on June 14th at the Alexander House right on Hwy 17 west of town on the north side of road. Our Hosts will be the Grafton Cycleers.

July's meeting will be at the Grand Forks Masonic Center in The Fourth Floor Club. We also will be having a Quarterly Meeting. Our Hosts will be the Fourth Floor Club.

Please note all meeting start with a Social at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30 and meeting at 7:00.

If you have any questions about the meetings or would like to have an item for the agenda please call or e-mail me.

Thanks

Lynn Misialek, Uniform Units Council President

218-779- 8845, glassman@gra.midco.net



KEM'S Run for the Roses



Saturday, May 5, 2018

4:00-7:00 PM

Treetop Lounge, Masonic Temple
Grand Forks, ND

*Derby Attire required for Admission to the Lounge.

Derby favorites: Mint Julips & Derby Pie will be available

Bring your friends, appetizers to share and beverages of your choice.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APR 26	CIRCUS SET-UP
APR 27-29	GRAND FORKS CIRCUS
MAY 5	KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY
MAY 7, 8	WILLISTON CIRCUS
MAY 10	BOD MEETING LAKE REGION FLAG CORP UNIFORMED UNIT'S 6 PM DEVILS LAKE
MAY 10-12	MINOT CIRCUS
MAY 19-21	HOSPITAL DAYS, MINNEAPOLIS
MAY 25	FILL THE FEZ
JUNE 9	SPRING CEREMONIAL, MINOT
JUNE 11	SCREENING CLINIC, WILLISTON, 9-12 SCREENING CLINIC, MINOT
JUNE 12	SCREENING CLINIC DEVILS LAKE, 11-2 SCREENING CLINIC, GRAND FORKS, 5-7

PROVOST UPDATE

The award winning Kem Provost are excited to turn the calendar over to 2018 and start a new year. We were excited to receive the Honor award from our very own Potentate, Scott Middstokke for the year 2017. We we're proud to support Scott and Bernice throughout the year and I hope they are now enjoying some down-time after a lot of long days and miles on the road.

Our annual golf tournament and raffle fundraiser is coming up in June on Friday the 22 nd . Contact a Provost member for info on raffle tickets, we have some huge cash prizes that we will give away on June 22nd.

The Provost has had a great increase in members over the last year. We have added 12 new members and now we are 79 members strong. We have started a Facebook page to help inform the members of upcoming events. The Facebook page will also be used to let the members know who is taking what equipment to which parade and hopefully we can get more participation this summer. So if you haven't liked us already, like us on Facebook at Kem Provost and keep looking for updates.

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MARCH

MARCH 17TH

3PM

ST. PATRICKS DAY CEREMONIAL GRAND FORKS

JUNE

JUNE 3RD

5PM

ERSKINE, MN

JUNE 9TH

1PM

KEM SPRING CEREMONIAL MINOT, ND

JUNE 9TH

11AM

FINLEY, ND

JUNE 16TH

3PM

ANETA, ND

JUNE 16TH

11AM

ST THOMAS, ND

JUNE 23RD

10AM

GRAFTON, ND

JUNE 23RD

10AM

MAYVILLE, ND

JUNE 23rd

12PM

ARGYLE, MN

JULY

JULY 4TH

10AM

HATTON, ND

JULY 4TH

11AM

PARK RIVER, ND

JULY 4TH

4PM

PEMBINA, ND

JULY 14TH

10:30AM

MANVEL, ND

JULY 14TH

10AM

HOPE, ND

JULY 14TH

3PM

STEPHEN, MN

JULY 15TH

2PM

FERTILE, MN

JULY 19TH

7PM

THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN

JULY 21ST

11AM

LARIMORE, ND

JULY 21st

11AM

DRAYTON, ND

JULY 21ST

8AM

MINOT, ND STATE FAIR

JULY 25TH

6PM

WARREN, MN

JULY 28TH

11AM

NORTHWOOD, ND

AUGUST

AUG 4TH

10:30AM

MOUNTAIN, ND

AUG 11TH

11AM

KARLSTAD, MN

AUG 16TH

7PM

EGF HERITAGE DAYS

AUG 16TH

5PM

DEADWOOD, SD

AUG 18TH

7PM

SPEARFISH, SD

AUG 18TH

1PM

CROOKSTON, MN

AUG 18TH

1PM

ULEN, MN

SEPT.

SEPT 2ND

1PM

STUMP LAKE, ND

SEPT 3RD

1PM

STUMP LAKE, ND

SEPT 15TH

1PM

BEMIDJI, MN

SEPT 22ND

10AM

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR ORIENTAL GUIDE

I would like to thank the Nobility for sending me to the Oriental Guide Seminar in Tampa Florida on March 8-10, 2018. It is an exciting time in my life and Masonry is truly a life long learning experience.

The Leadership Conference Committee put together a great program of Shrine education for Oriental Guides.

The conference was a work session in which we shared ideas on a lot of information that was presented in 3-days. There was discussion concerning problems at other Shrine Centers and I learned a great deal about myself, KEM Shriners and our great membership. We do a lot of good things in KEM which other Shrine Centers do not. We should be proud to be KEM Shriners.

Some of the subjects discussed were Leadership training, Shriners Village, Membership, Shrine

law, Budgeting and Finance and Shriners International Protocol.

Thank you again for the experience and thank you for what you do to make KEM the best.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

Ron Penfold

2018 ASSISTANT RABBAN CONFERENCE

By Ron Bergh - Assistant Rabban

Greetings- My Lady Nancy and I had the opportunity to attend the 2018 Assistant Rabban Leadership Conference which was held March 12-14 in Tampa, Florida.

The conference run by Imperial Sir Bill Bailly and his lady Debby is designed to prepare and educate temple leadership, and create a common vision for all shrine temples.

Nancy and I attended classes each day which were led by Our Imperial Officers and the staff of Shriners International. Topics included Leadership, Shrine Law, Budget and Planning, Temple Risk Management and Membership. Special sessions were also conducted for the ladies which covered Shrine History and Protocol, Team Building, Mentoring and Family Engagement to name a few.

The conference also presented the opportunity to interact with Nobles and Ladies from other temples and learn about successful temple events and leadership programs they have established.

A Special highlight was a presentation and performance by Patient Ambassador Isabella Rose who was born with a submucous cleft palate which left her speech hard to understand. After diagnosis and surgery at Shriners Hospital for Children Chicago, she has become a gifted vocalist and public speaker at the age of 14. There is nothing like a patient success story to remind us of why we are Shriners.



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Roger Robinson
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February 23, 2018

Nobles and Friends,

Recently, it was announced that changes were being considered for how we care for our kids at Shriners Hospitals for Children-Twin Cities. These changes are in concert with the national trends in healthcare toward more outpatient-oriented care while the need for overnight medical (inpatient) care declines. At present, only a small part of our service involves overnight stays.

Recent news stories together with recent discussions at the winter MSA meeting has created uncertainty, many questions and a slew of rumors both for the nobility and for our Hospital staff.

The SHC-TWI Board of Governors want to make some things very clear, and end some rumors; We ARE NOT CLOSING the Twin Cities Hospital! We are developing plans for a transition to an Ambulatory Surgical Center (day surgery) service model. The vast majority of our work is currently in an outpatient environment and none of that is changing. Our kids will continue to get the greatest care available to them, just as they always have. The only change is for the inpatient procedures that will be shifted to other partnering facilities, just as we are currently doing for selected cases.

Along with this change, we are also planning efforts to expand our presence throughout our service area. This expansion will take on a variety of forms that could include new affiliations with other healthcare organizations and individual providers, expanding the use of our telehealth technologies and establishing physical clinics, just as a few examples. We see this as an exciting opportunity that supports the SHC system initiative of "Reaching More Kids in More Places."

As a Board, we want you to know that we are fully engaged in this change process and are committed to giving our nobility, and our friends, valid information about any changes. We are also committed to ensuring any changes are done in a proper and well planned out format, that not only creates "logical" business sense, but also remembers the human element of all involved, both our wonderful staff, our patients and their families. The SHC-Twin Cities Board of Governors has communicate our expectations regarding planning and timelines for any transition to the Joint Boards to ensure all parties involved have like expectations.

We ask for your continued help and support as these changes unfold. We commit to communicating information to all of the Temples supporting SHC-Twin Cities. On behalf of the SHC-TWI Board of Governors, we thank you and your nobility for your support!

Please do not hesitate to contact me, or your local board members, with any questions or concerns.

Fraternally,

P.P. Roger J Robinson
Chairman, Board of Governors

POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone! The Circus is coming! The Circus is coming! April is a great month with springtime arriving as well as our Kem Circus. The Circus is a good family time and a good Shrine family time. Please take part in the event, either as a spectator or as a volunteer, please volunteer early & often. Ladies & friends are welcome as well. You can contact our Shrine office at 701-772-7125 or go to Kemshriners.com.

April is a month of change and change may also be coming to our Twin Cities Shrine Hospital. In this edition of the Burning Sands, is a reprint of a recent letter from our hospital. Your Kem Board of Directors and others are monitoring the possible changes and closely following the process, so that we can adjust as fast as possible to any recommended or approved changes.

On the horizon is our June Ceremonial, which will be held in the west this year on June 9th. It is being held in Minot for the first time in about ten years. It's time for us to travel to the west and enjoy the western hospitality! New Shriners will be brought in in a ceremony at 11AM that morning, followed by a Shrine Parade and Oasis. The evening will bring a dinner and a dance. I hope you all can make it. Hotel accommodations and other information is included in a separate article.

NEW SHRINERS! We welcome the new Shriners brought in at the St. Patrick's Day Ceremonial Mike Argenziano, Brian Plemons, James Hastings, David Hamilton, Jesse Rutter, Taylor Petsinger and Curt McDonald. Three cheers for you guys! We are a better organization to have you and hope we enrich your life by providing opportunities for fraternal friendship and service to those children that need it.

"YOU COME INTO THE WORLD WITH NOTHING, THE PURPOSE OF YOUR LIFE IS TO MAKE SOMETHING OUT OF NOTHING."



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