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NEW YEAR, NEW GUYS KEM SHRINE WELCOMES NEW OFFICERS



GEOFF BENGTSON
CAPT OF THE GUARD

Geoff Bengtson was appointed Captain of the Guard at the 2018 Kem Shriners Annual Meeting.

Geoff grew up in Pelican Rapids Minnesota, and it was there that he met Michelle while they were in high school together. They were married in 1983 and went on to have two sons, Garrett and Zachary. Not long after they were married, Geoff joined the U.S. Air Force and the family moved several times before they had the opportunity to return to the region. They settled in at the Grand Forks AFB in 1994.

Geoff retired from the military in 2007, after 23 years of service. That was when he and Michelle made Grand Forks their home. He went back to school and received an MBA in Management from the University of Mary. Currently, Geoff works at Lunseth Plumbing & Heating and Michelle works for the Grand Forks Public School System in the library at South Middle School. As one of the founders of the Grand Forks Wild Hog Marathon, Geoff worked five years growing this event that has raised more than \$70,000 to support local youth activities.

Geoff was raised a Master Mason in May of 2012 with Malta Lodge #131 in Grand Forks and joined Kem Shriners in December of that same year. He is currently serving as Malta's Junior Warden. Geoff is also the Treasurer for the Grand Forks Masonic Building Board and a member of the 4th Floor Club.



TERRY JENSON JR.
OUTER GUARD

Terry Jenson Jr. (47) is a native to Grand Forks, ND. He became a shiner in 2000 following his father Terry Jenson Sr. Terry has been a transport account manager for the past 14 years and is now employed at Blackgold Farms. Terry married his wife Faithe in 1995 and they had one daughter, Emily. Emily is currently attending her second year at NDSU and is working towards becoming a radiology technician. Terry and his family enjoy skiing, water and snow, attending Fighting Hawks Hockey, watching his daughter and niece compete in college rodeos, and attending local barrel runs to watch and help out.

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RON PENFOLD NEW ORIENTAL GUIDE



At the KEM Annual Meeting in January 2018 Ron Penfold was elected as Oriental Guide of KEM Shriners.

He was born on August 14, 1946 in Price, Utah to Arthur and Margaret Penfold and is the eldest of four children. He lived in Colorado and Arizona and graduated

from Tombstone Union High School, Tombstone Arizona in 1965. That same year in November he enlisted in the United States Air Force. His first tour of duty after basic training was Chanute A.F.B., Rantoul, Illinois where his specialty was Jet Engine Mechanics. He was selected to be an instructor for this school. He later cross trained into Maintenance Data Systems Analysis and was an instructor in that course for several years. Tours of duty took him and sometimes his family to Texas, Alabama, South East Asia, Washington D. C., Michigan, Hawaii and lastly to Minot where he retired after 20 years of honorable military service. In 1986 he was hired by the Postal Service as a Letter Carrier and he retired in December 2008. Ron was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason 46 years ago, June 6, 1971 at Sangamon Lodge No. 801, Fisher

Ill. He is a Member of Star in the West Lodge No. 33 and Mahomet Masonic Lodge No. 220, Mahomet Ill. He was Worshipful Master in 1995 and Secretary from 1996 to 2002. He served two years as District Deputy Grand Master, four years as Grand Lecturer and several terms on the Policy and General Purposes Committee of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

Ron is a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota and an Honorary Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. He is the current Secretary of the Minot Shrine Club and Scottish Rite Bodies. Ron is a 33° Inspector General Honorary of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

He is a member of the Mandan York Rite and Northwest York Rite bodies. He currently holds Grand Officer positions on the Grand Chapter, Council and Commandery bodies. He is a Past Puissant Sovereign Commander of St. Felix Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine. In 2013 he was awarded the Knights Templar Cross of Honor for exceptional and meritorious service. In 2007 as State Dad for Rainbow Girls he was awarded the Rainbow Cross of Color. He is a member of the National Sojourners and Quatuor Coronati Research Lodge No. 2076, London England. In 2016 he was President of the Midwest Conference on Masonic Education held in Grand Forks.

He is a member of KEM Shriners, Minot Shrine Club, Minot Merry-men and Hillbilly's. In 2014 he was awarded the KEM SAMSTAR Jewel. Ron is dedicated to Masonry and Shriners International.

2018 HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET, DAVE RUSTBAKKE

Hi my name is Dave Rustbakke and I'd like to thank the Nobility for electing me your High Priest and Prophet.

Dave is a past Master of North Star Lodge #16 in Larimore ND and the current treasurer. In The Grand Lodge of North Dakota he is the Senior Deacon. Dave continues to farm and raise cattle on the Family Farm where he grew up in rural Larimore. In High School Dave participated in the FFA, 4-H, and lettered in wrestling. Dave attended NDSU and received his Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics. Before returning home to run the Family Farm Dave worked for Farm Bureau in various capacities including, regional representative, communications director (with his own radio show) with his last responsibility as the legislative director. Dave is a past Chairman of the North Dakota credit review board.

Dave has two daughters, Carly who is a graduate of the University of Southern California and works at The Los Angeles Museum of Art. Mari is a Sophomore at USC majoring in Chemical Engineering.

Dave continues to be an avid NDSU fan, enjoys golf, fishing, snowmobiling and riding motorcycle. His Lady Steph works for Bremer Bank and has two girls Emma, and Sarah. Dave is in the Kem RoughRiders, Mobile Nobles, Provost, Ritualistic Divan, Hillbillies, and the 4th Floor Club.



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KEM QUARTERLY MEETING

Thursday, April 12, 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 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 Nobles

I hope everyone had a great Holiday. Mobil Nobles have jumped right back in the new year. We hosted the kids Christmas Party in December and had a good time. We cooked the fish dinner for The Annual Meeting and that turned out great. Coming up soon is the Uniform Units and Circus Kick Off Meeting, and yes, we will be cooking and bar tending there too! Come on out and support your Kem Shriners at these events, it's a great time. We are looking forward to the year ahead and hope you are too. We will be making the rounds at the Parades this summer and of course at all the Kem Shrine Events. The Mobil Nobles would like to welcome in and congratulate our new Illustrious Potentate, Bill Steckler.

KEM SHRINE CIRCUS



THE CIRCUS IS COMING!

The 2018 Kem Shrine Circus is just around the corner.

Join us for the 2018 Circus

Kick Off on **Thursday Feb. 8th.**

The Grand Forks kick off will be part of the Uniform Units meeting. Social starts at 5:30, meal 6:30. Units meeting and Circus presentation to follow.

If you will sell kids tickets, help set up, or do any other task at the Circus, please join us for a meal, fellowship, and circus information.

2018 KEM SHRINE CIRCUS

The Circus will be April 27, 28 & 29. Save the date and put the Circus on your calendar and plan so that you and your lady can join us for the **Fun at the Circus**

DECEMBER RECAP

December started off with a Christmas Ceremonial with 5 new candidates that morning. Following the Ceremonial, lunch was served by the Mobil Nobles for the Shrine Patients and their families along with Ladies and Nobles present. That evening the Uniformed Units Christmas Party was held, what a great evening.

On December 9th the Williston Roadsters held their Christmas party for their Patients in the west and also held a Cold Sands for two new Shriners and to finish the year off we held one more Cold Sands on December 14 and created the last new Shriner for the year.

When it was said and done KEM Shrine was plus 4 in Membership for 2017, Membership takes a lot of work and thanks to everyone that lent a helping hand in making this happen.

The Annual Meeting was held January 13, 2018 here is list of awards that were given out:

Rookie of the year Zak Vaught.

Honor Unit Provost Ray Bostrom traveling trophy for most improved club – Snownobles.

Shriner of the year Dean Dorholt.

Samsar awards where presented to Greg Bryson, Don Akins, Ryan Scott, Jody Kleven, Trevor Schaible and Rodney Fredrick.

Bridge Building Award was presented to Mt Moriah, Williston and Northern Mayflower, Cooperstown.

Congratulations to Illustrious Sir Bill and Lady LeAnn and the 2018 Divan, we wish nothing but success leading KEM Shrine in 2018.

In closing Bernice and I would like to thank everyone for all of the great hospitality that was shown to us in our travels.

Thank you for the honor of serving as your Potentate in 2017.

Scott Midstokke and Lady Bernice

PP Potentate KEM Shrine 2017



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

- 1-3rd MSA Deadwood SD, Bus Leaves Early AM
Returns Late PM to Grand Forks Feb 3
- 8th 4 PM BOD Grand Forks
- 6PM Uniformed Units Circus Kickoff Meeting
Mobil Nobles
- 11th Malta Potato Dumping Feed
- 18th Pancake Breakfast, Cycle Corps
- 24th Game Feed

March

- 8th BOD Meeting 4PM Larimore, Roughriders
Uniformed Units Meeting
- 10th One Day Class, Grand Forks
- 17th 1PM Ceremonial
- 3PM St. Pat's Parade

April

- 7th Boxing Masonic Lodge
- 10th Burning Sands Article Deadline
- 12th Quarterly 4PM BOD Meeting 6PM UU's Cycle
Corps & Easy Riders
- BOD Meeting 4PM Larimore, Roughriders
Uniformed Units Meeting
- Trustees Meeting
- 14th 10-1PM Safe Kids Day, Grand Cities Mall
- 18th Burning Sands Print
- 26th Circus Set-Up

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should do*

Twin Cities Shrine Hospital Bus Trip

May 18-20

- ❑ Bus leaves for the Twin Cities, Friday morning from Minot picking people up along the way.
 - ❑ Friday night if interested, Minnesota Twins vs Milwaukee Brewers.
 - ❑ Saturday is Hospital Days at The Twin Cities Shrine Hospital
 - ❑ This is a trip that All Shriner's and their Ladies should attend at least once; it is a chance to see one of "OUR" hospitals.
 - ❑ Cost: \$60/ person to ride the bus
- 2 nights at hotel, price to be determined.
- \$5/ person lunch on the bus on the way down
- ❑ If you have been a Shriner for less than a year, you and your Lady ride the bus free

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Wishing all Nobles, Ladies and families a Happy New Year!

With the new year we have new officers:

Pres. Larry Wilson

Sec. Ralph Applegren

Tres. Pat Endres

All makes and models of motorcycles are welcome in the Cycle Corps. We meet every 2nd Monday of the month @ 6:30 pm at the VFW club in EGF. Come early and join us for dinner. \$1 burger night. Ladies are welcome as well.

On Sunday, February 18th at the VFW, we will be hosting our annual pancake & sausage all you care to eat breakfast with all the trimmings. 8 am to 1pm. \$5 pp or \$15 per family. Come early.

April 14th is Safe Kids Day at the Grand Cities Mall from 10 am to 1pm. We will have the burn unit fire engine with activity workbooks for all of the kids. All units are encouraged to participate. Contact Ron Bergh @ 701-741-0946 or Larry Wilson @ 701-739-4175 for more information. It gives us great exposure before the circus.

Keep in mind that the burn unit fire engine is available for all units for Shrine events and parades. Activity workbooks are available for handouts as well. Your ladies and older children are welcome to participate in handing them out at civic parades.

KEM Cycle Corps would thank our past Potentate Scott Midstokke and Lady Bernice for a successful year and welcome Illustrious Potentate Bill Steckler and Lady Lee Ann to guide us through the Mystic Order of the KEM Shrine.

SHRINE ON BROTHERS!

Larry Wilson

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MEMBERSHIP

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and Happy New Year. I would like to thank Past Potentate Scott Midstokke on a successful year! Thanks to his hard work, KEM Shrine finished 2017 with positive growth. This makes it 18 out of 19 years for KEM. Congratulations Scott!

I also want to wish our new Illustrious Potentate Bill Steckler great success for this year! I know Bill will work hard to insure a successful year for membership.

This would be a good time to ask everyone if they have paid their 2018 dues (Masonic and Shrine)? As you all know, in order to participate in any shrine function, you need to be a member in good standing. This means that your current year's dues are paid in full.

KEM's calendar is shaping up to be a very full and fun year! Please participate in as many of our functions as you can and as always, as a member you are invited to all of our events.

Let's have a great year! Remember--- all members are part of KEM's membership team.

Lynn Misialek

Membership Chairman

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It's 2018- A New Year! New hopes and dreams for the coming year. It's important to get off to a good start and build a good foundation. Kem Shrine has a great reputation, we want to keep it going, but the world is constantly changing and we need your ideas and involvement to move confidently forward.



2018 POTENTATE BILL STECKLER

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Have you paid
your 2018
dues?



One example of a new idea is the Indoor Ice Fishing Tournament being held at the Masonic Center on January 27th at 1 PM. It is spearheaded by Terry Jenson Jr. and Geoff Bengtson. This is a Kem Shrine fundraiser, which we may be seeing more of, attempting to increase our Shrine Center income. Coming later in the year will be a Kem Shrine Gun raffle, tickets will be sold from Williston to Bemidji!

Please let me know any ideas you may have to improve Kem Shrine, whether it be a fundraiser, social activity, a money saving move, or a new Shrine Unit. Some examples of possible units are ice fishing, photography, chef's, curling, etc. Use your imagination - whatever you like to do could be worked into a new unit. We can help with by-laws and set up.

The annual meeting on Jan. 13th was a lot of fun. The Mobil Nobles cooked and served the fish fry at noon. In the evening we enjoyed a great meal and danced to some wonderful music.

North Dakota Grand Master, Mark Williamson and his Lady Christie were special guests. My two daughters, three grandkids and my Lady Lee Ann were in attendance as well, making for a very special day.

Our next Shrine Ceremonial to bring in new members will be on St. Patrick's Day, May 17th, please be sure you start new candidates through your blue lodge in time to have them ready by this date. Remember Shriners! At the St. Patrick's Day parade it is very important to wear your fezzes! This is a very public and well attended event, please show everyone your pride, by wearing your fez proudly - Have fun!

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