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### POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



2019 POTENTATE PHIL LANDIS

Nobles, as the summer winds down I hope you all have had a chance to enjoy your summer. We have some exciting events coming, the Potato Bowl and Rocking the Forks. Ryan Scott and his dedicated team have put together a weekend to remember. Friday starts with a Ceremonial and then a Kem Oasis at the Street Dance followed by the New Candidates leading the parade Saturday morning. WEAR YOUR FEZ as this is a Kem Event.

Membership: Our Membership team has been working hard but we need your help. Once again this fall the monthly meet and greet will start again with Jensen and his Team organizing

great food and fellowship. We have traveled to Cavalier, Langdon, Cooperstown, Larimore, and Roseau to help with degree work. Roseau had 6 EA candidates. We returned to Langdon to preform a ceremonial for 6 new Shriners. We have the blessing from Grand Lodge to go to the candidates and perform degree work making it easier to get the candidates started. What it comes down to is we need our Lodges to grow so our Shrine Membership can grow. Even though the Grand Lodge does not do much formally to grow membership they do provide our Blue Lodges tools to help us grow. The Grand Lodge will work with us to help our Lodges grow. In short it is up to all of us to work growing our Blue Lodge Membership if we do not want to jeopardize the Mason to be a Shriner requirement.

Past Due Members We continue with the collection of dues. We call, we send bills, and are continually promised we will pay. It is sad how much time we waste trying to collect year after year, our dues are only \$65.00. The sad part is we have no choice but to pay your imperial dues even if you don't pay your dues. Please catch up on your dues. We are going to make a couple more attempts to get this cleaned up by the end of the year but for those who delay you will be suspended. Please help, we can make arrangements to get you caught up.

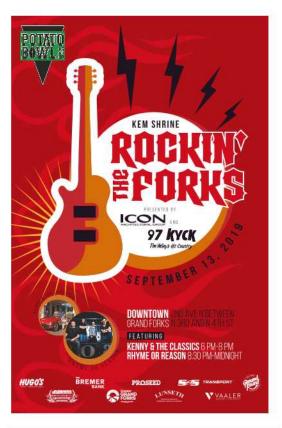
Football Once again, we two very successful games. Thank you to all who helped make this happen. The week of practice was held at Mayville State and the games at Cushman Field. The weather was great, and the stands were full. We had several Nobles provide new advertising this year to help keep this a strong fundraiser for our Healthcare system. This is the number 3 game in the US just behind Iowa and Montana. Bill Bailey from Imperial attended our game and was able to tour our impressive Shrine building. Again, thanks to all who helped make this a successful Fundraiser.

Imperial Session; We continue to vote on legislation necessary to adapt our Healthcare System to current trends. The changes are going to move several Hospitals, change partnerships and convert hospitals to outpatient clinics. Changes to how care is administered, the continued growth of tele-health and the reduced numbers of actual overnight stays has driven the changes. There is continued pressure from Imperial Leadership to grow membership. Kem continues to slide in membership to a point where we will eventually lose one of our votes at the Imperial Session.

**MSA** Aberdeen SD, rolled out the carpet for the Shriners with two parades, a golf tournament, and a street dance with a great band. It was a great time to be a Shriner.

See you at Rocking the Forks,

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### **KEM 4TH FLOOR CLUB**

The 4th Floor Club is a relatively new club to KEM Shrine. We are about to mark our sixth year of Shrine activities. As some Shrine Units have dropped out and others are winding down in membership, we want to let all of our members know we are willing to assist you in starting a new Shrine unit. Many Shrine Centers have different units that have begun, anything from computer based social networking groups to photography, brewing, website or newsletter production and beyond. Any idea at all is a good one and we are willing to assist you with writing the plan and by-laws for your group. KEM needs new units! To contact, please call Carol at the KEM Shrine offfice, leave a message and we will promptly respond.

September 14th is the Kem Shrine Potato Bowl Parade, our drift trikes will be running and the 4th Floor Club will be hosting the tailgating activity at the Alerus Center for the Football game. Tailgating begins at noon until the 4pm game time against Drake University. Refreshment, food, treats and fun are all on tap! See you there.

Shriners Healthcare for Children - Twin Cities.

### **POTATO BOWL FESTIVITIES!**

Nobles, summer is winding down and fall will soon be in the air. With that brings the Potato Bowl.

Once again on 9/13/19, KEM with be sponsoring the street dance on Friday night, Rockin' the Forks downtown Grand Forks.

Local favorite Kenny & The Classics will be playing from 6pm-8pm and Rhyme or Reason will be playing from 8:30pm-midnight. There will be food and beverages available to purchase and the entry is free to all ages. Please come out and show your support for our Community and KEM's event! The entrance into the street dance is 2nd Ave N and N 3rd St, right by The Hub or Toasted Frog.

The following morning 9/14/19 kicks off the World Famous Kem Shrine Potato Bowl Parade. The route this year is back down University Ave from N Washington St to University Park. KEM will stage around 9am in the Grand Forks Housing Authority parking lot on Dyke Ave east of the Circus barn and step off will be 10am. We encourage everyone to come out and enjoy all the events during Potato Bowl week, as there is



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT JOE DUNN BEMIDJI,MN; STEVE RENSLOW GRAND FORKS,ND; LARRY MCCONKEY KERRVILLE, TX; DON PAPRIEK BEMIDJI, MN; LENNY JEMTRUD DEVILS LAKE, ND; BILL BATCHELDER BEMIDJI, MN; JIM URNESS CROOKSTON, MN; COURTNEY PULKRABEK CROOKSTON,MN; LON JORGENSON CROOKSTON,MN; PALMER BERG BEMIDJI,MN; PAUL LESTER GRAND FORKS,ND; COREY CONNERS CROOKSTON,MN; CHAD JACOBSON CROOKSTON,MN; KENT SHAFER CROOKSTON,MN

atriotic Members of the Grand Forks Kem Shriner's Drum and Bugle Corps, Crookston Kem Shriner's Color Guard, Crookston American Legion Honor Guard, were incredibly honored to march in the 30th Annual Lion's Torch Light Parade on Sunday August 18th, 2019. Crookston Ox Cart Days has always been one of the highlights of our Marching season, and this years crowd was overwhelming. We love Crookston. Special thanks to Jim and Marilyn Urness for hosting a reception following the Parade at the Historic Irishman's Shanty.





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# MSA PHOTOS











### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### September

12	Uniformed Units Meeting, Whitehouse Cafe, Holiday Mall - Devils Lake
13	Rockin' the Forks
14	KEM Shrine Potato Bowl Parade
28	Bemidji Shrine Bowl Parade 1 PM

### October

10	Uniformed Units Meeting, Grand Forks
19	Boxing at the Masonic Center
26	Tables Du Jour, GF Masonic Center

### MSA CLOWN COMPETITION

The 2109 Midwest Shrine Clown Competition was held at the Midwest gathering in Aberdeen South Dakota on August 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Two of our excellent Merrymen clowns brought home high honors in the Clown Makeup Competition competing with clowns from the 12 other temples in the Midwest.

Jesse "Pringles" Stephens (photo left) was awarded 1st place in the highly contested White Face Division.

Tony "Chuckles" Managad (photo right) captured 2nd place in the very difficult Hobo/Tramp Division.

All of the Merrymen are proud of you as well as the Minot Shrine Club and Kem Temple. You represented us well!



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UND VS DRAKE	<b>AUG</b> 31	<b>GAME TIME 4 PM</b>	CLOWNS
UND VS SAM HOUSTON	SEPT 14	<b>GAME TIME 4 PM</b>	4TH FLOOR CLUB
UND VS UC DAVIS	OCT 6	<b>GAME TIME 1 PM</b>	MOBILE NOBLES
UND VS MONTANA ST.	OCT 26	<b>GAME TIME 12 NOON</b>	PROVOST
UND VS N. COLORADO	NOV 16	<b>GAME TIME 1 PM</b>	RITUAL DIVAN
UND VS SOUTHERN UTAH	<b>NOV 23</b>	<b>GAME TIME 1 PM</b>	CYCLEERS

SPONSORING UNITS WILL BE PAID \$100 BY KEM SHRINE. THE SPONSORING UNITS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FOOD & BEVERAGE AT THE EVENT. TAILGATING LOTS OPEN 4 HOURS PRIOR TO THE GAME.

PLEASE CONTACT BILL STECKLER 218-791-6162 WITH ANY QUESTIONS FOR THIS FUN EVENT!





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### KEM DRUM & BUGLE CORPS RAFFLE WINNERS

he historic Kem Drum & Bugle Corps has finished another successful raffle. We would like to thank everyone that purchased a raffle ticket to help support the Drum & Bugle. The \$1,000 cash winner was Scott Meyer from Aberdeen, SD. The \$500 cash winner was Gregg Loch from Bemidji, MN.

The Drum & Bugle Corps is winding down another successful summer of marching and performing in parades. We have marched in 10 parades in 2019. We had a great time at the MSA in Aberdeen. Thursday and Saturday, we marched in both of the well-attended parades. On Friday we started out with lunch at the legendary, 75-year-old, Flame Restaurant in downtown Aberdeen. Later we performed in several downtown bars and at the Stutsman Harley Davidson dealership open house in Aberdeen. We met some great people and we were well received in all the places that we played.

If you have an interest in marching and performing with the historic Drum & Bugle Corps, please contact one of our members and they can help you get you started.











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### **KEM QUARTERLY MEETING**

Thursday, October 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, purposed Capital Budget Amendment and conducting regular business. Admittance by your 2019 dues card. Please wear your Fez.

Attest

Yours in the Faith,

Dale Duchscherer

Phil Landis

PP, Recorder

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# Ladies Save the Date Tables Du Jour Saturday, October 26 9:00 AM until Noon Masonic Temple Grand Forks

Please contact Darlene Anderson to Reserve a table 701-265-2351



Where has this summer gone?

As we move into the next season of Fall parades and events, we look back on the last few months.

More great memories were made.

As always thank you to the Ladies and families that came out to support our Shriners as they paraded this summer. We are always so proud to see our KEM units as they go by.

In June the Spring Ceremonial was held in Minot, ND. As always, our Minot KEM family is very welcoming.

Some of us were in Nashville Tennessee for the Imperial Session in July. The new Imperial Potentate was installed, Jeff Sowder. He and his wife Cheryl will be very busy.

A few weeks later we were in Aberdeen SD, for the MSA. We had great representation from KEM.

Coming up in the next few months are fall parades, tailgating, Tables DuJour, and more. We hope to see even more of you beautiful ladies at the many events there are to enjoy.

Have a great Fall, enjoy the beautiful changes that the season bestows upon us.



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