



## POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



PHIL LANDIS AND FAMILY

**A**s I compose this message it becomes apparent our year is rapidly coming to an end. This has been a busy year with major changes to the Shrine Healthcare System. We have sold our Hospital and are in the process of building a new facility in Woodbury, expanded our relationship with Gillette Children's, the addition of Teladoc, building a new partnership with Father Flannigan's Boy's town, and expanding local relationships. Some of the measures taken seem extreme but with the ever changing medical landscape it became necessary to continue to provide the best care for our patients. If you would like to learn more about what is happening with the Healthcare System or ways to help, Roger Baier our Hospital Board member is ready to discuss.

Kem ran two successful Hospital Fundraisers this year those being Football and Tables du Jour. The Football game was once again a great success being played in Grand Forks and Fargo next year. This is a major fundraiser and is the number 3 game in the system. Think about it for a minute. North Dakota has the 3rd largest game in the entire system. I have listened to discontent from both sides in regard to our units and clubs responsibilities for this event. My answer is this THIS IS A HOSPITAL FUNDRAISER this is why we are Shriners, this is what Shriners do. The time put in by the past and present management of the football committee to make this fundraiser a success has been immense. I (and every Shriner should) applaud them for their success. Tables du Jour is another great fundraiser with decorated tables and tuxedoed waiters serving a brunch. There is one table of ladies who come up with a "unique" theme every year but if you think about it could only go one way as their leader can only be described as unique. Again a fun event doing what Shriners do: raising money for our Healthcare System.

Membership continues and will forever be a focus of our Fraternity. We now have tools in place to help grow our membership. We get tired of talking about it but we need to grow. Currently you must be a Mason to be a Shriner. If we

do not get off our butts and grow our Masonic Lodges there will be a day when we will no longer be Shrine Mason's. We cannot continue to just talk about it we need our lodges to grow. If our Blue Lodges grow Shrine membership will fix itself. I'm proud to be a Shrine Mason I do not want to lose the connection. I enjoy doing degree work and have been to Roseau, Grand Forks, Cavalier, Cooperstown, Larimore, and Fort Buford to help. I believe we have resurgence in lodges doing degree work. We all have friends who have friends who could be good Masons, good Masons make great Shriners. Do not let your vises prevent/hamper the growth of your lodge. I know members in my lodge let go for the "good of the order" and our Lodge continues to grow.

This year was busy attending the Circuses in Williston, Minot and Grand Forks great time even though Jake Windsor over pressured me "making sure" the bike ticket got opened. The Minot Potentates Ball and Spring Ceremonial and the hospitality extended to my family. I still hear from Mellissa "you never gave me flowers like that". MSA and Imperial sessions, Rocking the Forks, Bemidji and ND Shrine Bowls and the most important getting to help with degree work in our lodges.

Our Fraternity is a Great Organization and I will forever be indebted to those who have helped with their time and guidance. A special thank you to the Mobile Nobles for all their support during the year. I thank you all for helping our Shrine thrive and look forward to the memories not yet created, Again Thank you.

Yours in the faith.

Philip Landis

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# SHRINE 2020 ANNUAL MEETING

## HOTEL ROOMS

The annual meeting for the Kem Shrine will be held on January 11 th , 2020. Kem Has reserved a block of rooms at the TownHouse Hotel in downtown Grand Forks.

The Ladies luncheon will also take place at the TownHouse on Saturday morning.

Please make your reservations before December 27, 2019. After that date rooms may not be available at the block rate. For reservations, please call the TownHouse and ask for the Kem Shriners block of rooms. The number to call is 701-746-5411. The address is 710 1st Avenue N, Grand Forks, ND

More information about the weekend can be found in this issue of the Burning Sands

## TABLES DU JOUR THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone that helped with Tables Du Jour this year to make it another successful year.

We were down in table and guest numbers but we do believe everyone had a good time. We have already started working on some new table hostesses for next year, the more people we can bring in from outside gives us more opportunity to tell the Shrine Healthcare story and find more patients.

8AM COFFEE & DONUTS  
 9:30 AM ANNUAL MEETING: 2020 DUES CARD  
 REQUIRED

11 AM OFFICER INSTALLATION ANNUAL MEETING: 2020 DUES CARD

REQUIRED

1 PM UNIT REPS MEETING (CIRCUS, FOOTBALL, MEMBERSHIP, PR)

2 PM DIVAN PICTURE

2:30 PM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

LADIES LUNCHEON –Saturday -January 11th- TownHouse Hotel

10:30 AM REGISTRATION

11:00 AM LUNCH \$20

POTENTATE'S RECEPTION – Saturday, January 11th- Grand Forks MASONIC CENTER

DRESS: Formal, Semi-Formal (Divan Tux's)

6:00 PM Social

7:00 PM Dinner

8 PM DANCE TO "The Front Fenders"

\$25 per person/ \$40 per couple

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RSVP BY JAN 3, 2020, please call Carol @ 701-

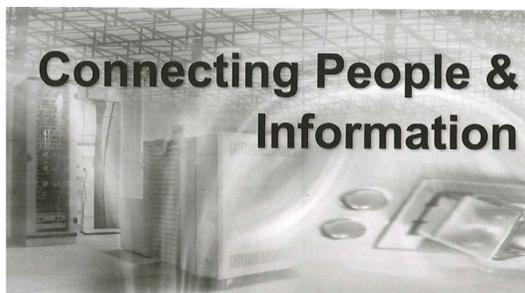
772-7125 OR EMAIL [Kemshriners@ymail.com](mailto:Kemshriners@ymail.com)

# All You Can Eat!

# Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, February 23rd, 8am to 1pm  
 East Grand Forks VFW  
 Adults \$5, Family \$15

Proceeds of this event are for the Benefit of the KEM Cycle Corps. Payments are not deductible as a charitable contribution. We would like to thank our corporate sponsors: McDonald's, N.D. State Mill and Elevator, Simplot, L & M Meats, EGF VFW.



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**KEN "DIZZY" GILLESPIE, TOP CLOWN OF THE SHRINE**

**K**enneth Gillespie also known as "Dizzy the Clown" will be installed as President of the International Shrine Clown Association (ISCA) in San Antonio Texas. The ISCA session will be hosted by the NEMNUF (FUNMEN) spelled backwards) clowns from February 19-23 and Ken will be installed on the 22nd .

For 46 years he has served Shrinedom well. He has performed many duties for the Shrine including President of the Minot Shrine Club and Merryman, Director of the Northwest Shrine Circus, KEM Hospital representative and Chaplin for ISCA. He is President of the North Dakota State Fair clowns and Past President of the World Clown Association. These are just a few of the positions he has held.

Ken has received many, many awards for his skits and costume designs and is a Judge for clown competition at the various clown and Shrine events. Ken is also a recipient of the KEM Shriner of the Year award. His main goal as a Shrine clown has been to raise money through the Red Sneaker fund for burn research.

In the local Minot area Dizzy is well known and respected. Words like awesome, wonderful and funny are some of the nice words that describe him on Facebook. He loves to bring a smile to children as well as adults. Through the years Dizzy has represented KEM Shriners and the Minot Shrine Club well. He loves to Clown and we are proud of him.



**KEN "DIZZY" GILLESPIE**



**KEM SHRINE UNIFORMED UNITS  
 CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**The 2019 KEM Units Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, Dec 7th**

**Social 6:00**  
**Dinner 7:00**

**Featuring;**  
**Blackjack**  
**Photo Booth**  
**Music; Kenny and the Classics**  
**Door Prizes, Babysitting available**

*(We encourage you to wear your Christmas sweater or tie.)  
 Please RSVP to Carol @ 701-772-7125 OR EMAIL [Kemshriners@ymail.com](mailto:Kemshriners@ymail.com)*

# POTATO BOWL PARADE



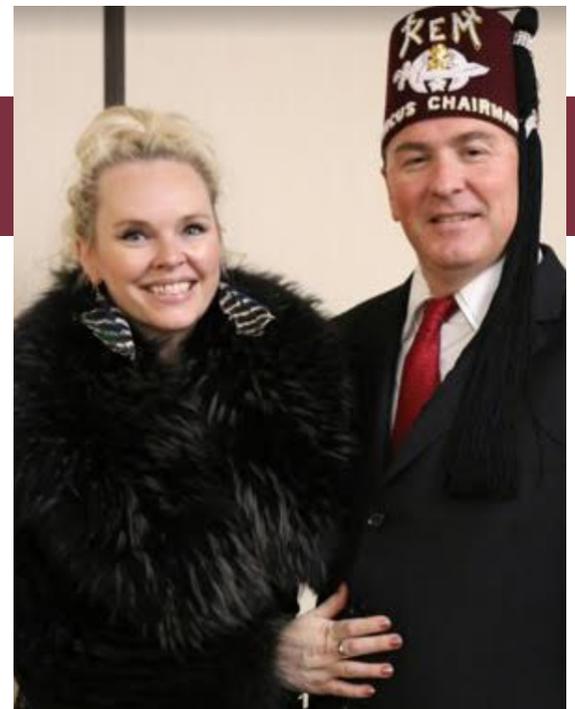
# MINOT PO



# BEMIDJI SHRINE FOOTBALL PARADE



## TENTATES



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### December

- 7 Hospital Kids Christmas party. Units Christmas party
- 12 Units meeting Grand Forks

### January

- 11 Annual Potentates Ball
- Annual Meeting Events

### March

- 7 KEM Wild Game Feed

## TABLES DU JOUR PHOTOS



## TABLES DU JOUR



It was "Chow Time" at the Order of the Eastern Star table at Tables du Jour. Their their dog theme highlighted the organizations ongoing support of Service Dogs for America out of Jud, ND.



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KEM SHRINE

Ron Bergh  
&  
Lady Nancy

Request the pleasure of your company at the annual Potentates Ball  
SATURDAY, JAN 11, 2020  
Social Hour 6pm Introductions and Dinner at 7pm Dance 8-11  
Dinner \$25 per person \$40 per couple  
Dance to the Front Fenders

Please RSVP to Carol at the KEM office by January 3rd at: 7017727125

RIDING TO THE RESCUE 2020

LADIES LUNCHEON  
TOWNHOUSE HOTEL  
REGISTRATION 10:30 AM  
LUNCH 11:00 AM  
\$20 PER PERSON

TO HONOR LADY MELISSA AND CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR

RSVP TO CAROL  
KEM OFFICE 7017727125

BLOCK OF ROOMS RESERVED UNDER KEM  
RESERVE BY DEC 27TH 2019

## Free Screening Clinic

for Children with Bone, Muscle, or Joint Problems

Thursday, December 12, 2019  
8 AM – 11 AM

Lake Region District Health Unit  
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## KEM ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, December 11th, 9:30 a.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 2020 dues card. Please wear your Fez.

Attest

Yours in the Faith,

*Dale Duchscherer*  
Dale Duchscherer

*Phil Landis*  
Phil Landis

PP, Recorder

Potentate

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# Ladies Corner



the Twin Cities. The Twin Cities location is the only Healthcare system in the Shriner's network that has an auxiliary. This auxiliary is supported by the many temples that the Healthcare system serves.

As some people are aware, the Shriner's Hospital facility in the Twin Cities has been sold and a new clinic facility is being built in Woodbury, Minnesota. The WGA will continue to support the children by providing wheelchairs for them. There are many revisions necessary for the wheelchairs as the children grow and participate in various activities. It is through the help of the Auxiliary that they can have the wheelchairs they need at no cost to their parents. The annual budget for the wheelchairs is \$350,000.

The WGA will continue to provide Christmas stockings for the children in December. They are working on determining the best way to store the gifts as the facility being built will not have nearly the storage space they used to have at the hospital.

Due to the lack of storage space, the WGA4Kids is asking the temples who are collecting pop tabs to please cash them in locally and send the funds to the WGA4Kids or their local auxiliary.

Donations made to the Kem Auxiliary are then forwarded to WGA4Kids at Shriners Healthcare for Children. These donations stay in our local area and are used for the benefit of the patients to be treated at the facility in Woodbury.

Kem Women's Auxiliary has not done a fundraiser for a couple of years due to the uncertainty that existed regarding the status of the hospital. Now that we know what is happening, we'll get back on track and be soliciting donations once again.

**T**his edition of the Ladies Corner is dedicated to learning more about WGA4Kids. You may know it as the Womens Auxiliary.

Laurie Christianson has been gracious enough to put this piece together for us to give us more information of the direction we are going with our model of Healthcare changing in the Twin Cities.

Laurie is the President of the Kem Women's Auxiliary. You will see more in the coming year about how we can help WGA4Kids reach their goals.

## WGA4Kids

The Kem Women's Auxiliary is organized to raise funds to support the work of the Women's General Auxiliary (WGA4Kids) of the Shriner's Healthcare for Children in

Laurie Christianson

President

Kem Women's Auxiliary

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