



POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

As I write this article, we are all experiencing unprecedented disruptions to our daily lives and routines. With the COVID-19 outbreak, we're experiencing a unique moment in history. At a time when we would normally be welcoming spring and preparing for our circuses and parades, we find ourselves wondering how long will this last and what will be cancelled next.

Many tough decisions have had to be made regarding many of our lodge, temple and association events, with some being rescheduled and others cancelled for 2020. I can assure you that all these decisions have been and will continue to be made with the health and safety of our nobles, families and communities as the priority. Please keep in mind that all the upcoming events mentioned in this issue may also need to be postponed or cancelled in the future.

2020 got off to a great start. Kem made the trek up north to Regina, Canada, for the Winter Midwest Session. There were sessions with updates on donor and public relations, insurance, membership, patient recruitment, and the MSA Summer Session. We followed that up with our Circus Kick Off and another successful Wild Game Feed. Kem gained 3 new nobles at our St Patrick's day Ceremonial.

Nancy and I traveled to San Antonio Texas to Support Ken (Dizzy) Gillespie as he was installed as the President of the International Shrine Clown Association (ISCA) for 2020. Past Imperial Potentate Dale Stauss presented Dizzy his Kem ISCA Presidents Fez. During this trip we also witnessed our very own Williston Happy Chaps taking second place in their very first Group Skit Competition.

In closing, please remember that the impression you make while wearing a Fez may be someone's only impression of who the Kem Shriners are. As we approach summer—and ultimately the parade season—let's all think about how we can build interest in Kem Shrine and how we can grow our fraternity. If you know a Master Mason who is not a Noble, please



POTENTATE RON BERGH

invite him to join the Shriners. If you have a family member, friend or co-worker who you know to be a good man, invite him to join your Masonic lodge. If you know a Mason or a Noble who has left us, invite him back.

Ron Bergh

Ron Bergh

2020 Kem Shrine Potentate

2020 PARADE SCHEDULE

MARCH

MARCH 14TH 3PM ST. PATRICKS DAY CEREMONIAL
GRAND FORKS

JUNE

JUNE 6TH 3PM GRAND FORKS SPRING
CEREMONIAL
JUNE 7TH 5PM ERSKINE, MN
JUNE 13TH 11AM FINLEY, ND
JUNE 20TH 3PM ANETA, ND
JUNE 20TH 11AM ST THOMAS, ND
JUNE 27TH 10AM MAYVILLE, ND
JUNE 27TH 12PM ARGYLE, MN
JUNE 27TH 10AM GRAFTON, ND

JULY

JULY 4TH 10AM HATTON, ND
JULY 4TH 11AM PARK RIVER, ND
JULY 4TH 4PM PEMBINA, ND
JULY 4TH 10AM WALHALLA, ND
JULY 5TH 1PM BEMIDJI WATER CARNIVAL
JULY 11TH 2PM STEPHEN, MN
JULY 12TH 2PM FERTILE, MN
JULY 15TH 7PM THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN
JULY 18TH 11AM LARIMORE, ND
JULY 18TH 10AM HOPE, ND
JULY 18TH 10AM DRAYTON, ND
JULY 18TH 10AM MINOT, ND STATE FAIR
JULY 22ND 6PM WARREN, MN
JULY 25TH 11AM NORTHWOOD, ND

AUGUST

AUG 1ST 10:30AM MOUNTAIN, ND
AUG 8TH 10:30AM KARLSTAD, MN
AUG 13TH REGINA, SK
AUG 15TH MOOSE JAW, SK
AUG 22ND 7PM CROOKSTON, MN

SEPTEMBER

SEPT 6TH 1PM STUMP LAKE, ND
SEPT 7TH 1PM STUMP LAKE, ND
SEPT 26TH 1PM BEMIDJI, MN SHRINE BOWL
PARADE

OCTOBER

OCT 3RD 10AM POTATO BOWL PARADE
OCT 10TH 10AM UND HOMECOMING
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2020 CIRCUSES RESCHEDULED



Grand Forks Kem Circus Rescheduled

Following the CDC Covid-19 directives the Grand Forks Kem Shrine Circus has been rescheduled to August 28-30. The circus will still be held at the Ralph Engelstad Arena. Ticket sales have been suspended and will resume June 11th. All tickets dated "2020" will be honored. Please mark your calendars and support our circus.

Minot Shrine Club Cancels 2020 Northwest Shrine Circus

The Minot Shrine Club Circus Board has made the decision to cancel the 2020 Northwest Shrine Circus. Due to the recent impact that the COVID-19 virus has had on our region, our main concern now is the health and well being of our community. Plans are being made to have the Shrine Circus next year in the spring of 2021.

Williston Circus

As this issue goes to print The Williston Basin Shriners have postponed their circus and are working with their promoter on rescheduling options.

KEM QUARTERLY MEETING

Thursday, July 16th, 6:30 p.m.

Masonic Center, Grand Forks 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 2020 dues card. Please wear your Fez.

Attest

Yours in the Faith,

Dale Duchscherer	Ron Bergh
PP, Recorder	Potentate



JUST ONE

Who do you know that would make a good Shrine Mason?

2020 membership

2020 started with the membership team setting up our new membership booth at the men's show! We had a great time visiting with all of the show attendees and I would like to thank all of the people that stopped by our booth to visit, as well as all of the Nobles that took the time to man the booth at the 3 day show.

In the exciting membership news category, Lynn Misialek became our new region 4 membership director! Congratulations Lynn!

I wish I had some more exciting news to announce about our next event and location but I'm sure everyone knows the reason why. But until we can get out and meet again, will we stay committed to the 4 Rs of membership, Retention, Recruitment, Restoration, and Relationships. Please feel free to contact me on any membership questions you may have!

Terry Jenson

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BROTHERS,

Things are changing rapidly across the State of North Dakota, with businesses being told to close and people being asked to stay home. I think its only proper for our Lodges to follow suit, by limiting the exposure of our more at-risk brothers, friends and family members. I also know there are many Lodge functions that this will affect, I haven't taken any of this lightly. When postponing and rescheduling Lodge functions please look ahead to the likelihood of things being back to some kind of normal, whatever that may be.

The following guidelines are to be implemented immediately by all Lodges in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge AF&AM of North Dakota.

- 1- All Masonic buildings will be limited to less than 10 people including rentals.
- 2- All Masonic Degree work will be postponed.
- 3- All Lodge meetings will be limited to less than 10 people.
 - A- Please limit meetings to business only
 - B- A social distance of 6 feet must be maintained. Special care must be taken if opening or closing of a meeting, (please avoid contact).
 - C- Lodge Masters please contact the Grand Lodge office with your cancellations

These guidelines are to remain in effect until May 1st , 2020.

Brothers this is new territory for us all. Lets do our part by helping to slow COVID-19. Also let's not forget our brothers who may be alone. Call, text or email them. Make sure that they have some contact with you and others. There are many ways to maintain our Brotherhood, maybe even some new ideas.

There will be updates coming as things progress, please take care of yourselves and others.

Fraternally,

Lowell Domier

Grand Master North Dakota



NEW EMAIL SYSTEM

While we do our best to include as much information as possible in our Burning Sands and at our Units Council meetings, we also may send out important information via email. Kem has been using an email program called Emma which displays the email as coming from office@kemshriners.com. We are currently testing an email program managed thru WebFez which utilizes the current Noble information on file with Shriners International. When you notify the Kem office of changes to your contact information, our secretary updates the WebFez database. However, each of you can manage your own information in the WebFez program. Please use the below instructions to register and log in to WebFez to view and update your Shrine information. Be sure to add ro-shriners@readyop.com to your safe sender list to ensure you receive emails sent thru the WebFez system.

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RAMBLINGS FROM THE WEST

How life can change so suddenly. Just when things are running smoothly a wrench gets thrown into the gears. I have some good news and not so good news.

Good news first.

Our Brother and Shrine Noble Ken Gillespie (Dizzy the Clown) was installed as President of the International Shrine Clown Association in February. He's from Minot in case you didn't know. A contingent from KEM was there to witness the event. Imperial Sir Dale Stauss was there to place the fez upon his proud head. Ken has deserved this great honor. He has devoted much of his life in being the "best" clown and we applaud him for this distinguished achievement. For more information about Dizzy take a look at our website at shriners@minot.com. We in Minot are also very blessed and proud of Lady Karen Anderson. She is the person behind the scenes in maintaining the Minot Shrine Club website. Karen takes lots of pictures for our club and you can see many of her pictures in the Burning Sands. Lady Karen does such a nice job in making us look good. When she comes strolling along with her camera and that contagious smile, you know you're going to get your picture taken. Speaking of Ladies, there are so many ladies like Karen who support our Shrine. Year after year they come out and help with our activities. They decorate, they work behind the scenes, they work at our Circuses. Many ladies work just as hard as or more than we do. I never hear them complain. They always look nice, and they always have a smile and a kind word. Ladies of the KEM Shrine, we thank you for what you do.

In March I attended the Assistant Rabban Seminar in Tampa Bay. It was a three-day session and I left with many ideas for our year in 2022. As you know, 2022 marks the 150th year of Shriners and 100 years of Shrine Hospitals. Past Grand Master Bob Conley from Michigan gave a presentation on "Mindset". The concept of thinking about other people instead of yourself. It is a concept that we as Shriners should practice every day. It is the tenets of Masonry; Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Also discussed were membership, finance, budget, Shrine law and again membership. I thank the Nobility for sending me to this important conference. Listening to the leadership from other Temples at the seminar we are fortunate in being blessed with our Past Potentates. They seem to leave their year just as good if not better than the previous and they know the word past. Thank you.

Some not so good news. With the Coronavirus going around it has really changed our lifestyle. I hate this! I hate the way it has changed our fraternity. Instead of being with our Brothers we are self-quarantined. Our Circus in Minot for the first time in 66-years has been cancelled. The Grand Forks Circus has been postponed. Our meetings and programs have been cancelled. Usually at this time of the year we are out in the community selling Circus tickets so every K-6 child has an opportunity to attend the circus free. Our sponsors are trying to stay in business. It's a rough time for them and it might take a long time to recover. We will not have the revenue to support our hospitals like we have had in the past. I guess this too shall pass.

Membership is a constant struggle for most service organizations. Shriners International

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is losing approximately 5,000 members a year due to deaths and suspensions for non-payment of dues. With that in mind we must always think about recruiting new members as well as retaining our current members. Some of our Shriners have been laid off and, in the future, might not be able to pay their Masonic or Shrine dues. Whatever we do we need to keep them involved and current and not let them slip through the cracks. Membership and brotherly love is what keeps our fraternity going.

Lastly I want to end with a good note. Thanks to all the KEM Shriners for making KEM Temple what it is. Whenever the name KEM is mentioned Shriners from other temples take notice. We are respected. We had 18-years of positive growth. They see the name KEM on the fez and the names of Imperial Sirs Dale and Jim are mentioned. They have represented KEM and Shriners International well for many years. Makes a KEM Shriner like me proud. Well, like my Granddaughter said to me, "watch out for the Zombies, they may have the virus. Be smart and stay safe."

In the faith and fraternally,

Ron Penfold, Assistant Rabban



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This is not an infomercial!

Greetings. This is an update on what has been happening at the Shriners Healthcare for Children-TC.

First of all, the new Woodbury Clinic construction is moving along and still on schedule for June 29 opening date. Dedication of the new clinic has been set for May 30. **WE NEED PATIENTS!** Bruce Krabseth in Williston has been busy in setting up screening clinics in western North Dakota. If you have any children who could utilize a screening clinic, you should contact Bruce with any questions. His contact info is 701-570-4148. You may also call the Intake Coordinator in the Twin Cities at 612-596-6105.

If you know of a potential patient, please call the above Twin Cities number to expedite the process.

Dates for the new Woodbury Shrine Healthcare for Children Clinic are as follows:

- ☐ May 30 – clinic dedication in Woodbury
- ☐ June 20-28 – moving dates; patients will not be scheduled during these dates
- ☐ June 29 – first day to see patients at the new Woodbury clinic
- ☐ July 31 – last day in the current hospital building as University of Minnesota will be taking over the hospital campus on that day

July 31 also marks the retirement date of clinic administrator, Charlie Lobeck. He has done a great job with the transition work from hospital to the outpatient clinic model, and overseeing the clinic construction.

Units, please be aggressive and contact any healthcare providers, school nurses, clergy, social services agencies, etc. in your unit area to help identify future patients. If any of these groups know of any potential patients, please have them contact your unit president. Family members of the potential patient call directly to Twin Cities at 612 596-6105. Services include procedures for spinal disorders, cerebral palsy, limb deficiencies, spina bifida, and sports related injuries, to name a few.

This is an exciting time for Twin Cities Healthcare for Children, as we are the

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 June 2nd 8:00 – 11:00 am | Minot, ND
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model that other Shrine Hospitals in the nation could become. Another aspect of this model is adding outreach clinics across our region where our providers travel to see patients closer to their home. (Bismarck is one example.) This reinforces the slogan, "More Kids, More Places".

Update: Twin Cities Shrine Healthcare for Children will be seeing only essential and urgent patients only until further notice. Please advise patient family members that they should call before they go to the clinic as restrictions are in place.

Thank you for allowing me to represent the Kem Temple in the Board of Governor capacity.

Sincerely, Roger Baier, B.O.G. — Twin Cities

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2020 ORIENTAL GUIDE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Nobles and Ladies of KEM Shrine,

My Lady Kim and I had the honor and privilege of attending the 2020 Oriental Guide Conference in Tampa, FL from March 4th to the 7th. The conference is part of the Shriners International Education Foundation to help increase knowledge and improve the performance of every Shrine Center. This was one of the largest classes they have had, with 177 Nobles and 123 Ladies.

The first day was for registration and a tour of the Shriners International building in Tampa along with an evening reception at the hotel. The agenda for the next three days was filled with training workshops and breakouts in large and small groups for the Nobles and the Ladies. We started at 8:00 am and went to 5:00 each day. There was a lot of information and motivation given in those few days.

Imperial Sir Jeff Sowder spoke at the conference. Imperial Sir Bill Bailey and his Lady Debby were presenters at the men's and the ladies' workshops. Along with Imperial officers, we also had a couple from ND, Matt and Mandi Stur-laugson, who led several of the breakouts. Matt is also running for the office of Imperial Outer Guard at the 2020 Imperial Session in Kansas City. Some of the topics discussed at the conference were involving families in Shrine events, fundraising, budget and finance, Shrine Law and protocol, including membership and how important the Masonic Lodges are to the success of the Shriners. To remind us why we are Shriners, we also had a very emotional presentation from patients of a Shrine Hospital in Florida.

A big part of the conference is to meet new people and exchange information to help each other. Kim and I did meet lots of new people with great ideas, plus we had a great time at the conference. We want to thank Kem Shrine for sending us to the conference and we are ready to put the information into action.

Sincerely,

Steve Renslow, Oriental Guide

SPRING CEREMONIAL

Illustrious Potentate Ron Bergh and Lady Nancy cordially invite all Nobles and Ladies to attend the 2020 KEM Shriners Spring Ceremonial Activities. The events will take place on June 5th and 6th in Grand Forks, ND.

Festivities will kick off on Friday with a Men's Golf Outing. Time and place are still being determined. Friday evening all Kem Ladies are invited to a dinner party at Ely's Ivy Downtown Grand Forks at 6:00 PM. There will be a hospitality room at the hotel following Friday's events.

Saturday begins at the Masonic Center with lunch at 11:00 followed by candidate registration and voting. The Ceremonial will commence at 1:00.

At 2:30 the parade units will line up at South Middle School, 1999 47th Ave S. The Kem parade will step off on 20th St South at 3:00. It will end at the Masonic park where we will have a Family picnic with food, beverages and games for all ages. There will be a hospitality room at the hotel following the picnic.

A block of rooms has been reserved under Kem Shrine at Country Inns and Suites 3101 S 42nd St.

The cost is \$120.00 per night + tax. This block will be held until May 6th.

With current events some things are a bit difficult to confirm so additional details may be announced closer to the event.

To get an idea for food and beverages please RSVP to office@kemshriners for the picnic to let us know how many family members will be attending.



KIM AND STEVE RENSLOW

IVANHOE CHAPTER OF DEMOLAY

Our order is called Demolay International and we are the Ivanhoe chapter of Demolay. We are a group of young men that are learning to lead others and better represent each other. We are a service organization that are here to help better our local communities. We make lefse 2 or 3 times a year. We do it as a fundraiser and in February we go to Valley 4000 to give fresh lefse to the residents and staff. We help direct people that have a handicap and their families to find seats and enjoy the circus. We have collected garbage from the side of the interstate. Along with regular meetings we also do fun activities such as bowling, movies, dances, skating, swimming, games, archery, and defense training. We have regular meetings the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month that start at 6:30.

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KEM WILD GAME FEED



The Kem Wild Game Feed was held March 7, 2020, at the Grand Forks Masonic Center. This event was a Kem and unit fundraiser with units receiving \$5.00 for each ticket sold. A sincere thank you to those that sold tickets to help make this a successful fundraiser. Three units sold over 100 tickets apiece!

The committee that spearheaded the wild game feed this year was Steve Renslow, Terry Jenson, Geoff Bengtson, and Tor Bergstrom. Special mention to Terry Jenson as he did a bang-up job planning the menu, prep work, and cooking the items. Numerous food choices were added to the cuisine, offering a spectacular selection. Terry created bacon-wrapped shrimp, buffalo burritos, elk lasagna, macaroni & cheese with garlic deer sausage. Several Nobles stepped up to help in the kitchen, demonstrating their culinary skills as well. A special homemade touch happened the week before producing delicious sausage in Minto. Thank you to Ted Anderson for setting up the processing facilities and obtaining the secret recipe. Much fun and fellowship occurred that day.

The event was once again well attended, filling in the banquet area. Gift certificates for twelve guns were drawn and other drawings for prizes were held throughout the night. Thank you to Steve Adams for making a deck cooler, and to Bob Prondzinski for selling a considerable number of tickets for this item. Another big thank you goes out to those that donated items for the drawings. Between all the food and fun, it was another successful game feed for Kem Temple.

KEM TEMPLE INTRODUCES NEW FUNDRAISER

Exciting news! Kem Temple is introducing a new fundraiser with a 100-Gun Raffle. Kem Temple will be selling \$20 tickets for a 100 gun give away. The drawing will happen before the Fabulous Armadillos concert on September 26, 2020.

The raffle is a Kem /unit fundraiser, where \$5/ ticket sold goes to the unit. Please contact your Unit President for more details regarding ticket sales. Since this is the kickoff year for the raffle, tickets will be sold throughout the Kem Temples region from Bemidji to Williston. We need all your help from selling to buying tickets to make this project successful. Please note tickets are due back to Kem Temple by August 1, 2020.

Again, please contact your Unit Presidents for more information. Please direct any additional questions to the Kem Temple Office.

COOPERSTOWN MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOCIATION FUND RAISER

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, and in following the advice of our President and leadership of the U.S.A., the decision has been made to postpone the Northern Mayflower Lodge #45 Fundraiser (formerly April 18, 2020) until October 24, 2020. Tickets will be refunded if you so wish, or they will be redeemable at the October date held.

Please contact your salesperson for more information.



CIRCUS KICKOFF



RAINBOW GIRLS



We are the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls Grand Forks assembly # 2. We are a group of young women learning service and how to be better leaders. We are a service organization that are here to help our local communities. We make lefse 2-3 times a year. In February we make lefse at valley 4000 for the residents and staff. We also do Reading with a Princess where we read to children. We do fun activities with Demolay such as bowling, dances, games, swimming, archery, and skating.

We have regular meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of the month that begin at 7 pm. Our Grand website has the dates for all state events. For more information call 218-314-9990.

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As I put together the article for this edition of The Sands it's a bit difficult as we are living through something none of us ever thought we would experience. I pray that by the time you are all reading this, things will be starting to turn around. We are putting all the upcoming events in this issue of The Sands with the hope of things being better in the next few weeks.

We are trying to do a Ladies event every month this year. For those of you that have Facebook if you have not joined the KEM Ladies page, please do. If you do not have Facebook I hope that word of mouth from other KEM ladies gets to you. Everyone is always welcome to all events we try to organize. April's monthly event will be canceled and we will see where things stand in May.

The Spring Ceremonial is still slated for June 5-6th. It will be back in Grand Forks this year. The last 2 years it has been in Minot. Thank you to all those folks who had helped facilitate it there.

This year is going to be a little different; we are planning a dinner for the Ladies on Friday, June 5th, instead of the ladies luncheon that is usually held on Saturday. We ask you to wear Garden Party Attire; we will start with cocktails on the patio at Ely's Ivy at 6 and dinner inside at 7.

They are allowing us to order off the menu and you will pay for your own drinks and dinner. Ladies please RSVP for this event to Carol at KEM office 701-772-7125 by May 22nd.

Saturday we are going to host an event for the entire family. We will be having an old fashioned family picnic with lots of food, beverages, and games for all ages. The Ceremonial details are listed in this edition. After the Ceremonial will be the Units Parade which will be held on the Southside of Grand Forks, ending at the Masonic Park.

There are a few other details that will be announced closer to the event. With current events some things are a bit difficult to confirm. When calling in to RSVP for the picnic let us know how many family members will be attending. It would be a glorious time for us to celebrate our Shine family with all that has been going on.

We are continuing to raise money for the Ladies Auxiliary by selling the Jewelry. You can contact me by either calling texting me at 701-740-0562. I can mail out to you for an additional \$5.

Blessings and Good Health to all of you!

Nancy Bergh, Lady of Ron Bergh, Potentate KEM Shrine

***As stated in the beginning of this article, all of this is subject to change with what is going on in the world today.**

NEWS FROM THE UNIFORMED UNITS

On February 13, 2020 the Uniformed Units Council met for the distribution of circus tickets.

The Meeting was called to order by President Paul Hanson. After the minutes were read and approved, the circus kick off was presented by Tom Hansen and Ron Bergh. Instructions and advice on sales were given. Young and energetic Shriners were encouraged to be on the circus committees.

The units presented their upcoming events.

In discussion, the group discussed the plans for the upcoming year: Were there to be monthly meetings as before or should the meetings be held quarterly to coincide with the Divan? Low attendance at monthly meetings was a concern. And what would the implications be if the group met quarterly? Would we lose bonding and conversation with friends and colleagues? It was noted that Quarterly meetings would be more

efficient. Potential speakers or entertainment could be used to generate interest.

Following discussion, a straw poll was taken. 25 voted for quarterlies while 14 voted for monthlies. The Uniformed Units meeting for April has been canceled. The next Meeting will be May 14th.