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BURNING SANDS

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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

Hello Nobles and Ladies!

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy during these uncertain times we are all experiencing. It has impacted our way of life and our ability to serve as a Shrine temple and family. It seems like the cancellations and postponements are never ending. Not only our Shrine meetings and activities, but for our family and community events as well.

By now you may have heard that the KEM Board of Directors has made the difficult decision to cancel the rescheduled 2020 KEM Circus in Grand Forks. With many sponsoring businesses closed or at reduced patronage and the other uncertainties with the social distancing requirements, we felt it was the best decision. Thank you to those of you who had already called on our ticket sponsors. We will apply these contributions to the 2021 circus or make refunds if requested.

The North Dakota Shrine Bowl Board has also cancelled this year's games which were scheduled for July 18th in Fargo. The Board is currently working on a way to recognize the players who had already been selected to play this year.

Additionally, we are postponing the Spring Ceremonial and related festivities. We are aware of many potential candidates who are waiting for lodges to reopen so they can complete the Masonic obligation prior to joining KEM.

As we continue to receive notice of additional event cancellations and postponements, we will send out updates by email.

Lastly, the past few months have been a trying time for Masonic and Shrine fraternities, we have missed many of our key opportunities to show the public who the KEM Shriners are and most importantly, what we do. As an organization we must move forward and make the best of the remaining year. I ask each of you to help keep KEM visible in our communities by wearing a KEM hat, shirt, jacket or pin. As always

if you know a Brother Master Mason who is not a Noble, invite him to join KEM. 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 Noble who has left us, invite him back.

One day this current situation will subside, and we will all get back to doing what Shriners do best,

Having Fun Helping Kids.

Yours in Faith,

Ron Bergh- Potentate 2020 KEM Shriners

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POTENTATE RON BERGH

NEWS

Staying connected to fellow nobles during times of social distancing Shriners Village Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Social distancing doesn't mean being socially disconnected. There are many ways our nobles, family and friends can keep in touch and support one another in these difficult and uncertain times. We've put together 6 ways to stay connected:

❑ Check in with fellow nobles by email, text and phone. This small gesture can make a huge difference.

❑ Arrange a regular Face Time call with a fellow noble or close friend for a virtual coffee date.

❑ Set up a Zoom meeting. An online conference call is a great way to continue your club or unit meetings or for several friends to catch up.

❑ Check in on friends on social media. In addition to the Shriners International social pages and your temple social channels, Shriners Around the World is an active group of nobles, families and supporters. Find the group on Facebook and connect with nobles across the globe.

❑ Gather friends for a Watch Party. Netflix is offering watch party options that allows friends to view movies together.

❑ Send a card or postcard to a friend or fellow noble. Go old school and surprise someone with a handwritten note.

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KEM QUARTERLY MEETING

Thursday, July 16th , 6:30 PM
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

49ers



For Information on the 49ers Contact
Brad Gufstafson or Perry Oster

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
UPDATE**

Following are bullet notes from the May 2020 meeting.

- ☐ Charlie Lobeck, current SCH administrator, has extended his retirement date to September 18.
- ☐ Minnesota Covid-19 restrictions as it relates to surgeries have been eased, and we are now scheduling surgeries at Gillette Children's Hospital using Gillette's guidelines.
- In April Kem stepped up and had 3 patients accepted at the SCH-TC. Great job everyone!
- Let's keep the momentum going! Looking at July to re-open outreach and screening clinics, of course subject to Covi-19 conditions.
- ☐ Woodbury Clinic opening date of June 29 is still on schedule. Last date we will be in the current facility will be July 31.
- Currently seeing 3-5 patients/day in the Twin Cities. Under normal conditions we would see 30-50/day. Telehealth services has increased and now seeing average of 100/week.
- ☐ Shrine hospital system Marketing Departments have now been consolidated system wide with us being in the central region. This will allow better communication, creating one voice, and allows TC marketing staff to be out in the public instead of behind a desk creating ads.
- ☐ Gala has been moved to October 31, from May 29.
- ☐ Shrine football game scheduled in July has been cancelled.

PROVOST HAS GONE TO THE BIRDS



Parades have been cancelled, Shrine June Ceremonial cancelled, Finley days, Aneta days, anything fun cancelled. But the Provost is living on the edge and is having our world famous golf tournament. The tournament will be held on June 26th at the historic Cooperstown Country Club right on the northwest edge of Cooperstown. We hope to have a full field of participants to make this another successful Provost event. Our raffle which is usually drawn at the golf tournament will be drawn in October at the Cooperstown Masonic Lodge Prime Rib fundraiser. The tickets should be available soon.

This concludes my report. Keep up the good work finding patients needing our services!! This is what we are all about.

Roger Baier



YOUR UNIT HERE

Write an article for the Sands!

Tell us about your unit, history, officers, meeting time and place, fundraisers and events. Include a unit photo or two.

Email to: tpolgrafix@gmail.com. Attach photos as attachments, not in the body of the email please.

Deadline for the next Sands is August 24th.

The Provost Facebook page has been a successful tool to communicate with members. When we first decided to create a page and I was nominated (railroaded) into running the page I asked "should our page be public or private?" Most people that night said private, but on the drive home I thought "why be private?" "Wouldn't we want non-Shriners see how much fun we are having?" "Maybe someone would want to join and also have fun." So I created the Kem Provost Facebook page, made it public, invited non-Shriner friends and family and started posting. Share the posts on your personal pages, invite friends and family to like the page, like and comment on the posts which helps me know I am getting the information out effectively. The best part of Facebook is that it's FREE in a world where nothing is free.

Golf tournament June 26th, Raffle drawn in October

PROVOST RULE

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT BURNING SANDS WILL BE AUGUST 24TH

KEM CHIEF OF STAFF

Nobles, I hope all is well and everyone is staying safe. The Parade season won't be the same this year with all June parades canceling. The Mayville Parade on 6/27 is rescheduled for 8/1 and will confirm that as we get closer. I will be reaching out to the July Parades as it gets closer as Groups are just kind of waiting to see what happens. We will post changes on our Facebook page as we receive them. Any questions you can email me at Ryan_Scott@sstransport.com or text 701-740-5211. Thank you and enjoy the summer.

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The Directors Staff consists of a limited number of members and we are in need a few more. Our official duty is to perform the Second Section and assist the Potentate in the Ceremonial and other exhibitions. This essentially means we set up the stage and backdrops which is a serious matter, but we also run the initiation which is quite the opposite. The KEM Shriners Directors Staff are also a parade unit. If you have attended any parades chances are you have seen us deftly maneuvering our powerful, smart, four wheeled ATV's in a near flawless sequence of synchronized routines, simultaneously revving our engines in unison thereby precisely hitting the proper note to provide musical accompaniment to our brothers of the Chanters Unit, who no doubt appreciate our selfless efforts. We do all this while swiftly avoiding children lunging for sugary treats along the parade route. If you are interested in helping out our unit, our annual dues are relatively low compared to other units and we do not ask for much more than the time you are willing to dedicate to have some fun, help move around a few lightweight objects and make a few new friends. Contact Mike Argenziano at 917-439-9587 or once this Corona Virus mess is over stop by the Shrine Lodge on the first Wednesday each month at 6PM, except during parade season when you can find us at the parades.

MOBILE NOBLES



First and foremost, we hope everyone has been able to stay safe and healthy during Covid-19. We are all saddened to see and hear of some of our favorite Shriner events being cancelled to the virus. On a positive note, our parade headliner "The Big Car", is going through an extensive and well-deserved upgrade. We will keep the details a secret for now but can't wait to roll it out for our first parade once things return to normal. Gun raffle tickets continue to be sold as well, feel free to reach out to any of our members and we will gladly aim you in the right direction. We are hopeful to have our next monthly meeting in June back at our Circus Barn Summer Home. Keep an eye out for an email update closer to. In the meantime, we hope you continue to stay safe and healthy and we will see you soon!

Darrin Looker & Scott Schultz on behalf of the Mobile Nobles



DIRECTORS STAFF

KEYSTONE KOPS

Hello from the Keystone Kops. We will soon be taking the Paddy Wagon out of storage and preparing it for summer parades and or events where possible.

We are always looking for new members with creative ideas based around the Model T - Paddy Wagon. Our jail is empty and we need more Koppers to go out there and enforce our trumped up rules. If your interested contact us.

Shane Orr - Captain - Special Under The Covers Unit.



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CYCLE CORPS BADLANDS RIDE

KEM Cycle Corps is having a 4th of July weekend ride out to the Badlands of North Dakota. You are invited to join the ride whether you are a KEM Cycle Corp member or not, so invite your friends and family for an amazing weekend of riding through the Badlands of North Dakota. Cars are welcome too! The Pitchfork fondue and Medora musical opens June 19th under the ND smart start guidelines and we plan to attend.

All hotel reservations and ticket purchases are to be done online @ Medora.com Please check the website for room rates. Make reservations for July 3rd and 4th. We will ride home on July 5th.

There will be a pre trip meeting June 29th at 6:30 pm at the KEM temple

Any questions please contact Jeremy Dombrowski @ 701-740-7268.

Jeremy Dombrowski
KEM Cycle Corp President



Week of May 24—30

Membership Update



UPDATE: SHRINERS LEGACY MONTH RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Shriners International Legacy Month will begin on June 1st, and we invite ALL Nobles to participate!



How can you get involved?

Share your Legacy!

During the month of June, we encourage ALL NOBLES to increase their social media presence, participating in many of the planned social media celebrations, always remembering to promote their pride in our fraternity!

- Share your fraternal or legacy story on social media, utilizing the hashtag #ProudShriner
- Post a photo of yourself and others wearing your fezzes
- Reset your profile photo, using the "Proud Shriner" Facebook frame (sample displayed to the right)
- Utilize the social media resources developed by the Shriners HQ Marketing & Communications team, available [here](#).



Expand your Legacy!

As we return from the prolonged quarantine, contact your eligible family members about becoming a Freemason and a Shriner. Direct them to the online resources provided at www.bea Freemason.org and www.bea shriner now.com to start the process, encouraging them every step of the way.



For More Information On The KEM Chanters Contact Duane Nelson or Dave Jahnke



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2020 CYCLE CORPS DINNER RIDES AND PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Kem Cycle Corps has a Dinner Ride scheduled for every Wednesday evening starting in May and ending in the last

week of August. We meet at the north side of the El Roco parking lot at 5:30 and we leave at 6:00 pm sharp! All bikes, cars, Shriners or not, all are welcome to ride with and join in on the camaraderie. We also have parade practice scheduled for the second and third Thursday of the month. We will practice in the parking lot on the west side of the Canad Inn at 7pm sharp

Schedules are subject to change due to COVID-19. Please stay informed by following us on Facebook for the most current up to date schedule. You may also contact Cycle Corps President Jeremy Dombrowski at 701-740-7268

Current dinner ride schedule

June 17th Pisek ND The Sandbar
June 24th Mayville ND La Cantina
July 1st Grafton ND Frosty Fox
July 8th Standquist MN Rainbow Club
July 15th Newfolden MN Hobo Haus
July 22nd Maple Lake MN Lakeview
July 29th Erskine MN Di Maggio's
August 5th Argyle MN The Dell Steakhouse
August 12th TRF MN Black Cat Sports Bar
August 19th Northwood ND Brass Rail Bar
August 26th Forest River ND Tom's Lounge

Current parade practice schedule

June 11th , 18th
July 9th , 16th , 30th
August 13th , 20th

All dinner rides and parade practices are subject to cancel due to weather conditions.

Cycle Corps President
Jeremy Dombrowski



CYCLE CORPS MEMBERS; RON BERGH, PAT ENDRES, CURTIS TANABE, PAUL ENDRES, RALPH APPLGREN, LARRY JOHNSON, TOM POL-LARD

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER AF&AM NORTH DAKOTA

MAY 31, 2020

NOTICE OF EDICT #6

BROTHERS,

Along with the State of North Dakota allowing businesses to reopen at slower pace, through the use of Social Distancing, Masks and Hand Sanitizing, It is time for our Lodges to begin their journey back. It is still the feeling of the Grand Lodge that as Masons we have a responsibility to protect our Brothers and their Families from the spread of the COVID-19 Virus.

THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS SHALL BE FOLLOWED BY ALL LODGES IN THE JURISDICTION OF NORTH DAKOTA:

1- Degrees will be allowed with the following stipulations:

A) All Candidate's, Conductors, (this includes SD & JD) Shall wear Masks for protection. B) Hand Sanitizer shall be used before each Section. C) Anyone who will come into contact with the candidates shall follow the same instructions. D) A social distance of 6' shall be maintained by all others

2- Regular Lodge Shall be conducted in the following manner:

A) A social distance of 6' shall be maintained B) The use of masks is highly encouraged C) Hand Sanitizer shall be readily available by entrances and restrooms

3- All alternate uses of our buildings shall follow these same Regulations.

THESE REQUIREMENTS SHALL REMAIN IN PLACE THROUGH JULY 31st, 2020.

I do understand that the COVID-19 Virus effects portions of North Dakota differently, so please consider the health of your Brothers when or if you begin to schedule regular meetings and Degrees.

This Order will be reviewed regularly.

Fraternally, Lowell Domier Grand Master, Grand Lodge North Dakota

William "Bob" Wedberg Jr. Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge North Dakota

GRAFTON CYCLEERS



GRAFTON CYCLEERS A FEW YEARS PAST, THE BIKE IS STILL AROUND JUST NEED A FEW MORE CYCLEERS TO JOIN. RED SOCKS REQUIRED.



R to L Bert Jackson, Ted Anderson, Joey Bjornson. For more information on the Cycleers contact Ted Anderson or Joey Bjornson.



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Hello Ladies!

How do we even begin to describe what we have all been going through? There are so many emotions, it's been a roller coaster. We've had to cancel so many Shrine events already and more to come. You never realize how much you miss your Shrine family between events until you can't be together. We are trying to stay connected through Facebook. We had a fun ZOOM Bingo that all ladies were invited to participate in. Thank You to Tammy Schmitz for facilitating our April event. We have also had a couple of virtual Scavenger Hunts for our May event with prizes for our winners. I had asked our ladies to submit some of their own personal stories of what they have been doing during this time of social distancing. Thank You for doing so.



DARLENE, LADY OF TED ANDERSON HAVE TOGETHER BEEN VERY BUSY DURING THE QUARANTINE. THEY MADE DANDELION JELLY, A BEER KEG TABLE, AND A COOL SIGN. THIS IS JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG OF THE PROJECTS THEY HAVE BEEN DOING.



DRIVE BY BIRTHDAY PARTIES



OUR POTENTATE'S STEPMOM TURNED 95, DUE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING THIS IS HOW HER HUSBAND AND NIECE HAD TO CELEBRATE WITH HER



THIS IS A SUBMISSION FROM MARY ADAMS, LADY OF STEVE. MARY HAS BEEN BUSY SEWING MASKS THAT SHE HAS BEEN DONATING.



KIM RENSLOW, LADY OF STEVE IS AN ESSENTIAL WORKER. SHE STARTED WORKING AT TUFTE MANOR IN THE MIDDLE OF MARCH. HER MOM IS A RESIDENT OF TUFTE SO A BENEFIT FOR BOTH OF THEM IS THAT THEY GET TO SEE EACH OTHER DAILY, AS THERE ARE NO VISITORS BEING ALLOWED.

As far as Ron and myself we have mostly been in the kitchen cooking and baking like never before. We have been working on a small remodel of our basement, and taking lots of car rides, just like the good old days. There is good to be found enjoying the simpler things in life. But the time apart from loved ones has been hard. We have not seen any of our Grandchildren since Christmas.

I feel this is a great time to acknowledge all the women of KEM. During this trying time we have been talking about all the essential workers that are getting us all through the pandemic. Amongst us we have women in health care, educators, business owners, we have women in the military, the service industry, and stay at home Moms, and many more occupations. You are all essential in the lives of your families. We applaud the women that you are every single day, and also as women of the Shrine. Helping our Nobles to better the life of a child.

We look forward to getting back to doing what we love, Having Fun Helping Kids.

Blessings and Good Health until we meet again!

Nancy Bergh, Lady of Ron Bergh Potentate KEM Shrine 2020



ZOOM BINGO



LOOKING BACK TO MARCH, I NEVER THOUGHT THAT COVID WOULD AFFECT US AS MUCH AND FOR SO LONG. MY HUSBAND AND I HAVE BEEN WORKING FULL TIME FROM HOME SINCE MID-MARCH, ALONG WITH ALMOST 80% OF OUR ENTIRE COMPANY. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME DISAPPOINTMENTS FOR SURE, LIKE OUR CANCELLED TRIP TO MEXICO, CANCELLED SHRINE EVENTS, AND NOT BEING ABLE TO SEE OUR PARENTS AND FRIENDS AT WILL. BUT, THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF LITTLE "LEMONADE MOMENTS" AS I LIKE TO CALL THEM — TURNING LEMONS INTO LEMONADE.

LESS LAUNDRY, FRESH COAT OF PAINT IN LIVING ROOM, 30 SECOND COMMUTE TO WORK, TRYING NEW RECIPES, SAVING MONEY ON GAS AND EATING OUT, CELEBRATING A SOCIALLY DISTANCED BIRTHDAY, AND CONNECTING WITH FRIENDS ON ZOOM

THIS A SUBMISSION FROM TAMMY SCHMITZ LADY OF ROGER AND HOW SHE IS DOING DURING THIS TIME.



BACK TOGETHER AGAIN WITH MY KIDS AND THE DOG.

Tiffany Stromberg, Lady of Landon Stromberg was gracious enough to give us a little insight into her life since this all began. She is an essential worker at Altru Hospital. Here is her story.

It all started March 10th. That was the last day I worked at my job in Altru Pediatric Therapy. My boss decided to move me to the hospital to work, so my husband Landon and I decided we would send our kids (Brooklyn age 7, Wyatt age 13) to his parents who are retired in Park Rapids to keep them safe. They left March 15th, however we had no idea how much would be affected by this virus. Ty our 17 year old went at a later date. My hours were cut so we were going to have them come back home but then I got sick and was tested for Covid-19, it was negative but they stayed at grandmas until I was well. Once I was well enough the outbreak in Grand Forks happened so we decided for them to stay longer. We Facetimed every evening, some nights they would tell me stories or Brooklyn would sing her school songs to me. Seeing how happy and content they were really helped me. The time flew by and over 6 weeks later I was



FACETIMING WITH THE KIDS DURING THE SEPARATION

able to meet my inlaws to pick the kids up! I had so much joy! My house definitely shows that the kids are home again but I wouldn't change it for anything. Now that we are all home we are making the best of it. Playing outside, going for walks, coloring, painting and playing games. This has definitely helped for us all to slow down and just enjoy each other even more. This year even before the virus has been extremely hard on me and I am sure many others, it also continues to do so. Life will throw a lot of storms in your way, you just need to learn how to dance in the rain. Find something positive about everything and you can get through anything.



DEB DOMIER, LADY OF PP LOWELL, IS THE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR AT THE HATTON NURSING HOME. WITH THE SOCIAL DISTANCING THE RESIDENTS CAN NOT HAVE VISITORS, THIS BEAUTIFUL LADY IS PLAYING HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO HER DAUGHTER WHO CAN'T COME IN.



NEIGHBORS SOCIAL DISTANCING CHECKING ON ONE ANOTHER



WE SURE DIDN'T "SEE" 2020 LOOKING LIKE THIS!

THE BAND



The KEM Band is always ready to entertain at the Circus!!! Can't wait to get back at it!!!

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 per 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.

4TH FLOOR FUNDRAISER



On August 22, the Fourth Floor Club will have the annual Fill the Fez fundraiser for the Shriners Children's at both Dusterhoft Family Store locations. Our meetings are the last Wednesday of the month, if you are interested in joining you can contact the president Nick Horst at (701) 610-6836 anyone you know in the Fourth Floor Club or just show up to one of the meetings.

SHRINE BOWL WEEK

We have been monitoring the COVID-19 situation across North Dakota and how it may impact what we refer to as "Shrine Bowl Week," inclusive of the player camp in Mayville, game day activities in Fargo and the ability to effectively conduct fundraising activities to support our mission. Based on the information available, the North Dakota Shrine Bowl Board has come to the difficult decision to cancel this year's games and the events surrounding the games.

The North Dakota Shrine Bowl Board will formulate and execute a plan to still honor the players selected by presenting each player with a game jersey, a mini-helmet with Shrine logo on it, and a small game program with their photos.

We are asking our units for a donation of \$500.00 to help defer this cost. These and any other donations would be appreciated by the ND Shrine Bowl.

The tradition will continue in 2021 and beyond.

Lynn Misialek, KEM Chairman

ND Shine Football Board

KEM DRUM & BUGLE CORPS



PHOTO IS FROM THE 2019 CROOKSTON OX CART DAYS PARADE. PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT IN THE PHOTO ARE, JOE DUNN FROM BEMIDJI, STEVE RENSLOW FROM GRAND FORKS, LARRY MCCONKEY FROM BEMIDJI, DON PAPRECK FROM BEMIDJI, LENNY JEMTRUD FROM DEVILS LAKE, BILL BATCHELDER FROM BEMIDJI, JIM URNESS FROM CROOKSTON, COURTNEY PULKRABEK FROM CROOKSTON, LON JORGENSEN FROM CROOKSTON, PALMER BERG FROM BEMIDJI, PAUL LESTER FROM GRAND FORKS. THE CROOKSTON AMERICAN LEGION HONOR GUARD MEMBERS, COREY CONNER, CHAD JACOBSON, KENT SCHAFER. NOT PICTURED, WAYNE BAUSTE FROM WEST FARGO, CYRUS PAUNCH FROM BEMIDJI.

The Drum & Bugle Corps is one of the oldest units in Kem Shrine. We have a great time representing Kem and the Shriners with a proud tradition of marching in parades. We have members from all over ND & MN. Most of our members live in the Bemidji area. The other members live in Devils Lake, Fargo and Grand Forks.

We had a great 2019 parade season by participating in 13 parades. Nearly every member attended every parade. This is a great group of very dedicated Nobles.

The Kem Drum & Bugle Corps is always looking for new members. If you would like to join a fun group and march in parades, please contact one of the members. They can help you with an instrument and get you into a uniform for marching and entertaining the crowds at parades.

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