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BURNING SANDS

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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

To say this has been an interesting year would be a great understatement. At a time when we would usually be talking about the fun and fellowship of the recent MSA, we are still experiencing the cancellation of most of our parades and shrine events. There have been a few exceptions, and all was not lost as several KEM units participated in the Park River parade on July 4th. Thanks to the Grafton Cycleers for post parade Oasis.

The first Virtual Imperial Session was held July 11th with voting delegates attending from their shrine centers or from home. Imperial Sir James R. "Jim" Smith was elected Imperial Potentate of Shriners International for 2020/2021. His Motto is "Get Back" to Fun and Fellowship. El Zagal PP Matt Sturlaugson was elected Imperial Captain of the Guard. A native of Langdon, ND, Matt is a Legacy Shriner and began his Shrine journey as a KEM 49er.

In Mid-July, Lady Nancy and I made the journey south to Aberdeen, SD for the Yelduz Potentate's Ball. We were joined by Counterparts from El Zagal, Zurah, and Abu Beker. Imperial Sir Bill Bailey and his wife Debby were also in attendance.

At the end of July, Chief Rabban Dave Rustebakke and His Lady Stephanie hosted the Annual Potentate's Dinner for Lady Nancy and I at Golden Lake. It was great to get together with the Divan and many of the Past Potentates and their ladies.

We want to thank each of you for making this an enjoyable night full of fun and friendship.

We began August with the 122nd Annual August the Deuce parade in Mountain, ND. KEM had great representation from the Cycleers, 49ers, Mobil Nobles, Directors Staff and Crookston Clown units. The Rainbow Girls and DeMolay also participated with the Cycleers and 49ers providing another great KEM Oasis. The same day KEM had units participate in the Mayville-Portland Summerfest parade in Mayville, ND.

I also had the opportunity to dust off my shotgun and get rid of some old shells attending the Roughriders sporting clays event. This event was well attended by Shriners and friends and provided us a venue to talk about our fraternity and philanthropy. A special thank you to Scott and Susan Bosard for your generous donation to Shriners Children's, Twin Cities.

Unfortunately, it appears that any chance for additional parades has ended with the cancelation of the Potato Bowl and Bemidji Shrine game activities. However, we still have some events to look forward to including the Wonder Woman Walk Sept 19th, and Fabulous Armadillos concert Sept 26. Look for more information on these events in this edition.

2020 continues to be a very challenging year for membership and we need your help to bring in new members. The Lodges have resumed degree work under Grand Lodge limitations. If you have potential candidates, please contact your Worshipful Masters to get your candidate petitions in so that we can create these Master Masons and bring them in our Fraternity.

In closing, always remember that the impression you make while wearing a Fez may be someone's only impression of who the Kem Shriners are. Continue to 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 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

2020 Kem Shrine Potentate



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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 October 26th.

THE 49R'S MODEL T'S



Congratulations to the new Imperial Divan officers



Matt Sturlaugson
Imperial Captain of the Guard



Marty Bartlett
Imperial Outer Guard

Congratulations to the elected Trustees



Jim Doel



Leslie Stewart, M.D.



Ken Guidara, M.D.

Shriners elected at the virtual Imperial Session.

- Imperial Potentate: **James R. Smith**
Ben Hur Shrine, Georgetown, Texas
- Imperial Captain of the Guard: **Matt Sturlaugson**
El Zagal Shrine, Fargo, North Dakota
- Imperial Outer Guard: **Marty Bartlett**
Al Zafar Shrine, San Antonio, Texas

Shriners elected to the Shrine Hospital for Children Board of Trustees.

- **DR. Ken Guidara:** Osman Shrine Tampa, Florida
- **DR. Leslie Stewart** Omar Shrine, Charleston, South Carolina
- **James (Jim) Doel** Tunis Shrine, Ottawa, Canada

KEM QUARTERLY MEETING

Thursday, October 8th, 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

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PP, Recorder

Ron Bergh

Ron Bergh

Potentate



PROVOST GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Kem Provost would like to thank the team of Palmer Farms for their extreme effort in the 2020 Provost Shrine Golf Tournament. After being told they did not have to play to their potential best they still were the successful winners. All the scores were very close with a few teams having a better score for the first nine holes than on the last. A big Thank You to the Shrine Volunteers for helping with set up and in the clubhouse. It was a perfect day for the event, and we look forward to next year.

Earl Palmer

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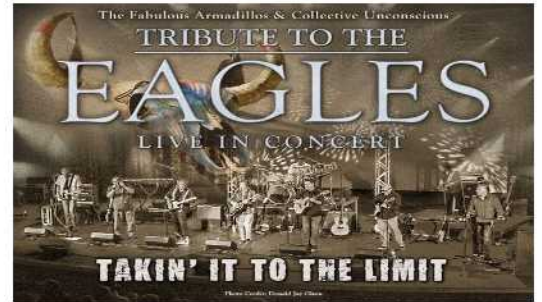
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IMPERIAL CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD MATT STURLAUGSON



We hope this finds you and yours doing well and staying healthy and enjoying a great summer of 2020! Despite all that has gone on this year we are happy to announce plans for 2020's KEM "Rockin' The Forks" on Saturday September 26th.

This year, we have made the decision to make "Rockin The Forks" an EXCLUSIVE event for all current Shriner's, Mason's, families, and new prospects. We are also planning to have the event coincide with the KEM 100 Gun Raffle scheduled for the same evening inside the historic Masonic Center in downtown Grand Forks. The KEM 100 Gun Raffle kicks off the night with a social hour starting at 5pm with the raffle to follow.

"TAKIN' IT TO THE LIMIT: EAGLES TRIBUTE FEATURING THE FABULOUS ARMADILLOS and COLLECTIVE UNCONSCIOUS" will be taking the stage upstairs in the auditorium at 7:30pm for a great show to cap off a night of "Life in the Fast Lane". Below is some general information surrounding the event:

- Tickets are on sale now with all seating being General Admission. Tickets are \$30 each and are available by contacting Carol at the KEM Office 423 Bruce Ave, or by dialing 701-772-7125.
- A Cash Bar will be available before, during, and after the concert as well as during the gun raffle with various games being played amongst the crowd throughout the night.
- Facemasks will not be required but are encouraged at your own discretion. With Covid-19 ongoing we ask anyone not feeling well to please stay home that night.

Mark your calendars now for a great night "In The City" with the KEM 100 Gun Raffle and "TAKIN' IT TO THE LIMIT: EAGLES TRIBUTE FEATURING THE FABULOUS ARMADILLOS and COLLECTIVE UNCONSCIOUS".

FOLLOW KEM SHRINERS ON INSTAGRAM

Attention all KEM Nobles and friends: if you are a user of Instagram, please "follow" the updated KEM Shriners account (@kem_shriners). So far we have over 100 followers, and are always seeking more! Join in the fun and fellowship as we interact with other Shrine temples across the globe, along with Shriners International, and Shriners Children's Twin Cities just to name a few). I also aim to share some Masonic and Shrine history as we celebrate our roots and wonderful Masonic Center in Grand Forks. See you on Instagram! @kem_shriners

Fraternally,

Noble Reed Endersbe (Instagram Admin)

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Shriners Hospitals for Children®

Dear Fellow Nobles,

We know that, like us, you have been concerned for our Shriners Hospitals for Children locations in the path of hurricanes and wildfires. We're relieved to let you know that our patients and staff members in these areas are safe.

Our hospitals in Galveston, Houston and Shreveport took all necessary precautions as Hurricane Laura approached. The city of Galveston was under a mandatory evacuation order, but our hospital remained open for referrals and emergencies. As the hurricane passed on Thursday, the Texas hospitals experienced no issues and resumed business as usual the next day.

Our Shreveport hospital experienced a temporary loss of power, and there is some cleanup work for the yard crew, but the hospital weathered the hurricane with no substantial problems for patients, staff or property.

In Northern California, our hospital is not threatened by the wildfires. Some workforce members were forced to evacuate their homes, but all have returned and no property was damaged. The fires are now under control, and air quality continues to improve each day. Our medical staff is caring for several children who sustained burns due to the wildfires.

We are so proud of our Shriners Hospitals for Children staff members who have continued to provide the most amazing care anywhere despite these difficult and frightening circumstances. Their devotion to our patients and families is an inspiration to us, and we are sure, to you too.

Yours in the faith,

James R. Smith
Imperial Potentate, Shriners International
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58201

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Dear Fellow Nobles,

The world has become a much smaller place. Shriners Hospitals for Children® has a global reputation for compassion and excellence, and continues to expand its efforts to reach as many children who may need the services of our unique health care system, regardless of where they live.

We have implemented an international strategic plan that will help us serve the children of the world more effectively and efficiently, and closer to their homes. Under the direction of Marjorie McEttrick-Maloney, RN, BSN, MPA/H, our chief nursing officer, and with guidance from a consultant, this plan streamlines our international services, and includes initiatives for many parts of the world, including Brazil, the Philippines, Canada and Mexico. Today, I would like to share some exciting developments in our strategy for the children of Mexico.

Shriners Hospitals has had a presence in Tijuana, Mexico, for many years. From 1998 to 2012, we held outreach clinics at Hospital Infantil de las Californias (HIC). In 2012, we opened an ambulatory clinic adjacent to HIC. We recently moved our clinic to within Hospital Angeles in Tijuana in order to provide additional services, including inpatient and more complex surgical treatments. Today, that clinic, which is under the direction of our Pasadena, California, location, serves more than 10,000 children annually, providing orthopaedic surgical care and outpatient clinic visits, including orthotics and prosthetics services.

Based on our desire to increase our presence in



Grand Forks Masonic Center
Preservation Association
423 Bruce Avenue
Grand Forks, ND 58201

September 1, 2020

Dear Brothers,

We hope this letter finds you and your family safe and healthy during this pandemic. This is a difficult time for everyone, some more than others. Try to stay in contact with your Brothers and let them know you are thinking of them.

The 105-year-old Grand Forks Masonic Center building is also going through a difficult time. The building is mostly empty. Events have been cancelled or postponed due to COVID. Some of these events generate income to help pay for expenses and maintenance of this magnificent building. The Masonic Building Corporation and the Grand Forks Masonic Preservation Association have been meeting on a regular basis (via Zoom internet meetings) to keep the building maintained and to plan for the future of this historic building.

Some of the items discussed at the meetings are paying off the debt for the boiler, repairing a roof leak on the elevator shaft. Possible upgrades to the building, such as restrooms and upgrading the electrical system to make the building more useable for Masons, Shriners and the public when renting our building for events. Repairing a large crack on the east wall of the building in 2018 was our last big expense, after replacing the boiler.

The Grand Forks Masonic Center Preservation Association is an IRS 501(c)(3) Corporation. Donations to the GFMCPA can be used as a tax-deductible donation. Please consider this when you are making charitable gifts in 2020. We can also accept gifts from estates or in memoriam to honor a person or group.

Thank you for your past support! Please consider making a gift this year to help maintain the largest active surviving Masonic Lodge in ND. We will overcome this pandemic and we will be enjoying the fellowship of fellow Masons at meetings and dinners in our building once again.

Sincerely,

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Mexico, and the success of our clinic in Tijuana, we are pursuing discussions with Hospital Angeles officials to establish similar clinics at their locations in Guadalajara, Monterrey and Juarez, Mexico. If these clinics also are successful and meet our goals of reaching and caring for the children who need our expertise, we will have additional conversations with a goal of further expanding these efforts. Hospital Angeles has approximately 30 locations throughout Mexico, which could provide an opportunity for Shriners Hospitals to establish a network of affiliated clinics.

Obviously, there will be many details to work out, from staffing to space allotments, but the

possibilities are tremendous – and fit well with the mission and goals of Shriners Hospitals for Children, especially as we seek to increase our affiliations and access points in order to reach and treat more children effectively, efficiently and closer to their homes.

An important part of our international strategic plan is including educational programs for local medical professionals in our outreach efforts. Ultimately, this will allow more children to receive care in their home countries, rather than needing to travel to the U.S. for care. Of course, we will always refer children to our facilities if that is the best course of action for them.

These are especially challenging times, as we work within the restrictions caused by the pandemic, but they are also exciting times with great promise for the future of our unique, compassionate health care system.

I look forward to sharing information about our strategic plans for other international locations in the future.

Thank you for all you do to support Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Yours in the faith,

Chairman, Board of Trustees

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Contact Nancy by email rnbergh@gra.midco.net or text 701740562 cash or credit accepted. They are truly beautiful



WE ARE ALL WONDER WOMEN!

Hi to all you Wonder Women out there, I hope you are doing fine and staying healthy.

It's strange how fast the summer went even with all the cancellations we as the KEM family had this summer.

Since the last edition, we had a Ladies get together that all were invited to. We had pizza, wine and a dance lesson. It was held at the Masonic Center. We brought in a dance instructor from the Lovely Dozen. We had some good laughs and also some good exercise.

Our next event is the Wonder Woman Walk. It is going to be Sept 19th. We encourage you and your friends to come out and join. This event is outdoors where you can social distance and be safe while having fun and raising money for the Ladies Auxiliary.

This event is open to all, invite everyone you know. The proceeds of this fundraiser will benefit the Ladies Auxiliary WGA 4 Kids Shriners Health-care-Twin Cities. \$20 entry fee will get you your Crown and refreshments. No fee for children. Registration starts at 8:30 at the steps of the Masonic Center in Grand Forks. At 9AM we will start the walk to Lincoln Park where refreshments will be waiting for you. There will be transportation back to the Masonic Center following. The walk is approximately 1.5 miles. If you are not able to walk that far, register and bike or drive to the park.

Lets have fun while raising money and awareness, wear your favorite Superhero attire. Invite all your friends



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