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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

Hello Nobles and Ladies,
I hope everyone is staying safe and doing well as the winter season arrives. Since our last issue, there have been some events that we were still able to attend.

I attended the 1st Kem Ladies Wonder Woman Walk. It was fun to see our ladies in their Wonder Woman attire enjoying a morning walk and raising awareness and funds for the WGA 4 Kids. I even had a chance to dust off my Bus Driver hat for the return trip to the temple.

I am happy to say that the KEM Sportsman's Raffle was a great success. Thank you to all the units that participated. Our fund-raising committee has some great ideas to make next year's event bigger and better, so stay tuned for more information.

October began with 5 KEM members attending the Shrine Fundraising Association seminar in Bloomington, MN. Phil Landis, PP presented a program on the ND Shrine Bowl. This seminar presented several successful temple fundraising activities and included a presentation on the legal aspects of fundraising. Imperial Potentate Jim Smith was in attendance and talked about his goal of bringing Fun and Fellowship back to the Shrine.

October 16th, we made the journey west to Williston for the 8th Annual Masonic Pheasant Hunt. The trip was successful with 5 Birds, 4 new Shriners, and 2 restorations. Thank you to Don Akins for leading the hunt and Bruce Krabseth, PP for the hospitality.

Membership continues to be a challenge. 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 into our Fraternity.

It does not seem possible that my time representing KEM as your Potentate is coming to an end. Needless to say, it has

been a challenging year for all of us. While some of the plans we had never made it to fruition, Nancy and I have greatly enjoyed representing KEM from our early days on the Divan to serving as your Potentate and First Lady. It has truly been an honor and privilege. We want to thank our KEM Family for your support thru the years.

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

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 a Noble who has left us, invite him back.

Yours in Faith,

Ron Bergh

2020 Kem Shrine Potentate



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NEW EDITOR NEEDED!

This will be my last issue editing/designing the KEM Burning Sands. It's been five or six years now and I think we should start looking for some new blood.

Previous editing/graphic art experience would be a plus, but certainly not a must.

If you're interested, please contact us by phone at 701-772-7125, or email at office@kemshriners.com

- Tom Pollard



**NOTICE OF KEM SHRINERS
 ANNUAL MEETING**

January 9, 2021

The 2021 Annual Meeting of Kem Shriners will be held in the Auditorium of the Masonic Center in Grand Forks, ND on Saturday, January 9th beginning at 9:30 am. Business to be transacted includes reading of Reports, adapting a budget for 2021, election of officers and representatives to the Imperial Council. Installation of officers for 2021 will follow.

Admission by 2021 dues card

Wear Your Fez

Attest: Yours in the Faith,

	
Dale Duchscherer	Ron Bergh
Recorder	Potentate

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(A) The printing, publication, circulation or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets or other devices by a Noble, suggesting, recommending, opposing. Or containing the names of proposed candidates for the office in the Shrine is prohibited.

(B) For any violation of (a), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of officers' void and order a new election.

(C) At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election the Shrine Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.

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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; office@kemshriners.com Attach photos as attachments, not in the body of the email please.

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SHRINE FUNDRAISING ASSOCIATION MEETING



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Fraternally,

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SPORTSMANS RAFFLE



BOARD OF GOVERNERS UPDATE

Greetings from the TC Board of Governors. As you are all aware, Covid-19 has raised havoc with not only our normal lives but has an impact on the TC Shriners Children's clinic. Our clinic patient visits are down, but telehealth visits seem to pick up the slack. We do have some good, as we have seen 4 new ND providers do first-time referrals to TC. So, my question to you, 'Are your local Doctors or other Health Care Professionals aware of who we are and our move to Woodbury?' If not, please reach out to Dana at 612-596-6104 or Sarah at 612-596-6204 in the Twin Cities to obtain information to give to them.

Our 2021 operating budget of \$8.9 million has been submitted to Tampa for review and subsequent approval. The budget includes a combination of clinic and telehealth visits, adjusted decrease of number of employees, and lease payments since we no longer own the facility.

We have agreements in place with Boys Town in Omaha and Blank Children's in Des Moines to allow us to treat more kids in more places. Outreach clinics have been put on hold due to Covid-19.

We continue to promote giving \$20 per month to the TC Clinic. If you have not, please consider doing so. It is sacrificing one meal and a couple beverages at an eating establishment per month. To establish the recurring monthly donation, please go to LoveShriners.org and follow instructions provided. Please note there will be a dropbox showing options for your location choice. Please choose Twin Cities. The first annual "Tee for Kids" golf tourney was a mild success. Next year has already been scheduled in the month of September. The Gala, which has been postponed twice, is now scheduled for June 2021.

Clothing with the new Shriners Children's Logo will be rolling out in the next month, so please be watching for this. Maybe Santa can bring you apparel with the new logo!

We have TENTATIVELY scheduled a Hospital Rep/Divan Day event in April 2021, Provided Covid 19 is under control.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the KEM temple.

Roger Baier,

KEM representative to the BOG.

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Dear Nobles,

It is obvious now that after state and local declarations of diminished capacity at public events, that our traditional KEM Christmas party hosted by the Uniformed Units will not be held. We all lament the cancellation of our traditional events. We are grateful to Illustrious Sir Ron Bergh and the Divan for guiding KEM through these troubled times.

In the meantime, I am urging all nobles to keep current with their dues and if possible, toss in a little extra for KEM and the hospital system so that 2021 will bring a renewed resurgence of the events we cherish.

Best Regards,



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Please contact me at rnbergh@gra.midco.net or text 7017400562 I will wrap it up for your loved ones Christmas Stocking. Thank You once again for all your support this past year.

Seasons Greetings,

I can't believe that 2020 is almost over! I first want to start out by thanking everyone who has supported Ron and I this year. Although we didn't get to experience many of the events we had hoped to this year, we did the best we could with a Global Pandemic going on. The most important lesson we learned this year is that nothing is ever promised to any of us in this world. But we look onward and upward. KEM Shrine is a family united and as the world heals we as a family will be able to start gathering together bigger and stronger.

Since our last edition we introduced a New Annual Fundraiser, The Wonder Woman Walk. Our inaugural run, or should I say walk, we raised over \$1300. We had a perfect September morning for the event. For a \$20 registration fee each entrant received their Wonder Woman Crown. We had people dressed up in various Superhero attire. Many children walked with us, which made my heart full. We are so blessed when we have healthy Children and Grandchildren that can walk with us as we raise funds to help purchase a wheelchair for a child that can't walk. The walk took our participants from the Masonic Building to Lincoln Park where we had Shriners waiting with warm refreshments for our walkers. As we walked we had a fun playlist to listen to. Once to the park we had photo booth set up and gave out door prizes. Every child that participated was able to choose a toy. The joy on their faces was priceless. We were pleased and honored that Laurie Christianson our KEM Representative for the Ladies Auxiliary was able to walk with us and then speak to everyone about the great things that WGA 4Kids does. We had a bus for partic-

ipants to ride back to the Lodge once the event concluded. Special Thanks to Tammy Schmitz and Kim Renslow for all their great ideas and Darlene Anderson (and Ted) and Barb Hiles for making some great homemade donuts. I also want to thank our Shriners that were at the Park to set up and greet our walkers. Big shout out to our ladies over in Devils Lake who participated from afar and donated to this cause as well. And to those of you who could not participate but made a donation. I can't say it enough, you truly are all WONDER WOMEN.

I want to thank everyone for supporting my jewelry project that benefitted the Ladies Auxiliary at our Twin Cities Location in Woodbury WGA 4 Kids. At the end of our year we will be presenting our check from the funds that WE have raised. Thank you for purchasing and proudly wearing your new jewelry. That being said I have sold out on the silver necklace, I have a few gold necklaces left and a few bracelets left. They would make a perfect Christmas gift. If we can sell the last of them we could raise an additional \$700.

10 years ago Ron was honored by being asked by Tom Hanson to be on the Divan it has been an exciting ride for us, and let me tell you it went fast! I would have loved to have traveled the state more with Ron this year and met with more of you incredible women, but that was not to be. I want to say thank you to all my Mentors along the way, especially Kathy Hanson and Cheryl Misialek and all the other Ladies that came before me. Thank You again for all your support this year. May 2021 be a healthy and safe year for all of you.

With Deepest Sincerity,

Nancy Bergh



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