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KEM SHRINE GRAND FORKS ND

First Quarter 2022

POTENTATE'S MESSAGE

Ronald Penfold elected KEM 2022 Potentate



Ron was born on August 14, 1946 in Price, Utah to Arthur and Margaret Penfold and is the eldest of four children. He lived in Colorado and Arizona and graduated from Tombstone Union High School, Tombstone Arizona in 1965. That same year in November he enlisted in the United States Air Force. His first tour of duty after basic training was Chanute A.F.B., Rantoul, Illinois where his specialty was Jet Engine Mechanics. He was selected to be an instructor for this school. He later cross trained into Maintenance Data Systems Analysis and was an instructor in that course for several years.

Tours of duty took him to Texas, Alabama, South East Asia, Washington D. C., Michigan, Hawaii and lastly to Minot where he retired after 20 years of honorable military service. In 1986 he was hired by the Postal Service as a Letter Carrier and he retired in December 2008.

Ron was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason 50 years ago, June 6, 1971 at Sangamon Lodge No. 801, Fisher Ill. He is a Member of Star in the West Lodge No. 33 and a Life member of Mahomet Masonic Lodge No. 220, Mahomet Ill. He was Worshipful Master in 1995 and Secretary from 1996 to 2002. He served two years as a District Deputy Grand Master, six years as Grand Lecturer and several terms on the Policy and General Purposes Committee of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

Ron is a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota and an Honorary Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. He is the current Secretary/Treasurer of the Minot Shrine Club. Ron is a 33° Inspector General Honorary of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

He is a member of the Mandan York Rite bodies. He currently is the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter. He is a past Grand Master of Cryptic Rite masons, a Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar and Past Puissant Sovereign Commander of St. Felix Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine. Ron is a Past Excellent Chief of Knight Masons and a KYCH recipient. In 2013 he was awarded the Knights Templar Cross of Honor for exceptional and meritorious service.

In 2007 as State Dad for Rainbow Girls he was awarded the Rainbow Cross of Color. He is a life member of the National Sojourners. In 2016 he was President of the Midwest Conference on Masonic Education which was held in Grand Forks.

He is a proud member of KEM Shriners, Minot Shrine Club, Minot Merry-men and Hillbilly's. In 2014 he was awarded the KEM SAMSAR Jewel. Ron has fully enjoyed serving the craft for over 50 years.



Geoff Bengtson
Oriental Guide

Geoff Bengtson was elected Oriental Guide at the 2022 Kem Shriners Annual Meeting.

Geoff grew up in Pelican Rapids Minnesota, and it was there that he met Michelle while they were in high school together. They were married in 1983 and went on to have two sons, Garrett and Zachary. Not long after they were married, Geoff joined the U.S. Air Force and the family moved several times before they had the opportunity to return to the region. They settled in at Grand Forks AFB in 1994.

Geoff retired from the military in 2007, after 23 years of service. That was when he and Michelle made Grand Forks their home. He went back to school and received an MBA in Management from the University of Mary. Currently, Geoff works at Lunseth Plumbing & Heating and Michelle works for the Grand Forks Public School System in the library at South Middle School.

Geoff was raised a Master Mason in May of 2012 with Malta Lodge #131 in Grand Forks and joined Kem Shriners in December of that same year. He is a Past Master of Malta Lodge and is currently serving the Treasurer. Geoff is also the Treasurer for the Grand Forks Masonic Building Board.



Jacob Windsor
Outer Guard

Jake grew up at Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri, eventually receiving His degree in Biology from the University of Central Missouri. While attending UCM he also played on the rugby team for the duration of his stay.

After being offered a job in the Environmental Health Division of the First District Health Unit in Minot, Jake moved to North Dakota in January of 2002. Jake is currently still employed as an R.E.H.S./R.S. at the FDHU, and lives in Minot with his wife and two children. As a family they enjoy spending time on Lake Sakakawea either fishing or cruising on the Lake no matter what time of year it is.

Jake was formerly the Minot Circus Director for three years, and is the Past President for the Minot Shrine Club. Jakes Great Grandfather and Grandfather were both Shriners, and his Grandfather was eventually Potentate of his temple in Missouri.

From Jake: I am excited to be following in my Grandfathers footsteps, and I am hoping I can bring productive ideas and a positive energy to the KEM Shrine. I look forward to working with everyone in the future, take care - JW



2022 Divan Ladies



Past Potentate's Ladies



Potentate Ron Penfold
Lady Helen Montano-Haro



MARCUS DARTY
NEWEST SHRINE MEMBER



2022 Divan

2022 KEM CALENDER OF EVENTS

All events are in Grand Forks except noted otherwise

February 10-12

MSA Winter Session

Green Bay WI, Elected Divan

Divan- MSA meeting-

Blue coat, PP Dave Rustebakke's white shirt and tan pants. Wear the 2022 shirt.

February 17

Board of Directors meeting, 4 pm

Units meeting at 6 pm

Grand Forks Circus kick off

Gun Raffle kick off

Attire- Divan wear the 2022 shirt with tan pants. Units wear unit's shirt.

March 10

Board of Directors meeting 6 pm

March 12

St. Patrick's Ceremonial/Parade with Malta Lodge. 2022 shirt or unit's uniform.

April 6

Wednesday

Trustee Meeting- 2 pm

Board of Directors meeting- 4 pm

Quarterly and Units Meeting- 6 pm

April 22-24

Grand Forks Shrine Circus

May 2-3

Williston Shrine Circus

May 5-7

Minot Shrine Circus

May 12

Board of Directors Meeting 6 pm

June 4

Spring Ceremonial and picnic at Masonic Park, Grand Forks

If inclement weather, it will be held at the Masonic Center.

Music and another meal that evening at the Masonic center.

June 9

Board of Directors Meeting 6 pm

June 18

North Dakota Shrine football, Mayville ND

Jul 2-7

Imperial Shrine Session, Minneapolis

July 14

Trustee Meeting 2 pm

Board of Directors Meeting 4 pm

Quarterly and Units Meeting 6 pm

August 11

Board of Directors Meeting 6 pm

August 17-20

Midwest Summer session, Green Bay WI

September 8

Board of Directors Meeting 6 pm

September 17

Potato Bowl Parade and cook out at Masonic Center

October 13

Trustee Meeting 2 pm

Board of Directors Meeting 4 pm

Quarterly and Units Meeting 6 pm

October 22

Potentates Ball, Minot

October 29

Tables Du Jour

November 10

Board of Directors Meeting 6 pm

November 12

Gun Raffle drawing

December 3

KEM Kids Christmas party, 11 am

Shrine Ceremonial 2 pm

KEM Christmas party 5 pm

More to come

December 8

Board of Directors Meeting 6 pm

January 6, 2023

Trustee Meeting 10 am

Divan and Past Potentates meeting 12 am

January 7

Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers 9 am

Fish Fry 11 am

January 7

Ladies luncheon, Registration 10:30 am, luncheon 11 am



MOBIL NOBLES

The Nobles are getting ready for the parade season by doing some modifications on the trailer for hauling the late model golf carts.



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Happy New Year from the Grafton Cycleer's. We are looking forward to warmer weather and parade season! We are pleased that our club continues to grow. There have been 5 new members in the last year and a new one coming on in March.

This winter is the fourth year of doing concessions at the Grafton Curling Club during men's curling. Every Tuesday from November to mid-March, Ted and Darlene Anderson and Sheri Wysocki (Brian) volunteer their time cooking delicious burgers and fries. There is even one called the "Shrine Burger"  and it is delicious! 

To date \$10,000 has been donated and with at least 600 burgers so far this year, the goal of \$4000 will be reached.
The profits go to **WGA4KIDS** in the Twin Cities.



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Family Fun Day

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SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2022
12:00-3:00

FIRST 100 KIDS UNDER 15 WILL RECEIVE A GIFT

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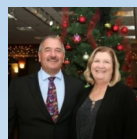
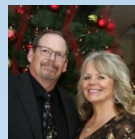
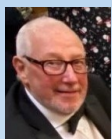
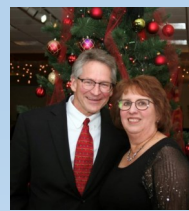
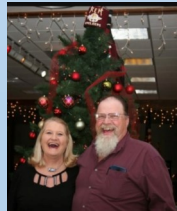
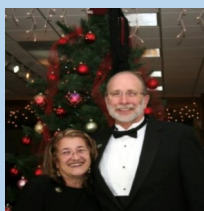
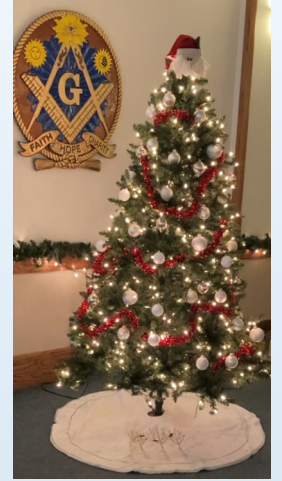
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Christmas 2021

Kem Cycleers would like to thank everyone that came to the Christmas Party. We had a delicious chicken dinner served by Jake from Golden Lake Acres Restaurant, music by Mike Morse and caricature portraits by Trevour. Many compliments were heard about how beautiful the temple was decorated. Thanks to all who made it a success.





Past Potentate Odell Berg (1994) and Lady Lavonne say "HI" from Arizona

Odell attends Apache Wells Shrine Club the 2nd Thursday of every month. This is for Shriners across the United States that live in or "winter" in AZ. There are 65 members of which 14 are from Kem Temple! There are currently two members that are Past Imperial Potentates. One from Alaska and one from Wisconsin. The club participates in some local parades. The club does dinners, golf tournaments, and Ladies luncheons to mention a few events.



Past Potentates Ron Bergh and Odell Berg, Darrel Schmitz, Chief of Staff and Joey Bjornson, Divan VISITING ARIZONA!



This license plate belonging to a Shriner was spotted at a restaurant in Queen Creek, Az



2022
FRI - SAT - SUN - APRIL 22 - 23 - 24
RALPH ENGELSTAD ARENA, GRAND FORKS
 FRIDAY, APRIL 22 • 3:00 pm, 7:00 pm
 SATURDAY, APRIL 23 • 11:00 am, 3:00 pm, 7:00 pm
 SUNDAY, APRIL 24 • 1:00 pm, 5:00 pm

2022 11 Man Game



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The 76th annual Grand Forks Kem Shrine Circus returns April 22, 23, and 24 at the Ralph Engelstad Arena. Show Times are Friday: 3:00 and 7:00, Saturday: 11:00, 3:00, and 7:00 and Sunday 1:00 and 5:00

Circus Spectacular returns this year with new acts including, Camels, Horses, and a performing Pig. We are fortunate to also have Elephants and the Motorcycle Jumpers back again this year.

It is especially important that every noble support Kem Shrine by making a commitment to come and work as many shows as possible at the Circus.

Our ladies are particularly important to the success of our circus. Ladies will receive worker credits just as our nobles do. Worker credits can be applied to their Shriner's Unit, Star, Rainbow or Demolay.

If you are a new Shriner who has not yet joined a unit, come and work at the circus. It is a fantastic opportunity enjoy the fun and camaraderie of the Shrine. Bring your Lady too.

Please make plans now to Come and Join us at the 76th Annual Kem Shrine Circus in Grand Forks.



MSA WINTER SESSION, GREEN BAY, WI

FEB. 11-12, 2022



MSA 2022 Potentates in Greenbay at winter session.



Illustrious Sir Ron Penfold had the honor to nominate Past Potentate Dale Duchscherer for 4th Vice President of the Midwest Shrine Association. The MSA will be held in Grand Forks



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