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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Greetings Nobles, ES SELA<U ALEIKUM

Thank you for being a Shriner and supporting the 'Worlds Greatest Philanthropy" Shriners Children's.

My term as your Potentate for 2022 is about to end and Helen and I deeply appreciate the hospitalities and courtesies extended to us this year. It is truly been a humbling and once in a lifetime experience. From my heart I thank you very much for the privilege to serve you.

The year 2022 marked a milestone anniversary for our fraternity, 150 years as Shriners and 100 years of Shrine Hospitals. That is quite an achievement and we were all part of the celebration.

The "Editorial without Words" statue that was damaged was replaced and stands tall at the Grand Forks Masonic Center. The damaged statue was donated to the Minot Shrine Club. It was repaired, placed on a pedestal, and dedicated on October 22nd to the principles of our fraternity. There was a ribbon cutting ceremony by the Minot Chamber of Commerce with the local TV station ceremony and interview. The statue is the trademark for Shriners Children's. Many of our departed Shriners would be so proud to see it in our Masonic Park. Thanks to the KEM Shriners for donating the statue to Minot. When you are in Minot be sure you see the Statue in our Masonic park at 2524 East Burdick.

On October 22 the Minot Shrine Club hosted a Potentate's Ball. The dignitaries, Grand Master Past Potentates and KEM's First lady Helen and I were Piped in by John Young from New Salem. According to tradition the piper was paid with the finest Scotch. I am very thankful to the Minot Shrine Club for all their years of support to me. It was a pleasant and enjoyable evening.

On October 29th the annual Tables Du Jour was held in Grand Forks. The ladies decorated tables and the men wore their tuxes and served brunch and Mimosas to the ladies. Even one of our prospective Shriners, young Elliot Shear, son of Randy and Ashley, served the ladies. Thanks Elliot! There were money raising events and the ladies had fun. Our Shrine Ladies are a fantastic group of supporters of the Shrine. Thanks, without you it would be very difficult for us.

On November 12th the 100-gun raffle drawing was held. Congratulations to all the winners.

As we wrap up the year, <u>December 3rd</u> will be an eventful day. The KEM Kids Christmas party will be held at 11am, a Shrine Ceremonial at 2pm and the KEM Units Christmas party, hosted by the Keystone Kops at 5pm. Plan to participate and witness what the Shrine is all about.

On January 13th there will be a Ladies luncheon at the Canad Inn, Grand Forks. The invitation and information are in this issue.

On January 14th 2023 is KEM's Annual Meeting and Election of Officers at 9am. This is an important meeting so please be there to support your fraternity and congratulate your new elected officers for 2023. There may be some important legislation for you to vote on. Be sure to bring your fez and 2023 membership card. If you are not current with your dues, Carol will take your money. As usual there will be a Walleye fish fry feed with all the extras.

That evening your newly elected Potentate and his First Lady will have their reception. Please be there to support and receive your Potentate and his Lady. The invitation and information are included in this issue.

The Twin City Shriners Children's center in Woodbury Minnesota is in full operation, with a few covid restrictions. Patients that require surgery will go to Gillette Children's Hospital.

In our fraternity we should always be thinking about membership and hospitals. Support our hospitals by donating a gift to the several areas. Functions such as the Ladies Auxiliary, Camps and activities, prosthetic and orthotic devices, wheelchairs, and accessories, or the adaptive bicycle program need our support. Gifts or memorials may be sent to the Development Office at the Twin Cities. Call Jennifer Sutch at 612-596-620 for more information. KEM's Representative to the Twin Cities Shriners Hospital Auxiliary is Laurie Christianson.

A newly formed unit, <u>KEM Kamperz</u> is under dispensation and if you like to camp and would like to join this unit you may contact Joey Bjornson, Pres., Darrel Schmitz, VP, PP Ron Bergh, Treasurer, or Chuck Hiles, Secretary. It sounds like fun.

Now is the time for all units to elect new officers and get the information submitted to Carol for the 2023 Directory. Her email address and office phone number are included ion the second to the last page of this issue. It is important for everyone to know who to contact.

Four important things to remember as a Shriner;

Support our Fraternity and Shrine Hospitals with spirit, time, talent and means. We are owners of the Hospitals and each of us gives \$5.00 each year. The emblem on the front of our fez's has two claws. The claws represent the Shrine fraternity and its philanthropy. Before you place the fez on your head look at the emblem and think about what it stands for.

Respectfully and fraternally, *Ron Penfold, Potentate 2022*



2023 Ladies luncheon invitation is out. Look for it in this newsletter!

Look for the 2023 Potentate's Reception information in this newsletter

KEM KAMPERZ

SHARED SOME FUN WITH YOU IN THIS ISSUE.

WATCH FOR UPCOMING EVENTS SUCH AS PIZZA,PUZZLES AND BEER

RUMMAGE SALE (START GOING THROUGH YOUR CLOSETS!)

FOREST RIVER BAR (TOM'S LOUNGE) HAS AN ANNUAL SIDE BY SIDE, FOUR WHEELER OR EVEN AUTOMOBILE RIDE ON GOOD FRIDAY , APRIL 7,2023 THIS YEAR THEY ARE DONATING THE PROCEEDS TO

KEM SHRINE.



FIND YOURSELF A RIDE OF CHOICE AND JOIN THE FUN. MORE INFORMATION LATER.



Note the Tribute to the *Drum and Bugle Corp* during the Christmas Party.











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DRUM & BUGLE CORPS TRIBUTE

A tribute to the Drum & Bugle Corps will be part of the Christmas party. We want to recognize them for their decades of playing and marching in parades for Kem Shrine. If you are a current member or a past member of the Drum & Bugle Corps, please attend the Christmas party. The dinner and dancing is free.

The Drum & Bugle Corps started in 1925 and was the 3rd Unit to be organized in Kem Shrine. The members have traveled and marched in hundreds of parades all over the US and Canada over the years. They were honored to lead an Imperial Parade, played at Ceremonials, Potentate Balls, annual meetings and other Shrine and civic functions. All past and present members are invited to attend the Christmas party to reminisce and meet up with other Drum & Bugle Shriners. Come help us celebrate the amazing past of this historic Kem Shrine Unit.







STEPHEN FUNSTERS



Stephen Funsters held a dinner meeting at the Dell Steakhouse in Argyle, MN on September 8th. Spouses were invited. Since some of our members leave for warmer climate before the holidays the meeting was billed as Christmas in September. The evening started with a social time. President Andy Adamson presided over a short business meeting. Some plans and ideas were discussed for the coming year. Dinner was served and everyone had a good early holiday visit.

TO ALL KEM SHRINE AND THEIR FAMILIES



GRAFTON CYCLEERS

The Cycleers will be starting their fundraising effort for the WGA4Kids on Tuesday, Nov. 22 from 5-7:30pm at the Grafton Curling Club, 31 E 7th St.

Ted, Darlene and Sheri serve great burgers and fries !!! (I recommend the Shrine Burger! Add bacon!)

Weather permitting it will continue every Tuesday evening through March.

Come out and help support the kids.











KEM KAMPERZ

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newest unit, The KEM KAMPERZ re information on how to join will be coming













KEM KAMPERZ officers and new members got together to start the planning for the first camping adventure. We discussed a place to camp, options for a group meal, dues and some fund raising ideas. We plan on having a gathering of those interested in joining **KEM KAMPERZ** in the near future. We toasted to the new **KEM KAMPERZ** with some Happy Camper wine around a great fire. The Ladies had matching flannel shirts and we all went on a side by side ride around the country.

"TORTILLA SLAP" had us laughing uncontrollably! Nobles had a Woodchipper Degree that added two members. Nothing but fun!





Ladies Corner



<u>Tables Du Jour 2022</u> successfully raised more than \$5,000 thanks to everyone who donated time, funds, and silent auction items, and all who attended.

There are a few people that need an extra special thankyou. First, Kim and Steve Renslow, who aided in all the extra details. Kim embraced the job of emceeing with grace and humor. Another goes to Terry Jenson for covering all things kitchen flawlessly, creating a superb brunch, and then donating the whole meal. Our thoughtful and kind potentate, Ron Penfold, for making the time to attend Grand Forks Tables Du Jour and the donations he delivered from the Minot Shrine Club and his and Lady Helen's personal donations. To Roger Baier for the update on current affairs of the Shriners Children's and how we can best assist in their needs, even in some of the smallest ways (pop tabs). Another big thank you goes to the bubbly local twins Lily & Sarah Grossbauer, whom were our guest speakers, as they both engaged and informed us on the help they received from Shriners Children's in the many years of wearing back braces (the girls called them turtle shells) to finally conquer their scoliosis. It was heartwarming to know we helped to make a difference in their lives.

The last big thank you is for the wonderful local businesses that supported the event by donating funds, gift cards or silent auction items in support of Kem Shrine Ladies Table Du Jour 2022.

All Seasons Garden Center, A&L Siding & Home Repair, Brattens Quality Auto, Dakota T.V. & Appliance Electronics,

Eden & Company, Express Auto Glass, Fuji, Grandma Butterwick's, Grand Trailer Sales, Ground Round, La Catina,

Minakwa Golf Course- Crookston, Northern Air / Axe Throwing, Northern Plumbing Supply, Olive Garden, Paradiso,

ProAg Equipment, Quilters Jem, Red Lobster, Red Ray Lanes, Riddles Jewelry, River City Jewelers, River City Theater,

Rombas Guys Brewing, Sakura, Speedway, Stearling Carpet One, Titan Case Farm Machinery – Crookston,

Waterfront kitchen & Bath, Widmans, Wintrust Mortgage, Wys' Floral.







THANK YOU GEOFF, MICHELLE, STEVE AND KIM FOR ALL YOU DID TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN!









THANK YOU SHRINERS FOR TREATING US SO WELL!

Twin sisters and Shriner 's Hospital patients told their stories.







2022 POTENTATE'S BALL & DEDICATION















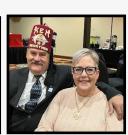
































Prince Hall served breakfast at the Minot Masonic Temple after the Statue dedication ceremony.



There was a block of rooms at the Canad Inn for the January ceremonial. The block was full as of Nov. 12. 2022. Ted and Darlene are working on making more arrangements. Watch for updated information on Facebook. You can still call Canad Inn for your own reservation's at 701-772-8404. Another possibility is the Sleep Inn next door to the Canad Inn. Watch for the new information as it may save you some \$\$\$



Potentates Reception January 14, 2023 Grand Forks Masonic Center 6pm social 7pm dinner

Dance to Kenny and the Classics

\$25/person

Formal-semi forma

Divan...Tuxes

RSVP By Jan 4,2023

701-772-7125 or email

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A cozy trailer kept them warm and breakfast burritos with good company kept them happy! Thanks to all the ones that stopped by.





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MOBIL NOBLES

TOR BERGSTROM (GUN SAFE)AND KEITH WALD (L & M MEAT) HAD THE LUCKY RAFFLE TICKETS

MOBIL NOBLES WILL BE COOKING FOR THE KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY AND THE FISH FRY AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

CALLING ALL SHRINERS

Are you a member in good standing?

According to the Shrine Bylaws you need to be a Noble in good standing to participate in any Shrine function. Which means that your <u>temple dues AND your</u>

<u>Masonic lodge dues must be paid in full for the current</u> <u>year. (In the obligation you took for Shrine membership, it</u> is stated that you will maintain membership to the prerequisite of the Shrine membership).







LAUGHS WITH THE TORTILLA SLAP



2022 KEM CALENDER OF EVENTS All events are in Grand Forks except noted otherwise

December 3 KEM Kids Christmas party, 11 am Shrine Ceremonial 2 pm KEM Christmas party 5 pm HOSTED BY KEYSTONE KOPS December 8 Board of Directors Meeting 6 pm January 13,2023 Trustee Meeting 10 am Divan and PP mtg 12PM January 14,2023 Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers 9 am Fish Fry 11 am Ladies luncheon at Canad Inn, GF **Potentates Reception 6pm** See invitations for more information Feb 9,2023 Divan Mtg 4pm Circus Kickoff 6m Feb 23-25,'23 MSA Winter Session Alexandria, Mn

2023 Kem Shrine Circus.



The 77th annual KEM Shrine Circus will be held April 28-30, 2023 at the

Ralph Englestad Arena. Join us for the 2023 Circus Kick off on Thursday Feb 9th.

The Circus Kickoff will once again be part of the Uniform Units Meeting.

Social starts at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00. Please join us for food, fellowship, and circus information.

Unit ticket route packages will be distributed at this meeting.

MASONIC CENTER For Rent

March ,2023 Divan Mtg 6m



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For more info contact Geoff at 701-215-3133



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Burning Sands BOG Report - November 2022

Greetings from the 41 employees at Shriners Childrens Twin Cities Clinic, serving 7 states and 3 Canadian provinces.

Why do families choose us? It's because pediatrics is our only focus. We provide 1) care and answers for unique diagnoses, 2) customized treatment plans, and 3) custom orthotics and prosthetics, to name a few.

In 2021 we had 4,495 visits by 2,205 patients seeking our unique care. So far, just through October of this year, we had 3,412 visits by 1,608 patients.

In 2021 pediatric orthotics and prosthetics – better known as POPS – created 3,112 custom-designed braces, artificial limbs, and adaptive devices.

In 2022, through October, we provided 1,238 customized devices.

The top 5 diagnoses that patients seek for clinic specialized treatment and assistive devices are cerebral palsey, varos deformity (knock knee), flatfoot, limb length discrepancies, and scoliosis. We also treat numerous others, like spina bifida and hip deficiencies.

KEM currently has 232 patients, including 36 from Minnesota.

Our average age of patients is 12.78 years old, where the Twin Cities Clinic average is 12.50 years old.

Overall ND total patients seen at the clinic is 441, which includes ElZagel.

In addition to seeing patients, the clinic is progressing in other areas. Please welcome our newest physician, Dr. Gregory Kalv, who will be involved in orthopedics, sports injuries, and fractures. He will be working 2 weeks per month.

Our newest offering is a cranial helmet program for children who are diagnosed with flat head and torticollis – a neck muscle condition where muscles do not necessarily move. Our collaborating physician for this project comes from Mayo Clinic.

We offer prenatal consultations for expecting parents who have learned while the baby is in-utero that their child has an orthopedic condition. Our team meets with them to talk about the baby's diagnosis and what treatment at Shriners Childrens would look like when the baby is born.

Starting November 8, we are able to take outside referrals for rehab. This is a great new opportunity because it means outside providers can send pediatric patients directly to us simply for rehab – which includes occupational and physical therapy.

As we move into 2023, we are continuing to talk to Avera and Sanford (both have headquarters in Sioux Falls, SD) for collaboration in pediatric care as an outreach delivery option. We continue to have a strong relationship with Blank Hospital in DesMoines and Boys Town in Omaha.

Of course, we can't provide fantastic treatment without support from Shriners and the public. There is one program I would like to bring to your attention where you may want to contribute.

In closing – thank you for this opportunity to share this information with you today and allowing me to be your KEM Board of Governors rep. See you at the Shriners Christmas Party on December 3. Happy Holidays to one and all.









The "Patrol" was the first unit in Kem Shrine. They started in 1908. They changed their name to the Provost in 1991. The Kem Band was the second unit in 1913. They were a marching band. The third unit was the Drum and Bugle Corps in 1925. Some of the old uniforms from these units are on display in the Fourth Floor Club room.



Vintage Kem Shriner Temple Band Hat, 1950's

So many came before!

Thank you to all the Nobles that continue to make a difference in a child's life!

Cheryl Adamson's Dad, H.S. "BO" Buchanan was a member of KEM Patrol. They still have his Fez and uniform.

Thank You for sharing this history with us!









The Oriental Band was a unit of Kem Temple located in Grand Forks, ND. All members belonged to the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. The Oriental Band was organized as a parade unit of the Uniformed Units Council. The band paraded in many parades locally as well as entertained at the Hospital for Children. There were thirteen Midwest Temples and the band paraded at each one. The declarations and bylaws for the band were filed at Grand Forks and dated Jan. 22, 1953. The band had been organized in late 1945 after WW II and continued until 2000.

It is my desire to become a PERMANENT CONTRIBUTING MEMBER to the Interested in making a donation to the Grand Forks Masonic Center? Shriners Hospital for Children. Enclosed is my payment of \$150.00. The Grand Forks Masonic Center Preservation Association Membership No. is a 501(C)3 nonprofit organization and your donations may qualify Name: as tax deduction. WHAT IS A PCM? What's a PCM? Is a Permanent Contributing Member in the Shriners Hospital for Children, and it will continue working in behalf of unfortunate youngsters long after you've taken your final ride on the Black Camel. Donations can be sent to: Grand Forks Masonic Center The cost is \$150.00, completely tax-deductible, and will reduce your annual dues to \$45.00 by elimination the \$5.00 yearly hospital assessment. You will receive a certificate from the Chairman of the Shriners Hospitals for Children, and your Imperial Recorder. It is suitable for framing. Your membership card will also carry a seal, which attests the fact that you hold a PCM whenever you display it. 423 Bruce Avenue Grand Forks, ND 58201 "Permanent Contribution Membership" means exactly that. The hospital board invests the money in a permanent endowment and only the interest is used in maintaining the "World's Greatest Philanthropy." Questions acacia4grandforks@gmail.com Send your check for \$150 to the Kem office: Kem Shriners, PO Box 5268, Grand Forks, ND 58206, and we'll do the rest MEMBERS WHO HAVE ANSWERED THE CALL OF THE BLACK CAMEL (Feb 2022 – PRESENT I'LL BE A KEM SANDS SUPPORTER John Hanisch ELDON LEINO Enclosed please find my check inthe Earl Isakson amount of \$ LARRY LEE Henry Kaylor Harold Bader RICHARD ANDERSON \$10 per year per person Earl Beck SHAWN JORDAHL Earl Rexroth Name(s): _ Rodney Olson HARVEY TALLACKSON William Little Proceeds from Kem News Supporters will Kenneth Thompson be for the benefit of the Kem News only. Mail checks to Kem Shriners, PO Box 5268, Raymond Milner Jr Grand Forks, ND 58206. Dale Moldenhauer Bernard Nelson Thank you for your support. Robert Johnson Paul Ferrer **BURNING SANDS SUPPORTERS** Contributions received in 2022 IF YOU KNOW OF A MEMBER THAT HAS ANSWERED THE **Bill & Diana Christianson** CALL OF THE BLACK CAMEL, PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL THE **Robert Leonard** OFFICE TO LET CAROL KNOW. **Gerald Skogley** Allan and Evon Thompson **Bruce & Linda Christianson** Dan Leino SUBMISSIONS TO THE BURNING SANDS CAN BE SENT TO JULIE AT: Lorne & Gertrude Field EMAIL..... JJULZ@HOTMAIL.COM **Eldon Leino Donny Gosselin** TEXT MESSAGES, ATTACHMENTS OR PICTURES **Dave and Judy Ludtke** Ken & Diane Huhta TO 701-213-1859 **Dale and Cheryl Stauss, PP** Leonard Jemtrud PLEASE CONTACT CAROL IN THE KEM SHRINE **Ron and Helen Penfold** Jim Kienast, PP OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A BURNING John and Jill Blazek Scott and Bernice Midstokke PP 50TH SANDS SUPPORTER OR WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ANNIV. Darrel and Susan Schrader, PP RATIN YOUR BUSINESS AD IN THE 2022 SANDS. Tom Wade 100TH Curt and LaVonne Lundeen, PP KEMSHRINERS@YMAIL.COM **Duane & Lila Nelson** TALSE In Memory: Mike Motis 701-772-7125

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