

# KEM

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# BURNING SANDS

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Second quarter 2023

## POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Greetings Fellow Nobles and Ladies,

Mother Nature has been rough on us this winter! She is finally letting up and I think we might have summer after all!!

There was a good turn out for the Circus Kickoff on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to everyone that showed up.

St. Patrick's Day Ceremonial was a great success bringing in 8 new Shriners. A noon lunch was served before the traditional parade through downtown Grand Forks and followed by the Pub Crawl. Thank you to all that made this day a big success.

Lady Darlene and I, along with High Priest & Prophet, Geoff Bengston and Lady Michelle, traveled to Fargo to attend El Zagal's Wild Game Feed on February 18.

We also traveled to Aberdeen to take in one of Yelduz's Circus Performances and surprised my Counterpart Illustrious Sir Dave Jarvis and Lady Renae.

As of this printing the Grand Forks Shrine Circus is over and will have traveled to Williston for their Circus on May 8 & 9 and then we are off to Minot's Circus on May 11, 12 and 13. I would like to thank all Nobles, Ladies and friends for all their volunteer time and a special thank you to the Circus committees in each location, for all the time they put in making these events a success.

Midwest Winter Session 2023 was canceled due to bad weather. A Zoom meeting was held on April 18 to take care of business.

June starts the busy parade season. **Please get your permission requests in prior to each parade** to make sure your units are covered for insurance. Check out the parade schedule in this issue of the Burning Sands. Please be proud to wear your Fez. This may be the only impression of who KEM Shriners are for some people.

June 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Spring Ceremonial. Please mark your calendar and see the full details for the day in this issue of the Burning Sands.

June 24<sup>th</sup> is the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Shrine Football Day in Mayville with both 9 man and 11 man games. It will be nice to see as many as possible come out to support our biggest fundraiser for Shriner's Children's.

MSA summer session will be August 23-26 in Alexandria, MN, again, please make plans to attend.

Respectfully,

*Ted Anderson*  
Ted Anderson



## 2023 DIVAN

PP DALE DUCHSCHERER, GEOFF BENGSTON, STEVE RENSLow, ILLUSTRIOUS SIR TED ANDERSON, TOR BERGSTROM, TERRY JENSEN JR, STEVE ADAMS

JOEY BJORNSON, ROBERT PRONDZINSKI, DARREL SCHMITZ, KENDRICH KRABSETH, JOHN VOTAVA (NOT PICTURED), KEN HUHTA

## KEM QUARTERLY MEETING

**JULY 13 TRUSTEE MEETING 2PM,  
DIVAN 4PM, QUARTERLY/UNITS 6PM  
MASONIC CENTER, GRAND FORKS, ND**

You are notified that regular stated meeting of Kem Shriners will meet at the above time and place for hearing reports and conducting regular business.

Admittance by your 2023 dues card.

Please wear your Fez.

Attest

Yours in the Faith,

*Dale Duchscherer*  
Dale Duchscherer

*Ted Anderson*  
Ted Anderson



El Riad Shrine  
**YOU'RE  
INVITED**

**Twin Cities Hospital Board of Governors  
Town Hall**

510 S Phillips Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104  
Thursday, May 18, 2023

Social-4:30 pm  
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Remarks and Q&A-7:30 pm

An opportunity to hear from and ask questions to  
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Shriners  
Children's

Ill Sirs,

We will have a Board of Governors town hall meeting on May 18th for the Midwest Hospital region here at El Riad, Sioux Falls, SD. This event will include a social hour then a Dinner followed by a presentation which will lead us into a Town Hall discussion. We hope to have most if not all of the Midwest Hospital board of Governors, Imperial officers and personnel along with as many Divan/ Nobles from various Temples. This will be a fantastic opportunity to learn the plans and workings of the Midwest Hospital Board of Governors for the future in our area of the Shriners Children's Health system. Please let me know if you are interested and we can get you more details when we get a little closer. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

In the Faith

Leo Baumgart

Potentate El Riad 2023

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The dinner will be  
\$25.00 / person. Choice  
of a steak or chicken,  
potato and vegetable  
with desert.

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## June 3<sup>rd</sup> Spring Ceremonial Schedule

Registration 8:00 AM

Ceremonial 9:00 AM

Parade 11:00AM

Lunch (Nobles and family) Noon at the Temple

Evening: Social 6:00 PM

Supper (Choice of Chicken or Fish) 7:00 PM  
\$20 per person

Dance to *"Downtown Horns"* 8-11

Hospitality Room at Best Western  
Harvest Inn & Suites 10:00 pm – 1:00 am

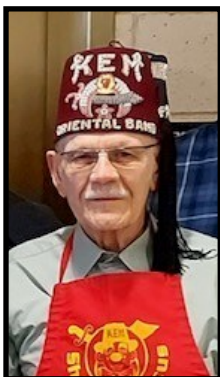
Dress code will be Business Casual (no jeans please)

RSVP by Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> to one of the following:

Carol 701-772-7125

Ted 701-520-0115 or Darlene 701-265-2351

\$20 per person



Ed Duke is famous again this year! Last year the Sands had an article about his years of dedication working at the Shrine Circus. This year his family gathered at the circus on Saturday to celebrate Ed's 50 years of working at the Kem Shrine Circus. See you next year, Ed!!!



John and Lady Kim both play on the Kem Shrine Band. John is new on the Divan (as you can see!). His pink purse is not missing.

# MSA 2023, ARROWWOOD RESORT, ALEXANDRIA, MN

**MAIN LODGE \$220/NIGHT. Includes all resort fees, taxes, and breakfast**



Each KEM unit needs a rep to take care of the information for hotel rooms and registration. The rep will be responsible for collecting the money from each attendee and provide a **COMPLETED LIST** to Carol along with **ONE CHECK** for the rooms, no later than JULY 15, 2023. There is a **NO CANCELLATION POLICY** and **NO REIMBURSEMENT**.

## MSA 2023

Wednesday, August 23, 2023, Counterparts Get Together.

Thursday, Aug 24, Meetings and Marketplace. Parade line up at 4:00pm, Step off at 5:30pm

Friday, Aug 25, Marketplace, Competitions, Ladies Luncheon, Social hour and Dinner, Entertainment.

Saturday, Aug 26, Parade line up at 9:30am with Step off at 10:30am

More details on [MSA2023.org](http://MSA2023.org)



Dear Noble,

This year marks the 49th Annual North Dakota Shrine Football All-Star Game. We will be playing both 11-man and 9-man games in an East vs. West format. The games will be played on **Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup>** at **Jerome Berg Field on the campus of Mayville State University** with 4 pm (11-man) and 7 pm (9-man) kickoffs.

Please visit [www.ndshrinebowl.com](http://www.ndshrinebowl.com) and scroll to the bottom of the home page to purchase your tickets! Additionally, the cost to renew your Mini Helmet with a 2023 helmet sticker is \$50.00. For a total of \$100.00, it takes care of the Mini Helmet renewal and gets your name in the **Nobles Hall of Fame** page of the game day program! This is a great way for you to show support for the North Dakota Shrine Bowl.

The games are a great public relations event for the Shrine and give us an opportunity for new membership by introducing 128 young men, their friends and families to the Shrine every year. Game week starts on Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup> at Mayville State University. We welcome you to participate and assist with any of the week's activities.

This is a very busy week; however, it is an experience of a lifetime for the players. On Media Day, Thursday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will host our **Patient Ambassador Day** from noon until 3pm. Several patients will be there to participate in games with the players. These festivities will be at Mayville State University. Come on out and wear your FEZ!

Visit [www.ndshrinebowl.com](http://www.ndshrinebowl.com) to make your game day ticket and mini helmet purchases. Thanks for supporting the 49th Annual North Dakota Shrine Bowl and Shriners Children's.

Sincerely, Jason Kaufman - Chairman

Lynn Misialek - Chairman

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The 2023 ND Shrine Bowl games will be played at Jerome Berg Field on the campus of Mayville State University on **Saturday, June 24th**. The 11-man game kicks off at 4pm and the 9-man game is slated to kick off at 7pm.

All events for the North Dakota Shrine Bowl will be held on the campus of Mayville State University. Camp week commences with player check-in on Tuesday June 20th, followed by Shriners Patient Ambassador Day, scheduled for Thursday June 22nd from Noon-3pm, and finally the Awards Banquet and both all-star games on Saturday June 24th. Congratulations to the players selected to participate in this year's edition of the North Dakota Shrine Bowl!

## Itinerary for the Week – Please come out and help where you can

### **Tuesday, June 20** El Zagal and KEM Nobles cover

Lunch Will NOT be served on Tuesday

11:00 – 12:00	Coach registration/check in (Agassiz)
12:00 – 1pm	Registration/check in
1:30	Player meeting (Auditorium) Classroom Building
3:00	Practice
5:30 – 6:30	Dinner (Cafeteria)
7:00	Practice
9:00	Food Delivered (BWW) EZ

### **Wednesday, June 21**

	El Zagal Nobles cover
7:15 – 7:45	Breakfast (Cafeteria)
8:45	Practice
11:30 – 12:30	Lunch (Cafeteria)
2:00	Practice
5:00 – 6:00	Dinner (Cafeteria)
6:30	Practice
9:00 -10:00	Food Delivered (Deeks) KEM
10:00	Shriners & Coaches Night @ Lodge (smoked ribs & wings)

### **Thursday, June 22**

	El Zagal and KEM Nobles cover
7:15 – 7:45	Breakfast (Cafeteria)
8:00	Player/Team Photo on game field 8(11E) 8:20 (9E) 8:40(11W) 9:00 (9W)
10:00 – 12:00	Hospital Presentation for players (Auditorium) Classroom Building
12:00-1:00	Lunch (Cafeteria)
1:00 – 2:30	Patient Ambassador Day Media/Press Continue
3:00	Practice
3:00-4:00	Shriners set up tables, chairs, etc. @ Armory
5:45	Bus pickup
6:00 – 7:15	Cookout courtesy of the ND Beef Commission @ Mayville Armory
7:30 -10:00	Movie (TBD)

### **Friday, June 23**

	KEM Nobles cover
7:15 – 7:45	Breakfast (Cafeteria)
8:45	Practice
11:30 – 12:30	Lunch (Cafeteria)
3:00	Practice
5:30 – 6:30	Dinner (Cafeteria)
7:00 – 8:00	Practice
9:00	Mayville State (activity/food??)

### **Saturday, June 24**

	All game day events @ Mayville State University
7:00 – 7:45	Continental breakfast (Cafeteria)
7:00 – 8:30	Player Checkout
9:30 - 10:30	Parade
11:00 - 1:30	Banquet
4:00	11 – Man Game
7:00	9 – Man Game





## **2023 N.D. Shrine Football rosters**

### **9-Man East**

Jacob Steele, Cavalier; Landon Carter, Cavalier; Levi Hinkle, Cavalier; Cruz Hernandez, Hankinson; Ruston Kath, Hankinson; Brock Wendel, LaMoure-Litchville-Marion; Garrett Hebl, LaMoure-Litchville-Marion; Colton Ness, LaMoure-Litchville-Marion; Colter Thorsell, Larimore; Jebb Gerszewski, Larimore; Clay Hovelson, Maple River; Andrew Aarsvold, May-Port-C-G; Ethan Bergstrom, May-Port-C-G; Xyler Carlson, May-Port-C-G; Lucas Fugleberg, May-Port-C-G; Holden Lenz, Nelson County; TJ Cosley, North Border; Carson Brown, North Border; Nicholas Mears, North Prairie; Isaac Herbel, North Prairie; Mitchell Leas, North Prairie; Bryce Prouty, North Star; Andrew Arth, Wyndmere-Lidgerwood; Jake Kuchera, Wyndmere-Lidgerwood; Jason Barton, Wyndmere-Lidgerwood; Chisum Schmiedeberg, Kittson County Central

Coaches -- Mitch Greenwood, Cavalier; Josh Keller, North Prairie; Adam Sola, May-Port-C-G; Jason Monilaws, Hankinson

### **9-Man West**

Trey Swanson, Beach; Keaton Rust, Central McClean; Easton Eriksmoen, Divide County; Max Dhuyvetter, Divide County; Wyatt Carballo, Divide County; Layton Woodbury, Grant County-Flasher; Kayedenn Rivinius, Grant County-Flasher; Wyatt Ottmar, Grant County-Flasher; Brandon Brunelle, Grant County-Flasher; Cole Manolovits, Hettinger County; Keaton Luhmann, Kidder County; Trenton Erbele, Napoleon-Gackle-Streeter; AJ Heins, New Salem-Almont; Ty Wolding, New Salem-Almont; Levi Becker, New Salem-Almont; Alex Pitman, New Salem-Almont; Dylan Kessel, Richardton-Taylor-Hebron; Brayton Baker St. John; Jaydynce McCloud, St. John; Caden Belgarde, St. John; Isaac Charbonneau, St. John; Johnny Luger, Standing Rock; Ethan Hanson, Surrey; Tyler Blowers, Towner-Granville-Upham; Easton Andel, Westhope-Newburg-Glenburn; Kyler Card, Park Christian

Coaches -- Steve Kleinjan, New Salem-Almont; Jamie Krenz, Grant County-Flasher; Cory Davis, St. John; Connor Hill, Surrey

### **11-Man East**

Dylan LaMont, GF Central; Logan Arason, Red River; Hudson Flom, Red River; Caleb Zejdlik, EGF Senior High; Max Roller, Thompson; Colton Schneider, Devils Lake; Jacob Shriver, Bottineau; Ryan Stafford, Central Cass; Owen Wiersma, Central Cass; Cooper Johnson, Central Cass; Christian McCarthy, Fargo Davies; John O'Neill, Fargo Davies; Michael Rostberg, Fargo Shanley; Will Mehus, Fargo Shanley; Vuciri Hakim, Fargo Shanley; Damon Hospidales, Fargo Shanley; Tyler Christianson, Fargo South; Emanuel Spiyee, Fargo South; Zack Thomasson, Fargo South; Peter Dryburgh, Hillsboro-Central Valley; Riley Olsen, Hillsboro-Central Valley; Easton Baesler, Hillsboro-Central Valley; Trey Heinrich, Kindred; Jack Packer, Kindred; Mason Nipstad, Kindred; Jack Romfo, Langdon-Edmore-Munich; Boeden Greenley, Lisbon; Grant Lyons, Lisbon; Noah Sundby, Oakes; Broden Muske, Valley City; Gavin Gerhardt, Valley City; Beau Arenstein, Wahpeton; Payton McGregor, West Fargo; Josh Balstad, West Fargo; Ty Schlichting, West Fargo Sheyenne; Bryce Cain, West Fargo Sheyenne; Charlie Kalina, Detroit Lakes; Brock O'Keson, Detroit Lakes;

Coaches -- Scott Olson, Hillsboro-Central Valley; Tommy Butler, Casselton; Vyrn Muir, Red River; Tyler Kosel, Fargo South

### **11-Man West**

Ethan Boll, Crookston; Armani Smith, Beulah; Tarren Larson, Beulah; Ryan Brynjolfson, Bismarck Century; Joel Edland, Bismarck Century; Jacob Burckhard, Bismarck Century; Jayden Sherwin, Bismarck; Jaxon Kellogg, Bismarck Legacy; Vegas George, Bismarck Legacy; Carl Henry, Bismarck Legacy; Jaxyn Richter, Bismarck St. Mary's; Jonathan Plante, Bismarck St. Mary's; Grant Kees, Bowman County; Brenden Hedges, Des Lacs-Burlington; Chase Selle, Dickinson; Max Wilkinson, Dickinson; Ben Carlson, Dickinson; Kaison Kaylor, Hazen; Payton Hochhalter, Jamestown; Jackson Walters, Jamestown; Ethan Gall, Jamestown; Devon Church, Mandan; Karsyn Jablonski, Mandan; Lincon Wiseman, Mandan; Kaydn Turnbow, Minot; Jayden Speraw, Minot; Tyson Enget, Ray-Powers Lake; Gracin Schroeder, Ray-Powers Lake; Joey Desir, Shiloh Christian; Kyler Klein, Shiloh Christian; Darrick Even, Shiloh Christian; Payton Bodine, Velva-Garrison-Drake-Anamoose; Kyle Sandy, Velva-Garrison-Drake-Anamoose; Gabe Lakoduk, Velva-Garrison-Drake-Anamoose; Preston Kraft, Velva-Garrison-Drake-Anamoose; Jason Hogue, Watford City; Landon Gilespeie, Lake Park-Audubon; Zeke Noel, Lake Park-Audubon

Coaches -- Jim Dooley, Beulah; Matt Weidler, Velva-Drake-Anamoose; Chauncey Hendershot, Minot; Cory Volk, Bismarck Century

# Burning Sands BOG Report - April 2023

Greetings from the 39 employees at Shriners Children's 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.

Unlike my usual information for *Burning Sands*, I feel at this time I need to provide information on Twin Cities Clinic and Kem Temple. 2023 was the year of patient volume! In the Midwest market (Dayton, Chicago, St. Louis, Twin Cities), the goal is to have more screening clinics. We have slacked off on this. In 2018, the Twin Cities had 347 patient referrals from screening clinics, but only 3 patient screening clinic referrals in 2022!

It's time for the 894 KEM Shriners to get reorganized. Let's get some screening clinics scheduled. We can't expect our hospital representatives, Bruce, Chris, & Randy, to do this by themselves. Please reach out to them and offer your assistance. Wouldn't it be nice to contribute to the total patient Twin Cities referrals by scheduling 3 screening clinics in 2023. Devils Lake has already offered our first location for a screening clinic this year, so we now need to find potential patients for that screening. KEM currently has 312 TC Clinic patients. Let's try to increase that number to 325! Where else would you envision additional screenings?

Child Life (Twin Cities patient camp opportunity program) had a successful year in 2022. There were 264 participants in various camps and events. A sample of the activities included were fishing, water and snow skiing, kayaking, MN Viking camp, and a prom.

**At a recent Uniformed Units meeting, the question was asked "Why can't we do camps/events in ND?" It can be done, but it would require serious planning. If you, as Shriners, are serious about providing a positive experience in ND for our kids that they would normally not have "close to home", it is time to step up! A good start would be setting up a joint steering committee with El Zagal ASAP to investigate the possibility. Just keep in mind the smiles YOU would get to see on the kids' faces when they can ski, fish, or go to a prom, etc. – many of them for the first time!**

Additional Twin Cities updates:

We have hired a part-time surgeon to work out of Twin Cities 2 weeks a month until a permanent full-time surgeon is hired.

The "Spirit of Halloween" (seasonal Halloween costume shop) donates once a year to the Twin Cities Clinic. This year they donated \$104,000 from their sales. This is the 12<sup>th</sup> year they have donated to Twin Cities.

We continue to have a working relationship with Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines and Boys Town in Omaha.

Outreach clinics have been reduced but hope to be on track when we hire a permanent surgeon. ND patients were able to be seen in Bismarck.

The annual Gala fundraiser event will be held June 2 at the Depot in downtown Minneapolis. The goal this year is to raise \$300,000.

June 3 is the Spring Ceremonial. Please come out and support our new candidates, our Potentate Ted, and Lady Darlene.

In closing, together we can bring hope and healing to improve the lives of children, locally and around the world.

Thank you for allowing me to be your BOG Representative.



## Achieve Adventure: June 22 – 25

An overnight camping trip at Apostle Island State Park for patients between the ages of 15 and 20 who have a limb deficiency. Campers participate in a variety of physically demanding activities including kayaking and hiking.

## Camp Bravo: July 24 – 28

A weeklong day camp for patients with any diagnosis ages 5 and up. Campers spend the week practicing lines and choreography leading up to a final performance.

## Shriners 100th Year Celebration: August 6

Join us for this once in a century celebration! More details to come as the event approaches.

## Camp Explore South Dakota: August 7 – 10

Campers develop an appreciation of nature, curate new leisure interests and experience traditional camp activities. Open to all diagnoses, but must be independent in all self care activities. Ages 7-14

## Halloween Party: October 12

Get your costumes and treat bags together and join our spooktacular celebration from 5 to 7pm.

## Breakfast with Santa: December 2

Enjoy breakfast, fun activities and visit with the guy in red while you get in the spirit of the season.

Events with Dates TBD:  
Camp Explore Iowa  
Minnesota Vikings Event  
Minneapolis Boulder Project (wall climbing)

## CAMP SCHEDULE 2023

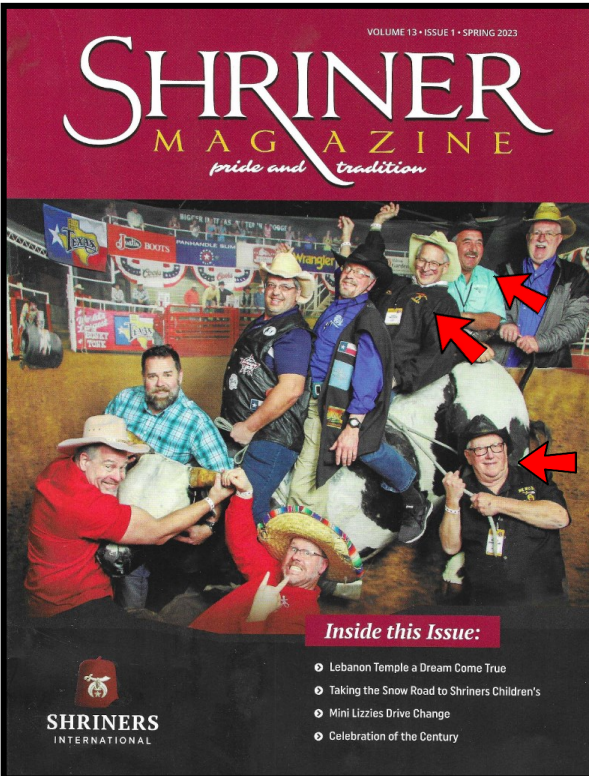
# WILL WE SEE A CAMP IN NORTH DAKOTA?

## It has been





# Membership Conference, Grapevine Tx, 2023



## Greetings Nobles.

Bob Prondzinski (2<sup>nd</sup> Ceremonial Master) and Darrel Schmitz (Marshal) represented Kem Shrine at the Membership Conference in Grapevine, Tx. We have all heard how membership has been declining all over the country. At this conference we heard ideas on how to hustle membership for the Shrine. It was great to be able to get some ideas from other Temples and the guest speakers. After each speaker we would break into groups with our Region 4 Nobles. The one major word we heard often was "communication". The ladder consists of Masons, then the Shrine, followed by the Units and finally the Divan. The communication seems to break down somewhere along the line. Everyone must do their part to encourage a new member to grow. The more support he has the more likely he will grow and encourage friends or family to be a member. After the Master Mason Degree, each Mason should be given the opportunity to become a Shriner. If an individual chooses to join the Shrine, he should never be left out of events, meetings or commadore. Nobles should hustle him to be in a unit of his choice so he can be counted as a member who cares. He is important to the greatest fraternity in the world. Make him feel he is part of it, give him a chance to voice his ideas and let him partake in duties and committees. Committees are not just for the Divan, but for all members. Get them involved from the beginning so they will be ready to fill a position when needed.

There was a discussion on the misconception of Divan meeting being secret. They are not. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings.

Every Noble should know what is going on in their Temple and know about upcoming events. Encourage the members in your unit to attend. The more involved they are, the

## Bob, Darrel and Lynn are famous!!!

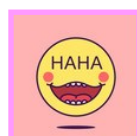
more they are going to enjoy being part of the Shrine. Another major topic discussed extensively was that to attract and keep younger members, is to let it be known that wives/girlfriends can and should be involved. If she knows she will be included in on the functions, she will be more likely to be okay with her man being part of the organization. It was suggested to allow women to the Unit meetings. Encourage her to get involved with the Shrine Ladies, bring her to the MSA and other Shrine functions.

We would like to thank Kem Shrine for the opportunity to attend this conference.

We will do our part to teach and encourage what we have learned. Respectfully, Bob and Darrel

## WHERE IS MY PINK PURSE?

Says the Marshal





# Oriental Guide Shrine Leadership Conference 2023



This March Lady Michelle and I had the pleasure of attending the Oriental Guide Shrine Leadership Conference in Tampa , FL.

We spent three days attending seminars on Shriners Childrens, leadership, Shrine law, membership, fundraising and budgeting presented by a very inspirational and educational speakers.

We also had fun and fellowship with our new counterparts from the Midwest by going out on the town in Tampa, a group dinner and banquet fun night. Many great pictures were taken of the group.

The last day was wrapped up by key note speaker Mark May, former NFL Super Bowl champion.

My personal favorite of the conference was presented by Jordan and Tiffany Settles "Introducing your family to the Shrine". They really brought home the message that in order for the Shrine membership to grow we need to make it a FAMILY FIRST atmosphere. They shared many ideas on how they have incorporated this at their Shrine center.

I would like to thank our Illustrious Potentate Ted Anderson and the Kem Divan for allowing me this opportunity to attend the conference. I look forward to sharing the stories and information I have learned.

*Oriental Guide Terry Jenson Jr.*



I had the privilege of attending the Oriental Guide Shrine Leadership Conference in Tampa, FL this past month. As a new Lady in the Shrine, I found it to be very enlightening and uplifting.



Day 1 began with an update on Shriners' Childrens by Dr Leslie Stewart. He shared the history of the hospitals and the evolution over the years. He also included maps with locations of the facilities and the types of facilities. He was a great speaker.

The afternoon breakout session was joint with the ladies and Nobles together. The moderators went over the Laws of Leadership which is based on the John C Maxwell book called 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership. We spent time going over several of these laws and diving in to reflect on our own personal leadership abilities. Big take aways from this session was to change the culture in the temples and be very up on strategic planning for the temple. Much of this was focused on bringing in new members with events that promote families. Day 2 the afternoons were spent having women's and men's workshops. The women's workshop began with a presentation by Lady JJ Craven who shared her 1<sup>st</sup> Lady project "The World is your Oyster". Her focus is reaching out to pediatric sports related injury patients. She shared her fundraising efforts towards this focused area. The next sessions went over much to do with order and etiquette. They taught about roles and responsibilities of both the men and women. The women's' breakout was very educational. I learned all the protocols and responsibilities. A large focus was on the Ladies Temple Handbook. Many of the ladies shared theirs and what that looks like.

Day 3 We ended out with the last of the ladies workshop with focus on dress code and leadership roles. The sessions ended with a closing key-note speaker Mark May former NFL player. He was very inspirational.

We finished up the small group leadership sessions in the morning. We were also able to participate in a dinner with the Midwest folks and attend the OG social with dinner and dancing. It was a great honor to attend and I learned a lot about the Shrine protocols. Looking forward to learning and growing! *Michelle Ellis, Lady to Terry Jenson,Jr.*

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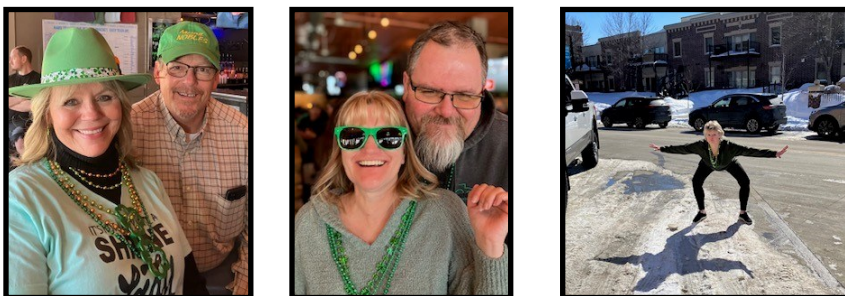


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# ST. PATRICK'S DAY 2023



Tomi trying to save the last parking spot for another Noble!



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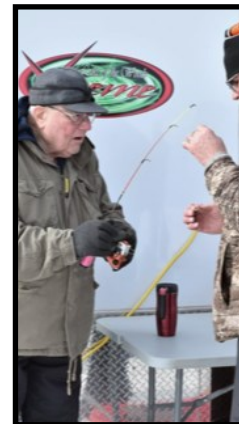
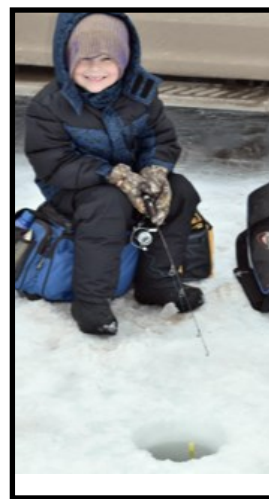
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## KEM CYCLE CORPS

Spring is here and the **Kem Cycle Corps** is planning for our return to the Parade Schedule. Like so many other Units and organizations Covid took its toll on our Unit and Parade riding the last couple of years. 2023 is the year of the comeback and we will be back, "Riding to the Rescue".

Along with returning to the Parade Schedule, the **Cycle Corps** is planning our first annual **Pat Endres Memorial Ride** and Drive. Still in early stages, the ride is being planned for July 15, 2023. More information will be coming soon.

**The Cycle Corps** membership consists of Brothers who are riding enthusiasts, some of whom no longer ride yet keep their membership and assist in the planning and execution of events and fundraisers. Currently nearly half of our membership no longer ride but still participate in our events. Any Brother interested in more information about the **Cycle Corps** and joining our "Ride to the Rescue" please contact any of the officers listed below.

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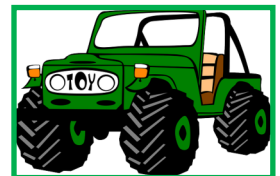
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# **GRAFTON CYCLEERS**

## **ATV FUN RUN, APRIL 15, 2023. FOREST RIVER, ND**



**FUTURE SHRINER!!**



### **Tom's Lounge Fun Run**

April 15, '23 was the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual side by side, ATV, or car/truck run sponsored by Tom's Lounge in Forest River.

The proceeds were donated to the *Grafton Cycleers*, which in turn will be donated to one of the *Shriners Children's Camp for Kids*. There were over 100 registered vehicles that lined up and rode from Tom's Lounge in Forest River to Minto, Pisek, Fordville, Inkster, Gilby and back to Forest River. Thank you Sarah and Mike, from Tom's Lounge, for sponsoring and hosting this event and thanks to everyone that participated. It was a fun ride with a little water, a little snow, dry land and good leaders. Hopefully this will continue to grow each year. At printing there amount raised was over \$1500.

***Grafton Cycleers***

POTENTATE ILLUSTRIOUS SIR TED ANDERSON, LADY DARLENE and LADY SHERI, HAVE COMPLETED ANOTHER YEAR OF SERVING BURGERS AT THE GRAFTON CURLING CLUB TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE WGA 4 KIDS. THANKS TO ALL THE SHRINERS THAT CAME TO ENJOY THE DELICIOUS BURGERS AND SUPPORT THIS CAUSE. YOUR SUPPORT IS NOTED BY THE CURLERS AND LOCAL CUSTOMERS. PLEASE TAKE NOTE THAT NEXT YEAR WE WILL BE SERVING ON WEDNESDAYS (NOVEMBER THRU MARCH) STEAD OF TUESDAYS.



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*KEM CAMPERZ.....Logo shirts are available at APEX Apparel.*

**KEM KAMPERZ WILL BE CAMPING IN MAYVILLE WILLOWWOOD CAMPGROUND DURING THE SHRINE BOWL. There is a hotel available for those who are not campers.**

There will be camping at Golden Lake, Hatton, ND July 21,22. This is the weekend of the Northwood parade. It will be close enough for Nobles to attend the parade. ANY AND EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO STOP BY TO VISIT WITH THE KEM KAMPERZ. We will be on the West side of the lake by the pavilion. Please contact any Kem Kamperz member to make reservations.

**Kem Kamperz Rummage Sale and Sister Swank Boutique at the Masonic Temple in Grand Forks, will be held on May 19th and 20th. Stop in to find a treasure, new outfit or to get a dozen or more homemade donuts to take home.**

**Pre orders are available for May 12. Contact Nancy Bergh**



### MAKING DONUTS WITH A PRO



MEET DEE. SHE IS THE MOTHER OF LADY JULIE. DEE TAUGHT THESE KEM KAMPERZ LADIES HOW TO MAKE DONUTS. IN TURN THEY WILL MAKE MORE ON THEIR OWN TO SELL AT THE UPCOMING RUMMAGE SALE AT THE MASONIC TEMPLE, MAY 19TH & 20TH. DEE HAS MADE OVER 80,000 DONUTS SINCE SHE RETIRED AND MANY MORE BEFORE THEN. TALK ABOUT A PRO!

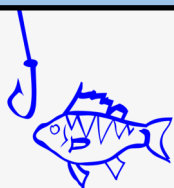
## MOBIL NOBLES

CONGRATULATIONS TO WINNERS OF 12000 MILES OF FUN  
RALPH APPLGREN, TODD HAGEN, MITCH BYRNE.

**Still working on new Mobil Noble shirts.**



EL ZAGAL'S WILD GAME FEED



The Units have purchased a pull behind trailer to be used for tailgating for UND Football. It will ONLY be used for Shrine grilling events. It will be stocked with the major equipment. Each Unit will need to provide their own propane tank and each unit that uses the trailer will be responsible for keeping the trailer clean and ready for the next use. The wrap process is schedule to happen soon.



## SHRINE CIRCUS, ABERDEEN, SD. 2023

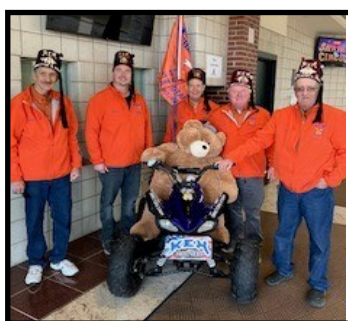


## KEM SHRINE CIRCUS.....SHRINERS AT THEIR BEST



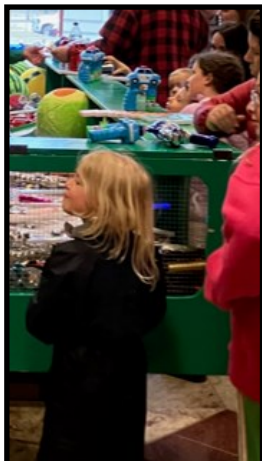
The 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Forks Kem Shrine Circus was held April 28-30th. **Over 21,000** people attended the seven shows that had something for everyone. That attendance was the highest since 2016. Our cotton candy sales were at the highest. A big thank you to El Zagal for the 20 cases of toys we needed to finish the weekend. All the toys were ***sold out*** by the end of the last show. Thank you to all who had a part in making this year's circus a success.

Ron Bergh PP  
Grand Forks Circus Chairman





# KEM SHRINE CIRCUS 2023

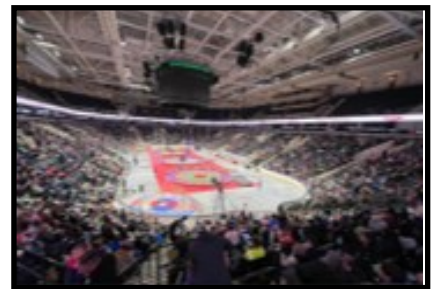




# KEM SHRINE CIRCUS, GRAND FORKS



WINNEPEG PP's



SATURDAY AFTERNOON  
SHOW NUMBERED 5600 !!!





## 2023 PARADE SCHEDULE

### JUNE

3 KEM CEREMONIAL	11AM
3 ERSKINE, MN	5PM
10 FINLEY, ND	10AM
17 ST THOMAS, ND	10AM
17 ANETA, ND	2PM
17 MINTO, ND	2PM
24 MAYVILLE, ND SHRINE BOWL PARADE	10AM

### JULY

2 BEMIDJI, MN	1PM
4 HATTON, ND	10AM
4 PARK RIVER, ND	11AM
4 WALHALLA, ND	1030AM
9 FERTILE, MN	2PM
12 THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN	7PM
15 LARIMORE, ND	11AM
15 HOPE, ND TENTATIVE	10AM
19 WARREN, MN	6PM
22 MANVEL, ND	10:30AM
22 NORTHWOOD, ND	11AM
22 MINOT STATE FAIR PARADE	9:15AM

### AUGUST

5 MOUNTAIN, ND	1030AM
19 OSLO, MN RIB COOKOFF	11AM
19 CROOKSTON, MN	7PM
24 MSA ALEXANDRIA, MN	5:30 PM
26 MSA GLENNWOOD, MN	10:30AM

### SEPTEMBER

3 STUMP LAKE PARK	1PM
4 STUMP LAKE PARK	1PM
9 UND POTATO BOWL	10AM

### OCTOBER

7 UND HOMECOMING	9AM
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## UND FIGHTING HAWKS

## TAILGATING AND HOST SCHEDULE 2023

SEPT 2 DRAKE 3:00

### FOURTH FLOOR CLUB

SEPT 9 NORTHERN AZ 3:00

POTATO BOWL

### PROVOST

OCT 7 WESTERN ILLINOIS 1:00

HOMECOMING

### MOBIL NOBLES

OCT 14 **NDSU**  1:00

### PROVOST/MOBIL NOBLES

HALL OF FAME

OCT 28 INDIANA STATE 1:00

TO BE DECIDED

NOV 18 ILLINOIS STATE 1:00

### CYCLEERS



# KEM SHRINE CALENDER 2023

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

FEBRUARY 9 DIVAN MEETING @ 4 PM and CIRCUS KICKOFF AT 6PM ✓

FEBRUARY 9-11 MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR, GRAPEVINE, TX

FEBRUARY 23-25 MSA WINTER SESSION, ALEXANDRIA, MN

MARCH 9 DIVAN MEETING 6PM ✓

MARCH 16-18 ORIENTAL GUIDE SCHOOL ,TAMPA, FL

MARCH 18 ST. PATRICK DAY CEREMONIAL AND PARADE, GRAND FORKS, ND

MARCH 20-22 ASSISTANT RABBAN SCHOOL , TAMPA, FL

APRIL 13 TRUSTEE MEETING 2PM, DIVAN 4PM, UNITS/QUARTERLY 6PM ✓

APRIL 27 CIRCUS SET UP, RALPH ENGELSTAD ARENA

APRIL 28-30 KEM SHRINE CIRCUS, RALPH ENGELSTAD ARENA, GRAND FORKS, ND

MAY 8-9 KEM SHRINE CIRCUS, WILLISTON, ND

MAY 11 DIVAN MEETING 6PM ✓

MAY 11-13 KEM SHRINE CIRCUS, MINOT, ND

JUNE 3 SPRING CEREMONIAL, PARADE, DINNER

JUNE 8 DIVAN MEETING 6PM ✓

JUNE 17 GRAND LODGE, MINOT, ND

JUNE 24 SHRINE FOOTBALL, PARADE, AND GAMES, MAYVILLE, ND

JULY 2-6 IMPERIAL SESSION, CHARLOTTE, NC

JULY 13 TRUSTEE MEETING 2PM, DIVAN 4PM, QUARTERLY/UNITS 6PM ✓

JULY 18 PAST POTENTATES DINNER AT GOLDEN LAKE, ND

AUGUST 10 DIVAN MEETING 6PM ✓

AUGUST 23-26 MSA SUMMER SESSION, ALEXANDRIA, MN

SEPTEMBER 14 DIVAN MEETING 6PM ✓

OCTOBER 12 TRUSTEE MEETING 2PM, DIVAN 4PM, QUARTERLY/UNITS 6PM ✓

OCTOBER 21 MINOT'S POTENTATE'S BALL

OCTOBER 28 TABLES DU JOUR , GRAND FORKS, ND

NOVEMBER 9 DIVAN 6PM ✓

DECEMBER 2 KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY, CEREMONIAL, UNITS CHRISTMAS PARTY

DEC 14 DIVAN MEETING 6PM ✓



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Richard Lord	Jack Rowe	
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### CALLING ALL SHRINERS

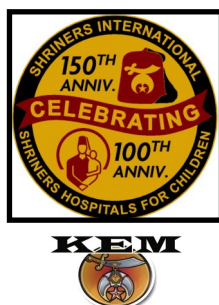
**Are you a member in good standing?**

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