

# KEM

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# BURNING SANDS

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KEM SHRINE, GRAND FORKS, ND

Third quarter 2023

## POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Greeting Fellow Nobles and Ladies

It was a great week at the Imperial Session in Charlotte North Carolina the early part of July. This year during the Imperial Session a \$20 per capita dues increase passed making the total per capita dues \$50 a year. KEM also passes a dues increase of \$30 taking our dues to a total of \$60 and a \$5 assessment for the hospital, making the overall dues to a total of \$115 a year for the coming year.

Imperial Dues \$50.00

KEM Dues 60.00

Hospital 5.00

**Total \$115.00**

There was a great turnout in Alexandria MN for MSA Summer Session August 23-26. Thank you to all the nobles and ladies that attended.

Tailgating is in full swing, make sure to stop by KEM's area at the Alerus for fun and fellowship.

**October 12 is Stated Quarterly meeting with a Trustee meeting at 2:00pm Divan at 4:00pm and Quarterly/Units meeting at 6:00pm.** Hope to see you all there.

We are looking forward to the Potentate's Ball sponsored by Minot Shrine Club on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> in Minot. Supper choices are Prime Rib or Chicken Morney for \$20 a person or \$30 a couple. Please RSVP to Steve Belcher at 701-415-9474 or [stevenbelcher690@gmail.com](mailto:stevenbelcher690@gmail.com). Divan in Tuxes. Nobles and their ladies business casual or formal.

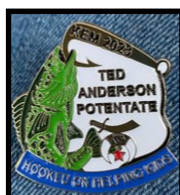
Our annual Hospital fundraiser "Tables Du Jour" is Saturday, October 28. Reserve your table now to insure your spot. It is a great morning served by nobles in tuxedos and raising funds for a great cause.

Save the date for the Kid's Christmas Party on Saturday morning December 2<sup>nd</sup>. There is be a ceremonial that afternoon if we have any candidates and then stay around for the Units Christmas Party!!

RESPECTFULLY

*Ted Anderson*  
Ted Anderson

2023 POTENTATE







## 2023 DIVAN

PP DALE DUCHSCHERER, GEOFF BENGSTON, STEVE RENSLOW, ILLUSTRIOUS SIR TED ANDERSON, TOR BERGSTROM, TERRY JENSON JR, STEVE ADAMS  
JOEY BJORNSON, ROBERT PRONDZINSKI, DARREL SCHMITZ, KENDRICH KRABSETH, JOHN VOTAVA (NOT PICTURED), KEN HUHTA

## KEM QUARTERLY MEETING

**October 12** TRUSTEE MEETING 2PM,  
DIVAN 4PM, QUARTERLY/UNITS 6PM

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



We fezzed a new member for Kem Shrine and the Williston Basin Roadsters on Saturday, July 23, 2023 at Fort Buford, N.D.

Grand Master, Chad Heinz, did the fezzing assisted by Past Potentate Bruce Krabseth for the mini ceremonial.

The new members name is Samson Fritz, a Master Mason of Fort Union Lodge #128.



**How fun is  
this! →**

Midian Wheatwackers.  
This is the only unit like this in the WORLD!  
Wichita, Kansas  
Spring Ceremonial





## SOME THIS AND SOME THAT



**KEM SHRINERS MEETING WITH EL CERRITO AT APACHE WELLS, ARIZONA LAST WINTER.**

**JIM KIENEST, CHARLES SCHMALTZ, AL NISTAD, TOM WALSKI, LLOYD RYGG, DICK GLEASON, TOM HANSON, ROD KAYLOR AND JERRY LYKKEN. IN THE FAR TABLE IS ODELL BERG AND ARNIE OSLAND AND\_\_\_\_\_.**



**A SIDE BY SIDE RIDE FROM MOUNTAIN TO WALHALLA BROUGHT US TO THIS MASON STRUCTURE ON THE SIDE OF A MOUNTAIN. TOOK IN THE BEAUTIFUL VIEW CLOSE BY.**



**Meet Juan Diego, 2023-2024 International Patient Ambassador.**

**Juan was burned in an electrical accident when he was 13, leaving his hands seriously disfigured. He spent more than a month in the hospital in his home country of Honduras. The Ruth Paz Foundation, a nonprofit organization in Honduras, learned about Juan's burn injury and connected him with *Shriners Children's Boston.***



**International Patient Ambassadors.**

**This is Gianna, who was born with a rare condition called proximal femoral focal deficiency (PFFD), which caused her to be missing part of her left femur. Her parents knew they had to find the proper specialized care for their daughter and were grateful to learn that the orthopedic team at *Shriners Children's Southern California* had the expertise to treat PFFD.**

**The fitness trainer asked me, "What kind of a squat are you accustomed to doing?" I said, "Diddly."**

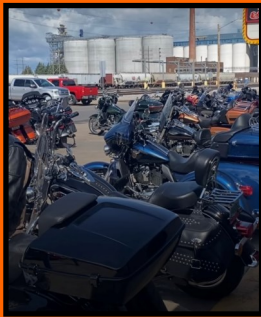


# KEM CYCLE CORPS

## "PAT ENDRES MEMORIAL RIDE " A RIDE FOR A GOOD CAUSE



Thanks to all that participated in the "Pat Endres Memorial Ride" in July. The Ladies General Auxiliary at Shriners Twin Cities will receive \$850 that was raised from the 42 registered vehicles. The Widows Sons Masonic RA donated an additional \$100 to that fund for a total of \$950.



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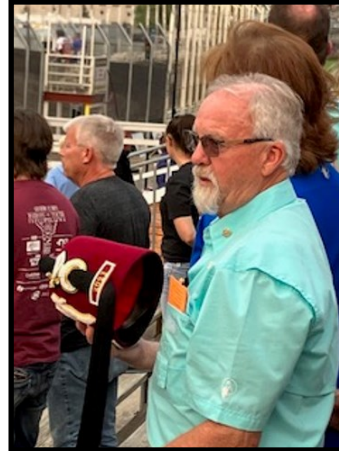


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# KEM SHRINE AT THE GRAND FORKS SPEEDWAY RACES



🇺🇸 NOBLE RANDY SHEAR SANG THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AS PROVOST FOLLOWED THE PACE TRUCK 🇨🇦



STAGED THE TOYS!



NEW GUY JOINING IN THE FUN



FOUND THESE TWO!



OOPS!



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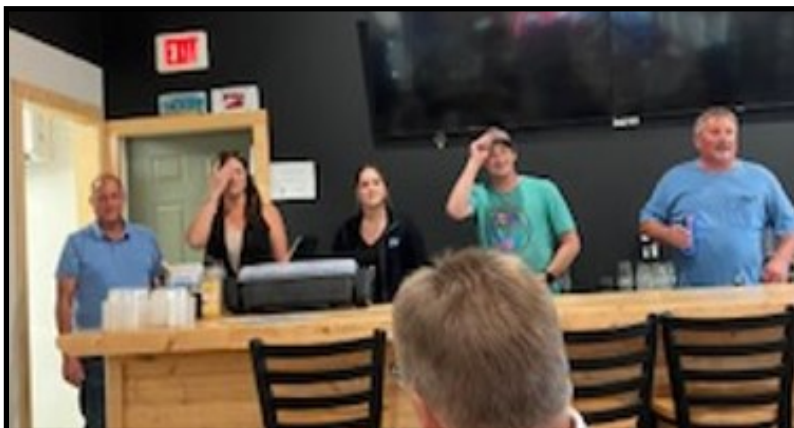
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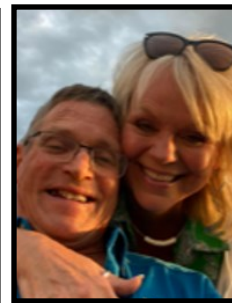
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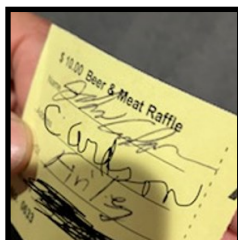
# POTENTATE'S DINNER 2023, GOLDEN LAKE



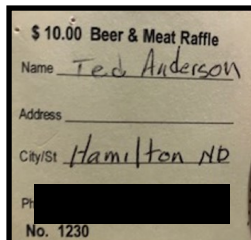
THANKS TO JAKE AND HIS CREW FOR THE DELICIOUS FOOD AND GREAT SERVICE.



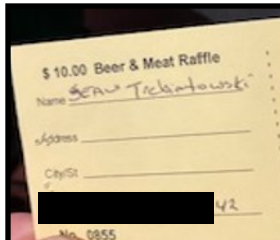
FIVE UNITS HELD THIS RAFFLE TO RAISE THE FUNDS TO PURCHASE THE TAILGATING TRAILER. DRAWING WAS HELD ON AUGUST 15. CONGRATS!



JOHN CARLSON  
1ST PRIZE WINNER



TED ANDERSON  
L & M MEATS



SEAN TREBIATOWSKI  
L & M MEATS





# WARREN PARADE



# DEVILS LAKE FLAG CORP



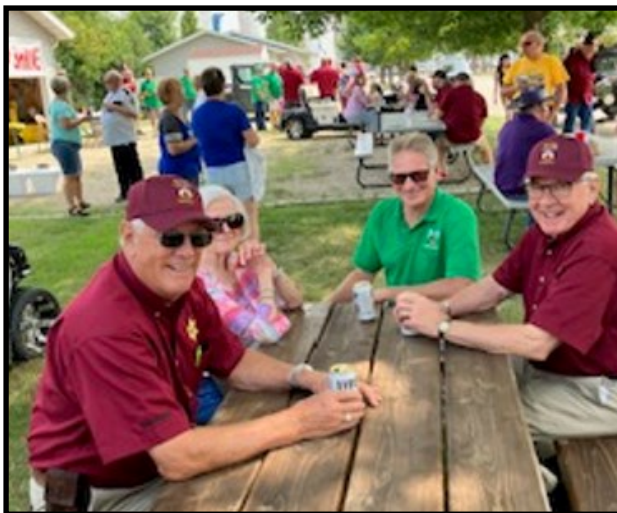


# NORTHWOOD PARADE AND OASIS 2023



WHY IS THAT PROVOST IN  
THE MOBIL NOBLE  
CART?.... ←

OH YEAH →



TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America.  
MARIA: Here it is.  
TEACHER: Correct. Now, Class, who discovered America?  
CLASS: Maria.





# NORTHWOOD PARADE AND OASIS 2023, CONTINUED



THANKS GRANDPA!



DIANE'S GREAT RHUBARB SLUSH!



GRANDPA AND DAD TIME!



DADDY, DON'T PUT ME IN THAT POLICE CAR!



MOBIL NOBLES AT NORTHWOOD PARADE



MOBIL NOBLES AT LARMORE PARADE

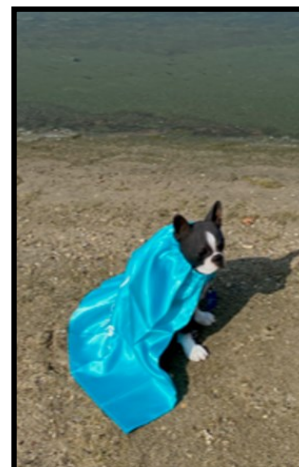




# KEM KAMPERZ CAMPING WEEKEND AT GOLDEN LAKE



KAMPERZ OF THE CORN



OUR WEEKEND AT GOLDEN LAKE WAS VERY ENJOYABLE. THE WEATHER WAS PERFECT. A FRIDAY NITE SIDE BY SIDE RIDE TO THE ROCKIN' R RANCH WITH A TRIP ACROSS A CATTLE CROSSING AND A QUICK STOP AT INTERESTING CEMETARY STARTED THE WEEKEND. WE ALL PARTICIPATED IN THE NORTHWOOD PARADE & ENJOYED THE DELICIOUS FOOD AT THE HOME OF KEN AND DIANE HUHTA'S. ALWAYS FUN TO WATCH THE PARADE FROM THERE AND GET A GOOD MEAL, NOT TO MENTION DIANE'S RHUBARB SLUSH! WE ALSO HAD A "KEM OF WINGS" WING COOK OFF LATER SATURDAY AFTERNOON. PICTURES OF THE PARADE, OASIS AND COOKOFF ARE IN THIS ISSUE. A PONTOON RIDE AND A CAMPFIRE ENDED SATURDAY NIGHT AND A FULL BREAKFAST SUNDAY MORNING TOPPED IT OFF.

"ROLLIN' IN THE DOUGH"  
HOMEMADE LEFSA AND  
DOUGHNUTS FOR SALE  
AT THE GUN RAFFLE  
NOV. 4TH! MADE BY SOME  
REAL PRO'S!!

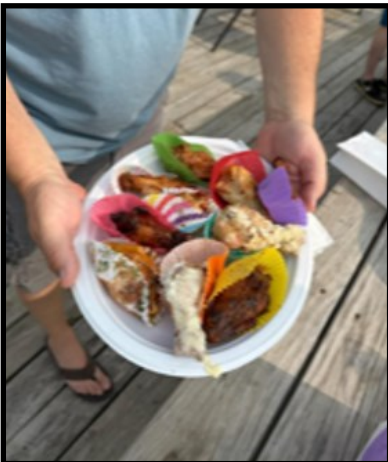




# "KEM OF WINGS"

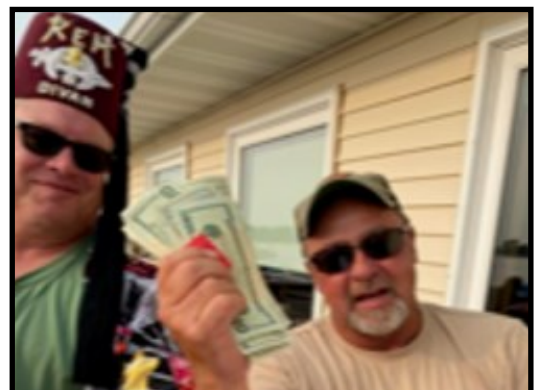


WING CHEFS WERE NOBLES JOEY BJORNSON, DARREL SCHMITZ, JAKE DICKSON, TOR BERGSTOM, DARREN RENFROW, RON BERGH PP, DAVE RUSTEBAKKE PP, BOB PRONDZINSKI, ROGER SCHMITZ, BILL KNIPE



**WINNER!**

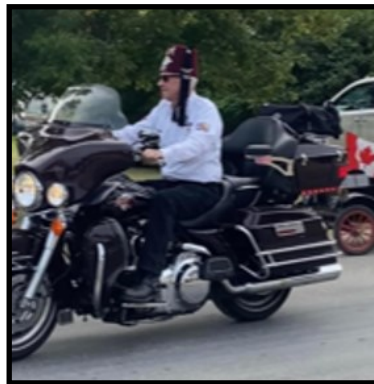
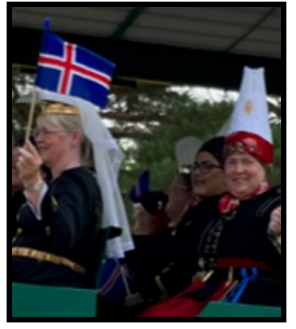
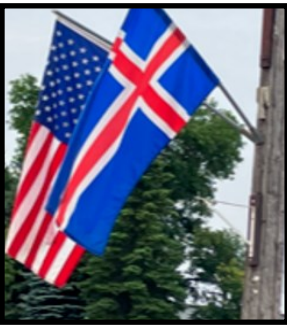
JAKE DICKSON WAS THE WINNER OF THE WING CONTEST. THOSE THAT SAMPLED THE WINGS VOTED ON THEIR FAVORITE. IT WAS A HOOT LISTENING TO THE NOBLES BANTER BACK AND FORTH WHEN THE VOTERS PUT THEIR TICKET AT THEIR CHOICE. GREAT SPORTSMANSHIP AND A FUN TIME WAS WHAT COUNTED. WE PUT THE SHRINERS OUT THERE AND THERE IS TALK THAT WE GAINED SOME INTERESTED FUTURE SHRINERS! JAKE GRACIOUSLY LET US USE HIS RESTAURANT AND HELPED US PREPARE FOR THE EVENT. DOING THIS AGAIN NEXT YEAR!



Noble Trevor was the winner of the 50-50 drawing. He generously donated it back to KEM KAMPERZ who are donating the \$500 to the children's camps. Thanks Trevor!



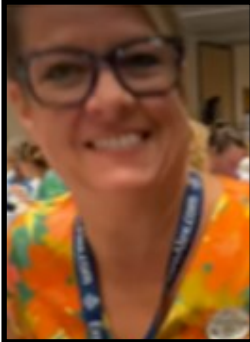
# ICELANDIC DAYS, MOUNTAIN, ND AUGUST 4, 2023



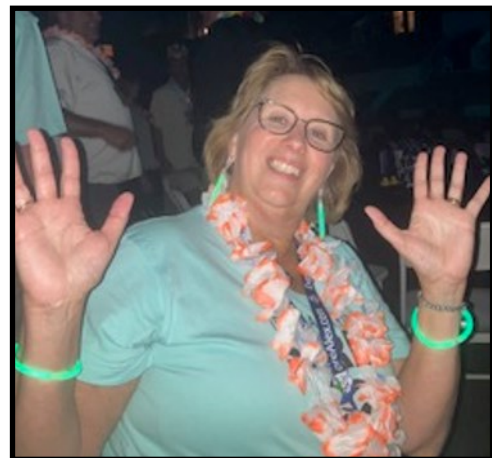
Noble Greg Bryson, shown in this picture, states "In this photo are 54 of the 60 grandchildren, great grand children and great great grandchildren and spouses of Kristjan and Solveig Geir that gathered for the Deuce. We gathered to celebrate them as the honorary Grand Marshals of the August the Deuce celebration and parade."



## MSA 2023, ARROWWOOD RESORT, ALEXANDRIA, MN



## SHRINE-ARAMA



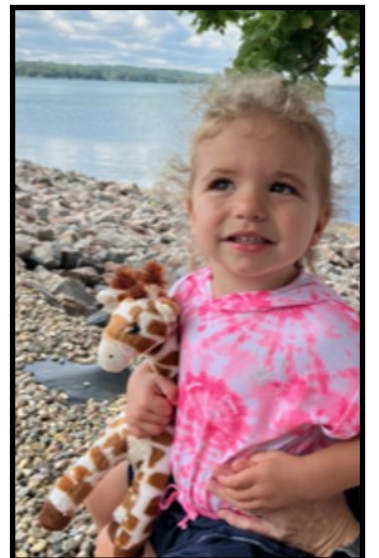
## PROPOSAL

During the Midwest Shrine parade in Glenwood, Minnesota, I paused the procession to propose to my forever Shrine Lady Lisa. With the help of my Cycle Corps brothers and our parents, kids, grandchildren and Osman Shrine family cheering on the sidewalk, she joyfully said "Yes!"





# MSA PARADE ALEXANDRIA, MN 2023







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# KEM SHRINE UNITS CHRISTMAS PARTY



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2nd, 2023**

**DOORS OPEN AND SOCIAL 5PM**

**DINNER 6PM**

**ENTERTAINMENT 7PM**

**WEAR YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS ATTIRE, NO  
JEANS PLEASE**

**HOSTED BY LAKE REGION FLAG CORPS**





## LADIES CORNER

A teacher sent this note to the parents. I think it would be great for daycares too.

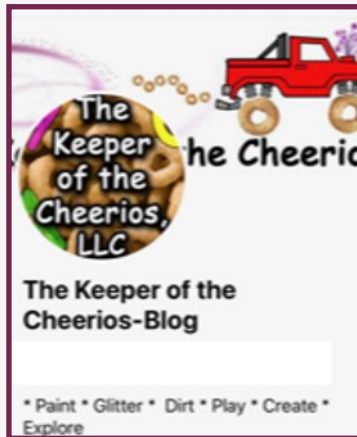
### "HANDLE WITH CARE"

If your family is experiencing difficulties at home, I would like to provide additional support at school. I understand that you are not always able to share details and that's ok. If your child is coming to school after a difficult night, morning or week-end, please text me "handle with care". Nothing else will be said or asked. This will let me know that your child may need extra time, patience or help during the day.

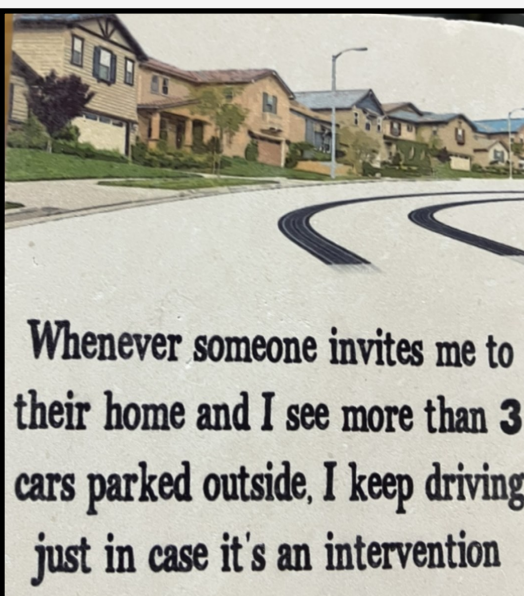
You come from dust and you will return to dust. That's why I don't dust. It could be someone I know.



Here are some cool, heartwarming, interesting places to look up. You can find them on Facebook or Google them.



MetDaan, MetDaan Creative, MetDaan Makeup, MetDaan DIY, MetDaan Adventure, and Metdaan News Be aware that if you order from any of these sites it is said "if address has a <https://> The "S" means SECURE. NO "S" not secure."



The whole world paused this morning.

Do you know why? Because an 8 year old's tank was empty.

The boys had already started their school day at their desks and I was preparing to leave for work when I noticed my littlest standing in the bathroom wiping his face.

I paused at the door and asked if he was okay. He looked up with tears silently dripping and shook his head. When I questioned if something happened, again he shook his head.

So I sat on the side of the tub and pulled him in my lap. I told him sometimes our heart tanks feel empty and need to be refilled.

He cried into my chest and I held tight. I asked if he could feel my love filling him up? A nod, and tears stopped...

I waited a minute...

'Has it reached your toes yet?'  
He shook his head no...

'Okay man. We will take as long as you need. Work doesn't matter right now. School isn't important either. This right here, is the most important thing today, okay? Filling you back to the top. Is that good?'  
\*nods\*

One more minute...  
'Is your heart full of mamas love now?'  
'Yeah...'  
\*looks in his eyes\* I see it shining in there, you're full to the top, and you're smiling!

Y'all. You may not be 8- you may be 28, 38, 48 or whatever- but ALL of us run on empty just like he did. His weekend was so busy and so full and his little soul was just dry!!!

We all have to pause, and take a moment to refill with the good things. Scripture, prayer, sunshine, worship, song, laughter, friends, hugs. Refill your empty, or you'll find those emotions (tears, anger, snappy words) overflowing with no reason why.



## WONDER WOMAN WALK RETURNS



We will be bringing back the Wonder Woman Walk on Sunday, September 17 with registration starting at 1:30 at the Grand Forks Masonic Center, 423 Bruce Ave, Grand Forks. The cost is \$20.00 a person.

The walk will be approximately 1.5 miles from the Masonic Center to Lincoln Park where we will serve some refreshments and draw for some door prizes.

The proceeds from this walk will be presented to the Ladies Auxiliary WGA\$KIDS of the Twin Cities Shriners Childrens . The Ladies Auxiliary provides wheelchairs and many other things to our Twin City Shrine Patients.

Everyone is welcome,  
the more the merrier!!



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TO RESERVE A TABLE

## 2023 KEM Potentates Ball

REGISTRATION

**October 21 2023**

Evening Banquet - Cost is \$20.00 per person or \$30.00 for couple. Please check your selection. You may pay at the registration table when you arrive, but please note that a reservation made is considered a financial commitment.

Man - Prime Rib OR Chicken Morney

Lady - Prime Rib OR Chicken Morney

Served with Strawberry Walnut Salad, Honey Glazed Carrots, Brazilian Style Potatoes, Dinner Roll and Turtle Cheese Cake. Please call for special dietary needs. Complete the form and submit with payment to the Minot Shrine Club 2524 Burdick Expressway E. Minot ND 58701

Hotel Reservations may be made with the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center, 2200 Burdick Expressway E., Minot ND 58701, Phone (701-852-2504).

For other information call Steve Belcher 1-701-415-9474 or for more Registration forms go to

[www.minotshriners.com](http://www.minotshriners.com)

Remember to bring your Lady and fez.

## 2023 POTENTATES BALL

### Schedule of Events

**Registration** 5:30PM to 7:00 PM (Clarion Hotel)

**Shrine Ceremonial** 3:00 PM at the Masonic Center 2524 Burdick Expressway East (by the Fair Grounds)

### Banquet (Clarion Hotel)

5:30 PM Social Hour (cash bar)

7 PM Banquet. Entrance and introduction of KEM Divan, Potentates, dignitaries and ladies

7:15 PM Toasts

7:30 PM Dinner

Presentation of fezzes

Special Program

Presentation of gifts

Remarks from Illustrious Sir Ted Anderson, Potentate of KEM Temple

Remarks from Most Worshipful Danny Haugen, Grand Master Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of North Dakota

There will be Music and dancing until 12 AM



### Other Information

Dress; Men: Business to Formal

Ladies: Semi-formal to formal

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FORMATION IN ON ONE OF THE LAST PAGES.



## 2023 PARADE SCHEDULE

OCTOBER

7 UND HOMECOMING

9AM



Thanks to Frank Matejcek who very generously donated the hamburger.

THANKS TO THESE GUYS AND ALL THE OTHERS FOR THEIR  
HARD WORK PREPARING AND SERVING THE FOOD.



## THESE BOYS LOVE TO EAT!



"BUBBA", UND FOOTBALL COACH, THANKED THE SHRINERS FOR WHAT THEY DO. HE USED TO PLAY IN THE SHRINE BOWL AND REMEMBERS GOING TO THE SHRINERS HOSPITAL. THAT DAY HE SAW A LITTLE 4 YEAR OLD GIRL, BY THE NAME OF BRIANNA, WALKING FOR THE FIRST TIME WITH THE HELP OF HER SHRINERS LEG BRACES .

## UND FIGHTING HAWKS

### TAILGATING AND HOST SCHEDULE 2023

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



PAST SHRINE FOOTBALL  
PLAYERS STANDING UP!



THANKS  
FOR THE HELP  
CLEANNING UP!



*The tailgating trailer does not come with a propane tank or cooking utensils.* It is suggested each unit has a tote supplied with cooking utensils and other supplies needed for your tailgating event.



# KEM SHRINE CALENDER 2023

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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 ✓



## KEM SHRINE

# 100 GUN RAFFLE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, 2023

Doors Open at 4:00 PM at the  
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SNOW NOBLES RECEIVED THE  
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4TH OF JULY PARADE.





It is my desire to become a **PERMANENT CONTRIBUTING MEMBER** to the Shriners Hospital for Children. Enclosed is my payment of \$150.00.

Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**I'LL BE A KEM SANDS SUPPORTER**

Enclosed please find my check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$10 per year per person

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you for your support.

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April 2023—Present

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Donald L. Anderson	John Brunsdale PP
Charles R Christianson	Jeffrey Wahl
David E Witter P.P	Tom Pollard
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## CALLING ALL SHRINERS

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

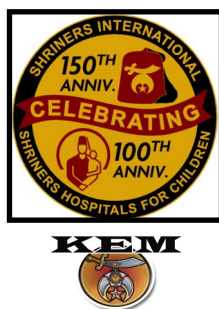
According to the Shrine Bylaws you need to be a Noble in good standing to participate in any Shrine function.

**Temple dues AND your Masonic lodge dues must be paid in full for the current year. (In the obligation you took for Shrine membership, it is stated that you will maintain membership to the pre-requisite of the Shrine membership).**

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