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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Greetings Nobles and Ladies of Kem Shrine. It seems like only a short time ago that PP Lynn Misialek asked if I would serve on the Kem Shrine Divan. Well, at the Kem Annual Meeting on January 13th, I was elected by the Nobles to be the Potentate for 2024. The time went by very fast. This was a very humbling experience. I am very honored and very proud to serve as your Potentate. My wife Kim and I are looking forward to 2024. I would also like to thank Lady Kim for all of her help with planning, organizing and decorating for the Potentate's Reception and the Kem Ladies Luncheon.

This year at the annual meeting we had an exciting election runoff for the office of Recorder. After 14 years of being the Recorder, PP Dale Duchscherer retired from the Recorder position. Kem had two candidates running for the office, Lon Kvasager and PP Ron Bergh. Ron was elected to be the 2024 Recorder at the meeting. Thank you Lon for stepping up to be a candidate. We need to also thank Dale Duchscherer for his service to Kem as the Recorder.

Of course we have to thank the Mobil Nobles and the Cotton Candy Ladies for helping to make the Annual Meeting noon fish fry another success. The evening was also very well attended considering the bitter cold and travel advisories on Saturday night. It was cold outside but hot inside with the Downtown Horns playing some great music. The dance floor was full most of the night. It was a very fun night. I would like to thank everyone for all the well wishes and support. Also, Kim and I would like to thank everyone that helped to decorate, setup appetizers and desserts. Some people even brought homemade desserts. They were great.

We can now call Ted Anderson a Past Potentate! Thank you, Ted and Darlene for a great 2023. It was an honor to work with you. Best wishes to you two in the future.

We need to thank Mark Ramsay for accepting the position of Outer Guard on the Kem Divan. Mark and his wife Mary Jo will be great assets to Kem. Please read the article about Mark in the Burning Sands. Mark's father, Richard, was an active Shriner for many years.

The 2024 Kem cup says "More in '24". "More Patients, More Members, More Fun!" Those are the three areas that we will be focusing on. We need more patient referrals for Shriners Children's in the Twin Cities. Of course membership is always a priority. We need to retain current members and bring in new members. Both of these can be done while we are having fun and helping kids.

A new promotion this year is the Kem Challenge Coin. The Kem Coin will be used as a fundraiser for Shriners Children's Camp Achieve. This is a camp for Shrine patients with limb deficiencies. The kids attending the camp will be with other kids that have similar issues. The coin has a picture of the Masonic Center building on one side and the 2024 Potentate pin on the other side. The coins are \$20. The net proceeds from the coin sales will go to Camp Achieve. If you see someone with a Kem Coin you will know that they donated money to help kids have fun at the camp. Remember, the Potentate pins are free, the coins are extra. Thank you to everyone that has already purchased one. Carol has a supply of coins in the office and Divan members also have coins to sell.

The Circus Kickoff will be on February 8th at the Uniformed Units meeting in Grand Forks. They are planning a special meal for this meeting. Please plan on attending this important meeting.

The next opportunity for someone to become a Shriner at a Ceremonial will be on March 16th in Grand Forks. Candidates can become a Kem Shriner in the morning and walk in the Masonic St Patrick's Day Parade as a Shriner the very same day. Let's get those Shrine petitions ready to go. Call me if you have questions about signing up new Shriners.

Please check the 2024 calendar in the Burning Sands for the Circus dates and other upcoming events.

Thank you everyone for your support, well wishes and fellowship. Kem Shrine and Shriners International are great organizations! Let's do what we can to make them better. Our number one philanthropy is Shriners Children's. Let's have fun helping the kids in 2024.

Steve Renslow

Potentate 2024





2024 DIVAN

Kem Quarterly Meeting

April 11, 2024

6:00 PM

Grand Forks Masonic Center

You are hereby notified, that a Quarterly stated meeting of Kem Shriners will convene at the above time and place for the purpose of hearing reports and conducting regular business.

Admittance by your 2024 dues card.

Please wear your Fez.



2024 Kem Shrine Circus.

The 78th annual KEM Shrine Circus will be held April 26-28, at the Ralph Englestad Arena. Join us for the 2024 Circus Kick off on Thursday Feb 8th. 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.





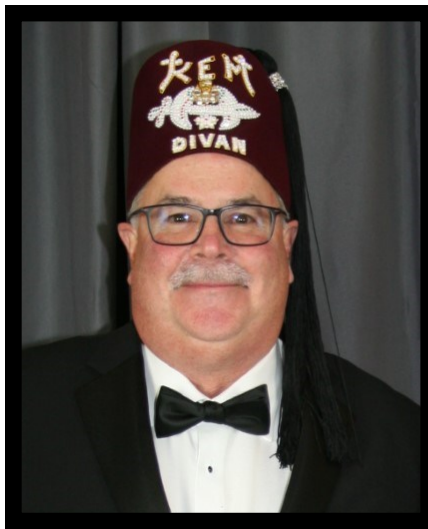
Ron Bergh PP Elected Recorder

2020 Potentate Ron Bergh was elected Recorder at the 2024 Annual Meeting.

Raised in Wisconsin, Ron joined the Air Force in 1979 as a Fire Protection and was assigned to the Grand Forks AFB in 1980. After a 32-year career as a Federal Firefighter, he retired as the base Fire Chief in 2012. Ron is currently employed by Safety Training and Response Strategies of Bloomington, Mn, as a Senior Project Manager/ Instructor.

Ron is a past Master of Malta Lodge 131 and a became a Kem Shriner in 2009. He was appointed to the Divan by Tom Hanson PP, in 2009 and was Kem Potentate in 2020. He is a member of the Mobile Nobles, Cycle Corps, Ritualistic Divan and Kem Kamperz units, and is the Grand Forks Circus Chairman.

Ron and his wife Nancy live in East Grand Forks, MN. They have 5 children and 9 grandchildren.



Mark Ramsay was appointed Outer Guard at the 2024 Kem Shriners Annual Meeting.

Mark lives in Bathgate ND.

I have been married to MaryJo for 37 years. We have 3 children. I was raised a Master Mason in 1986 in the Bathgate Lodge.

I was PM of the lodge 3 different times. I am now a member of the Tongue River Lodge and PM of that Lodge as well.

I became a Shriner in 2000.

I belong to the 49ers and sing with the chanters when possible.



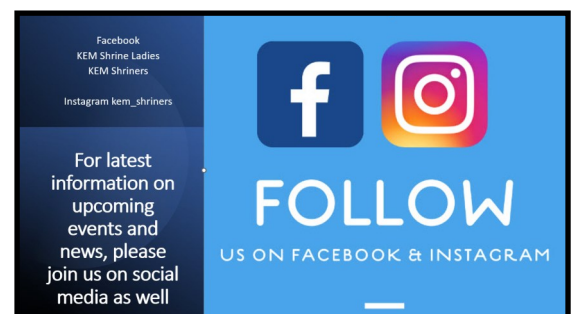
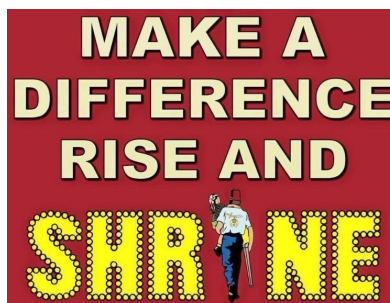
Joey Bjornson was elected the Oriental Guide at the 2024 Kem Shriners Annual Meeting.

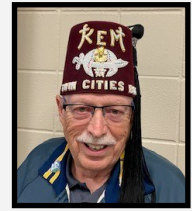
Joey was born and raised in Grand Forks, ND. Joey and his wife, Jodi, have been married for 17 years and live in Neche, ND. Together they have 7 children and 13 1/2 grandchildren.

Joey is the owner of Bjornson Construction where he specializes in renovations and woodworking.

Joey was raised a Master Mason in September 2005 with Crescent Lodge #11 in Grafton, ND and joined the Kem Shriners in December 2005. He is a member of the Cycleers, Provost, Mobil Nobles, Cycle Corp, Kem Kamperz and Ritualistic Divan. His also a Widow's Son.

Joey enjoys riding motorcycle, camping, traveling and spending time with his wife, grandchildren, family and friends.





Greetings from Shriners Children's Twin Cities.

2023 was, let's say, an interesting year. First, our administrator abruptly resigned in March to pursue another facility, so that left us scrambling to find a replacement. Chicago, ironically was setting up a Midwest Market Administrator position, and approached us about doing a joint position until we found a replacement. What we came up with in October was a clinic director position and promoted Melissa Forrest into that role. We then promoted Mindy Sewald to a clinic operations manager position to absorb some of Melissa's former duties. These two moves saved us about \$48,000 in salaries.

As you recall, in 2020 we became the first clinic model in the Shrine system, followed by Erie, Lexington, and Salt Lake City. Well, in 2023, the Shrine system once again called on us to be the first to convert from Cerner to Epic electronic medical records, which has been completed. 2030 will be the tentative completion date of all the other facility conversions to this software.

Last year I mentioned that we would be looking at accepting non-Shrine patients into our imaging and rehab services. I would to announce that we have fully implemented this change.

We also looked into improving transportation for patients in the metro area to get to clinic appointments. Medi-van companies and public transportation were being stretched to the limit, so we found a national company called "On the Go" which has filled the transportation void.

The Midwest Market Project is going well. This market consists of Twin Cities, Chicago, Dayton and St. Louis. We came together to share resources such as telehealth, physician credentialing, strategic planning, and group purchasing, to name a few. In 2023 we saved \$213,000 utilizing the Midwest Market. In 2024, we hope to expand into shared human resources and tele-psych services.

In May of 2023 we lost a valued surgeon to Greenville. We then needed to rely on contracted surgeons until we could find a replacement. I am proud to announce that Dr. Sinha was hired and started December 11. She specializes in pediatric orthopedic procedures, including spina bifida, as well as sports medicine. We are anticipating a \$300,000 savings by hiring vs. using contract coverage.

We were also able to secure a new medical director, who will begin in March 2024. Dr. Lang comes to us as a certified sports medicine surgeon. With these two hires we hope to have over 225 surgeries compared to 178 in 2023.

For 2024, we had a \$6 million budget approved, which is \$927,000 less than 2023. Majority of this savings came from Midwest Market and elimination of contract surgeons.

In 2024, we are hoping for 36 screening clinics, with each temple scheduling at least two. In 2023, we had 15 clinics completed in our catchment area.

In 2023, we were projecting 4,500 out-patient encounters at the clinic. Well, we smashed that number with 6,154 encounters for the year. This includes 510 new patients seen at the Twin Cities Clinic. The majority of these encounters were from clinic and rehab services. As for North Dakota, there were 193 patients seen at the Twin Cities Clinic. We hope in 2024 to at least match or exceed these numbers.

Donations for Twin Cities in 2023 surpassed \$4 million for the first time. The gala brought in \$520,000, which also was a record. In 2023, 1220 monthly gifts of \$100 or less were donated to the Twin Cities Clinic. Are you part of that monthly number, or are you an annual giver? Either way, thank you for your donation in helping us continue to provide quality care to our kids. We hope 2024 will be even better. Recent Parade of Glory events at Zor and Osman brought in \$465,000 and \$162,000 respectively. These were both records for their temples.

In summary, this year we celebrated our 100th anniversary of Shriners Children's Worldwide. Over the last century, Shriners Children's have given hope and healing to more than 1.5 million children all over the world. Our hospitals were the first to specifically treat children with burn injuries, and we offered the first program in the United States designed for children with spinal cord injuries. We continue to add new approaches and services, as specialized pediatric medicine evolves.

As we look toward our second 100 years, we know medical care and the way it is delivered will continue to change with the times. We also know that our patients and families will remain our first priority and that we will continue to do all we can to ensure our patients discover that they can chase their dreams and have amazing futures.

Thank you for this opportunity to share this information with you today.

THANK YOU!

"Things are going well! I was able to meet with the PT yesterday and she literally cried when she saw him in the stander! It was wonderful, his classmates were so excited for him as well! It was amazing to see!"

It's a learning curve for all of us but I truly think that this will benefit him so much in the long run. So many good thoughts about him being in upright and able to stand for something like his Xmas concert excites us! Things like that!

As a parent of any child you want the best for your kids and this gives him such an opportunity to be at a level where he doesn't feel he can't do the things others can.

We could never say enough thank you's. It's hard to show the magnitude Shriners and the WGA have on families like ours. We are so thankful". - Vanessa, patient's mother

Melissa Forrest, PT
Clinic Director



SAVE THE DATE

**2024 WGA 4 Kids
Annual Meeting
April 21 and 22, 2024**

Our 2024 WGA 4 Kids is moving to a New Location. The New Location is the Holiday Inn & Suites in Lake Elmo, MN, just minutes from the Shriners Children's Clinic-Twin Cities. Watch for more details in upcoming issues.

The address for the Hotel is:
8511 Hudson Blvd.
Lake Elmo, MN 55042
651-714-8048



Wheelchair Fund at Work

WGA for Kids Delivers Lots of SMILES!

It's been a busy, happy time at Shriners Children's thanks to the WGA for Kids! More kids are getting scheduled, and more wheelchairs, growth kits, and repairs are being done on a weekly basis. The Rehab Services team has been awesome in helping to define the needs and get kids scheduled so they can keep moving!

It would take a book to list all the many wonderful things the WGA for Kids has done in the last months, but we wanted to give you a snap shot of a few giant smiles that reveal just how important your work is to these kids.



Hannah is from Nebraska, and as you can see in the first picture, she got her new wheels just in time to make it to the State Fair! Her old chair was over six years old and not even close to fitting her anymore. She and her family were so pleased to get her new pink chair in just the right size!

Zach was SO excited to get his new power chair, especially when he could come from Canada before the snow flies. His old chair was over five years old, and he had pretty much worn it out. The new power chair is able to tilt back using the joystick, and you can tell from his grin that this feature is one of the best ever for him! He counts on his power chair for absolutely everything he does, so this new one is very much appreciated not only by Zach, but also by his family!



Maria has only had manual wheelchairs for all of her 17 years. Now that she's in high school and working hard to be as independent as possible, receiving the power chair has made her increasingly mobile! She can keep up with kids in her class, get where she wants to go inside and out without needing a push from anyone! It has truly changed her life. Her family sent a note saying what a blessing it has been to be part of the Shrine family, and how much they appreciate your support.

So there's a little update from Marcia and the Boys! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts and the hearts of these amazing kids for all the help and support you provide! You are life changing!



Giving Out the Holiday Bags at the Clinic



We can't thank you all enough for the wonderful donation of toys, blankets, and money not only to make the Christmas Bags, but all year round. We are so grateful and appreciate your support.

We are the lucky ones, who get to see the smiles on the Shriner kids and their siblings' faces when they pick out their Christmas Bag, blanket, and stuffed animal. It just brings joy to our hearts.

And when the parents ask, and they do, about how this happens, we mention you, the Auxiliaries. We explain how your commitment, giving and caring for the kids makes this happen! You all truly are the heart and soul of our organization.

So, thanks from the bottom of our hearts and know that you made a child, a family and us very happy. Thanks so much,

Kathy Flicek and the WGA4kids Board Members



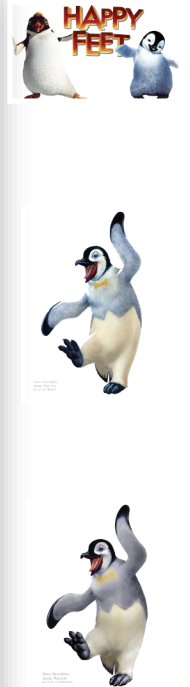
SHRINER'S FLOAT AT ROSE BOWL 2024



Our float decorators were joined by our international patient ambassadors Juan Diego and Gianna, Shriners Imperial Potentate Ed Stolze and First Lady JoLynn Dickins today. It's amazing to see how much has been done on the float! We can't wait to see it on New Year's Day! [Rose Parade](#) 🌹



Felicity Fishman, MD, of [Shriners Children's Chicago](#), mends the hands of young patients and brings them joy when they see her custom cast art featuring their favorite animals, characters or superheroes. Check out her creative designs: <https://ow.ly/whWk50QjwQ0>

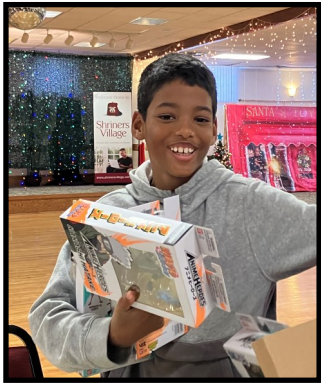


Continuing our look back at some of our most popular stories of 2023, we're looking back at celebrating milestones! Earlier this year, the [Shriners Children's Texas](#) team celebrated Avya's "Graduation Day" - the day she went home - by throwing her a little party. We are so happy for you, Avya!

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KEM CHILDREN'S 2023 CHRISTMAS PARTY



"SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN"



MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

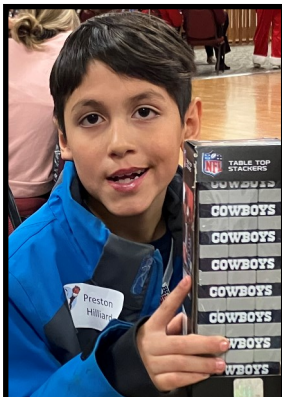
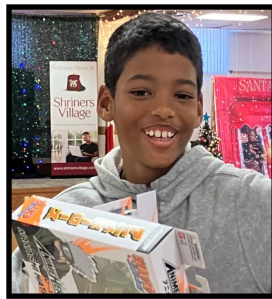


KEM KID'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING

TO TOWN!



CROOKSTON SHRINE CLUB GAVE AWAY QUILTS AND STUFFED ANIMALS TO LUCKY WINNERS



Merry Christmas





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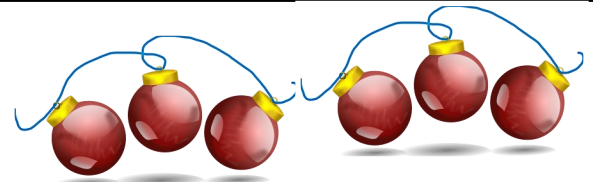
CHRISTMAS PARTY



The Lake Region Flag Corps held its annual meeting and Christmas party on Saturday At the Creel Bay Golf Club. We had a Great turn out of Nobles and Ladies. A Delicious roast beef dinner was served followed by Brandy Alexander's and lots of games and door prizes. We were honored to have our Potentate Ted Anderson and his Lady Darlene join us. Food, Fun and Fellowship was enjoyed by all!



Winners of the Lake Region Flag Corp Christmas party best outfit awards (from left to right)
Sally Dahl - Most Festive
Jim Bennington - Ugliest
Kim and John Dahlen - Most Creative



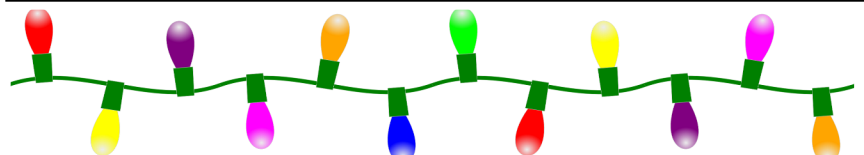
Sue Schwan (left) was the lucky winner the "guess the number of candies in the snow globe" game with Kathy Dahlen who put it together. Congratulations to her and all the other game and door prize winners from last Saturday night's Christmas party.

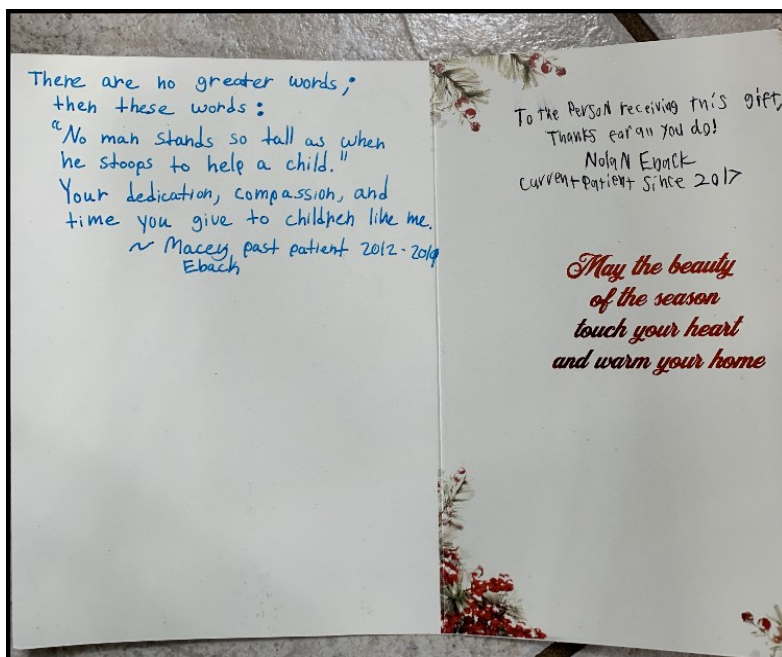


PROVOST

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2023

LAKE TOBIASON





MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE CHANTERS



The Kem Chanters participated in a Veterans Honor Flight fundraiser held on January 14, 2024 at Mendenhall Church, East Grand Forks, Minnesota. The Chanters along with volunteer performers entertained and they and the public raised over \$2,000 for the cause. Although weather and illness prevented a few members of the Kem Chanters group from participating a mighty six performed proudly at the event. The Honor Flight ND/MN fundraiser was to assist in deferring the costs of a Veteran to participate in a three day trip to Washington DC. The cost for a Veteran to participate in a trip is approximately \$1600 per participant.

George French, Chanter member as well, is not pictured in this photo.

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CYCLEERS DECKED OUT FOR THE GRAFTON And LARIMORE PARADE OF LIGHTS



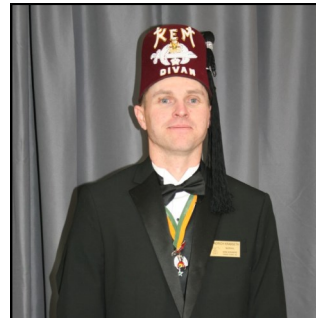
The **Kem Cycle Corps** waved goodbye to 2023 at our annual just after Christmas party.

While still recovering from the dreaded C word, the Cycle Corps participated in a few parades with the Marshall County Fair Parade, (Warren) being the highlight. Without even knowing there was a competition, the Cycle Corps came home with second place in the motorized drill competition.

The week before the Warren Parade the Cycle Corps sponsored the first annual Pat Endres Memorial ride. With four stops on the ride, door prizes were awarded at the first three stops and a 50/50 drawing at the last stop, Willy's in Larimore. Fees were given to the Shriners Childrens Ladies' Auxiliary, Twin Cities.

2024 has started well, with the addition of two new members and a couple more prospective members. We are looking forward to the 2024 Parade season.

Any brothers interested in joining the Kem Cycle Corps would be welcomed. Contacts are any Cycle Corps member or you can contact our President, Adam Berry, adamb@towingnd.com or Secretary, Greg Bryson at gbfleetmaster@gmail.com.



2024 DIVAN



The look of freedom and relaxation!





**Jim Savaloja
received the Bridge
Builder Plaque for
Rolla Lodge #66**

**Chuck Soderstom
received a plaque for
being Units President.
Lake Region Flag Corps
received the Bostrom
Traveling Trophy.**



**ROGER SCHMITZ, BILL KNIPES, BRIAN WYSOCKI AND RON
BERGH ALL RECEIVED THE SAMSTAR AWARD**



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Curious about who's on the current
#ShrineBowl roster? 👀 Check out [https://
shrinebowl.com/2024-accepted-invites/](https://shrinebowl.com/2024-accepted-invites/)
for the latest list of accepted players! 🏈



**NOBLE JOEY WAS DRIVING IN NORTHERN NORTH DAKOTA ON A BLIZZARD
NIGHT A FEW YEARS AGO, WHEN HE CAME ACROSS A STRANDED CAR. GOOD
GUY AS HE IS, HE STOPPED TO SEE IF HE COULD HELP. IT HAPPENED THAT THE
PERSON DRIVING WAS BRINGING A YOUNG GAL IN FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION.
THE DRIVER LOADED UP THE GAL AND THEY GOT HER TO THE PLANNED DESTI-
NATION. A FEW YEARS LATER, AT A SHRINER EVENT AT THE GRAND FORKS MA-
SONIC TEMPLE, JOEY SAW A NEW SHRINER AND THOUGHT HE LOOKED FAMIL-
IAR. JOEY APPROACHED MARCUS TO FIND OUT HE WAS THE STRANDED
MOTORIST HE PICKED UP ALONG SIDE THE ROAD. SO HERE STANDS THIS
YOUNG MAN, A FEW YEARS LATER, WITH HIS YOUNG SON. . . MANY BLESS-
INGS IN THIS STORY.**

LADIES CORNER

A NOTE FROM LADY KIM RENSLow

I AM HONORED AND PROUD OF MY HUSBAND, STEVE RENSLow, FOR BEING ELECTED THE KEM SHRINE 2024 POTENTATE. A FUN AND BUSY YEAR IS AHEAD OF US AND WE ARE READY TO BEGIN! OUR YEAR WILL BE FULL OF GOOD TIMES: THE CIRCUS, EVENTS, IMPERIAL , MIDWEST AND MORE.

OUR LADIES LUNCHEON FOR DARLENE ANDERSON WAS WELL ATTENDED DESPITE THE COLD AND BLUSTERY WEATHER. THE POTENTATE'S RECEPTION WAS A GREAT EVENING WITH GOOD FOOD, DANCING, MUSIC AND ALL AROUND FUN. A VERY HUGE SHOUT OUT TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH DECORATING, SERVING AND CLEANUP.

I DID SOMETHING NEW AND DIFFERENT THIS YEAR. I DESIGNED A LADY'S PIN. IT SAYS "KEM SHRINE LADIES HELP CHILDREN GROW WITH LOVE". A BIG THANK YOU TO KEM KAMPERZ FOR SPONSORING THE PIN. I WILL HAVE PINS AT SHRINE EVENTS OR MEETINGS.

I AM PLANNING TO HAVE SOME FUN GATHERINGS FOR THE LADIES DURING THE UNIFORMED UNITS MEETINGS. THE LOCATION WILL BE AT THE MASONIC LODGE IN GRAND FORKS. THE DATES ARE LISTED BELOW. ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME! PLEASE RSVP ME AT 701-741-2431 OR EMAIL [KRENSLOW@YAHOO.COM](mailto:krenslow@yahoo.com) TO LET ME KNOW YOU ARE COMING.

I ALSO WROTE A POEM FOR 2024. THIS IS THE THIRD YEAR I HAVE WRITTEN ONE. OUR SHRINE FAMILY MEANS SO MUCH TO BOTH OF US! THE CHILDREN NEED US TO HEAL. OUR LOVE AND SUPPORT IS WHAT WE CAN GIVE THEM.

SEE YOU ALL SOON!

LADY KIM

LADIES EVENT CALENDAR

- FEBRUARY 8TH "PIZZA, GAMES AND WINE"
APRIL 11TH "LET'S MAKE A KENTUCKY DERBY HAT"
JULY 11TH "VINTAGE STYLE SHOW"
OCTOBER 10TH "FUN CHRISTMAS CRAFT"



Our Children

are our Blessings,
so precious and dear

And when their love is needed,
Our Shriners are there.

They help them to heal,
until they are grown

To remind them we are near
and they are never alone

So remember our goal
to love and to care
our children, our future
for this we all share

January 2024

WOMEN IMPACTING CARE SUPPORTING SHRINERS CHILDREN'S

BELIEVE IN TOMORROW

FIRST LADY JOLYNN DICKINS -CHAIR FOR 2023-2024

Women Impacting Care, chaired by Shriners International's First Lady, is a thoughtful group of women donors, supporters and advocates who have bonded together to help highlight services and programs of Shriners Children's. This year, with the theme of "Believe in Tomorrow", the program is led by the First Lady JoLynn Dickins and focuses on the healthcare systems efforts to help teenage patients with life-long conditions transition to adulthood.

Turning 18 is a milestone for every teen. It means officially becoming an adult, and with it come the privileges and responsibilities of adulthood. It also comes with the need to transition from pediatric to the adult healthcare world.

First Lady JoLynn invites you to join her in making an impact in the lives of our patients. Donors who would like to support Women Impacting Care may purchase symbolic "Believe in Tomorrow" products or make donations online.

Thank you for your compassion, generosity and support of Shriners Children's.

[Lovetotherescue.org/
women-impacting-care](http://Lovetotherescue.org/women-impacting-care)



MUST BE 21 TO ATTEND

Cooperstown Masonic Temple
Association Fundraiser

**NORTHERN MAYFLOWER
LODGE #45**

Game Night

Saturday, April 13, 2024

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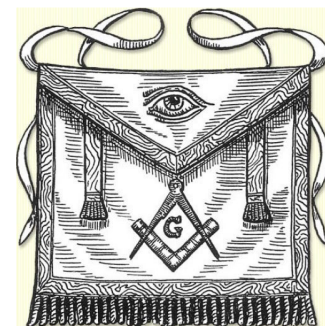
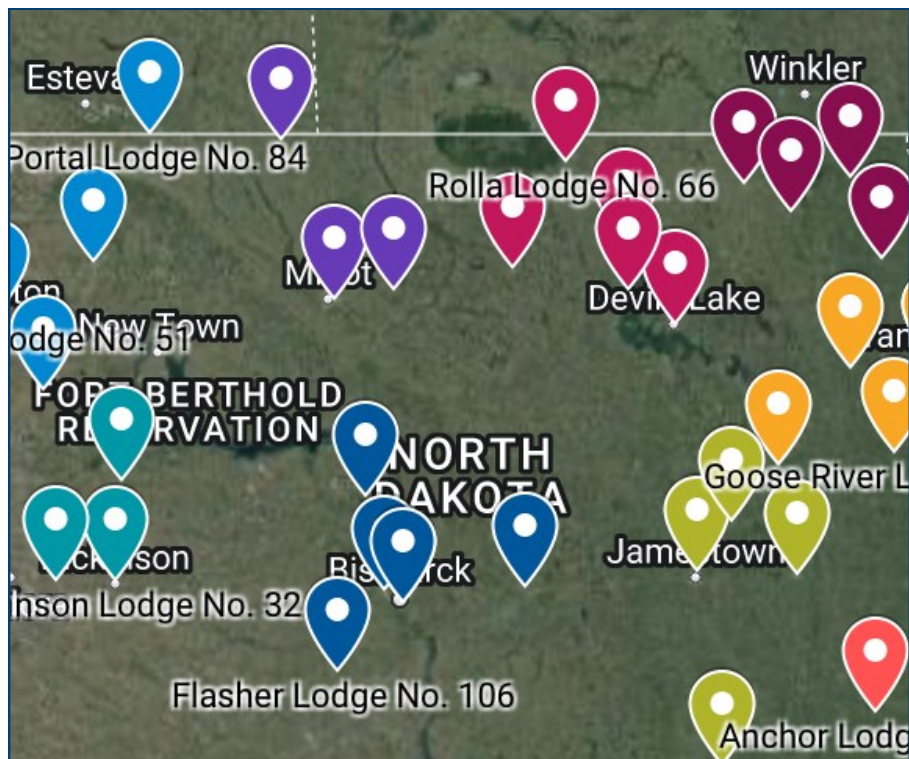
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Great men
wear a fez.



As it turns out, they were prepping us for self checkout the whole time



Vickie Kettlewell, staff photographer
Staff Sgt. Ron Bergh, part of a rescue crew from Grand Forks Air Force Base, comforts an unidentified child

LOOKS LIKE RON BERGH PP HAS BEEN HELPING KIDS FOR A LONG TIME.

Thanks for you service, Ron.

KEM SHRINE – 2024 CALENDAR

February 8 Uniformed Units – Circus Kickoff

February 29 - March 2 Winter MSA - La Crosse, WI

March 14 Kem Divan meeting

March 16 St Patrick's Day Parade – Ceremonial, Grand Forks

March 25 Burning Sands Deadline

April 11 Uniformed Units - Quarterly Meeting

April 26, 27, 28 Shrine Circus - Grand Forks, ND

May 6, 7 Shrine Circus – Williston, ND

May 9 Kem Divan Meeting

May 9, 10, 11 Shrine Circus – Minot, ND

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June 13 Kem Divan Meeting

June 13 - 16 ND Grand Lodge – Grand Forks, ND

June 22 ND Shrine Bowl Football – Mayville, ND

June 30 – July 4 Shriners International Imperial Session – Reno, NV

July 11 Uniformed Units - Quarterly Meeting

July 16 Past Potentate Dinner at Golden Lake

August 7 - 10 Summer MSA – La Crosse, WI

August 19 Burning Sands Deadline

September 12 Kem Divan Meeting

October 10 Uniformed Units - Quarterly Meeting

October 19 Potentate Ball – Minot, ND

October 26 Tables du Jour – Grand Forks, ND

October 28 Burning Sands Deadline

November 2 or 16? 100 Gun Raffle, Grand Forks

November 14 Kem Divan Meeting

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December 12 Kem Divan Meeting

January 10, 2025 Kem Divan Meeting

January 11, 2025 Kem Annual Meeting – Potentate's Reception – Dinner/Dance

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