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Second quarter 2024

POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



I hope everyone is doing well. Spring is in the air! Which means that the Shrine Circus will be here before you know it. One of my first trips of the year was to go to a January circus planning meeting in Minot. Steve Adams, Kem Treasurer and I went to visit with the Minot Shrine Club while they preparing for the upcoming Circus. Minot has a great group of Nobles that have been meeting to organize the Circus. The Minot Circus will be May 9, 10, 11. The Williston Circus will be on May 6 and 7. Both of those Circuses are always well attended and fun to watch. Grand Forks had a great turnout for the Circus Kickoff meeting in February. The Mobil Nobles cooked a great meal. Ron Bergh, the Grand Forks Circus Chairman, has been busy planning for another successful circus. All of the circuses in the three cities will need help from the Nobles and the Ladies to make each event a success. Please consider helping at these fun events.

February I had the pleasure of attending a Table Lodge at Goose River Lodge #19 in Mayville. The Grand Master of ND, Chad Kainz, was a speaker for the evening. It is always great to visit with Chad about Masonry in ND. Kim and I were able to attend two Ladies at the Table events in February. The first one was at Northern Mayflower Lodge #45, in Cooperstown. They had a comedian perform magic tricks. It was a great night. I have always enjoyed touring the Masonic building in Cooperstown. The second one was at Malta Lodge #131 in Grand Forks. They also had a comedian perform. It was another fun night for us.

The Masonic St Patrick's Day Parade was held on March 16th in downtown Grand Forks. It was a big day for Kem Shrine. We brought in 2 new Shriners at the Ceremonial before the parade! The Kem Ritual Divan was there in full costume to bring in the new members. They did a great job performing the ceremony. Anthony Phillips is one of the new Shriners; he is the current Worshipful Master of Lebanon Lodge #34 in Langdon. Matt Fordice is the other new Shriner. He is a new member of Acacia Lodge #4 in Grand Forks. Let's welcome these new Shriners next time we see them.

About 20 members of Kem attended the MSA Winter Session in La Crosse, WI on March 1 and 2. They had some excellent presentations and meetings about membership, Shrine Law, fundraising ideas and updates on the Shrine Hospitals. Of course they also had information about the Summer MSA to be held in La Crosse on August 7-10. More info about the Summer MSA is in the Burning Sands. La Crosse has some great events planned for everyone. Please plan on attending. The La Crosse downtown area has a lot to offer for entertainment.

The next Uniformed Units meeting will be April 11th in Grand Forks. Membership will be the focus of the meeting. Please bring your membership ideas to the meeting. We need to generate some new Masons and Shriners. The next opportunity to bring in a new Shriner at a Ceremonial will be at the June Ceremonial on June 1st in Grand Forks. More info about the June Ceremonial dinner and dance is in this edition of the Burning Sands.

Some news about local Shrine patients. Kem has spent about \$3,300 so far this quarter to help the families of Shrine patients with travel, meals and motel expenses. This money comes from the Kem Red Fez account. Kem recently spent a little over \$45,000 to fly a 9 year old burn victim from a Minneapolis area hospital to the Neil Reitman Pediatric Burn Institute at Shriners Children's - Northern California in Sacramento, CA. The patient is from Williston. Last May he had 80 percent of his body burned which will require many surgeries. Kem is proud to help these families in their time of need.

Our number one philanthropy is Shriners Children's. Let's have more fun in '24 helping the kids.

Respectfully,
Steve Renslow
2024 Potentate





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.



We are planning another Shriner Night @ RCS on **May 31st. This will be the day before the June ceremonial.**

Classes racing are Street Stocks, Midwest Mods, Late Models and Sprint Cars.

Free entry for Shriners, their ladies, and any prospects. Units can contact John Votava for tickets.

Units can bring their trailers, cars, etc. to the track to display if they wish. Please let John Votava (218-686-7930) know ahead of time so it can be planned out.

Races start at 7:00 pm.

We will be tailgating in the parking lot with food and beverages prior to the event.



RACING



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WINTER MSA SESSION, LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN 2024



We used to be two young men in the Shrine. Now we are two old guys in the Shrine. Great to see you old friend, we don't run as hard as we used to but we still have the all the fun



JUNE CEREMONIAL 2024

A block of 15 rooms has been reserved at the Canad Inn in Grand Forks for **May 31 & June 1st**.

We have 7 Kings and 8 Queen rooms available. The rooms are \$159/night. The block **expires May 1st**. You may reserve one night or two.

The block is listed under Kem Shriners. Please call the Canad Inn to reserve your room. 701-772-8404.

There will be a hospitality room available for both evenings.

This year, Friday night includes "Shriner Night at the Racetrack" at the Grand Forks Speedway.

There's a ceremony and parade on Saturday followed by the Potentate's evening festivities at the temple.

2024 Spring Ceremonial

Saturday June 1st
Masonic Center Grand Forks

New Shriner Registration	8:00 am
Ceremonial	9:00 am
Short Parade	11:00 am
Lunch at the Lodge (Nobles and Ladies)	12:00 pm

Evening Event
"Seas the Day"
\$20.00 per person

Social	6:00 – 7:00 pm
Supper (Taco Bar Party)	7:00 pm
Dance to "Island Time"	8:00 pm
Steel Drum Band (Get Ready for the Conga Line)	

RSVP by May 25th
to Carol 701-772-7125
or Steve Renslow at 701-741-3621



Dress is summer casual
(shorts and jeans ok)

* Invite a guest to join the fun!

Twin Cities Childrens Report, March 2024 from Roger Baier, BOG Rep

The following is a recap of what has transpired for the first two months of 2024. It has been a relatively calm start to the year. First of all, we are losing two great employees due to retirement:

- Maureen Johnston, our recreational therapist. She will be missed as she is the point person for our successful kids' camps and events. She will retire April 1.
- Vicky Williams, our HR supervisor. She was the one who continued to find quality employees for us. She retired March 1.



Our newest employee is Dr. Pamela Lang, who started March 1. She is responsible for sports medicine related procedures and will be our Medical Director. She will also be a consultant to our spina bifida patients. In January 2024, we began to treat these patients at Childrens Minnesota Clinic, with whom we have a collaboration.

As part of our strategic planning, we are continuing to discuss Dakota opportunities to expand clinic locations. Fargo will be first in line, as a new outreach clinic site. No timeline is in place yet.

A company named "Spirit of Halloween" continues to support the Twin Cities Clinic. We recently received a donation of \$96,827 to go towards kids camps. To date, they have donated over \$950,000 to us.

The two capital budget items have been fully funded. Thank you to KEM for \$5,000 and ND Shrine Football for \$36,000 for their monetary donation to the \$88,000 Radiology long-leg digital detector equipment. The video conference equipment was fully funded by Sesostris.

A recent patient survey indicated a 97% likelihood of recommending the clinic to others, which is an improvement over 2023. Patient comments have overall been positive, like "Shrine clinic is a blessing to our family." It makes you feel proud to be a Shriner with a comment like this.

As for statistics, we continue to see increases in clinic utilization. Total out-patient clinic visits in January was 316, February 364. Rehab visits for January were 187, and February were 231. In February we had 62 new patients compared to 26 in 2023. This is partly due to you, as Shriners, getting the word out there "we are open for business!"

Of course, not all things are positive. Due to a scheduling error, a Chicago patient was seen in the Twin Cities, but was supposed to be seen in Chicago! This was a temple error. All has been smoothed over.

DID YOU KNOW? Nationally at all Shriners Children's Hospitals in 2023

Patients came from all 50 states and 108 countries,
We performed 23,902 life changing surgeries,
We delivered 51,852 prosthetic and orthotic devices,
We saw 57,000 new patients and completed 14,238 telehealth visits.

In closing, two things to note. The **Shrine Circus** is soon upon on us, so please reach out to your Shrine Circus representative from your unit to assist in any way to make the circuses in the KEM **jurisdiction** successful! Secondly, once the circus is over, don't take your foot off the gas, as we need to gear up for the **ND Shrine Football** during the week of June 16-22. It is our 50th game (51st anniversary and game were canceled due to Covid). We will be finalizing an alumni/Shrine tent, along with some other events. **We need to know ASAP if your unit prefers to participate in a Thursday 5 PM or Saturday 9:30 AM parade in Mayville during football week.** Please email Rogerbaier712@gmail.com with your decision by April 25.

Thank you for allowing me to be your Board Representative to the Twin Cities Childrens.

2024 Camp and Event Schedule

At Shriners Children's Twin Cities, our care extends far beyond the physical walls. We provide camp opportunities for current patients at no cost to their families. Email invitations regarding camps and registration are sent prior to each camp. (Make sure that your email is up to date in your chart so that you receive this important information).

Watch your email and our Facebook page for more information regarding other upcoming opportunities and special events for patients as they are scheduled. For more information about camps: please email Maureen Johnston at childlifet@shrinenet.org or call 612-718-2311.

Camp Achieve Downhill Ski Day:

February 4
Kids with limb differences hit the slopes and learn the basics of downhill skiing at Afton Alps. Rentals provided.

Nordic Ski Day:

March 2
CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF SNOW
A morning of cross-country skiing from 9:00 am to Noon with Paralympic Coach BethAnn. All diagnoses ages 5 and up. Learn the basics and just have fun outdoors. Rentals provided.

Baseball/Softball Camp hosted by Nubability:

May 25 - 26
Baseball/softball camp co-hosted by Nubability Athletics and the MN Twins Community Fund held at Neiman Sports Complex in St. Paul. This event is for limb different kids ages 4-17 (and siblings). Registration is open at www.nubability.org. Scholarships are available to anyone that applies; no financial information is needed. Nubability will have their coaches with limb differences alongside the MN Twins kids camp coaches to make a fun and welcoming camp.

Minnesota Diversified Hockey Event:

June 21 - 23
MSHA Annual Summer Skills Camp, Eagan Civic Arena

Camp Achieve Summer:

Ages 5 - 14; July 23 - 25
A three-day day camp for patients who have a limb difference. Campers participate in a variety of adventure activities and fun challenges.

Camp Explore South Dakota:

July 8 - 11
Ages 7-16. 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.

Nebraska Sports Day:

July 12
Held at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, this will be a day filled with fun activities. UNL athletes will be leading the activities.

Camp Bravo:

July 22 - 28
COMING BACK IN 2025
A weeklong day camp with any diagnosis ages 5 and up. Campers spend the week practicing lines and choreography leading up to a final performance.

Achieve Adventure:

August 1 - 4
An overnight camping trip at Apostle Island State Park for patients between the ages of 15 and 20 who have a limb difference. Campers participate in a variety of physically demanding activities including kayaking and hiking.

Breakfast with Santa:

December 7
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 Bravo Meet and Greet/Tryouts
Vikings Play 60 event
Halloween Party

(Schedule subject to change)





13 of the 18 KEM members that belong to the Apache Wells Shrine Club. Apache Wells Shrine Club had a Golf Tournament and they took in 6734.36. The money will be distributed to the Twin Cities Clinic.



KEM CYCLEERS ARE DONE COOKING BURGERS UNTIL NEXT FALL. THANKS TO ALL THAT CAME TO ENJOY THE BURGERS. THE SALES THIS YEAR BROKE LAST YEAR'S RECORD. ALL THEIR HARD WORK BENEFITS THE EFFORTS OF WGA 4 KIDS.



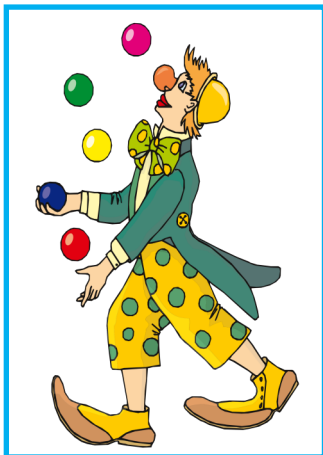
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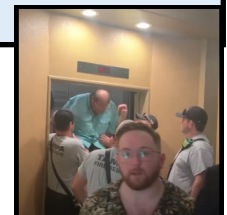
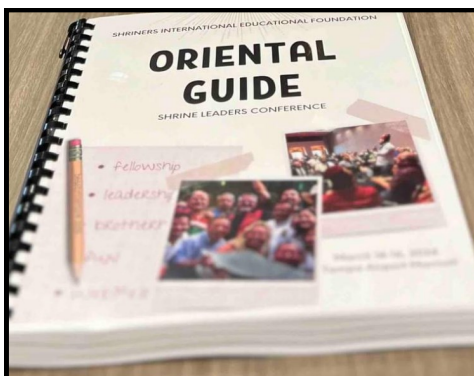
HOUSING

Make plans now to attend the 2024 MSA SummerSession.

The dates are ***August 7-August 9, 2024.***

We have 36 King Rooms at \$129/night and 20 Double Queen rooms at \$149/night available. These rooms need to be pre-paid to Kem with your registration prior to attending. Room registration deadline is June 21, 2024. Please contact Joey Bjornson @ 701-520-1753 or Carol at the office @ 701-772-7125 to reserve your room. Further information concerning registration for the MSA event itself will be provided in an upcoming Burning Sands or will be furnished by your Units.

SHRINERS INT'L EDUCATION FOUNDATION ORIENTAL GUIDE CONFERENCE aka OG SCHOOL MARCH 14-16, 2024 Jodi and I recently had the privilege of attending the Oriental Guide conference in Tampa, FL. We had three intense, full days of sessions, workshops and speakers. We learned so much and met many new Shriner friends and counterparts. Some of the topics covered were: Counterparts Shriners Children's Update So, You're Going to Be a Divan Member Leadership Membership Family Budgeting and Finance Fundraising Shrine Law Public Speaking We got a chance to visit Tampa's new Shrine Center, home of the Egypt Shriners. We even got trapped in the hotel elevator with 11 other people for close to an hour! What a sweaty adventure that was! Thank you, Tampa Fire and Rescue for saving us! We had a great time and learned lots of new and interesting information. It's a good thing that we got to bring the over 200-page workbook home with us! We're anxious to use some of this new knowledge in our own temple and look forward to learning much more in the next 4 years as we travel up the Divan line.



Fun (?) adventure for the day. The elevator we were on "crashed" and we were stuck in it for about 45 minutes. I'll never forget it and I'll always remember my "elevator buddies"! There were 13 of us! Tampa Fire and Reacue helped us out. We called 9-1-1. It got to be about 100° degrees in there.



78th Annual Kem Shrine Circus



The 78th annual Grand Forks Kem Shrine Circus returns April 26, 27, and 28 at the Ralph Engelstad Arena. Show Times are Friday: 3:00 and 7:00, Saturday: 11:00, 3:00, and 7:00 and Sunday 1:00 and 5:00

Circus Spectacular returns this year with new acts including, camels, zebras, and horses. We are fortunate to also have elephants and the motorcycle jumpers back again this year.

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

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

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



I spy KEM's Assistant Rabban Geoff Bengtson and his Lady Michelle. They were in Tampa at AR school.

That's a wrap of the 2024 Kosair for Kids Shrine Leaders Conference! Attendees ended their time together with Shriners Children's Florida ambassador Zavi, who receives care through the Pediatric Orthopedic and Prosthetic Services (POPS) team. Zavi is an accomplished athlete and was the first baseball player who uses a prosthetic leg to compete at Cooperstown. His goal is to become the first MLB player who uses a prosthetic leg.



Nobles & Ladies,

My Lady Michelle and I recently had the chance to attend the 2024 Kosair Charities Shrine Leaders Conference, also known as Assistant Raban School. It was a great chance to meet with our counter parts from the other Temples in the Midwest Shrine Association, as well as the Shriners from temples around the globe.

* Imperial Potentate Ed Stolze was there with several other imperial officers to provide guidance for moving our temple forward into the future. Conference presenters also included Nobles and their Ladies that were subject matter experts from a number of Temples across the US. These Shrine Leaders knowledgeably presented on subjects ranging from servant leadership and Shrine Law to planning and budgeting for the temple's future. These sessions weren't the only place we found out what was working and what wasn't. The interaction with counter parts at evening gatherings and between seminars was another great place to hear where others have had success.

* One subject that was frequently discussed both in and out of the sessions was communication. Everyone was looking for an effective way to communicate with all of their membership. The Shrine membership is currently made up of five different generations. Our AR class had members in their mid-twenties and one Assistant Raban who was ninety-four. It's no wonder we have communications challenges. Lack of communication in general was another common complaint. To keep members engaged and active, many temples were having success with frequent communication across various mediums.

* Lady Michelle and I thank you for the opportunity to attend the Shrine Leaders Conference. Please feel free to contact either of us if you have any questions.

Best Regards,
Geoff Bengtson Assistant Raban

50th year of the North Dakota Shrine Bowl Games

The North Dakota Shrine Bowl All-Star Game was created in 1974 with three primary goals.

The first goal is to honor high school athletes who have excelled on the football field, but also display the qualities of a young man with high character. The second is to promote awareness and raise funds for Shriners Children's. There are currently over 350 children throughout North Dakota and western Minnesota who are active patients at our hospitals. Shriners Children's are committed to providing the best care for children in our specialty areas of Orthopedics, Burn Care, Spinal Cord Injury, and Craniofacial conditions, regardless of a family's ability to pay. The third is to inform the public about our charitable organization to reach more children that we may be able to help.

The 50th Anniversary North Dakota Shrine Bowl will be played at Jerome Berg Field on the campus of Mayville State University on Saturday, June 22nd, with the 9-man game kicking off at 4pm and the 11-man game to follow at 7pm.

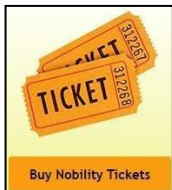
All events for the North Dakota Shrine Bowl will be held on the campus of Mayville State University. Camp week commences with player check-in on Tuesday June 18th, followed by Shriners Patient Ambassador Day, scheduled for Thursday June 20th from Noon-3pm, and finally the Awards Banquet and both all-star games on Saturday June 22nd. Congratulations to the players selected to participate in the 50th Anniversary of the North Dakota Shrine Bowl!

“MORE THAN JUST A GAME”



Dear Noble,

This year marks the 50th Annual North Dakota Shrine Football All-Star Game. We will be playing both 9-man and 11-man games in an East vs. West format. The games will be played on **Saturday, June 22nd** at Jerome Berg Field on the campus of Mayville State University with 4 pm (9-man) and 7 pm (11-man) kickoffs.



You will be receiving five (5) game vouchers in the mail. We are asking for a contribution of \$75.00 for the vouchers. If you cannot attend the game, please find someone that can attend this exciting event. If you increase your donation to \$100.00 you will be placed in the *Nobles Hall of Fame* page of the game program, and as a bonus, receive a **DONOR North Dakota Shrine Bowl Mini Helmet!** If you cannot attend the game, please find someone that can attend this exciting event. This is a great way for you to show support of the Shrine Bowl.

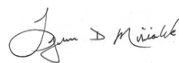
We welcome you to participate and assist with any of the week's activities. This is a very busy week; however, it is an experience of a lifetime for the players. On Media Day, Thursday June 20th, we will host our **Patient Ambassador Day** from noon until 3pm. Several patients will be there to participate in games with the players. These festivities will be at Mayville State University. **Come on out and wear your FEZ!**

Visit www.ndshrinebowl.com to make your game day ticket and mini helmet purchases. Thanks for supporting the 50th Anniversary North Dakota Shrine Bowl and Shriners Children's.

Sincerely,



Jason Kaufman
North Dakota Shrine Bowl Chairman



Lynn Misialek
North Dakota Shrine Bowl Chairman



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Please accept my contribution, payable to North Dakota Shrine Bowl in the following amount:

___ \$75 (tickets only) ___ \$ 100 or more = Hall Of Fame (tickets, helmet and name in program)

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CROOKSTON SHRINERS

We had a great evening at the rescheduled Christmas dinner for the **Kem Shriners** Crookston Clowns! It's been a hot minute since we'd gotten together with them so there was some good visiting happening! Thanks so much for all the unit's hospitality tonight!



Much thanks to the Crookston Clown Unit for inviting the Nobles and Ladies of the Khartum Komedians to their dinner on Saturday evening at the Irishman's Shanty in Crookston. We had a lot of laughs and that's all that counts.

NW MN Cancer Crusaders

The Crookston Shriners will have food and your favorite cotton candy at our Easter event Saturday, March 30 from 10-12 at the Crookston Sports Center! Proceeds from this year's event go to the Shriners Hospital for Children!



MOBIL NOBLES

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 \$8,000 cash 1st prize
 \$1,000 cash each for 2nd & 3rd
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 Proceeds benefit Kem Mobile Nobles No. 0080



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MOBIL NOBLES WILL BE COOKING DURING THE TAILGATING BEFORE THE RACES ON MAY 31

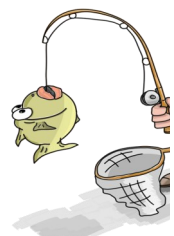


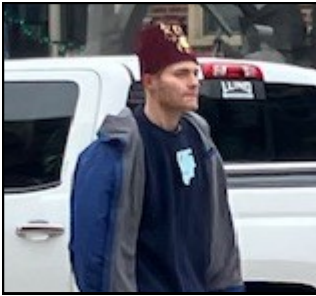
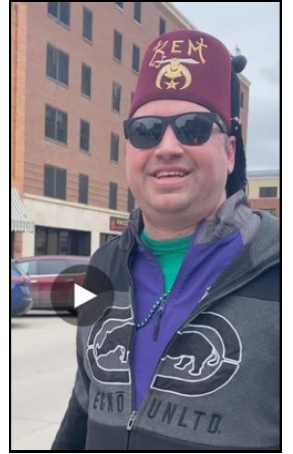
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Barbie collectors reminisce on the doll's 65th birthday

In Grand Forks, two of Barbie's biggest fans have one of the region's largest collections of the iconic dolls.



Kim Renslow, left, and Doris Bornhoeft show off their Barbie collection Wednesday, March 6, 2024, in Grand Forks. The women have collected hundreds of Barbies over the years and run the Busy Gals Barbie Club.

Greetings, Kem Ladies!

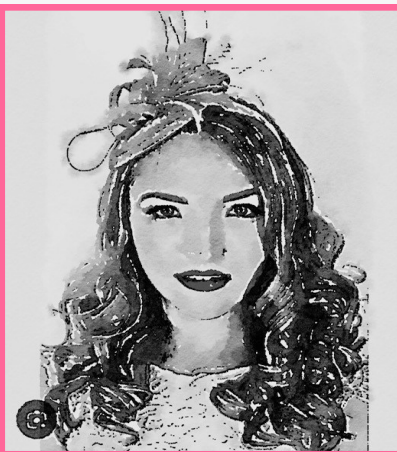
How time flies! It is already the middle of March, and Easter is soon upon us. It is time for gathering together with family and friends and for some young ones, Easter eggs. March events were fun, too.... I had a social and craft event at the Lodge the beginning of the month, where we made St. Patrick's Day crafts. It was a fun and festive evening. I thank everyone who attended.

We had two new Shriners as of March 16th and of course the St. Patricks Day Parade! What a great parade this year! So well attended. Let's keep up the fellowship for the rest of the year. Just a few reminders of upcoming events...The Shrine Circus is coming up in April and May. This is a very special time to earn circus credits for the unit by taking tickets, selling cotton candy, novelties and more. It helps the unit and you might even get an elephant ride! It's so wonderful to see the children light up when they see a clown, or eat cotton candy, and watch all the wonderful circus performers.

Also on April 11th at 5:30 pm, I have a fun and exciting project for us to make.. a fascinator! It is a headband with flowers, feathers and ribbons adorning it. I have all the supplies and we will be meeting on the 4th floor while the Uniform Units meet. We will have pizza first and then make our hats. You may come at 5:30 for a social time and eat at 6:00. Kindly RSVP to Kim Renslow at 701-741-2431 or email me at krenslow@yahoo.com. I want to make sure I have plenty of kits and plenty of food and beverage for a fabulous time!

The June Ceremonial is coming up on June 1st 2024. Our dinner theme is "Seas the Day". Please see information in this Sands edition.

See you soon! First Lady Kim Renslow



NEXT CRAFT DAY INCLUDES THIS "fascinator"!

if you see someone
falling behind,
walk beside them.
if you see someone
being ignored,
find a way to
include them.
Always remind
people of their
worth. One small
act could mean the
world to them.



BE THE WOMAN
WHO FIXES
ANOTHER
WOMAN'S CROWN
WITHOUT TELLING
THE WORLD IT WAS
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**NORTHERN MAYFLOWER
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Game Night

Saturday, April 13, 2024

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GOOSE RIVER TABLE LODGE

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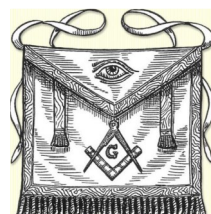


**"HERE LYNN...YOU
 CAN HAVE YOUR
 BISON PLAQUE
 BACK AGAIN"
 (FOR THE FOURTH?
 TIME!)
 GO UND HAWKS!**

**WHEN YOU WIN THE
 50-50 AND THE BIG
 CASH PRIZE, YOU
 SPEND IT ALL AND
 THEN SOME. THAT IS
 THE WAY TO DO IT
 AT AN AUCTION
 FUND RAISING
 EVENT!**

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**GOODBYE BAXTER!
 YOU HAVE BEEN A
 GOOD MASCOT.
 ON TO YOUR NEW
 HOME FOR THE NEXT
 YEAR!
 SEE YOU AT NEXT
 YEARS AUCTION!**



2024 PARADE SCHEDULE

JUNE

- 1..... KEM spring ceremonial 11:00
- 2..... Erskine MN 5:00
- 8Finley ND 11:00
- 15Aneta ND 2:30
- TBA Mayville ND Shrine Football parade 0:00
- 21Binford ND 6:00
- 29 ...Grafton ND 10:00

JULY

- 4Hatton ND 10:00
- 4Park River ND 11:00
- 7Bemidji MN 1:00
- 13 ..Larrimore ND 11:00
- 14.. Fertile MN 2:00
- 17.. Thief River Falls MN 7:00
- 20 ..Minot State Fair 9:15
- 24 ..Warren MN 6:00
- 27 ..Northwood ND 11:00

AUGUST

- 3 ...Mountain ND 10:30
- 8 ...MSA Onalaska, WI 6:00
- 10.. MSA LaCrosse, WI 10:30
- 18 ..Crookston MN 7:00

SEPTEMBER

- 1 ...Stump Lake ND 1:00
- 2... Stump Lake ND 1:00
- 14 ..UND Potato Bowl 10:00
- 28.. Middle River 50th Annual Goose Fest TBA

If you know of any parades to be added to the list please inform the KEM office. Most importantly, remember that units need to send in a list of all parades they are going to participate in and receive permission from Potentate before parading. Thank you and have safe and fun parade season.

KEM SHRINE – 2024 CALENDAR

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

May 20 Burning Sands Deadline

May 31 River Cities Speedway Races

June 1 June Ceremonial – Dinner/Dance, Grand Forks

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

December 7 Children's Christmas Party /
Kem Christmas Party / Ceremonial

December 12 Kem Divan Meeting

January 10, 2025 Kem Divan Meeting

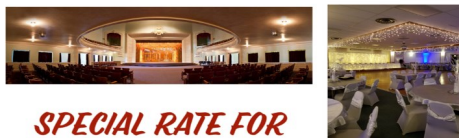
January 11, 2025 Kem *Annual Meeting*
Potentate's Reception – Dinner/Dance

According to the Shrine Bylaws you need to be a Noble in good standing 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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