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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Greetings Nobles and Ladies!

The past few months have just flown by. Kem is busy with activity. In the last issue of the Burning Sands, we talked about the upcoming circuses in Williston, Minot and Grand Forks. All three Circuses are now in the books. Please thank the circus chairmen, Jeff Schneeman, John Young and Ron Bergh for all the hard work they put into these successful events. These chairmen would not be able to put on the amazing circuses without the help of all the Nobles and Ladies of Kem Shrine. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped at all the circuses. Your help at the circus is appreciated. It is a lot of work but when you see the little kids smiling and having fun, it makes you feel good about the work you put into the event.

The calendar is about to get very busy. Not just parades, we have other big events coming up. Please check the Kem calendar in the Burning Sands. It is also available on the Kem website, kemshriners.com.

The next big event will be Kem Shriners Night at the River Cities Speedway in Grand Forks on May 31. Please contact John Votava for free tickets to the races. Kem will be tailgating before the races and will have some of the parade vehicles on display at the Speedway. Thank you, John, for organizing this great event!

The very next day, June 1, is the annual Kem Shrine June Ceremonial. It will be in Grand Forks at the Masonic Center. We will start the day at 8:00 am with registration for the Shrine candidates. The Ceremonial will start at 9:00 am. The Ritual Divan will be in full costume to do the ceremony. Nobles, Ladies and family of the candidates are welcome to attend the first part of the ceremony in the auditorium. After the ceremony we will have a short parade from East Grand Forks to the Masonic Center, followed by lunch for Nobles and Ladies at the Lodge. That evening we will have a very entertaining band called "Island Time". They perform in the Detroit Lakes area at Zorba's and Long Bridge Bar & Grill in the summer. In the winter they play in Florida. They are a fun group. The theme for the evening is "Seas the Day". The dress is casual with a beach theme. You can invite a guest to show them how much fun Shriners can have! We will also introduce the new Shriners from the Ceremonial and publicly present their fez to them. Please RSVP to Carol at 701-772-7125 or Steve at 701-741-3621 before May 25. More info is in the Burning Sands. Call me if you have questions about bringing in new members for the Ceremonial.

The Grand Lodge of ND Annual Communication will be in Grand Forks at the Masonic Center on June 13 -15. Please plan on attending, check out their web site, ndmasons.com to register and find more information.

Another big event in June is the ND Shrine Bowl. It will be held at Mayville State University on June 22nd. This is the 50th anniversary of this great event. This is also our largest fundraiser for Shrine patients. Please go to ndshrinebowl.com for the game and banquet tickets along with the complete schedule for the week. Wednesday night Kem will bring pizza from Deeks Pizza. Thursday is Shrine Patient and Media Day. The players will meet Shrine patients and hear about their experience as a Shrine patient.

Just a reminder please get your Parade Permission Forms turned in at the Shrine office. If your Unit is planning a fundraiser, please fill out the Fundraising Activity Approval Form.

Finally, if you know a Master Mason that is not a Shriner, please invite him to the June Ceremonial. If you know a good man, let him know how Masonry can make good men better!

Steve Renslow

2024 Kem Shrine Potentate





2024 DIVAN

Kem Quarterly Meeting

July 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.



Steve & Kim Renslow



Tor & Karen Bergstrom



Geoff & Michelle Bengtson



Terry Jenson Jr & Michelle



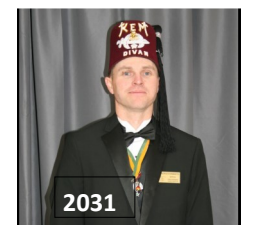
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Bob Prondzinski & Gina



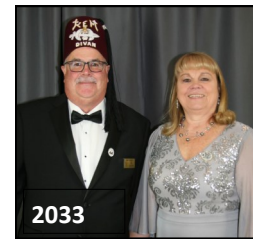
Darrel Schmitz & Julie



Kendrich Krabseth



John Votava & Kim



Mark & Mary Jo Ramsey



Ron & Nancy Bergh



Steve & Mary Adams
Treasurer

Chris Larson
Chief of Staff



BOARD OF GOVERNORS REPRESENTATIVE SHRINERS CHILDREN' TWIN CITIES REPORT

As we continue with the Townhall meeting series, our most recent meeting was held in Deadwood SD.

Our Townhall sessions began with a tour of Strider Bikes Global HQ to see if this could be another rehab equipment option for us. We are all blown away on the product and what the potential could be in treating our kiddos. There will be more to come in the future on this piece of equipment.

At the Townhall meeting hosted by NAJA, Melissa Bongard, Clinic Director, presented a clinic update. Some of the items mentioned are as follows:

The Midwest Market consisting of Chicago, Dayton, St. Louis, and the Twin Cities continues to be going strong. an example of this is telehealth services as they continue to increase, particularly in the area of nutrition.

Another program becoming more popular is the helmet therapy program, which is used for babies with flatheads.

Our electronic medical record program called EPIC just had their one year anniversary. Overall, this is an improvement over our previous program that we used, and we are hoping to further expand in providing more statistical data to help us determine where we need to improve our patient care.

We are seeing more outside referrals from the community for our radiology services which is a program we started last year. Also discussed was continuing need for screening clinics. We are seeing an influx of patients in the cities coming from screening clinics this year and so we need to keep the momentum going.

Jennifer Sutch, donor development Director, has resigned with her last day being June 10. We wish her well on her future endeavors as she will be missed. She was instrumental in bringing in over \$30 million of donations over the past nine years that she was with our system.

Imperial sir Mark Hartz presented an update on Imperial happenings.

In closing, a couple of upcoming events to remember are

Gala on May 31 in Minneapolis.

Shrine Football parade is June 22 9:30 AM in Mayville. Parade starts south of Sanford Medical Center. Games are at 4 and 7PM.

Board of Governors Townhall meeting in Fargo October 17. I would like to see KEM membership there to support EZ.

This is an abbreviated report and I hope you find the information interesting. Respectfully, Roger Baier

Join Us!

BEYOND THE FIELD CAMP

IOWA SHRINE BOWL

WHEN
July 19, 2024
10am - 12pm

Picnic lunch following camp provided by Fareway

WHERE
UNI Dome, Cedar Falls

The Iowa Shrine Bowl Invites Shriners Children's and their families to attend Beyond the Field, our football and cheerleading Kids' Camp.

Come spend a few hours with the 2024 Iowa Shrine Bowl athletes to learn cheer routines and run football drills. Beyond the Field is followed by a complimentary picnic lunch sponsored by Fareway.

Children are also invited to the Iowa Shrine Bowl Game on July 20, 2023 at 4 p.m. Cheer routine will be performed on field ahead of the game.

CONTACT:
Michael Hensing
515-306-7390
Michael@iowashrinebowl.org

IOWASHRINEBOWL.ORG

To participate, please
fill out form here:



USA Hockey will be holding a Sled Hockey Camp in Eagan, MN June 21-23. It will be held at the Eagan Civic Arena at 3870 Pilot Knob Rd, Eagan, MN. You must have at least 1 year of sled hockey experience to attend.

Details are listed below:

- The camps will be staffed by USA Hockey's National Sled Hockey Team players and coaches, as well as other high level sled hockey coaches.
- Camps will run from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon.
- The camp will consist of 5 on-ice sessions and 3 off-ice sessions.
- Lunch on Saturday will be provided.
- The cost to attend one of these camps will be 95.00
- Attendees are responsible for their travel and hotel.

Note: Hotel information will be sent to all those who register.

June 21-23 in Eagan, MN

Eagan Civic Arena

3870 Pilot Knob Rd.

Eagan, Mn



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.

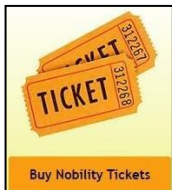
All events for the North Dakota Shrine Bowl will be held on the campus of Mayville State University. Camp week commences with player check-in on Tuesday June 18th, followed by Shriners Patient Ambassador Day, scheduled for Thursday June 20th from Noon-3pm, and finally the Awards Banquet and both all-star 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)

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

WELL DESERVED AWARD TO NOBLE CHUCK HILES

Jody Hodgson, Chairman of CVIC's board of directors, congratulating [Chuck Hiles](#), the 2024 recipient of the Jim Vigness Peacemaker award, during the the Judd Sondreal Memorial Rise & Shine for Peace Breakfast, held Wednesday May 1st. Chuck is one of KEM's finest, Thank You Chuck for all your service in our community



KEM attending the Records and Treasurers Seminar Tampa Florida. [Ron Bergh](#) and Steve Adams and his lady [Mary Adams](#).



NOTICE — To all members:

Happiness is getting mail at your NEW ADDRESS!



Please report changes of address and deaths to the Recorder's office promptly.

Thanks!

Taken from a 1986 copy of the Burning Sands
BUT STILL IMORTANT!

2024 Spring Ceremonial

Saturday June 1st

Masonic Center Grand Forks

New Shriner Registration
Ceremonial
Short Parade
Lunch at the Lodge
(Nobles and Ladies)

8:00 am
9:00 am
11:00 am
12:00 pm

Evening Event "Seas the Day"

\$20.00 per person



Social
Supper (Taco Bar Party)
Dance to "Island Time"
Steel Drum Band
(Get Ready for the Conga Line)

6:00 – 7:00 pm
7:00 pm
8:00 pm

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!

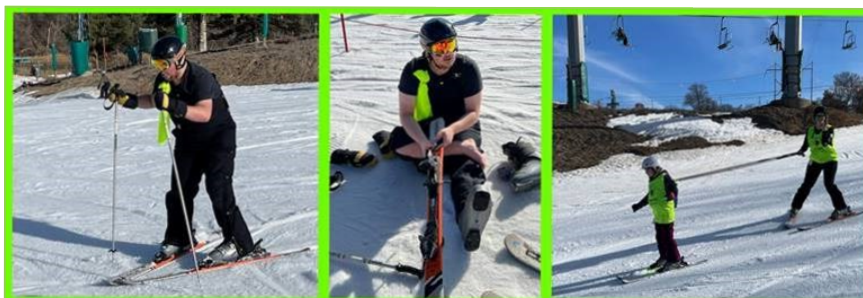
CAMP ACHIEVE DOWNHILL SKI DAY RECAP



On Sunday February 4th we had 100 patients and volunteers with immeasurable amounts of determination for Winter Camp Achieve downhill day at Afton Alps. Again this year we had families travel hours from Northern Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota, Iowa and Wisconsin, just for the opportunity to let their child visit the friends they have made at Shriners and to participate in an activity with other kids who have similar challenges. After a -20 degree ski day last year, the weather was perfect -- sunny and 40s! We had people for the first time ever coming in after a few runs to take off layers! Our dedicated volunteers arrived to the Meadow Den (a bigger room than last year -- YAY!) a bit earlier than the skiers for a brief orientation session. Once the kids arrived, the room was filled with excitement and noise — lots of noise! The kids were paired up with volunteers -- did I mention the noise? The adrenaline and excitement (pure CHAOS) in the room peaked as they headed off to get their skis, poles, and helmets, and then hit the slopes. When I say chaos, I mean all-out-crazy-have-no-idea-what-is-going-on-chaos-is-happening at the beginning of this event. After last year I promised Becky I would get her some help in the rental room because it is so hard fitting the ski boots on the kid's prosthetic legs. Becky B, Dr Sinha, her husband Jason and Carol H never stopped moving from the first kids who showed up at the rentals until the last. Boots on and off, trying to find the perfect fit. With Becky's guidance the new volunteers in the rental area were able to pull off a leg, shove a boot on the prosthetic foot, and help put the booted leg back on. Throughout the whole day, campers and their volunteers would take a break and come sit in chalet for a couple of minutes to rest up and have a snack and drop a layer of clothing. I love listening to them tell me exactly where they had been, what they had done, how many times they fell and how they just popped back up! Seeing the excitement in their eyes makes me so happy that I forget I am not able to be on the slopes and this is so much better -- because I would miss out if I was. We had a ton of first timers this year. One was Nellie, she had never been on skis and, according to her mother, is not very active in the winter and warned me she might not make it until lunch. I paired Nellie up with my daughter. Since they both have JRA, I figured they could talk about their joints hurting on the hill. I didn't see Megan and Nellie until lunch! They were having a blast. When they came in for lunch Nellie ran into her mom and said "I am having the best day ever." They were both back out on the hill over the lunch break and Nellie was one of the last kids to come off the hill. On one of their last trips down the hill, she said to Megan, "I have a great idea, you should take your mom's job when she retires you are really fun." Nellie's mom was in tears that her daughter tried something new and loved it. She sent a picture to Megan of Nellie sleeping before they even got out of the Afton ski resort.

Last year, we had Tim join us for the first time. He had never skied in his life and was super excited to join us. He came back up from Nebraska just to be around his new friends and to see if he could still ski. He not only could still ski, he was much stronger and more confident this year, so confident he felt comfortable just sitting down and giving his leg a breather. He says "being around the group at Shriners is the best thing that has happened to me after I lost my leg, this place has given me a new purpose and has helped with my confidence so much." Tim's mom has nothing but wonderful things to say about us and how we have helped her son not only with the medical and prosthetic leg but by introducing him to new friends and showing him that he can still live a full life. You can tell by watching her how proud she is of Tim and what he has accomplished.

This event would NOT happen without all the volunteers. We had 48 of them this year and needed every single one. Right away when the email went out for help, Dr. Sinha responded that she and her husband Jason would love to help. How awesome is that she had only been here a few months and is ready to be a part of the chaos! I put them right to work on helping with the fitting of equipment and about a hundred other chores. Once the kids were all on the hill they became part of the "Stand at the bottom of the hill gang" and took photos, cheered on the kids





Also new this year was the “CHALET ALL DAY SQUAD!” We had some teen girls who didn’t want to ski but wanted to be a part of the day, so they came and volunteered in the chalet with me! How cool is that they want to be around their Shriners friends!

We welcomed Paralympian snowboarder Mark Mann again this year to help teach a couple of the kids some snowboard tricks. To have someone with that talent teaching was pretty incredible for our kids. A special shout out to Carole H, her husband Bob and their grandson Axel, Barb K, Meghan and Aaron. These former staff have been consistent volunteers for this event and their expertise and knowledge of what needs to happen for it to run smoothly helps my anxiety as much as anything else. We had a few new volunteers this year, thanks to Shriner Brad Ahrens who has a couple sons who are part of the Waconia Ski and Snowboarding Club, and he sent out a message that we could use help and we had a wonderful turn out with kids of all ages! These kids did an awesome job of jumping in and just doing what was needed without a lot of direction. John a new volunteer last year came back to help this year — even after last year’s incident where I forgot to tell him the secret to keeping legs on is to set the patient leg on top of your ski. First time up in the chair lift they lost a leg. An Afton staff member grabbed it and brought it up to the top and off they went. Shout also goes to Shriners Bill V and Bob H who have helped recruit volunteers over the years, bring cookies, help pay the bills and are always there when you need them; they are exemplary Shriners and we are so fortunate they are part of the Twin Cities clinic.

The skiers came in for lunch, all excited about the progress they had made and the big hills they had conquered. They ate as fast as they could and off they went back to the hills for the afternoon. It was at lunch when I was presented a gift from the teen gals. I was presented a crown because in 2022 at the camping trip I earned the name “Queen Maureen.” I can’t imagine what I did to earn this title; surely not that I had the best tent location and a cot. I was instructed I needed to wear the beautiful tiara for the rest of the day. Who am I to say no to my loyal subjects! We had a hard time getting the kids off the hills in the afternoon. It was a great day filled with firsts, fist-pumps, friends, fun and FEZZY! It takes a “ski village” to get the kids out for a day of winter fun and accomplishment. In the end, we heard there were a lot of tired kids sleeping very well Sunday night!!

This recap was extremely hard to write, it is filled with lots of emotions. 22 years ago I was lucky enough to be a part of the group that started these camps. I didn’t realize back then how much meaning they would bring to those involved. We have shared this journey with many incredible kids, parents, staff and volunteers. But the kids... they are simply rock stars. Amazing in so many ways. They provide smiles and hope and inspiration just by being themselves. These experiences have been the highlight of my career; the kids mean the world to me. I feel extremely fortunate and blessed to have been a small part of their Shriners journey. Thanks again to everyone for another successful day and for making such a huge impact on the lives of so many (yes... including mine!).

“You have to believe in yourself, challenge yourself,

and push yourself until the very end; that’s the only way you’ll succeed.”

Report on the 2024 Annual Meeting of the Women's General Auxiliary for the Twin Cities Shriner's Clinic

I attended the 101st Annual Meeting of the WGA4Kids, also known as the Women's General Auxiliary as a representative for Kem Shrine. It was an informative event. We were able to tour the clinic, and everyone was extremely impressed with that facility. Although the Auxiliary space to store toys, blankets and all the other items that are given to the kids who come through the clinic is severely downsized from what they had at the hospital, the ladies have it very well organized and all the space is utilized as efficiently as possible.

We met a young lady, Ellie, who was fourteen years old, and she has been a patient at Shriner's since she was nine weeks old. She has a form of dwarfism that impacts her ligaments and tendons, so she is in a wheelchair. She has a motorized one that reclines and raises her up to counter height. The chair was provided by the Auxiliary and cost \$60,000. This is Ellie's fourth wheelchair that has been provided for her. She thanked the auxiliary for all that they do for her and said she is able to be as normal as possible with the help of the wheelchair. Her parents thanked us, too.

We heard from representatives of the temple auxiliaries attending regarding their fundraising events. I was happy to report that through the 49er's Shrine Club, Model T Unit, the Cycleers Unit, the Wonder Woman Walk, a memorial and others, Kem sent just under \$10,000 to the Auxiliary in 2023. Thank you to all of you who work to raise funds for this very worthwhile organization. I am proud to be associated with Kem.



Here is a Snapshot of WGA's 100 Years (taken from their brochure)

The Beginning (1923-1948)

January 3rd and 4th, 1923 the General Auxiliary was organized with representatives from each temple in the district (Midwest).

With money raised, the following examples of items purchased by the Auxiliary: Sewing Machines, Chairs, Sheets, Piano, School Supplies, Traction Equipment, Electric Cast Cutter

Developing the Plan (1949-1973)

Purchased X-Ray Equipment

Remodeled the nurses' station.

Paid \$44,000 for Prosthetics

Paid the salaries for three staff members totaling \$19,000 (These items took most of the funds raised for this period).

One Giant Leap of Faith (1974-1998)

Prosthetic purchases in 1976 totaled \$62,000.

Began fundraising for Parent Accommodation Center (PAC) building through Auxiliaries, Shriners, Friends and Estates totaling \$1,000,000. Hospital moved into new building in April, 1990 PAC Center opened April, 1991

A New Horizon (1999-Present)

Donated \$30,000 toward the purchase of the EOS machine.

Advisory Board members liaison from auxiliaries to WGA Board

Focus changed to wheelchairs and adaptive equipment, toys and blankets for the children.

Moved into the new clinic and downsized from a building to a small room.

Continued to revamp how we are to meet our goals of providing for the need of "Our Kids."

Donated toward the Carver Machine for the making of prosthetics.

Laurie Christianson, Kem Women's Auxiliary





MSA SUMMER SESSION

2024 La Crosse, Wisconsin

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.

MSA 2024 LA CROSSE WISCONSIN SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, August 7th

Noon – 6 pm Registration

- Radisson Hotel – 1st Floor Wisconsin Rooms 1 & 2.
- After 6 pm & before 8 pm – La Crosse Center Ballroom

2 pm – 5 pm Marketplace Set-up – Radisson Hotel – Ballroom

6 pm – 10 pm Welcome Reception

- La Crosse Center – South Ballroom (Separate ticket required) open to all registered attendees – “Nobles, Ladies, and Families are encouraged to attend!”
- **6 pm** Social – A chance for Divans & PP to Meet & Greet!

- **7 pm to 8:30 pm** Buffet Dinner
- **8 pm** Entertainment: Randy Riggle – Comedian / Nostalgia Show

Thursday, August 8th

8 am – 4 pm Registration –

Radisson Hotel – 1st Floor Wisconsin Room 1 & 2

8 am – 4 pm Marketplace Open – Radisson Hotel – Ballroom

8 am – 1 pm MSA Golf Outing – Forest Hills Golf Course

9 am – 3 pm Motorcoach Ladies Tour Activity – Space Limited – **Sold Out!**

All Day Poker Run – Walk the block to local businesses

11 am – 3 pm Axe Throwing & Escape Rooms – Driftless Axe & Arcade

4 pm Parade Line-up – Onalaska, WI

6 pm Parade Step-off

7 pm – 10 pm Oasis – The Omni Center, Onalaska, WI (with A/C & Restrooms)

- “A Wisconsin Tailgate Party”
- BBQ Chicken or Pulled Pork, Hosted Beer & Soda – Cash Bar
- Entertainment – Joe Cody – Strummin’ Guitar Player

Friday, August 9th

8 am – 4 pm Marketplace Open – Radisson Hotel – Ballroom

7 am – 4 pm Competition as established

- Clowns – La Crosse Center South Hall
- Motor Corps – First Free Church, Onalaska, WI.
- Horse Patrol – La Crosse Interstate Fairgrounds, West Salem WI
- Chanters – Capella Performing Arts Center, 721 King St, La Crosse, WI

10 am – 4 pm Poker Run – Walk the Block to Local Businesses

10 am – 3 pm Camel Herders Degree – Radisson 2nd Floor

11 am – 2 pm Ladies Luncheon – La Crosse Center – South Ballroom

- Plated Lunch (Roaring Twenties Theme) – Entertainment – Raffle

11 am – 3 pm Axe Throwing & Escape Rooms – Driftless Axe & Arcade

Noon – 4 pm Badger Smoke-Out (Cigars) Cash Bar – La Crosse Center – Riverside Terrace

2 pm – 4 pm Packerland Hillbilly Clan (Moonshine Tasting) – Radisson 2nd Floor.

Friday continued.

6 pm – 11 pm MSA 2024 Shrine-a-Rama – La Crosse Center – South Hall – A chance for Divans & PP to Meet & Greet!

- Buffet Stations – Cash Bar
- Entertainment, The Dweebs “America’s Favorite Party Band”

Saturday, August 10th

9 am Parade Line-up – La Crescent, MN

10:30 am Parade Step-off

11 am Grab n Go Lunch, Soda or Water.



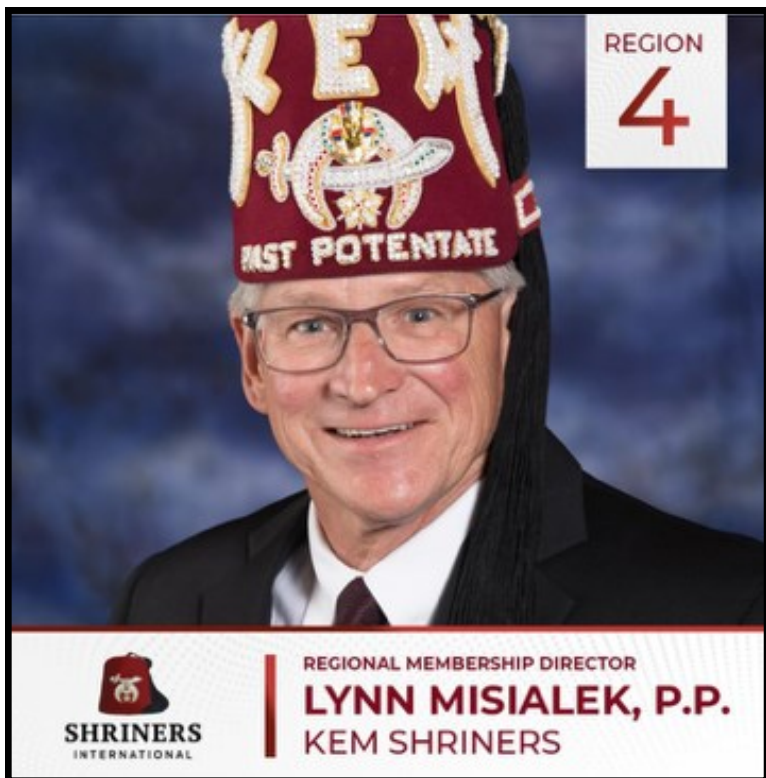
FUN!



MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN FLORIDA, MAY 2024
CAN YOU FIND LYNN, KENDRICH AND JOHN?



MAKE A
DIFFERENCE
RISE AND
SHRINE



SHRINER OF THE YEAR '23
BILL KNIPE

LANGDON 49ers FUND RAISER



A FEW OF THE GREAT PRIZES



TWO OF MANY WINNERS



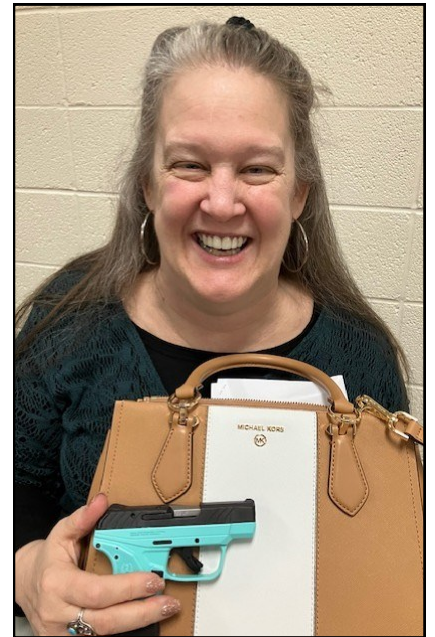
A FEW OF THE HELPERS



GREAT CROWD



GREAT FOOD



KEM KAMPERZ RUMMAGE SALE AND DONUTS



MAKING DONUTS,
SELLING DONUTS
AND WORKING
THE RUMMAGE SALE.
NANCY STEPPED INTO THE
MODELING BUSINESS!



CAMPING AT MAYVILLE
FOR SHRINE FOOTBALL AND
GOLDEN LAKE FOR
KEM OF WINGS



BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE SHRINE CIRCUS



COTTON CANDY TAKES MANY DEDICATED HOURS TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS



SETTING UP AND TAKING DOWN THE TOY BOOTHS

MIXING COTTON CANDY SUGAR



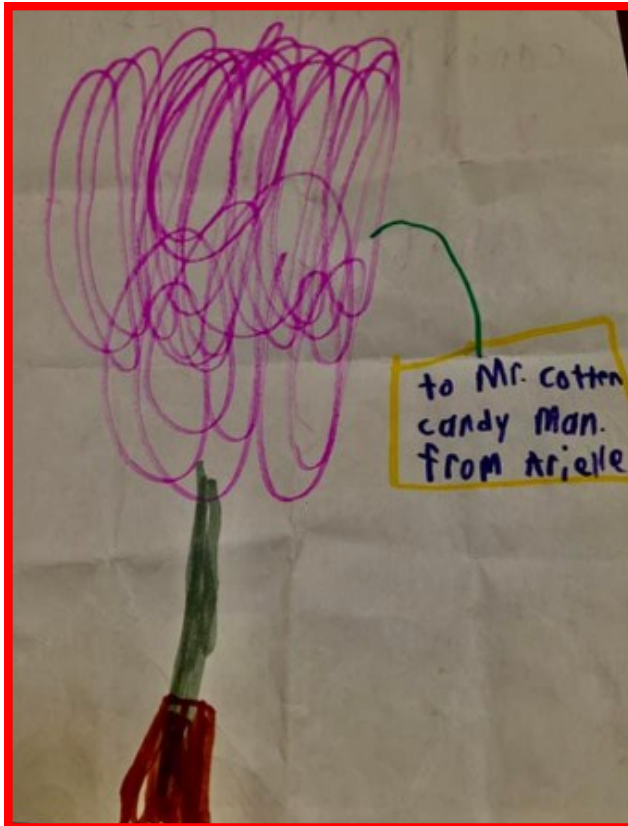
UNPACKING AND GETTING TOYS READY FOR BOOTHS

SHRINE CIRCUS 2024 The 78th Annual Grand Forks Kem Shrine Circus was held April 26-28th. Over 20,000 people attended the seven shows at the Ralph Engelstad Arena. Our circus producer provided a variety of acts that had something for everyone. An average of 115 nobles, ladies and others worked at each of the 7 shows. Thank you to all who played a part in making this year's Grand Forks Circus a success.

Ron Bergh PP
Grand Forks Circus Chairman

Paul Endres received this letter from a child at the KEM Shrine Circus last weekend ❤️ The cotton candy man! Her picture is the comments 💖 Thank you to all who worked in cotton candy to make our circus a sweet success.

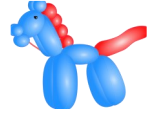
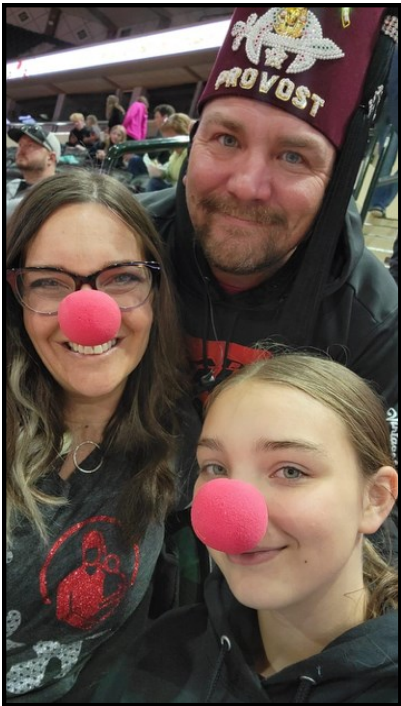
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Your kinds of cotton
candy they sparkle
so nice I couldn't eat
it so I love the kinds
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so I'm writing a picture
of it thank you Mr.
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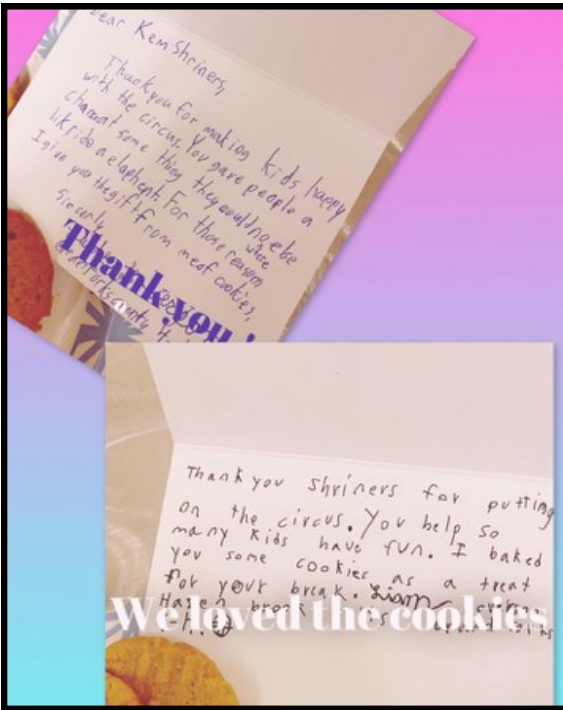


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ALL THESE PEOPLE AND MANY MORE DO THEIR PART TO MAKE THE CIRCUS A SUCCESS





CLIFF AND DEANNA HARTMIER FROM WINNIPEG, HELPED OUT AT THE END OF THE FIRST KEM SHRINE CIRCUS SHOW ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

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Sept. 7th....Montana 6:00 pm

Fourth Floor Club

Sept. 14th.... Idaho State 1:00 pm

Mobile Nobles

Sept. 21st.....San Diego at 1:00 pm

Kem Kamperz

Sept. 28th.....Murray State...1:00pm

UND Homecoming

Provost



Oct 19th...Northern Iowa 1:00pm

Crookston Clowns

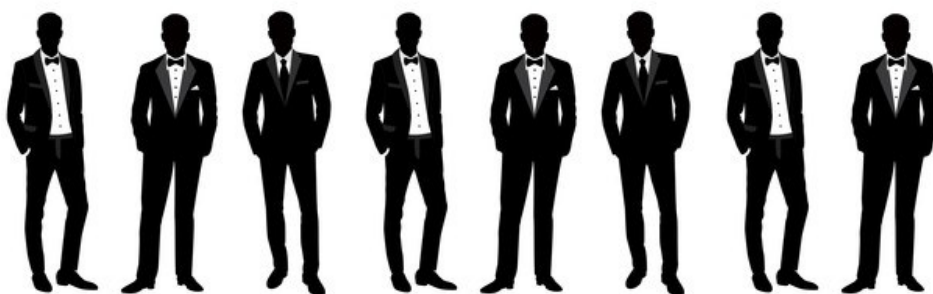
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LADIES CORNER



Warm weather greetings, Nobles and Ladies!

What a busy April and now May we are having! Trees are budding and flowers are blooming! The flowering trees smell heavenly! So nice to be outside enjoying it with family and friends.

Our April and May Kem Shrine Circuses were fun and entertaining for us all! (Grand Forks, Williston and Minot) A bigtop shout out to everyone who helped this year.

We did have two special guests at our Sunday show in Grand Forks... Cliff (Mr. Stripes) and Deanna (DeeDee) Hartmier from Winnipeg, Manitoba. Cliff is from Khartum Shrine. He is part of the Khartum Komedions. They are both clowns and helped make balloon toys for the young attendees!

Some of us ladies enjoyed a special event while the nobles had their Kem Quarterly Uniformed Units meeting in April. We made Facinators which are small hats. Many ladies brought supplies and the creativity was amazing! We had our event on the fourth floor and also enjoyed pizza and beverages.

Thanks to all who attended!

Our June Ceremonial will be held on June 1st 2024. Please check the notice in this issue of Burning Sands... A very fun event is being planned... and casual dress too! Kindly RSVP by May 25th. See you there for some fabulous flip flop fun!

July 11th is the next Kem Quarterly Uniformed Units meeting. I have planned quite an event for the ladies! A Vintage Fashion Show! I will have hats, furs, glasses, jewelry, gloves, etc. that will be modeled by..... YOU! A backdrop will be provided and photos will be taken. A light supper will be provided. The fun will start at 5:30, then a meal at 6:00 with the style show after. **Kindly RSVP to me at 701-741-2431** Practice your modeling poses!

See everyone soon!

I'm looking forward to more fun and fellowship!



JULY 11TH A SUPERMODEL IS ABOUT TO BE REVEALED!



YOU BE THE STAR!



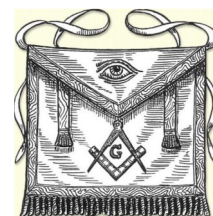
MALTA LODGE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS MAY 2024



REFURBISHED LODGE DOORS ARE INSTALLED



Potentate Steve Renslow
and Lady Kim at the
Bridal Show promoting
the Masonic Lodge.



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 ..Larimore 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

**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 Interna-
tional 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

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