

# KEM



*Across the*

# BURNING SANDS

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## POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Lady Kim and I would like to say greetings to all Kem Nobles and Ladies! The weather has cooled off and the parade season is winding down. As Potentate, I would like to thank everyone that participated in parades this year. It takes dedication and hard work to show up at the parades. Kem has a great following of Shriners and their Ladies that do show up at parades all over the upper Midwest. Parades are one of the best ways that Shriners can promote the Shriners Children's hospitals and clinics. It gives us great positive exposure in front of thousands of people every year.

Speaking of Shriners Children's, the Kem Red Fez account has paid out \$64,736 as of the end of September this year. This money was used to help Shrine patient families in our area pay for motels, meals and travel expenses to their appointments.

In August Kem was well represented at the 93rd Annual MSA held in La Crosse, WI. Zor put on a great Shrine convention. Thank you to everyone that took time out of their summer to attend. Going to an MSA is also like going on a vacation to enjoy another scenic area of our country and meet new people in the Shrine fraternity. Next year the MSA will be in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

The other really big MSA news is Kem Shrine will be the host for the 95th annual Midwest Shrine Association in 2026. We will need help with planning, organizing and working at the event. We have already started by reserving the Alerus Center and the Canad Inn for our big event. Please give me a call if you would like to help in any way.

The annual Tables du Jour fund raiser was held in October and was a huge success. Thank you, Jodi and Joey Bjornson, for organizing the event. We also need to thank our guest speaker Micah Jensen for telling us about his Shrine patient experience. Micah and his Shriner father, Patrick, traveled from Sioux City, IA to speak at our event.

We will be starting the holiday season on Saturday, December 7th at the Masonic Center in Grand Forks. Please put these 3 events on your calendar. We will have the Shrine patient Christmas party starting at 11:30 for lunch and gifts, with an appearance from Santa. After the kids' Christmas party, we will have a Shrine Ceremonial to bring in some new Shriners at 1:30! The Kem Shrine Christmas Party will be from 3:00pm to 8:00pm. Please join us for appetizers, holiday cheer and a buffet dinner with music. Shriners and their Ladies along with the new Shriners and Ladies are invited to attend all these events. Please see the other articles and the calendar in the Burning Sands for more detailed information.

The Kem annual meeting will be on January 11th. Please put this important fun event on your calendar. Get your motel room reserved early. More info is in the Burning Sands.

I also want to say thank you to First Lady Kim for all her help and support. I could not have done this without her. Kim organized some fun activities for the Ladies during the Kem quarterly Uniformed Units Meetings this past year. The Ladies are an important part of the Shrine community, helping with fundraising, the circus and other events.

Thank you everyone for a great year! Kim and I enjoyed being a part of Kem Shrine in 2024. It has been an honor and a pleasure to represent Kem Shrine at events. We are looking forward to more in 2025! We hope to see all of you at the Christmas Party and the Annual Meeting activities. Let's bring in some new members on December 7!

Steve Renslow, Potentate 2024





# 2024 DIVAN



Steve & Kim Renslow



Tor & Karen Bergstrom



Geoff & Michelle Bengtson



Terry Jenson Jr & Michelle



Joey & Jodi Bjornson



Bob Prondzinski



Darrel Schmitz & Julie



Kendrick Krabseth



John & Kim Votava



Mark & MaryJo Ramsay



Ron & Nancy Bergh



Steve & Mary Adams  
Treasurer



Chris Larson  
Chief of Staff

**KEM ANNUAL MEETING  
SATURDAY, JAN 11, 2025**

**9:30am**

**Grand Forks Masonic Center  
2025 Dues Card Required**

**YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT STATED  
MEETING OF KEM SHRINERS WILL  
MEET AT THE ABOVE TIME AND  
PLACE FOR HEARING  
REPORTS AND CONDUCTING  
REGULAR BUSINESS.**

**PLEASE WEAR YOUR FEZ**

**325.11 Election Regulations.**

(a) Electioneering. A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine temple may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a résumé consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email or other devices, by a unit, club, Noble, or group of Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing, or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited.

(b) Expenditures Prohibited. The expenditure of money for gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited.

(c) Violation. For any violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the officer void and order a new election.

(d) Notice. At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election, the temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.

*Ron Bergh  
Recorder*

*Steve Renslow  
2024 Potentate*

**ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA**

**8am coffee and donuts**

**9:30am meeting**

**11 am officer installation**

**Noon Fish Fry**

**1pm Divan pictures**

**2pm Board of Directors Meeting**

**5:30pm Kem Potentate Reception**

**Lost and Found**

**A masonic ring was found at  
McMenamy's  
in Grand Forks.**

**Please contact the Kem office with a  
description to claim it.**

**KEM COIN FUND RAISER**

**Kem has a challenge coin in 2024. The net proceeds from the challenge coin sales will be donated to Shriners Children's Camp Achieve. This camp is for Shrine patients ages 5 to 8 and 9 to 14 with a limb difference. Shrine patients go to camp to be with other kids their age that have similar issues.**

**The front of the coin has the 2024 Kem Potentate pin. The back has a photo of the historic Masonic building in Grand Forks. If you donate \$20 to this worthy cause, you will receive a Kem challenge coin. If you see someone with a Kem Coin, you will know they donated to this worthy cause. Please contact a Divan member or Steve Renslow to receive your collectible Kem challenge coin. Carol also has some of the coins available in the Shrine office. Thank you for your support!**





# BOARD OF GOVERNORS REPRESENTATIVE SHRINERS

**October 2024**

## **Greetings from Shriners Children's Twin Cities!**

Twin Cities continues to see increases in clinic activities. New patient visits are at 557 through September compared to 411 in September, 2023. Telehealth visits are at 81, compared to 50 in 2023. Rehab visits are up 36%. Outreach clinic in Bismarck saw 17 patients last quarter; the highest it's been in a couple years. All of these are positives for the Twin Cities mission of "treating more kids in more places".

As for screening clinics, the last 2 in Minot and Devils Lake produced 5 referrals. We hope to find more patient referrals in the upcoming scheduled screening clinic, November 22, in Devils Lake. Contact Bruce Krabseth for more information. I assume in 2025 there will be more screening clinics scheduled in other KEM locations (Bottineau, Grand Forks, Crookston, & Bemidji). Reach out to hospital representatives, Bruce, Chris, or Randy if you can assist them in making these screening clinics a reality.

We continue to have affiliations with multiple facilities. Things are going well with Boys Town, Gilette Children's Hospital, and Minnesota Childrens. We are working with Blank Childrens in Des Moines, IA, to enhance patient care.

The long leg detector in radiology is being utilized. This was an \$88,000 piece of equipment that was in the budget for 2024 and was well worth the dollars spent on it.

Donor development is at \$2.3 million (66.6% of goal). We expect to reach our goal of \$3.5 million at the end of the year.

Kaufman Hall has been approved by the Joint Board to assist in implementing Vision 2035, and will be devising an enhanced strategic plan to achieve completion of Vision 2035 for the Midwest Market. (Chicago, St. Louis, Twin Cities, Dayton)

Lastly, El Zagal held a townhall meeting on October 10 and was well attended. 73 nobles from El Zagal, Yelduz, and Kem along with 15 board members and two Imperial Divan enjoyed a fine meal and heard updates from the Twin Cities staff and Imperial. Following the meeting, many of the attendees continued the conversations on topics from the presentation.

Enjoy the rest of the fall season!

**Roger Baier**, BOG representative.

**\*Illustrious Sir Steve Renslow and his Lady Kim** are inviting all Kem Shriners and their Ladies to three big events on Saturday December 7th at the Masonic Center in Grand Forks. This will be a busy day for Kem Shriners and their Ladies. We will start out the day with a free Shrine patient Christmas party. The party for the kids will be held from 11:30am to 1:00pm. The Mobil Nobles will be serving lunch to the Shrine patients and their families. After lunch Santa will be there to hand out gifts to the kids. Anyone can attend to help or just to watch Santa and the kids having fun. It is always fun to watch the kids opening gifts.

\*The second big event on Saturday will be the Shrine Ceremonial to bring in new Shriners! The Ritual Divan will be in full costume in the Masonic Auditorium to perform the ritual. The Ceremonial will be from 1:30pm to 2:30pm. Candidates should arrive by 1:00. If you know a Master Mason that is not yet a Shriner please contact them. Give me a call if someone needs info about becoming a Shriner. Candidates and their family can come early and have lunch with the Shrine patients at their Christmas party. The family and friends can also watch the first part of the Ceremonial in the historic Masonic auditorium. This is always a great day to bring in new Shriners. We need new Shriners to join this great organization. The new Shriners and his Lady can attend the Uniformed Units Christmas Party right after they become a Noble of the Mystic Shrine.

\*The third event of the day will be the Uniformed Units Christmas party at the Masonic Lodge. This is a free event for Shriners and their Lady. The hor d'oeuvres and holiday cheer will start at 3:00pm. The buffet dinner will be at 5:00pm with music by Papa J's DJ until 8:00 pm. There will be door prizes and fun. The dress is Christmas casual. Please RSVP to Carol at 772-7125 by November 23rd. I have a block of motel rooms for Kem Shrine reserved at the Plaza Motel in EGF. Please call 218-773-1179 to reserve your motel room.

Please see the calendar and poster in the Burning Sands for more information.



**Langdon 49rs plan and decorate for Uniformed Units Christmas Party 2025. They are also responsible for tear down of decorations this year so you know where and how to do for 2025.**





## Invitation to Honor Kim Renslow

*KEM Shrine Ladies Luncheon*

**Saturday, January 11, 2025**

10:00 am - 12 pm

CANAD INNS  
1000 S 42nd St  
Grand Forks ND 58201

You are cordially invited to enjoy a meal & join the fun to celebrate and thank Kim Renslow, for a successful 2024 year of serving and representing Kem Shrine as Lady to Illustrious Potentate Steve Renslow. Everyone Welcome - Bring a Friend!

KINDLY RSVP BY DECEMBER 27, 2024  
Karen Bergstrom  
701-789-0866  
The approximate cost of meal \$25



**SAVE THE DATE - KEM SHRINER'S & LADIES INVITED TO ATTEND!**

# KEM SHRINE ANNUAL MEETING

**Saturday, January 11, 2025**

## Itinerary

Friday, January 10, 2025  
8:00 - Midnight  
Hospitality Room  
Canad Inn Hotel

KEM SHRINE  
Masonic Lodge - Kem Temple  
423 Bruce Avenue  
Grand Forks ND 58201

Saturday, January 11, 2025  
9:30 Annual Meeting

10: 00 - 12 Kem Ladies Luncheon  
All Ladies Welcome to celebrate Lady Kim Renslow at Canad Inn Hotel

(Ladies, Kindly RSVP by Dec 27, 2024 to secure your spot. (Meal cost paid at door - RSVP Karen at 701-789-0866)

1:30 - 4:00 Hospitality Room

5:00 Social - Appetizers

6:00 Dinner Served

(Please RSVP Shrine Office 701-772-7125 by Dec 27, 2024) (Meatballs or Pork Loin Meal Choice) (\$25/Per Person Paid at door)

\*Kem Nobles encouraged to bring guests\*  
\* Guests do not need to be a Shriner's

7:00 -10:00 Dance to the Music of the Down Town Horns  
Hospitality Room Open following dance back at the Canad Inn

Block of Rooms - Call and reserve your room ASAP!  
Canad Inn Hotel  
1000 S 42nd St, Grand Forks ND 58201  
Call 701-772-8404 before December 10, 2024 to reserve a room.  
Group Name: Kem Shrine  
Group Number: 683104




**NOTICE THE BLOCK OF ROOMS AND DEADLINE!!**

# MERRY CHRISTMAS



**PATIENT PARTY 11:30am -1:00pm**



**CEREMONIAL 1:30pm-2:30pm**

## **KEM UNIFORMED UNITS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**DECEMBER 7, 2024**

**3:00pm until 8pm**

**FREE WILL OFFERING BAR 3pm**

**HORS D'OEUVRES 3pm**

**BUFFET DINNER BY "DARCY'S CAFÉ" 5pm**

**BIG PAPA J'S DJ 4pm – 8pm**

**CASUAL CHRISTMAS DRESS, NO JEANS**

**DOOR PRIZES THROUGH  
THE EVENING**

**RSVP TO SHRINE OFFICE BY  
NOVEMBER 23 701-772-7125**

Kem Shrine Potentate has reserved a block of rooms at the  
Plaza Motel, EGF for Dec 6 and 7  
Call 218-773-1179 to reserve a room





The beautiful flocked tree you see at the Shriner's Christmas party is donated by **ALL SEASONS GARDEN CENTER**. Here is the story:



At the age of 2, Jan Heitmann, was in a lawn mower accident that caused injury to her left leg. She was taken to St. Mike's Deaconess Hospital in Grand Forks. She was later visited by Nobles John Murrie (Langdon, ND), John McDonald (Walhalla, ND) and Jim McConnell (Grand Forks). They told her parents about Shriner's Hospital. At that time they had never heard of Shriner's, but had checked into other places for help. Mrs. Heitmann (Georgia) remembers clearly the sentence "We will take care of it all".

At that time they lived in Walhalla, ND so Jan was brought to Shriner's Hospital in Winnipeg, Manitoba to begin her long journey. At that time there were so many accidents that American Greeting Cards had a special card saying *"sorry to hear about your accident."* Jan still has the many cards she received from total strangers who read about her accident in the newspapers.

Jan continued to go to Winnipeg until the age of 12. Winnipeg Shriner's Hospital closed at that time due to the Canadian Health Care program. Jan continued her journey at the Twin Cities Shriner's Hospital, visiting at least twice a year to get fitted with a new prosthetic limb. At that time her parents were friends with an airman at the Nekoma Air Base. He witnessed that Jan's prosthetic limb could be more functional. He took it upon himself to research how to improve the prosthesis, designed one and sent the specs to Shriner's Hospital. That was life changing for many present and future patients. Mrs. Heitmann feels Jan possibly got the first hydraulic leg!

The Heitmann family was impressed by the kindness of the Shriner's Hospital staff and Nobles. Everyone felt like they were treated like a princess or a king. There would be groups of 50 patients that would be friends for a few hours or few days. Sometimes they would not see each other again, but it was important to have had that camaraderie.

The Heitmann's cannot say enough good things about Shriners. Every year the Heitmann's at All Seasons Garden Center have donated the beautiful flocked tree and plan to continue. Their kind words of "anything for the Shriners, just ask". This year we pay back in a little way too by purchasing gift cards to All Seasons Garden Center as door prizes.

Story told to Julie S and Bob Prondzinski.





Rumors Tavern in Finley, ND had their first KEM Shrine even in August. There was a full meal for \$10, jokes by JB, and live music by Blue English with all proceeds going to the Shriners Children's Twin Cities to provide help for Shriner patients. Rumors Tavern owner, Stephanie Stein, wants this to be an annual fundraiser.

***Stephanie, Alexis in the middle, and Tina on the right.***

Tina Mincer, a Finley, ND resident, is passionate about the Shriners and wants to give back what she can. At 9, she was breaking records as a swimmer and dreamed of competing in the Olympics. A friend's mom noticed Tina had a slight limp and that was the start of extensive doctor's visits that would determine she would need a leg brace. Her dream of competing in swimming was crushed. A fundraiser for Tina was attended by family friends who were Shriners. After going through the proper procedures her journey with the Shriners began. She was diagnosed with Legg-Calve-Perthes disease and ended up with a Petrie Cast. It had two bars between her legs that held them four feet apart and weighed 25 pounds. Months of visits in and out of the hospital, hours of therapy to learn how to walk again, the struggles of fitting into cars or walking sideways down narrow hallways were part of her daily life. One day she was so determined to see her friend she walked an hour to get to her friend's house two blocks away. Thankfully she got a ride home but had to sit in the trunk of a car with one leg sticking out! Tina learned from her experiences that when you think you have it bad, look around. She witnessed a girl with polio who spent two years in the hospital and miraculously walked out of the hospital with crutches, a girl in the bed next to her had one leg and another had burns all over her body. The stories go on and on." ***I will always want to give back to the Shriners. My experience with them was so amazing, and it made me who I am today. They not only took care of my medical needs in the best way possible, they helped me become such an empathetic person and groomed me into who I am today. Because of my experience with the Shriners Hospital, I became a very caring, strong young girl and I was able to lead a normal, productive life. I live life to the fullest.*** She goes on to say that once you are involved with the Shriners as a patient, it is something you are always a part of.

**Alexis' story on the next page.**



Stephanie Stein, Roger Baier, Tina Mincer. (Photo/submitted)

**\$5000**

**WAS BROUGHT IN AT  
THIS FUNDRAISER!!**

**FANTASTIC**



*Former Shrine patient, Alexis, Finley, ND tells her story.*

Alexis Nolan, who lived in Grand Forks around the time of the '97 flood, was two years old and begged to help mom stir the spaghetti sauce on the stove. Accidents happen so fast it could not have been stopped resulting in both Alexis and her brother being burned by the hot spaghetti sauce. Alexis was rushed to the Fargo hospital and later jetted to Minneapolis with 28% of her body burned. Her brother was burned on and behind one ear and cheek. A year and a half into her care, and funds running out, a Shriner approached her mom at the grocery store offering help with Alexis' care. He told her all they had to do was get on a plane and go to Shriners Burn Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. No more worrying about medical bills, flight costs, or food while there. Alexis' family could focus on her while going through all the years of painful skin grafts and other related surgeries. She was at Cincinnati until she was 14 when they switched to Shriners Burn Center in Galveston, Texas. Grateful for the entire Shriners team at both hospitals who gave excellent care for both Alexis' care but also for "mom" if she was having a meltdown. Alexis had many follow-up appointments and surgeries until the age of 20. She grew up with the Shriners.

*"They taught me compassion, understanding, humility, kindness and so much more than I can put in words. They made me see the world and its people from a point of view that most people never get the chance to see. I am grateful to everyone who showed me the kindness and compassion when they didn't have to. It means more to me than anyone will ever know. I am grateful beyond measure because you are the reason I am alive."*



Shrine patient, Micah Jensen, and his dad came from Iowa to speak at Kem's Tables du Jour on Oct 26.

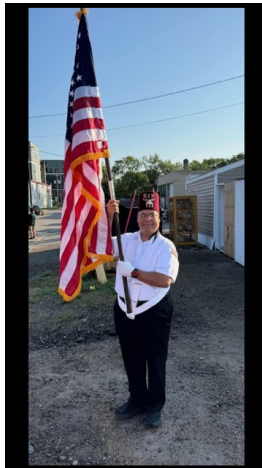
Micah was born with spina bifida and was paralyzed below his ankles. As a younger child Micah stayed to himself afraid of others judging him because of his disability. Twenty-eight surgeries later, his is no longer that loner but very social. He doesn't let anything stop him. In fact he played baseball, with accommodations, and did great. Micah graduates in 2025 and plans on going on to schooling in the medical field.

Micah and Patrick went to the UND Hockey game with us and watched the excitement of a good game. Micah was impressed with the "Ralph".





# 2024 UND POTATO BOWL PARADE



LADY MICHELLE  
AND LADY KIM  
WERE JUDGES AT  
THE POTATO BOWL  
PARADE





# KEM SHRINE LADIES

## "KEM IS ONE IN A MINION"



WE FOUND A  
"CHRIS  
STAPLETON"  
LOOK ALIKE!  
HE WAS A GOOD  
SPORT!

TAILGATING  
STUDENTS LOVED US!  
MANY, MANY PHOTO  
REQUESTS!!!!



"TENNESEE WHISKEY"





## MOBIL NOBLES HOSTED THEIR ANNUAL FISH FRY



JEFF NOVAK WAS  
PRESENTED WITH AN  
APPRECIATION PLAQUE.

JEFF STANDS BY  
AL NIPSTAD WHO  
STARTED THE FIRST  
MOBIL NOBLE  
FISH FRY.

## MOBIL NOBLES TAILGATING FOR UND POTATO BOWL



STUDENTS  
LOVE TO  
EAT!!!







## SFA ANNUAL SEMINAR REPORT



I bring greetings from all SFA Officers, past and present. I recently traveled to Clio, MI with Jason Dombrowski and Chuck Hiles for the 2024 SFA Annual Seminar. Wow what an event. There were 19 temples represented including Chief Rabban Kevin Costello and Treasurer Brad Koehn, Imperial Officers.

It was good to see old faces and some new. There were informational presentations. Too many to list all, but some stood out; *Bourbon tasting, cut the deck, heads or tails, festival of trees, and Irish road bowling.*

Even though it was a quick trip we were able to find some down time where we could visit a neat small town called Frankenmuth, MI. We spent a few hours walking around visiting different German shops and having dinner at Zehnder's. Zehnder's is a long running American fixture with a folksy atmosphere known for family-style fried chicken dinners.

I am excited for the 2025 SFA Annual Seminar in Boise, ID. I can't wait to see what they will have to offer. **If there are any individuals interested in fundraising or any units that need some fundraising ideas, please reach out to Jeremy Dombrowski.**

Sincerely,  
Jeremy Dombrowski 2nd Vice President SFA



MIXING



DROPPING



DEEP FRY



BAGGING



A  
DO-  
"NUT"  
SHE IS  
!!!!

DELICIOUS  
RESULT!!



KEM KAMPERZ FIXING  
DONUTS TO SELL AT THE  
GUN RAFFLE





Thanks,  
Noble Jack,  
for giving  
50% of the  
proceeds to  
the Shriners.

**\$1019 !!!!**

This will be an  
annual event at  
the Bun.



Stephen Funsters met at the  
Dell Steakhouse in Argyle on  
September 5th for their  
annual "Christmas In  
September" party. Couples  
enjoyed social hour followed  
by dinner and a short  
meeting. The summer   
parade schedule was  
discussed as well as plans  
for the upcoming year.  
Everyone enjoyed the meal  
and had a good visit.

We would like to take this  
opportunity to wish all Kem  
Shriners and families a very  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Members of the Masonic Center say the  
ceremony is a way to honor veterans  
letting them know they're not forgotten.



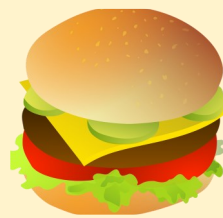
Minot Masonic Center POW flag pole



"A lot of them sometimes feel that they are  
forgotten in some way, in some aspects, or  
they have lost close friends and family as  
well. It's just a good reminder to bring back  
to communities, just to bring back that  
awareness of no matter what you do you are  
never forgotten," said Shawn Lewellyn, the  
president of the Minot Shrine Club.



**GRAFTON CYCLEERS WILL BE SERVING THEIR SHRINE BURGERS AND SHRINE GRILLED CHEESE AT THE GRAFTON CURLING CLUB AGAIN ON WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS STARTING THE END OF NOVEMBER...ENJOY!!!**



**“TEDDEE” JELLIES AND PICKLES WILL BE AVAILABLE**



Our third Wonder Woman Walk was held Saturday, September 21st. The fall weather was crisp as we walked 1 1/2 miles through downtown Grand Forks and onto the beautiful Greenway. Thank you to everyone who participated or sent a donation. We raised \$425, which is which has been sent on to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Twin Cities.





# TABLES DU JOUR 2024, THANKS TO OUR HOSTS JOEY AND JODI BJORNSON



DEVILS RUN



90'S WEDDING RECEPTION



WE ARE THE FUNGIS



BINGO LADIES



THE GANGS ALL HERE



IT'S 5 O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE



POLKA DOTS AND PEARLS



SLEEP OVER



A BRIDAL REGISTRY I DO. I DID



STEEL COWGIRLS



SPONGE BOB FLARE PANTS



BOO HAW





COME AND KNOCK ON OUR DOOR



HALLOWEEN TREATS (OUR HOSTESS' KIDS & GRANDKIDS)



HANGING WITH THE GNOMIES



BOB THE BARTENDER



THANKS TO  
ALL THE  
SHRINERS WHO  
COOKED AND  
SERVED THE  
LADIES!!



HAPPY FALL Y'LL



THE GANGS ALL HERE WITH  
THE FOLSOM PRISON BLUES



SERVING MIMOSAS



IN A WORLD OF JOLENES, BE A DOLLY



DOLLYS



DOLLYS  
SINGING  
"JOLENE"



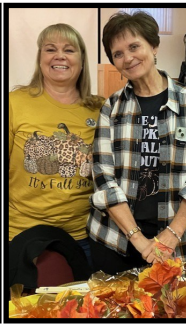
D.O.C. PROVOST AT WORK







RESEMBLANCE?



### Aleppo Shriners

Proud to have received a Dromedary Award for the Aleppo News and honorable mentions for our Facebook page and Email Communications!



### Shriners International

Since 1989, Shriners International has hosted the Dromedary Awards to honor and recognize the hard work and efforts of temples in creating and distributing excellent communications.

**49rs.....2025 is your year for the annual Uniformed Units Christmas party**



KITCHEN CREW DID A GREAT JOB.

SPECIAL THANKS TO BILL KNIPE



WELL DESERVED BREAK FROM THE KITCHEN!



WILLING TO DRESS UP TO SERVE THE LADIES BRUNCH



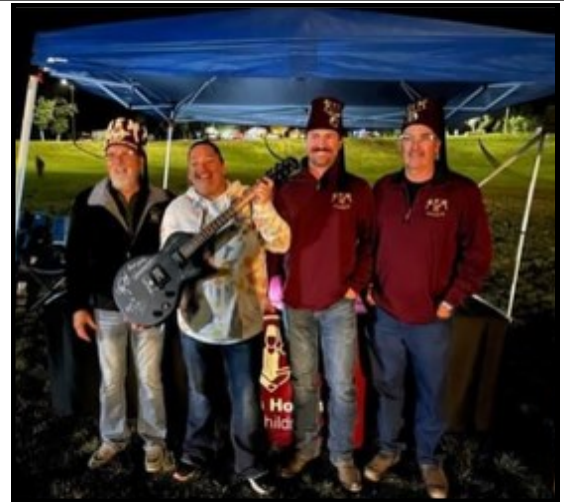


KEM TOOK A BUS TO THE EL ZAGAL SHRINE IN FARGO TO ATTEND THE "BIERSTUBE". THE MEAL, ENTERTAINMENT AND HOSPITALITY WAS GREAT

## LAKE REGION FLAG CORPS



Nobles and ladies of the Lake Region Flag Corps assisted PP Ted Anderson and Lady Darlene in selling Lynyrd Skynyrd CDs at the concert at Spirit Lake Casino. Over 400 cd's were sold



Roshana Allred  
Devil's Lake



WINNER OF THE SIGNED  
LYNYRD SKYNYRD GUITAR



AS A BONUS THEY  
GOT TO SEE ZZ TOP  
IN CONCERT!





# MASONIC PICNIC AT THE MASONIC PARK



**THERE HE GOES!**  
WONDER WHO COACHED HER!



**KIDS HAD A  
BLAST!**



**GOOD COOKS  
GOOD FOOD**



It was a great (very windy) day for the [Widows Sons North Dakota](#) first ever charity run. With 30 bikes registered and over \$1,100 raised for a brother who recently passed away unexpectedly. People ask why i love this area of the US.... It's because of the community!!! Many others wanted to come but had conflicting schedules this time of year.

Thank you Canadian brothers that surprised us with their presence and brotherly love. You all know how to have fun and make memories.



The Grand Forks Police Department received a generous donation of pizza and pop from the masters of Malta, Acacia, and Red River Lodges, along with DDGM Lyne, as a token of appreciation for their tireless efforts during the night shift.







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**Nov. 9th...**  
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## KEM SHRINE 2024 CALENDAR

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**



  
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**2025 KEM CALENDER** Please note that anyone planning on attending MSA winter and summer sessions must have a valid passport in their possession. Check/apply now.

**Dec 7,2024** Childrens Christmas Party, Ceremonial and Uniformed Units Christmas Party

**\*Friday, January 10,2025**

Kem Divan Meeting-Eagles Crest Grill 10am

**\*Saturday, January 11,2025**

Kem Annual Meeting & Ceremonial Meeting 9:30am Lunch 12

Kem Ladies Luncheon 10am-12Noon Canad Inn Hotel Meal Cost Paid at Door. Approximately \$25-30/person

Please RSVP Karen at 701-789-0866 by Dec 10,2024

Annual Meeting Dinner & Dance Formal Attire 5pm Social/Appetizers 6pm Dinner 7-10pm Dance

RSVP Office 701-772-7125 by Dec 27, 2024

Hospitality Room following at Canad Inn Group Name: Kem Shrine Group ID #683104

**\*Monday, January 27,2025** Burning Sands Deadline Please don't wait until the last day! Submit as soon as you can!

**\*Thursday, February13,2025**

Kem Winter Quarterly Uniformed Units Meeting ....Divan Meeting..... Circus Kickoff

**\*Thursday-Sunday, February19-23,2025**

MSA Winter Planning Session Moose Jaw-Saskatchewan-Canada <http://midwestshrineassociation.org/>

Must Have a Valid Passport To go to Canada.

Apply/renewearlynow for those who don't have your passport.

**\*Thursday, March 13,2025** Divan Meeting

**\*Saturday, March 15,2025** Kem Ceremonial & St Paddy's Parade Grand Forks

**\*Monday, March 31,2025** Burning Sands Deadline Please don't wait until the last day! Submit as soon as you can!

**\*Thursday, April 10,2025**

Kem Spring Quarterly Meetings ..... Uniformed Units..... Divan Meeting

**\*April 2025**

KEM SHRINE CIRCUS-GRAND FORKS ND TBD

**\*Thursday, May 08,2025** Kem Divan Meeting

**\*May 2025** DATE for SHRINE CIRCUS-WILLISTON ND TBD

**\*May 2025** DATE for SHRINE CIRCUS-MINOT ND TBD

**\*Monday, May 26, 2025** Burning Sands Deadline Please don't wait until the last day! Submit as soon as you can!

**\*Friday, May 30,2025**

Spring Ceremonial-Devils Lake,ND In conjunction with Devils Run, Devils Lake, ND (Thursday-Sunday) May 29- June 1,2025

**\*Saturday, May 31,2025**

Spring Ceremonial & Kem Dinner at Devils Lake, ND \*\*NOTE DEVILS LAKE LOCATION\*\*

**\*Saturday, May 31,2025**

8:30am Parade Lineup 10:30am Devils Run Parade-Devils Lake,ND Thursday-Sunday

**\*June12-15, 2025** NDGL Annual Communication Fargo ND

**\*Saturday,June 21,2025**

ND Shrine Football Game Mayville ND

**\*June29-July3,2025**

2025 mperial Shrine Session Atlanta, Georgia <https://imperialsession.com/2025-imp erial-session/>

**\*Thursday,July10,2025**

Kem Summer Quarterly Meeting ..... Uniformed Units.....DivanMeeting

**\*Thursday, August 14,2025** Divan Meeting

**\*Wednesday,August20-23,2025**

Summer MSA <https://msa2025.com/> Moosejaw,Saskatchewan

Be sure to have a valid Passport to cross the border into Canada.

**\*Thursday, September11, 2025** Divan Meeting

**\*Thursday, October 09,2025** Fall Quarterly Meeting.....Divan Meeting

**\*Saturday, October25, 2025** Tables Du Jour Luncheon

**\*Monday, October27,2025** Burning Sands Deadline Please submit as early as you can!

**\*November 2025** Potentates Ball TBD

**\*Saturday, November 01,2025** or

**\*Saturday, November 08,2025** Gun Raffle TBD

**\*Thursday, November13,2025** Divan Meeting

**\*Saturday, December 06, 2025**

Kids Christmas Party & Units Christmas Party Details TBD

**\*Thursday, December 11,2025** Divan Meeting

**\*Friday, January 09, 2026** Divan Meeting

**\*Saturday, January 10,2026**

Kem Annual Meeting Potentates Reception/Dinner etc. Details TBD

\*\*\*\*\*DATES/TIMES/EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE \*\*\*\*\*



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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