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1st Quarter 2025

POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



To start, THANK YOU Nobles, for electing me as your Kem Shrine 2025 Potentate. Karen and I are honored and humbled to be in this leadership position.

My following thank you has to be to my wife of 36 years, Karen. Without her none of this would have been possible. She is the person I rely on so much to keep me organized and informed on my many commitments in my professional and Shriner life. Karen became the "Secretaries-Secretary" in the past years when I was the Northern Mayflower Lodge Secretary, and the title stuck, or as I say, "I have people." Karen is my people! She is the person who handles whatever I bring to her and supports me in all my endeavors. I am so happy we are on this journey together to serve this very important philanthropy.

This year, the Kem Annual Meeting was held on January 11, 2025. Chris Larson was added to the Divan as the Outer Guard. Thank you, Chris; you will be a positive addition to our Board. I would also like to thank the other Board members for agreeing to continue their journey in our Shrine Fraternity. It takes a team to make this all work. I feel confident that our team will fulfill their duties and obligations to serve Shriners Children's Hospitals and the treasured kids.

We can now call Illustrious Sir Steve Renslow a Kem Past Potentate. A heartfelt thank you to Steve and Kim, as you have both been great mentors to Karen and me. We shall always consider you life-long friends and pray for your retirement to be filled with great joy, health, and best wishes in your future. Of course, we must thank the Mobil Nobles and the Cotton Candy Ladies for helping make the Annual meeting noon fish fry another success. The evening dinner was served by Eagle Crest Bar & Grill and was well attended, considering the bitter cold and travel adversities on that Saturday night. The band "Downtown Horns" performed and played the fun music that kept the dance floor hot all night! The Divan stayed cool, dressed in their kilts and Tuxedo tops. Karen and I sincerely appreciate all the well wishes and support everyone has extended to us.

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My theme this year is "Treasure Our Kids." I have a scuba diver swimming down to a treasure chest. That represents that we must dive deep and work for what we treasure. We treasure not only our kids in the Shriners Hospital but also family, friends, and our fraternity of Brotherhood. If we treasure our fraternity and dive in with both feet, I believe membership and fundraising will both take a big step forward. Both have been a problem of the past so we continue to improve upon them.

The Kem Shrine Circus Kickoff will be on Thursday, February 13, 2025, at the next Uniformed Units meeting in Grand Forks at the Masonic Lodge - Kem Temple. The Kem Provost, "my Unit" who is sponsoring me during my year as Potentate, will be serving the meal. All unit officers are expected to attend the meeting, and I hope to see you there! All units submit your reports as soon as possible if you have not done so.

The next opportunity for someone to become a Shriner is at a Ceremonial held on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at the Masonic Lodge - Kem Temple Grand Forks, ND. The incoming candidates will participate in the Ceremonial during the morning and then be invited to walk in the Masonic St Patrick Day Parade as a Shriner on the same day. Please call the Shrine Office with any questions. Come join us for a fun day!



I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Carol Martell, our Kem Shrine Secretary of 25 years. She will be retiring this spring and is currently helping to train our new secretary, Brittany Salisbury. Be sure to introduce yourself and give Brittany a warm welcome next time you stop in the office. I would like to give Carol a heartfelt thank you from all Kem Shriners. You have been a valued asset, and we wish you the very best in your retirement. Congratulations Carol!

Winter Session is upon us and will be February 19 - 22, 2025. The Divan will head to the Midwest Shrine Association MSA Winter planning session in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada. It is important to remember that you need to have a valid passport to go up to Canada. The dates for the MSA Summer Session are August 20-23, 2025. Mark your calendars, and hope you will join us in Moose Jaw in August!

Please check the 2025 calendar in the Burning Sands for upcoming events, including the circus schedules in Grand Forks - Minot - Williston. Also, keep an eye on some social media sites for updates and changes with all the Shrine events throughout the year. Additions and changes are always in process.

Again, Lady Karen & I would like to thank all the Nobles who came out to support us at the annual meeting and to the reception/dance following the dinner. It is our honor that you allow us to continue to treasure our fraternity, family, and Shriners Children's Kids.

Respectfully,

Tor Bergstrom

Illustrious Sir Tor Bergstrom and Lady Karen

Kem Potentate 2025





**Potentate Tor Bergstrom
and Lady Karen**



In 1985 Tor was on the Shrine football team. The team visited Shriners Hospital. They were each assigned a Shrine patient and helped with their physical therapy. Tor had a little girl on his back, started to run and she told him to go faster. Even though he was told by an adult not to run, the little girl kept laughing and saying faster. On the way home there wasn't a football player that didn't have tears. Right there he knew. He treasured those moments and it made a big impact on his life.



2025 KEM DIVAN



2026
Geoff & Michelle Bengtson



2027
Terry Jenson Jr & Michelle



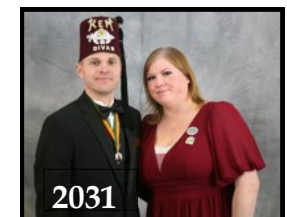
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Joey & Jodi Bjornson



2029
Bob Prondzinski



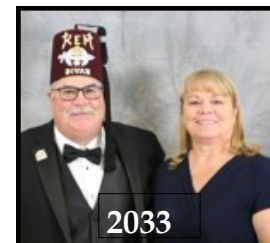
2030
Darrel Schmitz & Julie



2031
Kendrick & Kaylee Krabseth



2032
John & Kim Votava



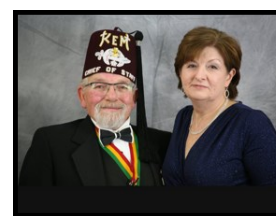
2033
Mark & MaryJo Ramsay



2034
Chris Larson & Sarah



Steve & Mary Adams
Treasurer



Chuck & Barb Hiles
Chief of Staff



Ron & Nancy Bergh
Recorder



BOB PRONDZINSKI WAS BORN AND RAISED IN THE GRAND FORKS, ND AREA. HE ATTENDED ST.MICHAELS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND GRADUATED FROM EAST GRAND FORKS SACRED HEART. AFTER ATTENDING UND FOR 3 YEARS, HE SERVED HIS COUNTRY FOR 2 YEARS WITH THE US ARMY. HE LATER RETURNED TO GRADUATE FROM UND WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE. HIS ADVENTURES STARTED IN SEATTLE, THEN OFF TO SAN FRANCISCO AND THE LOS ANGELES AREA. HE WAS A PRODUCE BROKER FOR THOSE AREAS FOR 38 YEARS.

BOB'S BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTER, AMANDA, IS A TEACHER IN SOUTH KOREA. BOB GAINED A SON-IN-LAW WHEN AMANDA RECENTLY MARRIED IN SOUTH KOREA. MANDY AND HER HUSBAND WILL BE HOME FOR A VISIT THIS YEAR.

BOB JOINED KEM SHRINE IN 2013. HE HAS BEEN ACTIVE AS AN AIDE, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, UNITS PRESIDENT AND AS A MEMBER OF THE PARADE COMMITTEE HE HAS HELPED WITH THE POTATO BOWL PARADE FOR MANY YEARS. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE PROVOST AND MOBIL

NOBLES. HE WILL ENJOY EVERY MINUTE BEING A SHRINER AND THE NEW *ORIENTAL GUIDE*.



Hello everyone, I am Chris Larson, the newly appointed *Outer Guard* of KEM Shriners. I was born and raised in Grand Forks, ND, graduating from Grand Forks Central in 1991 and Moorhead Tech in 1993. I've worked several trucking jobs until landing my dream job as a Milkman and have been happily delivering milk to schools and stores for several years.

My Shrine journey started in November of 2002 when I was raised a Master Mason in Acacia Lodge #4 in Grand Forks ND. I rose through the chairs quickly and am currently the Chaplain. I joined Kem Shrine when Tom Moe was Potentate. At that time I was Worshipful Master of Acacia in 2006. I am a member of Kem Provost, Mobil Nobles and Kem Cycle Corps. I have been the Chief of Staff for Kem Shriners for several years. In August of 2021 three Brother Master Masons and I joined the South Dakota Widows Sons Motorcycle Riding Association. Then in October of 2021 we received our charter for the Widows Sons North Dakota Grand Chapter. Going forward I am excited to help get participation back to where it was when I joined. I remember banquets with the ballroom full, parades with several units and more Nobles than vehicles to ride in. That was impressive. I also believe that to have a strong Shrine membership we need to have a stronger Blue Lodge membership and I am going to be a frequent visitor to my home Lodge Acacia #4. This is the

beginning of my 10 year journey to Potentate of Kem Shrine and I'm excited to learn and grow as a Noble. Thank you to current Potentate Tor Bergstrom for believing in me and appointing me to the Outer Guard and thank you to all of Kem Provost for your support of us. As I sign out I want all the Nobles to remember *"When you place upon your head the red fez of a Shriner, you are symbolically tying about your waist the white apron of a Master Mason."*



CHUCK HILES WAS APPOINTED **CHIEF OF STAFF** AT THE 2025 KEM SHRINE ANNUAL MEETING. CHUCK WAS BORN AND RAISED IN OHIO. AFTER GRADUATING IN 1970 HE ENLISTED IN THE USAF AND SERVED HIS COUNTRY FOR 20 YEARS. HIS CAREER TOOK HIM THROUGH 2 MILITARY CONFLICTS SERVING AS STRUCTURAL SUPERINTENDENT IN CIVIL ENGINEERING. AFTER LEAVING THE MILITARY HE WORKED FOR GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR SEVERAL YEARS. CHUCK WAS RAISED TO MASTER MASON IN 2007 AND BECAME A SHRINER THE SAME YEAR. HE IS A BROTHER OF MALTA 131 AND SEATS AS SENIOR STEWART IN THE LODGE. CHUCK IS A MEMBER OF THE MOBIL NOBLES, CYCLEERS, AND KEM KAMPERZ. CHUCK HAS BEEN MARRIED TO HIS LOVELY LADY, BARB, FOR ALMOST 30 YEARS. THEIR COMBINED FAMILY INCLUDES 5 CHILDREN AND 11 GRANDCHILDREN. AFTER BEING SELF-EMPLOYED FOR OVER 20 YEARS HE RETIRED A COUPLE YEARS AGO. THEY CONTINUE TO RESIDE IN MEKINOCK.

2026 Midwest Shrine Association

The Shriners are coming!

The Shriners are coming to Grand Forks!
Yes, the MSA will be coming to Grand Forks.

Kem Shrine will have the honor of being the host for the MSA in August of 2026.

The MSA Committee has been busy planning and organizing to get ready. The Alerus Center has been booked and the Canad Inn has been reserved as the headquarters hotel.

SAVE THE DATE: August 12th through the 15th, 2026. The MSA Committee is looking for help from Shriners and their Ladies to make this big event a success. We need your assistance with planning, organizing and hosting several events. The committee has been meeting at the Shrine conference room on the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm. If you, your Lady or your Shrine Unit have ideas for the MSA, or you would like to help with this monumental project please come to the MSA Committee meeting or contact members of the Divan or the MSA Committee. Thank you,

Steve Renslow PP, MSA 2026 Director General @ 701-741-3621

Dale Duchscherer PP, MSA 2nd Vice President @ 701-741-4381

Scott Schultz, Deputy Director General @ 218-791-6466

Geoff Bengtson, Chief Rabban @ 701-215-3133

Steve Adams, Treasurer, Deputy Director General @ 218-791-3960



BOARD OF GOVERNORS REPRESENTATIVE SHRINERS

2025 BOG Annual Meeting Report 1-6-25

Greetings from Shriners Childrens Twin Cities.

If you attended the KEM Annual Meeting, this will be “old” news. Please enjoy reading about one of the best clinics in the Shrine Health System.

We continue to show improvement in our patient statistics. For the year 2024, clinic visits were 4,256 compared to 3,944 in 2023. We had 758 new patients, which is 234 more than 2023. Surgeries were about even at 177. Telehealth services continue to amaze, as we are at 88, but we only budgeted 50 for the year. Telehealth is used in POPS, rehab, outreach clinics, and nutrition services. We expect we will continue to increase in usage to save windshield time for families. 56% of the new patients referred come from healthcare professionals, but only 6% of referrals come from Shriners. We as Shriners need to step up to the plate and increase our total referrals to our goal of 10% for 2025. As a whole, ND had 36 new patients in 2024, which was 5th out of 8 states in our area.

Donations for the Twin Cities continue to roll in, and we met our goal of \$3.5 million.

We have two new programs that were of interest in 2024. The first program being investigated and subsequently started was a joint partnership with Strider Bikes, Rapid City, SD, to complement our adaptive bike program. The Strider Bikes will assist our kiddos with like disabilities to give them a right of passage to feel like everyone else. The bikes assist with improving endurance, balance, and new freedoms. If you want to know more about Strider Bikes in ND, your school districts received state grant monies to pursue Strider Bike programs for kinder kids. The cost of a Strider Bike ranges from \$250-\$500. Adaptive bikes with specialty features range from \$1600 to \$2800. Detailed information about these amazing bikes can be found at the Strider website: www.StriderBikes.com

Our second program is a Genomics study, started in late October. This program is to determine potential disorders through DNA. So far we have had 10 families enrolled, which is the most of any Midwest Market facilities. We hope to see an increased enrollment in this study.

Screening Clinics seem to be picking up, as Bruce Krabseth has completed 3 this year. Randy Shear (GF) and Chris Boushey (Crookston) will be working with Bruce on screening clinics in 2025. Please reach out to them to offer your help with marketing these important clinics, especially in NW Minnesota.

Some of you have asked about the various camps, like Achieve and Bravo. These continue to be popular, as this year we had 388 participants in our camps at a cost of \$103 per camper. This does not include the 1-day events, such as the Halloween Bash and Breakfast with Santa. As a side note, Breakfast with Santa had 304 patients and family members in attendance. Afton Alps skiing day continues to be popular also, with 71 kids and volunteers participating.

As for me, I recently completed terms on the Executive Committee, Transportation Policy Committee, and Chairman of the Finance Committee. For 2025-26 I will be on the Marketing and Human Resources Committees. If you have any questions about these committees, please reach out to me .

Thank you for letting me serve as your Board rep. We are looking forward to having a great 2025!

COMMENT FROM PATIENT FAMILY

That they welcomed me and my daughter with part of a family there was no discrimination, on the contrary they gave us all the help that my daughter Daniela needs and may God continue to multiply them with many blessings so that they continue to help many needy and low-income families, I thank you very much, thank you very much, thank you



MEET FORMER SHRINE PATIENT NADINE



NADINE WAS BORN MISSING PART OF HER RIGHT FOOT.

NOBLES TIM NELSON, GARY FERGESON AND ROGER WOODS APPROACHED HER FAMILY AND HER JOURNEY WITH SHRINERS HOSPITAL STARTED. THE DOCTOR TOLD HER FAMILY THAT NADINE HAD THE BEST RANGE OF MOTION THAT HE HAD EVER SEEN.

NADINE THOUGHT SHE HAD IT BAD, BUT THAT CHANGED AS SHE SAW HOW OTHERS STRUGGLED SO MUCH MORE WITH THEIR DISABILITIES. NADINE STILL HAS A NECKLACE THAT THE FAMILY OF A FIVE YEAR OLD GAVE HER. THEY WERE SO GRATEFUL FOR HER TALKING TO THEIR SON AND GIVING HIM HOPE.

DURING HER STAYS AT THE HOSPITAL SHE REMEMBERS GETTING TO TAKE A BOOK OUT OF A BIG BIN AND OF ALL THINGS.....HOW HER JELLO FARTED AS SHE SPOONED IT OUT OF THE CUP!

MOM STILL HAS ALL OF HER PROSTETIC FEET.

NADINE ATTENDED SHRINE CHRISTMAS PARTIES AND WAS SO EXCITED WHEN SHE RECEIVED A CAMERA AND DVD PLAYER AT THE AGE OF 10-11.

NADINE WAS IN VOLLEYBALL, BASKETBALL, AND SOCCER. SHE WAS IN COMPETITIVE FIGURE SKATING FOR 16 YEARS. NOTHING HELD HER BACK.

NADINE HAS 3 BROTHERS WHO HAVE ALL PLAYED IN THE SHRINE BOWL.

YOU MAY SEE NADINE AT THE SHRINE CIRCUS AS SHE ATTENDS YEARLY.

AS TOLD TO JULIE S., EDITOR



MEET ANOTHER ONE OF OUR SHRINE PATIENTS, LANE.

LANE IS FROM LAKOTA, ND. LANE WAS DIAGNOSED WITH HIP DYSPLASIA (hip socket that doesn't fully cover the ball portion of the upper thighbone) AND FEMORAL ANTEVERSION(PIGEON-TOED").

WHEN LANE WAS ONE YEAR OLD NOBLE WILL SELLERS APPROACHED THE FAMILY AND TOLD THEM WHAT SHRINERS COULD DO FOR LANE. LANE'S MOM HAD A BROTHER WHO WAS A SHRINE PATIENT, SO SHE KNEW SHRINER'S HOSPITAL DOES GREAT THINGS.

LANE NOW HAS APPOINTMENTS ONCE A YEAR AS A FOLLOW UP ON HOW THE MANY EXERCISES HE DOES ARE IMPROVING HIS DIAGNOSIS. BEING A TYPICAL KID, LANE TRIES TO SHOW BIG IMPROVEMENTS BY FOCUSING HARD ON HIS WALKING, BUT THE SHRINE DOCTORS NOTICE WHAT STILL NEEDS TO BE WORKED ON WHEN LANE DOESN'T KNOW THEY ARE WATCHING. LANE SPENDS TIME IN THE WATER DOING HIS EXERCISES.

LANE HAS A BEAUTIFUL SMILE, ESPECIALLY WHEN HIS FAVORITE TEAM, THE VIKINGS, ARE AT THEIR BEST! LANE AND HIS MOM COME TO THE CHILDREN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Story told to Julie S. by Lane's mom.

Heitmann family and Kem Shriners.



Past Imperial Potentate, Dale Stauss PP and Past Imperial Treasurer, Jim McConnell PP were at All Seasons Garden Center to thank the Heitmann family for their donation.

Jan is pictured with her first prosthetic. The Heitmann's made a significant donation to Shriners Children's on December 2024

Other Shriners at the thank you presentation were
Kem Potentate Steve Renslow,
Ron Bergh, Steve Adams, Geoff Bengtson.

Jan was interviewed by Burning Sands editor, Julie S. and Bob Prondzinski. The article was in the Burning Sands, Volume 57 of the 4th Quarter of 2024.



KEM PHOTOGRAPHERS



2024 TREE DONATED BY ALL SEASONS GARDEN CENTER

**BIG THANK YOU
TO ROGER & TAMMY
FOR TAKING PICTURES AT
ALL OF OUR EVENTS.**

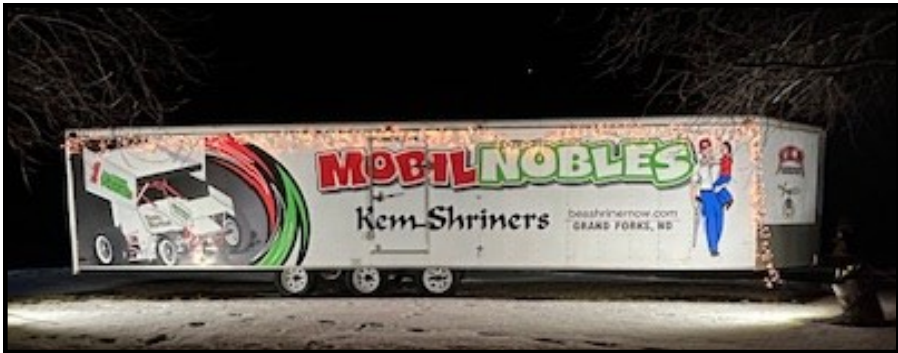
KEM GUN RAFFLE

Winners should have received a phone call to be notified. Contact your local Shriner with questions. Thank you to everyone that attended and purchased tickets.

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| 1. Gerald Ferdon | 31. Shane Ebertz | 65. Blake Wrigley |
| 2. Debi Hohman | 32. Stephanie Hansel | 66. Tyler Midstokke |
| 3. Mark Sage | 33. Megan Young | 67. Dean Drees |
| 4. Mitch Price | 34. Bree Schindeck | 68. Myron Bargar |
| 5. Bruce Krabseth | 35. Dave Opp | 69. Mert Tetrault |
| 6. Bob Higgs | 36. Brennen Wilkens | 70. Ric Bobier |
| 7. Tim Nelson | 37. Rich Hugo | 71. Jady Klindt |
| 8. Beth Posey | 38. Jeremy Dombrowski | 72. Kevin Storaad |
| 9. Scott McCall | 39. Mike Hagen | 73. Justin Gram |
| 10. Adam Anvarvitha | 40. Gene Otoole | 74. John Ihry |
| 11. Ryan Wood | 41. Ryan Restad | 75. Joe Heupel |
| 12. Jeff Novak | 42. Randy Thompson | 76. Tracey Stein |
| 13. Tim Stabo | 43. Brian Smith | 77. Paul Bergeron |
| 14. Mark Kloster | 44. Josh Dieziel | 78. Frank Matejcek |
| 15. Scott Midstokke | 45. Richie Sanford | 79. Tom LaVoy |
| 16. Gunnar Petersen | 46. Shawn Bakken | 80. Reed Olien |
| 17. Carol Jean Winkels | 47. Cindy Novak | |
| 18. Nicole Barajas / Jim Urness | 48. Tim Tulibaski | |
| 19. Trevor Slominski | 49. Kayla Mersel | |
| 20. Ryan Leidholm | 50. Deb Duchscherer | |
| 21. Mark Ellingson | 51. Blake Wrigley | |
| 22. Dave Jahnke | 52. Justin Eback | |
| 23. Leo Applequist | 53. Kristen Sharp | |
| 24. Mike Rux | 54. Eric Gullicks | |
| 25. Tyler Grieski | 55. Scott ? | |
| 26. Lance Reitmier | 56. Adam Anvarinia | |
| 27. Jarrett Molive | 57. Mason Sunby | |
| 28. Brad Sturlaugson | 58. Debbie Midstokke | |
| 29. Niek Vincebnt | 59. Earl Hill | |
| 30. Jeff . | 60. Rhonda Elshaug | |
| | 61. Paula Jo Zietsis | |
| | 62. Tamra Olson | |
| | 63. Julie Hegland | |
| | 64. Nick Sylvester | |



SHRINERS AND MASONS AT "CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK"



KEM SNOWNOBLES PUTTING THEIR UNIT OUT IN THE COMMUNITY AT "NIGHT OF LIGHTS" ROSEAU, MN



Starting the journey to ND for one of our patients ❤️

RON AND TED TAG TEAMED TO GET A BIKE DELIVERED TO A HAPPY SHRINE PATIENT.

Did you know...

that Shriners' hospital help Orthopedic or Burned children?

Contact us:
1(800)237-5055
OR
shrinershospitalforchildren.org

To join us:
<https://www.beashrinernow.com/>

WE ALSO TREAT THE FOLLOWING:

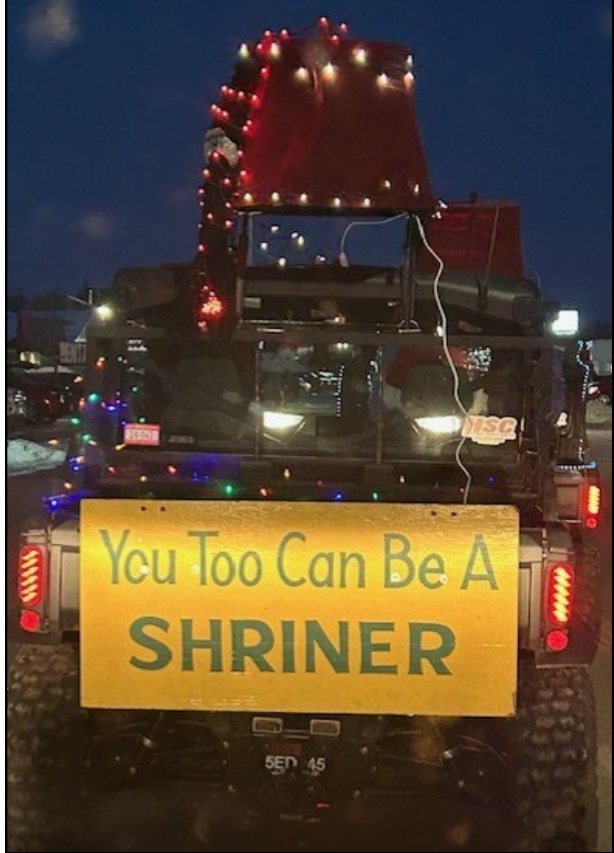
- *Scoliosis
- *Dislocated hips
- *Club feet
- *Cerebral Palsy
- *Cleft lip or palate
- *Hand, Leg, or Back problems
- *Absent arm or leg
- *Myelodispasia
- *Short legs
- *Ricketts
- *Legg-Perthes Disease
- *Fractures
- *Sports injures to bones, muscles or tendons
- *Burn Scars
- *Osteogenesis imperfecta or brittle bone disease
- *A variety of Neuromascular Diseases



Malta lodge and Acaica lodge joined forces to create a truly unforgettable float for the annual Holly Dazzle parade, Showcasing the power of collaboration and community spirit.



GRAFTON CYCLEERS AT CAVALIER PARADE OF LIGHTS



KEM CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY 2024



"HERE COMES
SANTA CLAUS"



SANTA'S HELPERS





PATIENT'S SIBLINGS GET FILLED STOCKINGS



CHAIR DANCIN'



NOBLES AT THE SHRINERS CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY



THANKS TO THE MOBIL NOBLES FOR PROVIDING AND SERVING THE CHILDREN PIZZA AND HOTDOGS AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY



WELCOME
STEVE AND CAMBRIA LEVENTES
TO OUR SHRINE
FAMILY



THANK YOU, SANTA'S



Bob has been Santa at the Kid's Christmas Party for 9 years. Bob did a great job and has earned his retirement. Thanks for all the love you gave the kids.



Joey stepped in as Santa this year at the Kid's Christmas Party. All those that know Joey know he would have a lot of fun at this. Good job entertaining the kids.





Cycle Corp awarded Ray Bostrom Traveling Trophy "Unit of the Year"



Proud Lady Julie with her son Jason and husband Jeremy awarded the Samsar Jewel



Lee Martin awarded Samsar Jewel



Bridge Builder Award presented to Acacia Lodge #4

LADIES LUNCHEON HONORING LADY KIM RENSLOW



PAST POTENTATE LADIES



2025 DIVAN LADIES
LADY KAREN, MICHELLE, MARY, KIM, JODI, JULIE, MARYJO, MICHELLE

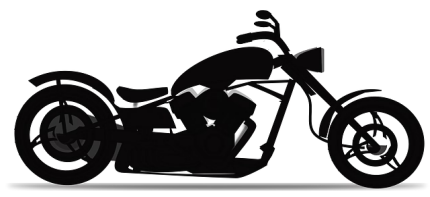


PERFECT GIFTS FOR LADY KIM AS SHE HANDS OVER HER TITLE TO LADY KAREN. KAREN MADE KIM A BEAUTIFUL BOUQUET THAT INCLUDES HER "LADY KIM PINS" AND AS A DOLL COLLECTOR SHE WAS PRESENTED A "NEW" BARBIE. A FASINATOR TOPPED IT OFF. THANKS FOR A GOOD YEAR, KIM.





CYCLE CORP GATHERED FOR A JANUARY "CHRISTMAS" DINNER



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

3pm

**KEM SHRINERS &
GF MASONS**

LINE UP AT WIDMAN'S

ENDS AT KELLY'S ON 3RD ST



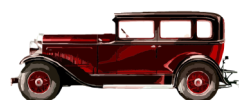


2025 Kem Shrine Circus.
The 79th annual Grand Forks KEM Shrine Circus will be held April 25-27, at the Ralph Englestad Arena. Join us for the 2025 Circus Kick off on Thursday Feb 13th. The Circus Kickoff will once again be part of the Uniform Units Meeting. Social starts at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00. Please join us for food, fellowship, and circus information. Unit ticket route packages will be distributed at this meeting.

**SPRING CEREMONIAL IN DEVILS LAKE
IN CONJUNCTION WITH DEVILS RUN**

MAY 31, 2025 PARADE

**MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW
ABOUT ROOMS AND CAMPING**



DEVILS LAKE SHRINE LADY WORKS ON THE ROSE BOWL PARADE FLOAT

SALLY DAHL, HER SISTER ROSEMARY AND DAUGHTER ABBEY WERE IN CALIFORNIA TO WORK ON THE SHRINE FLOAT.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE FLOAT EARNING THE QUEEN AWARD!

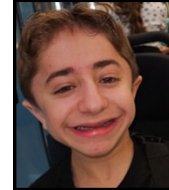


The float features a wooden boat with four patient ambassadors navigating a waterway surrounded by palm trees, hibiscus flowers, and greenery. Below the water, there's a colorful underwater world with coral, seashells, and fish. A working waterfall flows from decorative pots, and birds and butterflies fly overhead.



The float's theme is to inspire patients to dream of a bright future full of opportunities. It embodies the transformative power of the care Shriners Children's provides and the life-changing power of resilience.

PATIENT AMBASSADOR RIDING THE FLOAT



Paige

Grayson

Kaleb

Alec

KEM KAMPERZ

RUMMAGE SALE



KEM KAMPERZ WILL BE HAVING THEIR ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE MAY 16 AND 17 AT THE MASONIC LODGE BASEMENT.

LOOKING FOR DONATIONS

PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE LADY MEMBERS (JULIE, NANCY, JODI, MICHELLE E, BARB H., MARYJO, TAMMY S) TO DONATE YOUR GENTLY USED ITEMS. WE CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO TAKE YOUR ITEMS TO STORE UNTIL THE SALE. ***PLEASE NO TV'S, CAR SEATS, CRIBS, UPHOLSERED FURNITURE, LARGE APPLIANCES, TIRES, COMPUTERS OR MATTRESSES.***

“KEM OF WINGS” IS RETURNING
CALLING ALL WING CHEFS...
LOOKING FOR ANOTHER WINNER!
GOLDEN LAKE ACRES, HATTON, ND
JULY 26, 2025 5pm

NORTHWOOD PARADE AND OASIS EARLIER IN THE DAY

CHICKEN WINGS PROVIDED BY KEM KAMPERZ. YOU PROVIDE THE GRILL, SPICES AND SAUCE AND BE READY TO SERVE AT 5pm. JUDGING BY THE 100 CUSTOMERS BUYING TICKETS TO TEST THE WINGS. CONTACT JULIE AT 701-213-1859 TO PUT YOUR NAME ON THE LIST.

NEED 10 CHEFS... SHRINERS OR MASONS



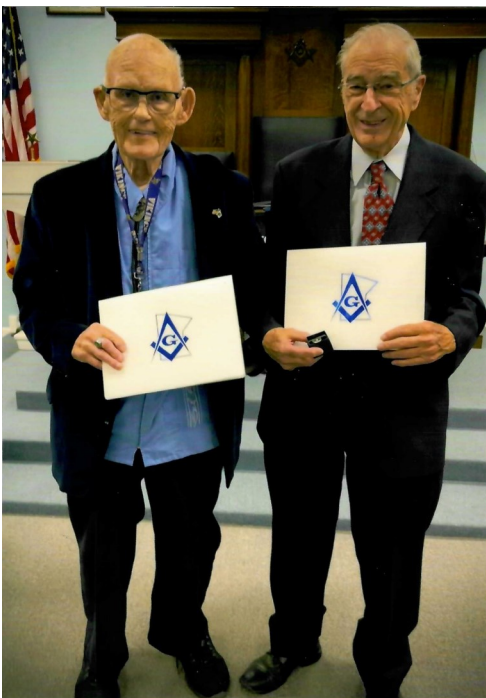
**CHECK IT OUT NEXT YEAR!!!
IT WAS DELICIOUS**



Profit goes to the scholarship fund. Two fish fry's allowed us to give twelve \$1000. Scholarships to Pembina county students for their second semester at a variety higher education institutions



We extend sincere gratitude to Mt. Moriah Lodge in Williston for generously donating 20 turkeys to each Malta and Acacia Lodges. Both lodges subsequently donated 10 turkeys to the North Lands Rescue Mission for their Thanksgiving dinner, with the remaining 10 benefiting underprivileged families.



TWO MASONS RECEIVED 50 YEAR RECOGNITION.

Howie Schultz and Palmer Berg were recognized at Bemidji Lodge 233 A.F. & A.M. with membership certificates and 50 year pins from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota Masons. A banquet was held in their honor. Howie is a member of the AAD Shrine and Palmer is a member of Kem Shrine in GF.

Widows Sons
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Lake Metigoshe State Park
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Cost \$100 per adult, \$50 per child under 18
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***Thursday, February 13, 2025**

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

***Thursday-Sunday, February 19-23, 2025**

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

Must Have a Valid Passport To go to Canada.

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***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

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***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**

Shrine football parade 9:45am Mayville, ND

ND Shrine Football Game Mayville ND

***June29-July3,2025**

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

***Thursday,July10,2025**

Kem Summer Quarterly Meeting Uniformed Units.....Divan Meeting

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

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

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

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***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 *****

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