

# KEM

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# BURNING SANDS



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KEM SHRINE, GRAND FORKS, ND

2nd Quarter

## POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Greetings, Kem Ladies and Nobles.

\*It has been an eventful first three months. In January, Karen and I started the year by going to Denver to welcome another new granddaughter to my family. (Mom and baby girl, Navy, are healthy and doing well.) That makes eight grandchildren for us! I returned to North Dakota in time to attend the Midwest Winter Association (MSA) Planning Session in Moosejaw, Saskatchewan, Canada, from February 20 to 22, 2025.

\*The MSA Winter Session is the business meeting for the Midwest Shrine Association. The working seminars on membership, public relations, and hospital updates were very informative and helpful for the Shrine Nobles. Kem Temple had 21 Nobles attend the session. We traveled there by bus for eight hours and had insightful fellowship among the brothers.

\*On March 15, 2025, the Kem Shriners were honored to welcome four new Nobles to our annual St. Patrick's Ceremonial.

\*Upcoming events to mark your calendars and plan:

**Grand Forks Shrine Circus.** <http://kemshrinecircus.org/>\*Ralph Englestad Arena - One Ralph Englestad Arena Dr, Grand Forks ND 58201.

Friday, April 25, 2025; Saturday, April 26, 2025; Sunday, April 27, 2025.

**Williston Shrine Circus.** <https://jordancircus.com/tour-dates/>

Raymond Family Community Center - 1002 11th Street W, Williston, ND 58801

Monday, May 5, 2025; Tuesday, May 6, 2025.

**Minot Shrine Circus.** <https://minotshriners.org/show-information/>

All Seasons Arena - ND State Fair Center, 2005 E Burdick Expy, Minot ND

58701. Thursday, May 8, 2025; Friday, May 9, 2025; Saturday, May 10, 2025

I highly encourage all nobles to attend the circus in your area, bring your family, and promote our fraternity and important philanthropy to the public.

**Devils Lake Ceremonial May 30 -31, 2025.**

Another fun Kem Event I encourage the Nobles to attend is the Devils Lake Ceremonial during the Devils Run weekend, May 30-31, 2025. **I encourage all Nobles to find just one person each to join the shrine. It would be great to bring in a large class of New Shriners during that time.**

\*Devils Lake has a jam-packed weekend, and I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

\*Parade Season is about to start. Nobles, please remember that if your unit plans to participate in parades, you must submit your permission request so your unit will be covered by insurance.

\*Another point of business is that the Nobles need to remember that they must be current in their dues to participate in parades.

\*In closing, I would like to tell of a meeting with seven young men (ages 22 to 28) at the St. Patrick's Leprechaun **LOOp** in Grand Forks. These young men asked me what a FEZ was. I was shocked and gave them the elevator speech about Shriners Children's Hospital. I asked them if they had seen the Shriners Children's Hospital TV ads and told them about the East-West Shrine Bowl Football Game. They said they knew of them both, but Grand Forks doesn't have a Shrine Hospital, so why are the Shriners here? I wondered why **none** of these young men (not 1 of 7) knew about our Temple or the Masons. It occurred to me that we Shriners must live in our own little bubble. As Kem Temple, we need to do a better job of being seen by the community and have a more significant local presence. So, Brothers, please join me and dive deep into our communities to be seen as Shriners and Masons. It's essential to be creative and attend events or promote the Shrine in different ways. It is crucial to continue to evolve with the times to build and get the word out to the next generations of young men. Let's introduce, educate, and invite our local men, young and old, to this incredible philanthropy!

"No man stands so tall as when he stoops to help a child".

Respectfully,

**Tor Bergstrom**

Kem Temple Shrine 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



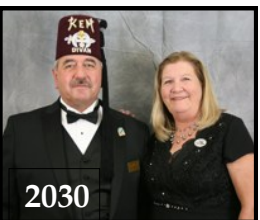
**2027**  
Terry Jenson Jr & Michelle



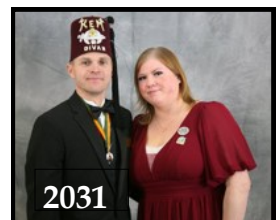
**2028**  
Joey & Jodi Bjornson



**2029**  
Bob Prondzinski



**2030**  
Darrel Schmitz & Julie



**2031**  
Kendrick & Kaylee Krabseth



**2032**  
John & Kim Votava



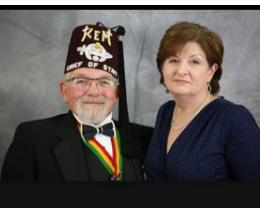
**2033**  
Mark & MaryJo Ramsay



**2034**  
Chris Larson & Sarah



**Treasurer**  
Steve & Mary Adams



**Chief of Staff**  
Chuck & Barb Hiles



**Recorder**  
Ron & Nancy Bergh

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS REPRESENTATIVE SHRINERS CHILDREN'S TWIN CITIES REPORT

Greetings, Nobles!

The first quarter of 2025 has been a quarter of adjustment as we began to work with a new strategic plan, payroll system, and a revamped Twin Cities Marketing Plan. More to come on this.

Other news to bring to your attention are as follows:

The Clinic interior recently received a new coat of paint and a new audio-visual system.

- Currently we have no open employee positions. “YAY”
- We continue to develop a sports medicine program in the Twin Cities Metro and have hired an athletic trainer to promote this program to area schools.
- The Twin Cities Genomic studies now has 15 families enrolled since its inception in November 2024. This is more than some other Shrine sites who have been doing these studies the last four years.
- Boys Town has added an enhanced GAIT program called “Power Lab”, which now includes brain imaging with neurological focus.
- Bismarck Bone & Joint Clinic was disappointed that they needed to terminate our contract with them as they expand into other parts of the building. We are currently looking for another Bismarck location for our June clinic.
- We are continuing talks with Astera Health, Sanford, and Hudson Wisconsin Physician Group for potential affiliation/collaboration.

Statistics remain flat through February but are seeing an increase in telehealth services and rehab.

- Survey results indicate the “Likelihood to recommend the clinic to others” continues to be above average 85%.
- Through February out-patient volumes are below budget by 120; rehab services are above-budget by 197; telehealth services are above budget by 11; new patients are below budget by 15. There are numerous screening clinics scheduled in our 7, states which should help bring our numbers up. Let your “fingers do the walking” and reach out to Bruce, Randy, or Chris to see what you can do to assist with upcoming KEM screening clinics.
- Donations through February are at 17% of target. Donations for the Temples are averaging \$3,076. Club donations are averaging \$1,966.

· Upcoming events

\*\*WGA4Kids, annual meeting April 28, at Lake Elmo Holiday Inn.

\*\*The Shriners Children's Gala is scheduled for October 25, at Radison Blu Mall of America.

More details will soon be available.

Some additional information: \*Genomics study now at 30 families which is phenomenal.

\*Upcoming miracle baseball league on modified field suited for limb differences, etc is at 160 participants.

\*Planning up to 5 theater events for patients and families.

\*Twin cities has patient videos for use at temple meetings, speaking events, etc. Contact Lauren Elm if you want to use any. Also available is radio PSA.

\*All employees are vaccinated for measles, which is good to hear.

Thank you for allowing me to be your KEM Board of Governors Representative. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

*Roger Baien* See you April 10





Today is day one of becoming a Shriner! I may have won the leprechaun loop, but I'm not sure! 😊 what a great group of brothers!;



**WELCOME NEW SHRINERS**  
 TATE GOUGHNOUR, JOE ROBERTSON, (TOR)  
 RICK HANNESSON, DEAN BURDETTE



All set for the MSA midwinter session moose jaw sk

**Kem Quarterly Meeting**  
 April 10, 2025  
 6:00 PM  
 Grand Forks Masonic Center  
 GRAND FORKS, ND  
 You are hereby notified, that a Quarterly stated meeting of Kem Shriners will meet at the above time and place for the purpose of hearing reports and conducting regular business.  
 Admittance by your 2025 dues card.



**GUEST SPEAKER AT THE UNITS QUARTERLY MEETING WILL BE JODY HODGSON, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE RALPH ENGLESTAD ARENA.**

**Did you know...**

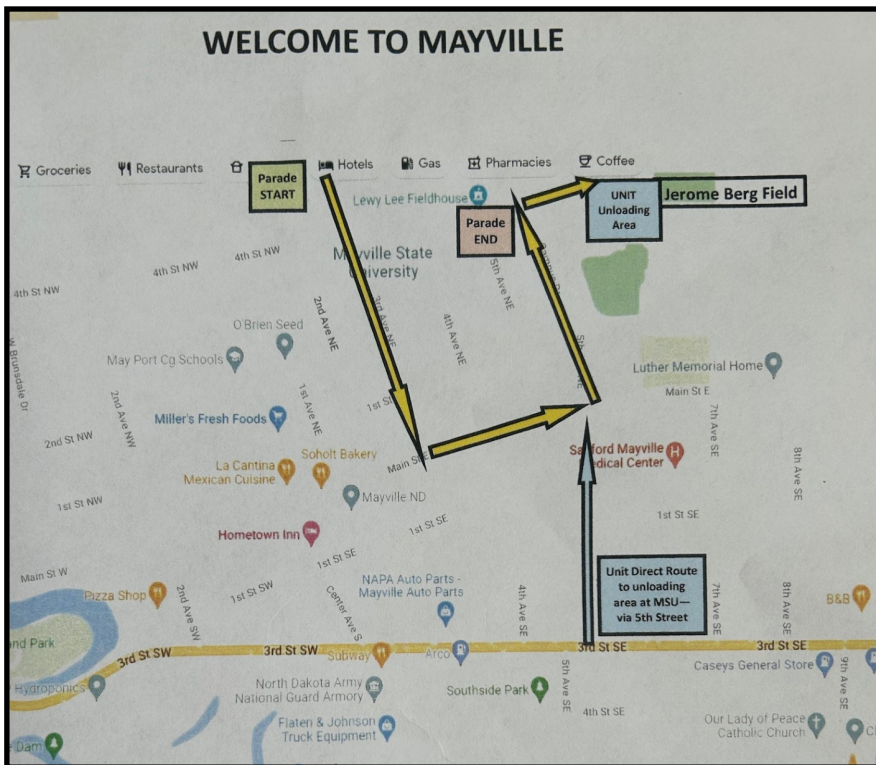
that Shriner's hospital help Orthopedic or Burned children?

Contact us:  
 1(800)237-5055  
 or  
 shrinershospitalsforchildren.org

To join us:  
<https://www.beashriner.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



**SHRINE BOWL PARADE ROUTE ON JUNE 21**

Starts at Agassiz hall dorm (NW corner of campus), continuing South on 3rd Ave NE to Main Street (Mayville Lutheran Church corner) Parade continues going East on Main St to 5th Avenue, turning left on 5th to go North on 5th/Stan Dakken Drive to the Fieldhouse. Parade time is 9:45am.

Note 3rd Street is Highway 200 when going through Mayville.

Actual parade route is about 9 blocks long. loading and unloading will be at the end of the parade route (east of the Fieldhouse).

**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.

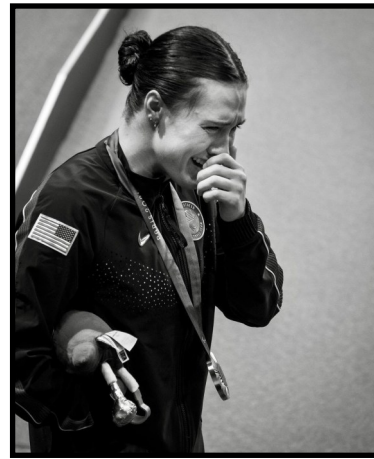
Thank you,

- 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





**Natalie Sims:  
Paralympic Swimmer**



Para swimming for men and women has been a part of the Paralympic program since the first Games in 1960 in Rome, Italy. Today, the races are highly competitive and among the largest and most popular events in the Paralympic Games. Paralympic swimming competitions occur in 50-meter pools and, while competing, no prostheses or assistive devices may be worn.

Paralympic swimming competition is open to male and female athletes with physical disabilities such as dwarfism, amputation/limb loss, blindness/visual impairment, spinal cord injury/wheelchair-users, cerebral palsy/brain injury/stroke, cognitive impairment, and Les autres.

**Former Shriners Children's Twin Cities patient Natalie Sims was late to the game when it came to competitive swimming, but her desire elevated her to the next level.**

**After starting in the eighth grade, much later than her competitors, Sims rose through the ranks and made her third-consecutive United States Paralympic swimming team, competing at the 2024 Paralympic Games in Paris.**

**Sims was born without her right hand, and her father, Mike Sims, said the family took their daughter to Shriners Children's Twin Cities when she was just 6 months old, staying with the nonprofit healthcare system until she graduated from care when she was 18. Mike said that since his daughter had no right hand but still had her wrist, compared to some who are also born without a forearm, she was very functional without prosthetics.**

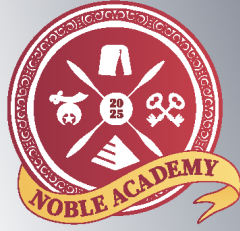
**"Although she didn't use prosthetics much, she really benefited at Shriners Children's by seeing other kids with limb deficiencies," Mike said. "She went to Camp Achieve, which was a week during the summer, and Shriners Children's patients from all over the region were there. There were kids with all sorts of conditions and different limb deficiencies. It was important for Natalie to see other kids that looked like her, being active and seeing just how much they could do. She looked forward to Camp Achieve every single year, and she's even gone back to volunteer as an adult."**

**Natalie Sims said Shriners Children's and Camp Achieve helped boost her confidence and encouraged her to follow her dreams.**

**"Don't let your disability define who you are," said Natalie. "If you want to chase your dream, there is nothing standing in the way but yourself. It's going to be hard, grueling work, but the reward is knowing you gave it your all. Just because you have a disability, that shouldn't limit what you love to do."**

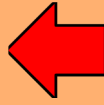
**Mike Sims said Shriners Children's provided his daughter with whatever she needed to compete in any sport she wanted. Natalie didn't take to team sports as much but loved individual competition. Shriners Children's helped her with prosthetics for tennis, riding bikes and more. The individual sport she truly fell in love with was swimming. She went on to swim collegiately at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, and she qualified for her first Paralympics just after graduating high school in 2016. While the 27-year-old swimmer has had plenty of success, she hadn't hit the podium at the Paralympics until Paris 2024, when she earned a bronze medal as a member of the mixed 4x100-meter freestyle relay.**

**"A strong performance in Tokyo ignited her desire to compete in Paris and reach the medal podium," Mike Sims said. "The whole Paralympic journey has been life-changing for her. In the process, she's gained so much confidence. As a three-time Paralympian, she's the role model and the leader. Now there's a new crop of younger swimmers, and it's fun to see it go full circle."**



# 2025 MEMBERSHIP & MARKETING Conference

ARTICLE BEING  
PRESENTED AT  
MEMBERSHIP  
&  
MARKETING  
CONFERENCE  
2025



### Tell us about your club/unit and its mission. What makes it unique and why should it be featured?

Our ladies are the architects of this club. A group of us got together and were camping in the summer and wondered, "Why don't we open this fun to more people?" Since that conversation, beginning with five Shriners and their families, the club grew to 18 Shriners and families. Our mission is to create fun and family friendly fellowship while always seeking new ways to help the kids.

### How is your club/unit active in your community?

Kem Kamperz hosts fun, family-centric activities that are open to the community.

### Summer Event One: Kem of Wings (Wing Cooking Competition)

This annual event is open to the public and held at a lake close to Grand Forks in partnership with local restaurants. Hosted in conjunction with community-based parades which offer the chance to win prizes during the 50/50 raffle, this event is a can't miss!



Highlighting the culinary talent of up to 10 Shriners, this event allows the opportunity for community engagement with the public participating in voting and purchasing plates to determine the sought after title of Kem of Wings champion! This is just one of two summer camping events held each year.

### Summer Event Two: North Dakota Shrine Bowl



The second camping event of the summer held in conjunction with the North Dakota Shrine Bowl allows the opportunity for volunteering and fun and fellowship. Through collaboration and community, Shriners support the players, connect with other Shriners, and demonstrate commitment to Shrine patients. The event concludes with a fun and fellowship campfire.

### Rummage Sale

Kem Kamperz hosts also hosts an annual group rummage sale. Donations are provided by everyone from Kem Shriners as well as their family and friends with homemade baked goods for purchase by the ladies. The event is amplified being hosted within the beautiful Masonic building increasing community awareness of the work of Masons and Shriners residing in Grand Forks. Items that are not sold are donated to charitable thrift shops.



### Kem Shrine Gun Raffle



In the fall, Kem Kamperz hosts a table where homemade donuts are sold, and participants can interact with a Plinko board for the chance to win a 50/50 drawing.

### Younger Members

Kem Kamperz's approach and focus is to create family friendly activities. The entire family and furry friends are welcome to attend camping trips.

For those that do not own campers or tents, the option to attend campfire activities and engage in fundraising activities exists.

The Ladies of Kem Kamperz are the backbone for activities employing innovative and creative design to galvanize support. By including the entire family to enjoy events, younger members can find a unit that they can feel comfortable joining.

### How many active members does this Club/Unit have?

35 active members which include 18 Shriners and spouses with spouses leading all planning efforts as the architects.



### What year was this Club/Unit established?

Kem Kamperz was established in 2022.



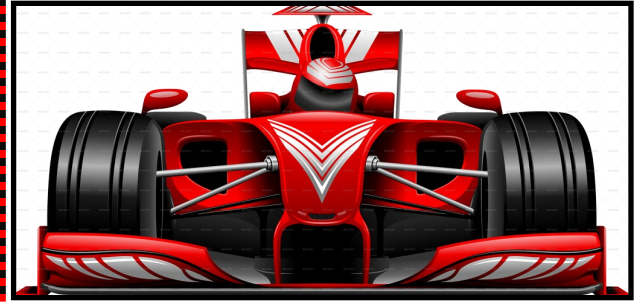
### Point of Contact

Ron Bergh, PP, Kem Shriners  
recorder@kemshriners.com



KEM KAMPERZ  
GATHERED FOR  
DINNER TO RELIEVE  
SOME  
CABIN FEVER

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Shriner Night at River Cities Speedway, Friday June 6<sup>th</sup>. Tailgating in front of the riding arena starting at 5:30 with burgers, brats and refreshments. Racing starts at 7 pm. Tickets are free. Families are invited. Invite a non-Shriner to join us. In the event of a rain out, tailgating will be at John Votava's house, 4350 S 83<sup>rd</sup> St, Grand Forks. Please RSVP to John Votava 218-686-7930 by May 23<sup>rd</sup>.



**GRAFTON  
CYCLEERS  
HAD ANOTHER  
SUCCESSFUL  
YEAR  
MAKING BURGERS  
AT THE GRAFTON  
CURLING CLUB**



**TED, DARLENE, SHERI  
AND THE CYCIEERS  
WISH TO THANK  
EVERYONE FOR  
SUPPORTING THEM AND  
THE WGA4Kids**

The Apache Wells Shrine Club invited ladies to attend their monthly meeting and it was very enjoyable. Several individuals from the Grand Forks area attended the event. We managed to take a quick photo with a few of the attendees, including Joe Dunn, plus Andy Adamson and Cheryl. This is a yearly event close to Valentine's Day.

**Williston Shrine Club**



Sending a special thank you Kaleena, a 9 year old from Ray, ND, for her thoughtful donation! She loves that her Dad (Kendrich, left of her) and Pa Pa (Bruce, right of her) and their friends like Chris (far left) and Ed (far right) find many ways to help Shriners Children's patients, so she decided to collect money in a shoe box to be like them! When her Pa Pa asked her what was up with the pennies in the box, she said "Pa Pa, you know every penny count!" You are a sweet and thoughtful girl, Kaleena. Thank you!







The **Kem Pink Purse** is a long standing tradition that has continued to hang on. The Pink Purse is awarded to the newly appointed Outer Guard as a badge of honor that he must have at every Shrine event he attends. Rarely does the lucky purse recipient get teased, laughed at or made fun of. Sometimes he does get asked for a pen, piece of scratch paper or a snack. Mine is full of healthy snacks such as Hershey bars, peanut butter cups and cookies. Occasionally I get the positive comment on how well the lovely purse goes with my outfit.

I received the Pink Purse on a cold February morning on a motorcoach in the parking lot of the Flying J. It was a joyous celebration of the time honored tradition of the awarding of the ceremonial Pink Purse. I'm sure it wasn't the worst thing happening in the parking lot of the truck stop that morning.

Just like every young ladies first Pink Purse, I was hoping for something classy like a "Goochi"(lol), Coach, Michael "Coors" (lol) or a lovely Louie "Vittan"(lol). But luckily for me, I was presented with a sturdy Pink Purse that was most likely purchased from a farm supply store. What the Pink Purse lacks in style it more than makes up in functionality. Who in their right mind would wear their expensive Louie Vittan while doing their chores on the farm? My sturdy Pink Purse has plenty of room for a nice pair of work gloves and goes well with a well worn pair of work boots.

The first Shrine trip of the Pink Purse was a International trip to the Great White North of Canada. The motorcoach passed by many lovely Canadian cities and did not stop until we arrived in Moose Jaw Saskatchewan which sounds terrible but was pleasantly delightful. One would think that all you would see in or near Moose Jaw would be Moose, I can't speak for anyone else on the motorcoach but I never witnessed one Moose in it's natural habitat. Maybe the reason for that is I was hanging out in the wrong "habitat." Apparently the only Canadian Moose that hangs out is in 5 star motels, fine dining restaurants and Canadian nightclubs is Bullwinkle from the Rocky and Bullwinkle show. And to be honest with you I never seen one flying squirrel. I honestly feel like we were all lied to as children. I'm getting a little off track here so the Pink Purse had a great time in Moose Jaw attending all the required Midwest Shrine Association meetings and the beautiful dinners. Another assignment for the Outer Guard is to get as many signatures of past Potentates on his Pink Purse. Our Potentate was a little concerned that I wasn't getting any signatures on my sturdy Pink Purse, which by the way is excellent for collecting signatures but I was going to start from the top and work my way down. So I finally tracked down Imperial Sir Matt Sturlaugson and he proudly signed my Pink Purse. Then I thought I should go straight to the other end and found Weiner, but because Weiner is not a past Potentate he cannot sign the outside of the Pink Purse so I got Weiner's signature on the inside of the purse. Now my Pink Purse signature obligation is complete.

Well I've rambled on too long, gone off track too many times and I'm sure most of you are losing interest in my thoughts. Make sure you sign up and attend MSA in Moose Jaw Saskatchewan this summer. The Shriners in Moose Jaw are planning lots of fun activities for the family and it's a beautiful part of the world. Nobles please visit your Blue Lodge, your Masonic Brothers would love to see you!

Thank you

Christopher Larson

Outer Guard

Look for updates of the travels of the Pink Purse in future Burning Sands.





**I had an outstanding opportunity from my fellow Nobles to attend the *Oriental Guide Conference* from March 5-8th.**

**This conference opened my eyes and attitude by showing all of us how to be better Shriners. One of the meetings stood out right away. The answers came from a question presented to all the conference attendees:**

**“What would create a perfect Shrine temple?”**

- **Masons and Shriners working together for a more stable membership.**
- **Have more Nobles involved in doing activities and use their ideas in creating more events.**
- **The Divan does not have to do all the work.**
- **Nobles work with all Nobles for involvement within the Shrine.**
- **Update Nobles through the Divan.**

**When you are a Noble of the Temple you should talk to others with respect so the Noble is willing help you when you need the help.**

**Leadership will be successful when you include all Nobles in the decisions.**

**Point in hand: When we raise money for the temple make sure all tickets/posters say “Kem Shrine” not “Shriners Hospital for Children”/ “Shriners Children's”.**

**It is the Nobles responsibility to not put anything on the poster that has the “Shriners Children's Hospital” logo, or the hospital will receive the money and not your temple or unit. The Charitable Fundraising benefits the Shriners Children’s Hospital. Fraternal fundraising supports the temple or unit.**

**Again, the panel discussed “COMMUNICATION” a lot! That word was always used throughout the conference and all of us should be aware of that word in all we do for the Shrine.**

**Thank you for the opportunity to go to this conference. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.**

**Thanks,**

**Your brother,**

**Bob Prondzinski, Oriental Guide**



## 2025 PARADE SCHEDULE

MAY 31.....DEVILS LAKESPRING CEREMONIAL.....10:30 AM

### JUNE

7.....ERSKINE, MN.....5 PM

21.....FINLEY.....11AM

21.....ANETA.....2:30PM

21.....MAYVILLE SHRINE BOWL.....9AM

21.....BINFORD.....6PM

21.....MINTO.....1PM

28.....GRAFTON.....10AM

29.....PEKIN.....1:30PM

### JULY

4.....HATTON.....10AM

4.....PARK RIVER.....11AM

TBD.....BEMIDJI, MN.....1PM

12.....COOPERSTOWN.....10AM

12.....TOLNA.....1PM

19.....THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN.....7PM

19.....LARIMORE.....11AM

19.....MCVILLE.....11:30AM

TBD.....MINOT STATE FAIR.....TBA

23.....WARREN, MN.....6PM

26.....NORTHWOOD.....11AM

### AUGUST

2.....MOUNTAIN.....10:30AM

16.....CROOKSTON.....7PM

20-25.....MOOSEJAW,SK.....TBA

31 &1.....STUMP LAKE.....TBA / 1PM

SEPT 6.....UND POTATO BOWL.....10AM

Any changes or updates to the parade schedule contact Chuck Hiles 701-741-3330.

REMINDER...Each unit needs to fill out the "Parade permission form" listing the parades they will be in and get it signed by the Potentate.

# KEM SHRINE SPRING CEREMONIAL

Friday, May 30 & Saturday, May 31, 2025

**DURING DEVILS RUN - DEVILS LAKE - CHECK WEBSITE FOR WEEKEND EVENTS**

<https://www.devilslakend.com/event/33rd-annual-devils-run-car-show/545/>

## KEM WELCOMES ALL NOBLES & FAMILIES

### Kem Saturday Schedule

8:00 am

Staging & Parade line-up

Our Saviors Lutheran Church

612 14th Avenue NE, Devils Lake ND 58301

9:45 am

Parade Begins from staging area.

1:00 pm

Kem Shrine Spring Ceremonial

Devils Lake Masonic Temple:

403 6th Street NE, Devils Lake ND 58301

2:00 - 5:00pm

Hospitality Room - SunLac Inn

6:00 pm

Kem Supper:

Neathery-Simenson VFW Post #756

314 3rd Avenue, Devils Lake ND 58301

Contact Kem Office  
to RSVP in order to  
plan appropriately for  
food preparation

701-772-7125

Block of Rooms have  
been reserved. Please  
call hotel listed below  
asap to ensure a room.

Sunlac Inn Hotel

111 1st NW

Devils Lake ND 58301

ph: 701-662-5011



Camping Available:

Minnie H RV Court:

320 College Drive S

Devils Lake ND 58301

ph: 701-662-4079



**THE KEM SHRINE LADIES BRINGING...**

**THE POWER OF THE PURSE**  
**Purse Raffle & Fundraiser**

**IT'S ABOUT MORE THAN JUST A PURSE...  
AN EVENT TO BENEFIT SHRINE KIDS!**

**When: Saturday July 25, 2025**

**Time: 7 pm - 10 pm**

**Where: Golden Lake -**

**Golden Lake Acres**

**Restaurant**

**13648 11th Street NE**

**Hatton, ND 58240**

**Bring your Cash to Play**

**\$5, \$10, \$15, & \$20 Games of  
Chance**

**\$5 Per Game Sheet**

**Games to Win Brand Name**

**Purses & Cash**

**Silent Auction Items to Win**

**Tickets \$50**

**Covers Appetizers & 2 Beverages**

**Must be 21 Years of Age**

**Watch for ticket sales**

**Golden Lake Acres, or**

**information from a Divan Lady.**

**LIMITED SPACE GET  
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*The 79th annual Grand Forks Kem Shrine Circus* returns April 25, 26, and 27 at the Ralph Engelstad Arena. Show Times are Friday: 3:00 & 7:00, Saturday 11:00 & 3:00 & 7:00 and Sunday 1:00 & 5:00. Circus Spectacular returns this year with acts including, Camels, Zebras, and Horses .

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

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

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

**Please make plans now** to Come and Join us at the 79th Annual Kem Shrine Circus in Grand Forks.

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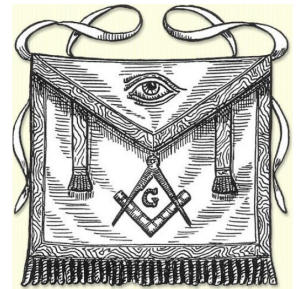
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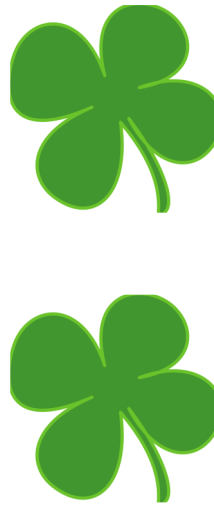
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**\*Thursday, April 10, 2025**

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

**\*April 25 2025 (3PM AND 7PM), APRIL 26 (11am, 3pm,7pm) April 27 (1pm and 5pm)**

KEM SHRINE CIRCUS-GRAND FORKS ND

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

**\*May 5 (4pm and 7pm May 6 (4pm and 7pm)** SHRINE CIRCUS-WILLISTON ND

**\*May 8 (10am & 7pm), May 9 (10am & 7pm), May 10 (10am,2pm and 6pm)** SHRINE CIRCUS-MINOT

**\*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 See flyer in this issue for details.**

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

**\*June 12-15, 2025** NDGL Annual Communication Fargo ND

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

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ND Shrine Football Game Mayville ND

**\*June29-July3, 2025**

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**\*Thursday, July10, 2025**

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

**\*July 24,2025** Burning Sands Deadline.

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

**\*Wednesday, August 20-23,2025**

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

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

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

**\*Saturday, October 25, 2025** Tables Du Jour Luncheon

**\*Monday, October 27, 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, November 13, 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

According to the Shrine Bylaws you need to be a Noble in good standing participate in any Shrine function.



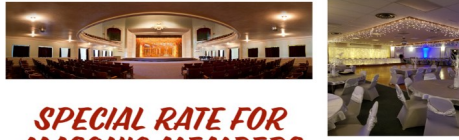
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