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KEM SHRINE, GRAND FORKS, ND

2nd Quarter

POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Greetings to all Nobles and Ladies

Circus season has come and gone. Thank you to all Nobles and their ladies who helped make the Grand Forks Circus another success. Teamwork makes everything come together!

I also had the great pleasure of attending the Williston and Minot Shrine Circus out west. Karen and I extend a sincere thank you to the excellent hospitality of the two clubs. It was great to meet their hard-working, friendly Nobles. We enjoyed how each circus runs differently, but in an entertaining setting. If you have never attended another Shrine Circus, please go and participate. They put on a nice circus. Attending other Shrine events is a great way to share ideas and promote brotherly camaraderie.

Parade season is upon us. Please remember to be careful. Last year, we lost a dear friend in a tragic accident at a parade. Please attend the parades and proudly represent Kem Shrine and your units.

The last item I would like to share is about the picture of my family. I am proud of my masonic heritage, and it is a great honor to have the privilege to help present her 50-year pin for Eastern Star to my Aunt Marcia Mitzel. This picture includes past grand master Chad Kainz (my cousin), Past Grand Matron Nancy Kainz (my aunt and Chad's Mother). It is uncommon to have a Grand Master, Grand Matron,

Potentate, and a 50-year member of the same family.

In closing, June and July are busy months; please look at the parade calendar for your unit and temple events to participate in. Of course, have fun, but be aware and safe of your surroundings at the parades. Most of all, have a great time with your fellow brothers, family, and friends.

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



Geoff & Michelle Bengtson



Terry Jenson Jr & Michelle



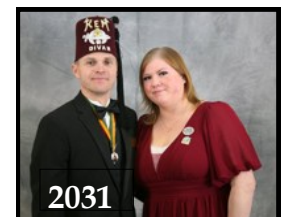
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Bob Prondzinski



Darrel Schmitz & Julie



Kendrick & Kaylee Krabseth



John & Kim Votava



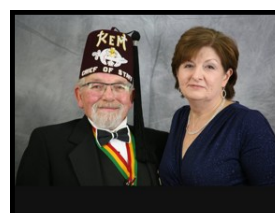
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BOARD OF GOVERNORS REPRESENTATIVE SHRINERS CHILDREN'S TWIN CITIES REPORT

Board of Governors May 2025 Report

Greetings, Nobles!

The first four months of 2025 have been interesting as we continue to work with the new strategic plan and with potential affiliations. More to come on this...

Other news items to bring to your attention are as follows:

We have been referring spine patients to Chicago since the retirement of Dr. Polly. Through April there have been six referrals.

We continue to coordinate plans with Chicago providers for a Cleft Lip and Palate Clinic to be held in the Twin Cities in July. This will also provide the opportunity to begin speech therapy services to bring in additional patients to our Rehab Department.

We have had 46 shared cases across the Midwest Market (Twin Cities, Chicago, Dayton, St. Louis). With our reappointment of providers to continue practicing at the Clinic, we can now reintroduce Sports Medicine Clinics in collaboration with our Limb Clinics.

The genomics project is up to 48 subjects enrolled. With that, we are starting to work on proposals for two retrospective research studies. Our goal is to have 55 subjects by the end of June.

Our online educational programs for school nurses, social workers, etc. (Monthly Mugs) continues to be well-attended as we had over 260 registered for the May sessions. If you know of any school nurses, etc. looking for online education sessions, please contact the Twin Cities regarding this program!

Human Resources has announced that merit increases were implemented in May. Carmen Morales was voted "employee of the quarter". Due to a resignation, we have an open position for a Philanthropy Director. We are currently interviewing 6 applicants.

Finance - a few statistics of interest (through April): Surgery is up 30% from last year

Net patient revenue is up 66% from last year

Rehab visits are at 928 vs. 520 budgeted

Telehealth visits are at 40 vs 16 budgeted

New patient visits are at 225 compared to 224 budgeted

Philanthropy - notes of interest: Nobles donating year-to-date is at 229, with an average gift of \$104

We had 17 Temples donate, with an average of \$2,660 YTD

The overall goal for planned and major gifts was raised to \$3.65 million for 2025



Please join us in celebrating Alison as she officially graduated from our care at Shriners Children's Lexington!

Alison, from Greenup, Kentucky, first came to us about six years ago for scoliosis treatment. Since then, she's faced every checkup — and even surgery — with courage and determination. Now, 18, and a junior in high school, Alison plans to attend Morehead State University in the future.





John Cooley Tor Brayden Drevlow
New Shriners at the 2025 Shrine Circus

WELCOME NEW SHRINERS 2025

during January ceremonial

TATE GOUGHNOUR, JOE ROBERTSON, (TOR)
RICK HANNESSON, DEAN BURDETTE



Landon Hanson
New Shriner at the 2025 Circus

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.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



Thomas Deslauriers
Minot's newest Shriner
at the 2025 Circus

ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION
TO ALL UNITS PLANNING TO ATTEND THIS YEARS
MSA IN MOOSEJAW

MOOSEJAW MSA COMMITTEE IS REQUESTING THE NAMES OF
UNITS PARTICIPATING IN THE PARADE ALONG WITH THE LENGTH
OF SPACE NEEDED

IF YOU HAVE NOT REPORTED THIS TO CHIEF OF STAFF, CHUCK HILES,
DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (701-741-3330)

ANY UNIT HAVING MOTORCYCLES OR OFF ROAD VEHICLES WILL BE REQUIRED TO
WEAR HELMETS.

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 con-
tact 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



MINOT AND WILLISTON SHRINE CIRCUS



SHRINE PRINCESS'



GRAND FORKS KEM BAND



GRAND FORKS KEM SHRINE CIRCUS



GALS AT THE CASHIER
WINDOW ALWAYS MAKE
IT FUN



SERIOUS
DEDICATION
FROM JEFF!

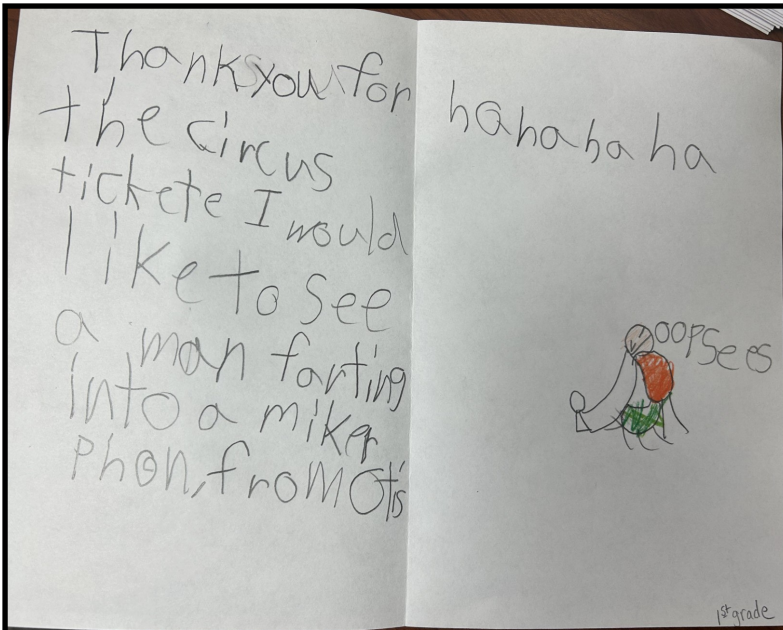




LEARNING A NEW
STICKY SKILL!



KIDS LOVED THIS GUY!



**Order of Eastern Star, Rainbow Girls and DeMolay
sell novelties at the Shrine Circus.**

One of the main principles of the Order of Eastern Star is to be charitable. Men and women over 18 can join. Men need to be recommended by a Mason, but women need not be affiliated. North Dakota OES donates to Service Dogs for America who have a vision to be part of a society in which individuals with disabilities are fully able to participate in social, educational and occupational opportunities.

Rainbow Girls of ND is open to girls 11-20 regardless of their Masonic affiliation. Members participate in service projects focusing on character building.



Rainbow girls all
dressed up
Burkley K (Grand Service)
Aubrie K (Grand Fidelity)



Dorothy Suggs
(Past Matron)
Lydia Fors
(Worthy Matron)



Michael Norman
Ivanhoe Chapter DeMolay
Master Counselor



Mrs. Dale's 5th Graders were able to take in the Shrine Circus! They had to make sure to thank the Kem Shrine 2025 Potentate Mr. Tor Bergstrom! Thank you to the Shriners for always giving our kids the opportunity to make it to the circus.

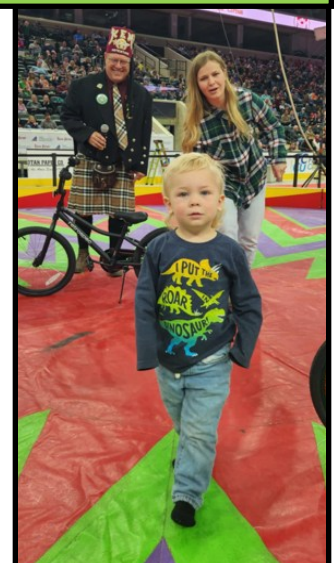


FINLEY / SHARON
PUBLIC SCHOOL

Jr. Miss North Dakota,
Charlotte K, escorted by
Grandpa Lee Martin,
Kem Shrine Noble



TWO OF MANY BIKE WINNERS



Meet new Shriner, Brayden Drevlow.

Brayden has worn many hats for his young years, the latest being his grandfather, James Goldsberry's, FEZ. Brayden became a Shriner at the 2025 Shrine Circus. He was fezzed by his dad, Kem Shrine Noble Joe Drevlow, with is Grand-ma Goldsberry by his side. Brayden is a concert pianist and adventure traveler from Thief River Falls, Mn. He has won several concerto competitions and has performed as a featured soloist with multiple symphony orchestras along with extensive solo piano tours in the US. He was praised by a President as "wonderful and dynamic". Brayden's passion when he travels is to tune piano's, and of course, give them a taste of his music. The look on the children's faces when they hear what the music is supposed to sound like makes him want to reach out to as many people and countries as he can.

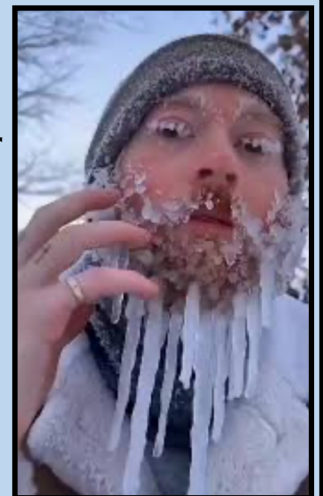


Brayden has traveled to over 100 countries, including every corner and almost every National Park in the US. He speaks English, German, Russian, Icelandic, and Thai. He doesn't pick the popular, safe places to visit, instead he picks places like the Congo and Siberia. He was in China when Covid-19 began, Afghanistan when the Taliban took over (and accused him of being a spy), Sudan during the coups, and Turkey post-earthquake.

If you ever get a chance to sit with this young man, you will be entertained by his stories and in awe of how he shares himself and his talents around the world.

Here, in his own words, is the story he told me about Siberia:

"The journey started in Moscow. It takes about twelve hours to fly across Russia. The weirdest thing was starting out on a Tuesday at 2:30 and landing at 2:30 on the same Tuesday because so many time zones were crossed. I then had to find a guy to drive me 4000 miles east into Siberia. The highways stopped so we had 4000 miles of frozen forest dirt roads and crossing frozen rivers. These roads were made by political prisoners from Gulag during Stalin's reign. Stalin had insisted on having a road that went across Russia. It was so cold in this area that about 3 million people died building this road. The bones of these people were crushed and put into the mead of the road. We had three flat tires along the way because bones were sticking up out of the road puncturing the tires. This trip got me to Yakutsk when it was -50°F. We eventually go to the village of Oymyakon, 571 miles down the "road", where the temperature was -76°F. They only close schools when the temperatures get below -55°F. This settlement has about 500 people that are caribou herders. At this temperature one can get frostbite in 90 seconds. These temperatures result in many of the people are missing the tips of their noses, have no earlobes and the cheeks are pitted from the frost bite. The people there have evolved to be shorter and have stubby fingers. They heat their homes with wood. This area has trees like Minnesota. In the summer it is 90°F with lots of mosquitos, because all that snow melts creating bogs. Continued on next page.



Continued story from Brayden Drevlow's own words

One of the main staples in this Siberian village is the intestines of horses that have been butchered. They throw it outside for five seconds until it freezes like a rod, then slice it into rings to eat. The purpose of eating this is that it is so bad for you that it makes one get a stomach ache, which in turn causes the body to make extra body heat. They literally plan to get sick to make extra body heat. Since I was there and there was no Lays Potato Chips, I was forced to eat it as well. It tastes very rubbery.

It is an interesting realization that at -75* it is colder than the planet Mars, so people are dressed like a spaceman everywhere you go. I was instructed on the first day I was there that since they cannot have indoor plumbing because the pipes would freeze, you go to the outhouse. There you need to take off your glove to hold on to your appendage so it doesn't get frostbite. You cannot sit down so you need to sit on your hands while squatting and every minute or so you need to take off your gloves and rub your butt cheeks to avoid getting frostbite. Like in Minnesota/North Dakota when we take boiling hot water and throw it in the air and it freezes, it is the same when going to the outhouse in Siberia. I watched my #1 turn to snow and fall to the ground and the #2 immediately vaporizes and particles fly around your face. Icicles are in the outhouse, so you see them hanging and you are slipping around on them. One day I was walking along with some friends, decided to relieve myself by a fence. I thought it was rude that the friends I was with walked away and left me alone in the cold. I asked them why they did that. They responded "there was a wolf on the other side of the fence looking at you ". One of my favorite memories was as a good American, I thought I should teach the kids baseball. We did not have a bat and ball, so we used a frozen tomato and a frozen fish.

I wanted to go there to play a concert for these kids because they hardly ever get visits from any foreigner. In the city logbook I was the first foreigner in 3 years. I played Scott Joplin as they would probably have never heard it or hear it again. Even on the edge of the world I saw them dancing their feet to the good American music. " I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I FIND THIS YOUNG MAN TO HAVE A BIG PERSONALITY AND IS SUCH A GOOD HUMAN. I HAVE WATCHED SOME OF HIS ADVENTURES ON YOU TUBE....NEAT!

You can see the videos of his adventures on You Tube.... Brayden Drevlow

Website....Braydendrevlow.com

Instagram...[instagram.com/braydendrevlow](https://www.instagram.com/braydendrevlow)

Story told to Julie S, Burning Sands editor



3rd Annual Shriner Night at River Cities Speedway, Friday June 6th. 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 83rd St, Grand Forks. Please RSVP to John Votava 218-686-7930 by May 23rd.



Kosair for Kids Shrine Leadership Conference



Terry and I recently attended the Kosair for Kids Shrine Leadership Conference in Tampa, Florida, from March 9-12. The opening session featured Bob and JoNeil Conley, who delivered an engaging presentation on conflict resolution. We also received an informative update on the Shrine hospitals. The subsequent afternoons were dedicated to breakout sessions.

The men's sessions focused on budgets, Shrine law, and temple risk management, while the ladies' workshops addressed team building/communication, mentoring, and fundraising. We thoroughly enjoyed the "around the world" themed social event, which featured fun games and excellent food. The conference concluded with a session on marketing and communication, and a moving presentation by a Shrine patient.

Overall, the conference was a valuable experience, providing uplifting and immediately applicable information. We also managed to enjoy a beautiful afternoon of Florida sunshine at a beach front restaurant.

Respectfully,

Terry Jenson Jr. Assistant Rabban and Lady Michelle Ellis

MEMBERSHIP CONFERENCE



Learning Lab Breakout: Growth Mindset: Exploring ways to enhance personal and collective impact on your organization.

The crew of volunteers at the Crookston Easter Egg Scramble and vendor fair. Proceeds are going to Shriners' Children's Hospital.



THE MASONIC LODGE REACHED CAPACITY FOR A BOXING EVENT. PEOPLE HAD TO BE TURNED AWAY. FOURTH FLOOR CLUB HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER SERVING OUT OF THE KITCHEN.



The ***SHRINE BOWL*** is our largest fund raiser for **Shriners Children's**. Please plan on attending our activities during the game day.

Our games will include the best high school players from North Dakota and NW Minnesota. The games will be played in the oldest (1941) active college stadium in ND. We'll start the day with a parade step off will be at 9:00am followed by our Banquet at Lewy Lee Fieldhouse from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm.

9:00 am Parade step off

10:30 am Banquet

11 Man game will start at 3:00 pm

9 Man game will start at approximately ½ hour after the first game.

The Shrine Bowl has three primary goals. The first is to honor high school athletes who have not only excelled on the football field, but who also display the qualities of young men with high character. Second, the Shrine Bowl is held to promote awareness and raise money for the Shriners Health Care System. There are currently more than 350 children throughout North Dakota who are active patients of Shriners. Shriners Children is committed to providing the best care for children in the specialty areas of orthopedics, burn care, spinal cord injury, and cleft lip and palate, regardless of a family's ability to pay. The third goal of the North Dakota Shrine Bowl is to inform the public about the charity and seek out more children who the Shriners may be able to help.

Food Service available Prior to and during game from 2:00pm – 8:00pm.

Hotel and camping options.

Hometown Inn 701-786-9081

The Willowood Campground 701-430-7177

Evans Campground 701-430-9198

Go to [NDShrine Bowl.com](http://NDShrineBowl.com) for Banquet and game tickets

All fans are reminded to bring lawn chairs and blankets due to limited seating and are encouraged to view the game anywhere in the bowl inside Jerome Berg Field.



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 9:00 am.

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).



PINK PURSE TRAVELS

The Pink Purse and I have been together for a short 3 months but I've found out that carrying a purse can be quite handy. With a purse you always have a spot for pens, reading glasses, snacks and pretty much anything else a man picks up along the way. The Man Bag also comes in useful when a man is wearing a masculine Kilt at special events. A Kilt has no pockets so having a bag is a great place to keep the house keys.

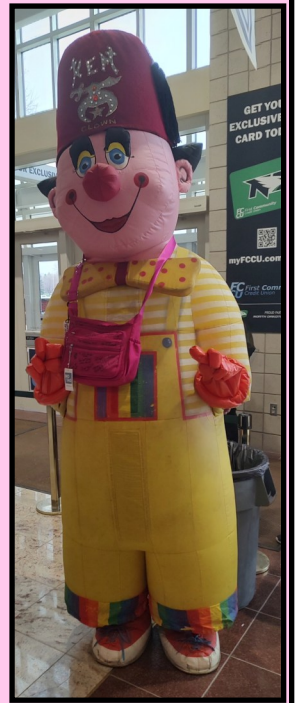
The Pink Purse started out it's travels with a exciting trip up into the great white north of Canada. Moose Jaw Saskatchewan was our Canadian destination and the purse and I tolerated some MSA meetings but really enjoyed some Canadian nightlife and night-clubs. Not one hangover and lots of new friends that I hope to meet again this summer. If you haven't been to a Midwest Shrine Association summer convention before and you can enter Canada please consider attending this year's in Moose Jaw, it's a little bit of a drive but it will be well worth it, it's a beautiful community and they are excited for us to be there.

Next on my purse travel was a important Divan meeting and a Uniform Units meeting. It was great to see everyone and get some work done. Then it was one of the biggest events of the year, The Kem Shrine Circus. I diligently carried the Pink Purse to all seven shows and never lost it once. I know there are several individuals whom have carried the Purse in the past that are just waiting for me

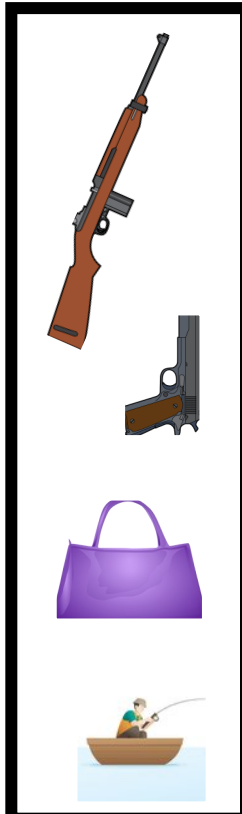
to slip up and misplace my purse so it can go on a adventure without me. I'm sure someday it will happen and there will be photos to prove it.

Well I hope to see all of you either at the Spring Ceremonial or at the many parades this summer and if you see me out come say "Hi," talk about the purse's travels, ask for a snack out of it but please don't make fun of it because I am extremely sensitive about carrying a Pink Purse.

CHRIS LARSON 2025 KEM OUTER GUARD



EMERADO/ARVILLA (ND) LIONS
DONATED \$1000 FOR THE
KIDS' CIRCUS TICKETS



MARK AND MARYJO
WERE LUCKY WINNERS



THE REST OF US
TRIED!



49 ERS
FUND RAISER



KEM KAMPERZ SOLD DONUTS AGAIN

Many thanks to Dave Rustebakke PP
for getting this gem. It works great!



RUMMAGE SALE

SOME OF OUR FAVORITE CUSTOMERS!



**KEM KAMPER GALS HAD FUN.
SO GRATEFUL OUR GUYS HELPED WITH
SET UP AND TAKE DOWN**

AND IT IS OVER!
LOOKS LIKE A LOT LEFT BUT THERE IS SO
MUCH MORE GONE !



"KEM OF WINGS" IS RETURNING
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
BE READY TO SERVE AT 5pm.**

JUDGING BY THE 100 CUSTOMERS ENJOYING THE WINGS.

LOOKING FOR 10 CHEFS... SHRINERS OR MASONS

CONTACT JULIE AT 701-213-1859 TO BE A WING CHEF.



**SOME OF THE KEM
KAMPERZ RELAXING
AFTER A DAY FULL OF
RUMMAGE SALE WORK!**



TWO OF KEM SHRINES NOBLES WERE HONORED TO BE PART OF THE VETERANS HONOR FLIGHT

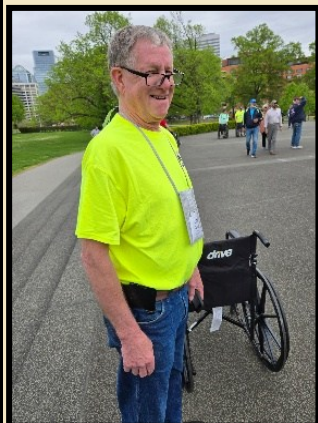
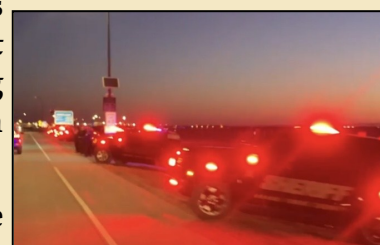
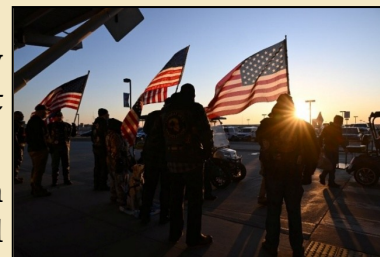
Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN Grand Forks, ND April 20-22, 2025

Submitted by Kem Noble Gail M Kjenstad

First of all, I was honored to be chosen as a volunteer for The Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN. As a member of Red River Vally Motorcyclists Spirit of America Bike & Car Show. We work all year raising money for our charity, I was one who was asked to represent our organization.

The Veterans Honor Flight left Grand Forks International Airport, Easter Sunday April 20th. We had two planes depart GF; Bravo flight at 7:30 am and Alpha flight at 8:30 am.

Driving into the GF airport it was astonishingly powerful. There were at least a dozen Law Enforcement (GFPD & GF County Sherrif off duty) vehicles with all their light flashing. At 6:00 am, these lights could be seen for miles. The officers were out of their vehicles in uniform, recognizing every vehicle that drove past them. Outside of the terminal where many motorcycle groups with flags, standing at attention as Veterans enter. It was an image that I will always remember. What a way to start our trip!



We landed at BSI airport at 12:30 eastern time. As we were taxiing to the terminal, we were greeted by fire trucks spraying water over our plane, as a "Water Salute" to welcome the veterans to Washington DC.

We had some that needed wheel chairs and that was my job to assist the veterans, depart from plane and assist them for the next three days.

We had four busses waiting for us. The busses were color coded, so each veteran knew which bus to board. Box lunches were supplied each day. *Noble Bob Prondzinski (Kem Oriental Guide)*, was on the flight along with 268 more Veterans.

Sunday, as soon as we landed, we were off to tour Ft. McHenry. After a special time at the Ft. McHenry memorial, we were off to WWII Memorial. Both were fantastic. Especially Ft. McHenry with thoughts of how it was built with primitive tools. Closing the long day at 7 pm with a great banquet with entertainment and especially visiting with the veterans.

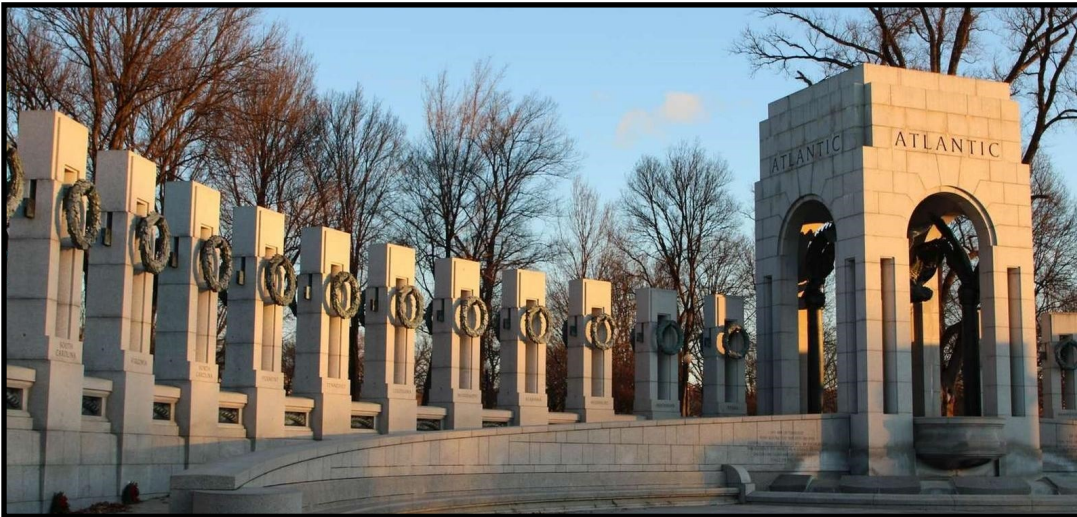
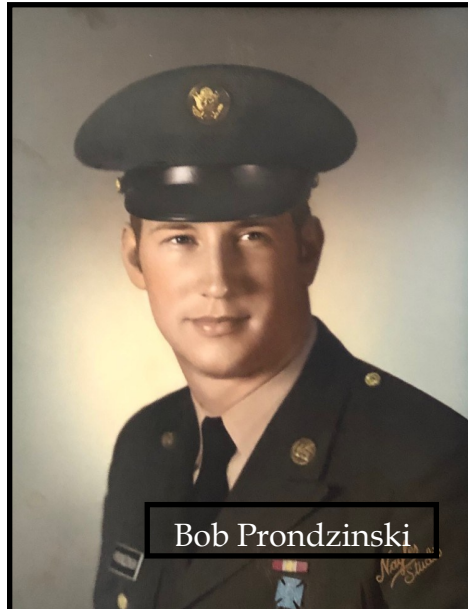


Monday, We all started early at 6:45 am with breakfast, then on to the busses to; National Archives, Navy Memorial, US Marine Corps Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, Changing of the Guard ceremony, Woman Veteran Memorial & Air Force Memorial. We returned to the hotel at 6:15 pm for social hour/dinner with "Mail Call".

Tuesday, At 6:45 am we enjoyed a plated breakfast, then on the busses to; FDR Memorial, Korean, Lincoln & Vietnam Memorials, National Museum of the US Army. Flew out at 5 pm arriving Grand Forks at 8 pm.

The most touching event was when each veteran received their envelope for "Mail Call". I was able to present some mail envelopes; they were excited and over whelmed with the whole aspect of getting mail. As I watched around the room, there were so many reading their letters from family members and friends, there were many tears running down the faces of these incredible strong veterans. It was hard to hold myself together watching the emotions each of these veterans were feeling with the thought that while they were serving our country, they didn't receive much or any mail. On our flight home, I was sitting close to a gentleman that opened his envelope and read and reread his mail, and each time wiping tears. Article continues

Noble Bob Prondzinski, Oriental Guide, was honored to be part of the Honor Flight to Washington DC in April. Here are some of the sites he visited.



The welcoming home event at the GF airport was fantabulous. There were hundreds of people in the terminal with signs, flags, color guard and live music. There were clapping, screams and cheers, as every veteran went down the escalator. So many of these guys NEVER got a welcoming home when they returned from their duty of service, especially the Vietnam vets.

After being home for two days, I saw one of the veterans who had been on the flight. He gave me a huge hug and thanked me several times for being a part of this tremendous experience. He wanted to know where he could write a check to help other veterans make this "Trip of a Lifetime". I walked away speechless, as I wiped tears.

Every time I reflect back on all the happenings that occurred in these three Long/Short days I am overwhelmed with emotions. My life has changed with the gratitude and appreciation of every single person who has ever served our country and those that serve today and in the future.

Thank you for my freedom. Respectfully, *Gail Kjenstad*

Next 2 flights will be Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2025, from Fargo and return Sept. 30. If you are a Veteran or know a Veteran and would like to attend the Veteran Honor Flight of ND/MN, go to <https://veteranshonorflightofndmn.org/veterans-application>. There is no cost to any veteran.

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 -

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

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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

5.....WALLHALLA, ND.....10:30 AM

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

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

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

17.....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.
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***June 29-July 3, 2025**

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***Thursday, July 10, 2025**

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

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

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

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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

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***Saturday, January 10, 2026**

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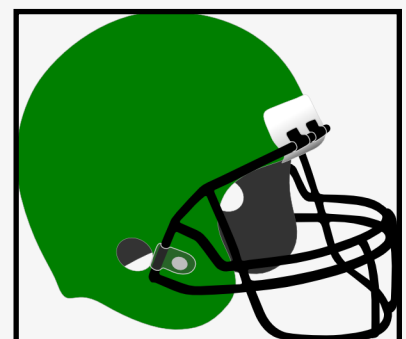
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