

KEM ACROSS THE Burning Sands



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TOM HANSON ELECTED POTENTATE

Tom was born December 12, 1947. He was raised in Baudette, Minnesota and graduated from the University of North Dakota in 1970 with a degree in Civil Engineering. He was in ROTC and served in the U.S. Army Engineers in Alaska.

He has been employed by Webster, Foster & Weston Consulting Engineers since returning from military service in 1973. He is a Registered Professional Engineer. He is now President and Owner of the company.

Tom was raised a Master Mason in 1978 in Acacia No. 4. He is a member of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Grand Forks. He is a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor of the Scottish Rite. Tom joined Kem Shrine in 1979. He is a member and past President of Kem Drum and Bugle Corps. He served as the Chief of Staff of Kem Shrine for 3 years. He is Chairman of the Shrine Circus.

Tom has been active in the community, serving as advisor for Delta Tau Delta Fraternity at local and national levels for over 33 years. He has been cited to the Fraternity's Distinguished Service Chapter. He has also received their national Bridge Builder Award. He has served on the Board of Directors for Red River Valley Gymnastics. He is on the Professional Curriculum Committee for the Civil Engineering Department at UND.

Tom and his wife Kathy have two grown daughters. Tera Kaltsas lives in Chaska MN. She teaches special education. Tera and Mark have a daughter Maddie and a son Brandt. Jana Hanson is an elementary school teacher. She lives in Shakopee, Minnesota. ches 4th grade in Puerto Rico

Potentate's Message:



me I needed to get active in the Shrine again. I guess their advice worked.

A very special thank you to Miles Chritianson and Lady Laurie for the great leadership that they provided last year. Under Miles leadership Kem experienced it's 12th year of positive growth in our membership. No other Temple in all the 193 temples of Shriners International comes even close to the record held by Kem.

Another Thank you is due to all the Nobles who worked so hard to be sure that we maintained that growth. I know many Nobles drove in blizzards and made special road trips to bring in

members so that we could be sure that we had the growth to make it 12 years in a row. Again, thank you for all your hard work.

Our Theme this year is: "Working Together to Build Better Tomorrows, Having Fun and Helping Kids". This means working together as Masons and Shriners to build better men and working together through our Shrine Hospitals for Children to build better lives and futures for our Hospital Kids. All while Having Fun and Helping Kids.

There are 2 new men on the Divan. Philip Landis is the Captain of the Guard and Ron Bergh is the Outer Guard. These men are relatively new Shriners who are active in their lodges and already assuming leadership roles in our shrine activities. They are demonstrating the ability to work well with other members of the appointed divan. It is fun to watch the enthusiasm and chemistry as these leaders come up with ideas and turn these ideas into reality.

Thank you to all the Nobles who attended the annual meeting and The Nobles and Ladies who came for the Potentates reception. It was great to see such a great turnout. I know that my family had a great time and it sure looked like everyone else was enjoying themselves. A special Thank you to, Bevin Liepert and his Lady Vi who attended from WaWa in Regina, Saskatchewan. Dennis Hansel and Lady Drina joined Lady Kathy and I the next weekend when we went to WaWa for their Potentates Reception.

I encourage all of us to focus on membership early this year. Kem needs to bring in 85 new nobles and restore at least 5 of our brothers who have dropped their membership for some reason.

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Pote's Message continued:

We also need to focus on the members who are not current in their dues payment early in the year

There are many exciting events coming soon. On February 5th there will be a Wild Game feed sponsored by the Mobil Nobles and Directors Staff. This will also serve as a candidate event. If you know of a man who may be interested in Masonry/ Shrinedom please bring him to this event we will have short presentations on both groups. There will be a Masonic one day class on March 5th. Please be sure to get petitions in right after the wild game feed so the lodges have time to investigate and vote on them. March 12th there will be a Ceremonial starting at noon. This will be followed by the St. Patty's Day Parade.

The Kickoff for ticket sales for the Grand Forks Circus will be **Wednesday February 16th this is a date change.** The Uniformed Units Council will meet in Devils Lake on March 10th. The Williston Circus is April 5th. There will be a Uniformed Units and Quarterly meeting April 7th in Grand Forks. The Grand Forks Circus will be April 15, 16 & 17th. The Minot Circus will be April 25, 26 & 27th.

The Uniformed Units Council will meet in Stephen on May 12th. The Trip to the Twin Cities Hospital for Hospital Day will be on May 20th. There will be a Golf event before the Spring Ceremonial on June 3rd. The Spring Ceremonial will be June 4th. The full calendar will be on the web site kemshriners.org

Thank you for the trust you have placed the your Divan and remember that we are **"WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD BETTER TOMORROWS - HAVING FUN & HELPING KIDS"**

FROM THE DESK OF THE RECORDER

I would just like to thank all for your support in giving me another year to serve as your recorder. Congratulations to Potentate Tom Hanson on his election and to PP Miles on his great year and another year of growth.

To all units: **PLEASE** get your officers information sent in to Carol. Your Financial Reports are due **no later than February 15th**. Lets get them done now.

Good Luck All and let's make it 13 straight years of growth

Thanks

Dale Duchscherer
PP, Recorder

WILD GAME FEED!



Sponsored by the Mobil Nobles and Director's Staff this **Wild Game Feed** will be **Feb. 5th** with serving starting at 6 PM til 8:30. For \$20 you can eat as much as you like, the bar will be open beginning at 5:30 PM. The menu will include Jeff Novak's mouth watering walleye soup, Dale Duchscherer's pheasant and wild rice, elk lasagna, venison fingers, moose meatballs, pulled BBQ elk sandwiches and grilled hot venison sausage with all the fixins'. For those that want curb stop service, you may park in the County parking ramp 1 Block North of the Masonic Center and we will have shuttle service driving through there to take you to and from your car. This event is open to the public so invite everyone! If they are potential new members supply the name in advance to Tom Hanson(218-779-9810), a limited number of complimentary tickets are available. Come and enjoy all you nobles, ladies and friends- a great time will be had by all.

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KEM UNITS COUNCIL NEWS

By G. Paul Larson, PP

Steve Scheffer from Langdon was elected President of the Kem Uniformed Units Council at the December meeting held in Grand Forks. Steve, pictured to the left, is a member and past president of the Model Ts.



Elected as Vice-President was Kirk Driscoll of the E Z Riders. Arnie Peterson, also a member of the Model Ts was elected as the Council Secretary/Treasurer.

A word of explanation is perhaps warranted to those not familiar with the way the presidency of the Units Council is determined. The By Laws state that the office is rotated among the Kem units. The nominating committee asks the next unit in line to put forth one of its members to become president. The Units Council established a set rotation in the early 1990s which was followed early on, but fell by the wayside the last several years. A new list is one of the items of business the Council needs to take up in the next year or two.

Kem has 17 units in the Grand Forks area, or put another way, work the GF circus. The units in Minot and Williston have their own circus and along with distance, make them not really active members of the Units Council. Two of the active Kem units today did not exist in 1990. One of them, the E Z Riders, will hold the presidency in 2012. Looking at the last 15 years, all the units have held the presidency except the Cycle Corps which is new, the Directors Staff and the Ritualistic Divan which last had presidents in 1985 and 1991 respectively. The Flag Corps had two presidents, in 2002 and 2008. The entire list of Council Presidents and their units can be found in the Council secretary's note book.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

Sat 5 Wild Game Feed – Rush Party
Thurs-Sat 10-12 MSA Winter Session
Thurs 16 Circus Kick Off – Grand Forks

March

Sat 5 Masonic One-Day Class - GF
Thurs 10 Uniformed Units – Devils Lake

April

Thurs 7 Quarterly & Units Meeting - GF
Thurs 14 Circus Set Up – GF
Fri – Sun 15-17 Circus - GF
Mon – Wed 25-27 Circus – Minot

May

Thurs 12 Uniformed Units - Stephen
Fru 20 Hospital Visitation Day

June


Fri 3 Ceremonial Golf
Sat 4 Ceremonial and Potentates Ball
Thurs 9 Uniformed Units – Grafton
Sat 11 Grand Lodge – Bismarck

July

Sat – Shrus 2-7 Imperial Session – Denver
Tues 12 Evaluation Clinic - GF
Thurs 14 Quarterly & Uniformed Units – GF
Sat 16 Shrine Bowl Games – Alerus Center

August

Wed – Sat 3-6 Midwest Shrine Assoc
Winnipeg MB
Thurs 11 Uniformed Units - Mayville



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ORIENTAL GUIDE ELECT

Bruce was born and raised in the Alamo area where he graduated from Williston High School in 1973. He attended the University of North Dakota, Williston earning an Associates of Science Degree in Agri-Business in 1975. Bruce and his wife Melanie have a set of twins: daughter Kayla, a drafter with Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson a regional engineering firm in Fargo, ND and son Kendrich (KEM Shrine member) a diesel mechanic with Triple B Construction in Williston, ND and also operates family farm with his father. Upon graduation, Bruce returned to the family farm, which he has operated for the past 30 years. Bruce is also a crop insurance agent and has an office in Williston.

Bruce was raised a master mason (11/13/1998) in Sunrise Lodge #211 in Aberdeen, SD and currently Master of Mt. Moriah #51 in Williston, Senior Warden Yellowstone Historic Lodge #88 Fort Buford and also a Charter Member of Yellowstone Historic Lodge #88 Fort Buford. He became a Yelduz Shrine member in 1998 in Aberdeen, SD under the guidance of his father-in-law Elmer Diedtrich (Past Potentate Yelduz Temple 1981). He is also a member of the Aberdeen, SD Scottish Rite Bodies and joined Kem Shrine in 1998. He is also a member of the Williston Shrine Club, Williston Roadster's, Minot Shrine Club, KEM Ritual Divan, Khartum Temple Boat Racer, North Dakota Hillbillies Clan #172, Warder Order of the Eastern Star in Williston.

He has been active in the Alamo Fire Department, currently board secretary and district fire chief of there two departments. He is also on the NW Regional Emergency Response Advisory Committee of North Dakota.

Bruce is also president of the Hauge Cemetery Association and secretary of Calvary Lutheran church board. Bruce enjoys snowmobiling, fishing and spending time with his family in his spare time.

CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD

Philip (Punk) Landis was appointed Captain of the Guard of the Kem Divan by Potentate Tom Hanson at Kem's annual meeting.

Philip was born and raised in the Larimore area where he graduated from Larimore High School in 1979. He attended North Dakota State University earning a BS degree in Agricultural Economics in 1985. Philip works for WW Grainger as an Account Manager and with his Brothers taking care of the Family Farm. Philip has a daughter 20 attending the University of North Dakota and a Son Russell 15 a sophomore at Red River High School. His soon to be "Lady" Melissa has a Son Morgan 15 a sophomore in Cooperstown.

Philip was raised a Master Mason in the North Star Lodge #16 in Larimore. Philip joined Kem in 2010; he is a member of the Ritualistic Divan and the Hillbillies.

Philip enjoys golfing, all things Masonic and loves to mix it up with a challenge.



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OUTER GUARD

Ron was raised in Janesville Wisconsin and came to Grand Forks in 1981 compliments of the US Air Force as a military firefighter.

In 1988 he became a civilian firefighter at the Grand Forks Air Force Base where he is currently the Assistant Fire Chief for Special Operations.

Ron and his wife Nancy have 5 children and 3 grandchildren with a 4th due in February.

Ron became a member of Malta Lodge 131 in Grand Forks in May 2009 and became a member of KEM Shrine in June 2009.

Currently Ron is the President of the Cycle Corps and a member of the EZ Riderz, Mobil Nobles, and Ritualistic Divan.

Ron and Nancy reside in East Grand Forks, MN.

MEMBERS WHO HAVE ANSWERED THE CALL OF THE BLACK CAMEL

Alf Birkland
Richard Glessing
Richard Buettner
Allen Delmont
Leon Gordon





RECORDER RE-ELECTED

Dale Duchscherer and his wife Deb reside in Aneta, ND they have one daughter, Jill who attends UND. Dale and Deb own and operate D and D Roofing.

Dale joined the Mayflower Lodge, Grand Forks Scottish Rite, and Kem Temple in 1990. He has served as Past Master, Kem Divan and Kem Potentate 2009. He also served on the Kem Football board and is currently Kem Football Chairman. Dale is a charter member of the Provost Unit and Kem Cycle Corp, he also belongs to the Mobil Nobles, Ritualistic Divan, Hillbilly Clan 172, Minot Shrine Club and is an associate member of El Zagal Temple.



Ladies Luncheon a big success. The ladies were entertained with a style show as they enjoyed their lunch.



Pictured to the right are the Past Potentates Ladies in attendance who were honored. →



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It is not too early to plan on going on this year's trip to the Shrine Hospital in the Twin Cities, May 19-21 for the annual "Hospital Days" The bus will be leaving Thursday morning and returning on Saturday. Cost will be \$50 to \$60/ person, plus 2 night's motel. Both the noble and their lady are encouraged to attend this informative outing. If you have been a Shriner for less than a year, you and your Lady will ride the bus free. More information will be provided in the next Burning Sands. Mark your calendar now.

If interested contact:

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RITUALISTIC DIVAN

The Ritualistic Divan performed the ceremonial during the Children's Christmas Party in December. We have also decided to assist any Lodges requesting our assistance for help performing the Master Mason Degree in their own Lodge. This will help all Lodges raise Mason's in their home Lodge and give our group more responsibilities and opportunities for involvement. Anyone wishing to join and help with these tasks should contact Bill Steckler at 218-791-6162 or any Ritualistic Divan member. We are in the process of obtaining a parade vehicle and should be able to participate in the St Patrick's Day parade on March 12th this year, which is also the same date as our next KEM Shrine Ceremonial, which will be held at High Noon- 12:00 March 12th. Do not miss this! Anyone wishing to join and have alot of fun helping each other can come to our next meeting March 5th, 7 PM at the Masonic Center.

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PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION**

The Grand Forks Masonic Center Preservation Association is a tax exempt organization charged with the responsibility of soliciting funds for the preservation of the building in Grand Forks which houses several Masonic bodies, including KEM Shriners. Originally built in the early 1900's, the building is listed on the National Historic Register, and is one of the prime examples of the classic architectural style of that period.

The Association has received private donations for its work, and is also the recipient of several grant sources of funds, including an award from the North Dakota Historical Society. Recent projects have included cleaning and tuck-pointing of the exterior of the building. Window repair and replacement is one of the projects on the 'to-do' list, as well as further roof repairs.

Presently, the group is concentrating on renovations and refurbishing of the stage "drops" in the auditorium of the facility. These drops provide the scenery and pageantry for the various Masonic groups during their ritual work and theatre-style productions. Recently, one of the scenery drops was slightly damaged due to an aging and failed mechanism which not only stores the drops above the stage, but also allows them to be lowered into view by the audience. The Drops are all hand painted, and a Masonic theatre expert from the Twin Cities has indicated that repairs need to be made, and soon, as the drops are a vital part of Masonic history, and the Grand Forks set is one of a very few left in the country and can never be replaced. A small grant has been received by the Association for initial work on the drops, but unfortunately, the grant is not sufficient for the entire renovation project, and it must, like most grant sources, be match by local contributions.

Please consider the Grand Forks Masonic Center Preservation Association in your end-of-year gift giving plans. The group is a '501 (c)3' tax exempt organization recognized by the IRS, so all gifts and donations are tax deductible. The board of Directors is made up of a representative from each of the Masonic bodies which use the building, with Cory Lien as president, and Mark Engelstad serving as Treasurer.



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We have accomplished many of our goals for the Masonic Center in the year 2010, but there is still a lot of work left to be done. One of our very important goals will be to raise money to repair and maintain the Scenery Drops in the Upstairs Auditorium. We have a very rare and valuable asset with these drops, but, because of their age, they are in need of some repair and maintenance. We will receive an \$8000.00 grant from the ND Historical Foundation for this purpose, but, we will have to match it with our own funds.

On Jan. 30th 2011, Malta lodge will again host their Annual Boy Scout Fund Raiser with their Ham and Potato Dumpling Dinner. Because this has become an annual event, it is widely known throughout our community and brings a large number of people into the Masonic Center. Last year we held a Craft and Bake Sale in conjunction with the dinner to raise money for the beautiful mural that was painted downstairs and for some equipment we needed for the downstairs auditorium. We raised almost \$1000 with the sale of craft and baked goods. The pies, baked goods and treats were VERY popular last year and sold out before a lot of people even got there to shop.

We plan to take advantage of this opportunity again this year during the Ham and Dumpling Dinner to raise money to help with our share of the matching grant. With your help and "MORE" Pies and Baked Goods," we can surpass the amount from last year. All proceeds from this sale will go toward our share we need to raise

for the matching grant from the ND Historical Foundation. During the Christmas Party in December, we raffled off a framed Terry Redlin Print and raised \$1030.00 which was presented to the GFMCPA to apply toward our part of the matching grant.

We are asking ALL members, Ladies and Gentlemen alike, to please help us out by baking an item or donating a craft item for this sale. These items can be brought to the Masonic Center on Sat. Jan 29th, between 12:00 noon and 3:00 pm as we will be there setting up. You may also bring them to the lodge between 8:30 and 10:00 am on Sunday. However, we would ask that we have everything there as early as possible so that items can be priced before the people begin to arrive at 11:00 am.

Also, the Eastern Star Ladies will be hosting a used book sale at this same time. Proceeds from the book sale will fund their Eastern Star – State Project.

Thanking you in advance:

Your "Kitchen Witch" JoAnne Whicker

BE A PART OF THE FUN

A new and exciting year is upon us. **St. Patrick's Day** parade and ceremonial will be **on Saturday March 12th** Lineup for the parade will be at **2:30 PM** and step off at **3 PM** sharp. We will stage on South 3rd Street in front of the parking ramp with the parade starting at Widman's Candy at the intersection of South 3rd Street and Kittson Avenue moving down South 3rd to Kelly's Saloon. Then just enjoy following the newest **Shriners** on their journey with the band through some of downtown **Grand Forks** finer institutions. All friends and families are encouraged to walk in the parade so ask all your friends and kids to join with us; they do not need to be Shriners or Masons. Let's get this next year started with some good memories and join us at the 4th Annual Mason's St Patrick's Day Parade.

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March 12, 2011

Candidate Registration 12:30
Ceremonial 1 pm

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St Patricks Day Parade 3 pm

Tour of Downtown Pubs 4 to 6 pm



Children's X-mas Party a Success



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RAFFLE WINNER

↑ Robyn Rolf from Grafton ND was the lucky winner of the framed Terry Redlin Print valued at \$585.00. Pictured with her are Laurie Christianson and JoAnne Whicker. The \$1030.00 that was raised from this picture was given to the GFMCPA to apply toward their share of money needed for a matching \$8000 grant given to us for repair and maintenance of the scenery drops in the upstairs auditorium. Congratulations Robyn!

