

Potentate's Message

I would like to thank the Nobles of Rameses for your trust in allowing me to represent you as your Potentate for 2006. I consider Rameses to be the Number One Shrine Temple in North America. When I was elected on the line as Oriental Guide, there were over 580 Nobles in attendance and this year again over 580 Nobles attended. What a wonderful sight looking from the front down on that sea of red fezzes.

I would like to wish our new Oriental Guide Mel Runnalls and Lady Lori, and also our new High Priest and Prophet Noble Ray Causton and Lady Maureen, the best for the future and we look forward to having them on the 2006 Divan team.

I would thank you, the Nobles, for helping Ill. Sir Robert McGregor, who stepped in to chair the 2006 Lottery. Thanks for a complete sell-out. It helps our Transportation Fund to allow the children to travel to our great hospitals for treatment.

I would like to thank Lady Pam for all her hard work with the "Stars and Angels" Ladies Luncheon, which was new this year. She made close to 1,000 butter tarts for the Nobles to enjoy. She also arranged a surprise in the Banner Exchange for me by having the Ray Steven's "Shriners' Convention" song played. Your new Potentate gets a big bang out of this song and just had to get up and dance to it. What a great day!

When I was Oriental Guide, I invited the Imperial Sir of North America to the 2006 Potentate's Ball on April 29th, tables are already being booked so don't wait. I have suggested to Imperial Sir Gary Dunwoody and Lady Wanda that they will have to shake hands with all the Nobles and their Ladies who attend. They are a great couple to be around and this is a great chance to enjoy their company as Lady Pam and myself have in the past. They have been so kind to us over the years, so let's show them some great "northern hospitality" when they are visiting Rameses.

Please put forth an effort to find new candidates to promote a successful International Shrine Membership year. This special event commemorates the 130th Anniversary of the founding of the Imperial Council of North America. This program ends June 10, 2006, so let's concentrate on signing new candidates for the Spring Ceremonial being held in Belleville.

The Imperial Council Session is in Tampa, July 1-6. It's a great holiday and an opportunity to visit the Tampa Hospital and our Imperial Headquarters if you wish. The Rameses Welcome Dinner is on Sunday, July 2 and there is entertainment planned afterwards for you to relax and enjoy. Please come on down and enjoy, 'Y'all hear!'

In closing, I would say that your 2006 Divan team are working to keep Rameses as a leader and respected as the number one Temple in North America. Strong Clubs and Temple Units make a strong Temple, so let us all work together for our Shrine and the many children that we help.

"TEAM" - Together Everyone Accomplishes More.



Illustrious Sir Frederick G. Clarke, Potentate

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