



## Treasurer's Report

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*Treasurer*

We are heading into spring and are now in the middle of our seminars; March 4, found us in Barrie, then we are off to Peterborough, March 18, Toronto, March 25 and end in Sudbury, April 1, 2006. It is a great way to pass information and answer questions for our Clubs and Units.

Our investments continue to grow and we hope that they will do even better in the future. Your Divan continues to work hard for you and our special children. Let us know if we can be of any help to you. You can reach us at our centre or through our 2006 Directory.

As I write this message, it brings to mind spring is fast approaching. A time for seeds to take root and to look forward to new life. As in nature, it holds true for our fraternity. Many of our brethren are waiting to be asked to join our Shrine Fraternity and to be part of our Great Philanthropy-Shriners Hospitals for Children. Let's not disappoint them, plant the seed, tell them why you are so proud to be a Shrine Mason. Tell them of the Fun, Fellowship, Fraternity and Family. Watch them grow, our Shrine Hospitals depend on it, our Fraternity depends on it.



## Ray's Thoughts

BY RAY A. CAUSTON  
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## Mel's Musings

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carnival parade. The weather was brisk but the hospitality was great and the girls enjoyed the great shopping spree put on by Lady Barbara Sweet.

My trip to Oriental Guide School and the Potentates Ball will have been completed and we will all have had the great pleasure meeting Imperial Sir Gary Dunwoody and Lady Wanda.

I received some sad news the other day from Tampa that our membership has dropped to 411,000. Can you imagine back in 1980 we had 980,000 members? Nobles our Ill. Sir Fred G. Clarke has appointed Noble Kevin Fudge as Membership Director and he is a good man with great ideas and enthusiasm. Please give him your support and input. Keep selling membership and having fun Nobles. We'll work through this problem together. Thanks for allowing me to work for you.

By the time you read this May issue the installations and the many winter Shrine functions will have been completed. Lady Lori and I have sure enjoyed attending a lot of them and enjoyed the fellowship. We had the pleasure of traveling with the Divan to the Northland and Timmins Club's installation and winter

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occasions and I have consistently said I will not support this motion, however for those of you that continually berate us for the use of telemarketing, think about this. If your dues went from \$60 as they are now to \$140 per year, I believe your Divan would drop telemarketing like a lead balloon. Something to think about and I would appreciate your thoughts on this. No, it's not on our agenda but the thought has crossed our minds and would our total membership support this idea? Discuss this at your Club or Unit meeting and give me the benefit your opinion. Let me repeat, this is not part of a

subliminal plan and we have no plan to put this forward unless the vast majority of Rameses Nobles want it.

This Divan is working really well together and not only are we getting the job done, we're having fun doing it. I trust all our Clubs and Units are following our example. The Shrine is the playground of Masonry and let us not forget this. I'm always available to help you if I can and your calls are important to me. Have a great summer and be careful. I look forward to our paths crossing many times in the weeks and months ahead. Best wishes to everyone and thank you all for being Shriners. I'm proud to be one of you.