



Pulling for Kids 2006



Potentate's Message

Illustrious Sir Frederick G. Clarke, Potentate

I would like to thank Nobles and Ladies for the overwhelming support that they have given in my term as your 2006 Potentate of Rameses Shriners. It is good to see the TEAMWORK and FUN the Divan is experiencing overflowing into the Clubs and Units. The numbers attending the different events have been outstanding, and everyone is having a good time.

I would like to thank Assistant Rabban Noble Brian Davenport for a job well done heading the 2006 Circus Tour and Appreciation Night. Thank you to all those Nobles, Ladies and family members that worked so hard to make the 2006 Circus Tour a success for Rameses.

The Transport Unit and Ted Rapley worked hard in making the CNE Children's Day a great event. The construction caused some challenges, but almost 2000 children had a fun and exciting day. Thank you to the Clubs and Units who sponsored the buses and helped that day.

Michael Parkes and Ross Moffat are to be commended for making the Papyrus and web-site work together. Last year our web-site averaged 25,000 hits a month and this year we have increased to 95,000 hits per month. This will give Rameses Shriners and our Canadian Hospital more chances to spread our good work. In today's business community this is recognized as a huge success, and keeps Rameses as a leader.

Oriental Guide Noble Mel Runnalls, with the help of Michael Parkes, has done an excellent job on the new Hospital Driver's ID badges. This ensures the Drivers are easy to identify on trips to the hospitals.

As your member on the board of the Canadian Hospital, I am pleased to report that the 1st Telemedicine has taken place between Regina and the Montreal Hospital. Many more are expected to come, and with the added outreach clinics, the costs to the Transportation Fund will be lowered, and our Doctors will be able to see more children. In September, on your behalf, I took another \$30,000 to the Canadian Hospital. Thank you for all your hard work for the children. Oshawa and Oakville Shrine Clubs are holding their first Black-Tie Ball with the profits going to the Canadian Hospital. What an exciting new idea they are trying.

I would like to thank Golden Rule Lodge #126 for a night of roasting your Potentate. There was a great turnout representing Shriners from Kingston to Guelph. Pam and I would like to thank those that took part and, of course, Robert McGregor PP, kept everyone in stitches. At Ionic Chapter, it was my honour to have the Grand 1st Principal of Royal Arch Masons M. Ex. Camp. George H. Gifford presented me with my regalia as Grand Sword Bearer. George is a hard working individual and a member of Rameses Shriners.

The Fall Ceremonial is on the weekend of November 18th 2006 so please look for new Candidates. The Saturday Night Banquet is a great time to present donations to the Canadian Hospital, the Transportation Fund or Rameses Shriners. Keep up the good work and I look forward to seeing you in the future.