



TRAVEL FOR KIDS



Potentate's Message

Illustrious Sir Robert S. "Bob" Whitmarsh, Potentate

As your newly elected Potentate, I would like to thank the Nobility for the great honour of serving you for the year 2007. Nobles please be assured that I take the position of Potentate very seriously and I will do my best to uphold the high standards of the Rameses.

I will strive to do my best to be a good role model for our fraternity and I trust that each of you will continue to make Rameses Temple the best in all Shrinedom. As Shriners you represent our membership to the general public. For good or bad, you reflect on the entire community. The ideals of our brotherhood, consisting of charity, morality, ethics and community service are a paramount part of every aspect of our lives. These ideals should never be overlooked or forgotten.

Your Elected Divan looks forward to working with you, the Nobility, but we do need the help and support of all the Clubs and Units.

To our junior Past Potentate Ill. Sir Frederick G. Clarke and Lady Pam we wish you well and thank you for your service to Rameses Shrine.

I congratulate our new Oriental Guide Bryan Lawson and Lady Ingrid. Bryan will be a great asset to our Divan team as they are well known in other Masonic bodies.

My thanks to Imperial Sir, George Mitchell, for running the Elections, due to the absence of Ill. Sir Peter Rhodes. I would also like to thank Ill. Sir James Rich P.P. for taking part in the Installation and to my brother-in-law Noble Don Mabley for doing the gavel presentation.

Since becoming Oriental Guide in 2003, it has been a learning experience for me. A big thank you, to all the Past Potentates and Elected Divans of the past four years, for their support and guidance.

I would ask that any Club or Unit wishing to have me or any member of the Divan attend a meeting or function this year to please put a request in writing and send it to Shrine Headquarters. Our dates do fill quickly and if you want us to attend please submit as soon as possible. By the time this Papyrus is distributed, we will have finished the Installations of Clubs and Units. As Doreen and I traveled to the different Clubs and Units within Rameses territory we were welcomed with big smiles, fun and fellowship. What a gratifying feeling to be treated so well and we do thank everyone for their hospitality. With the support of the Nobility and a great 2007 team, we will all have a good year as we "TRAVEL FOR KIDS".

Just a reminder, the 2007 Imperial Session will be in Anaheim California. The Rameses Hotel is across the street from the Anaheim Convention Centre which will be very convenient for anyone wishing to attend the ceremonies. I have booked 50 rooms for Rameses at the Desert Palms Hotel and Suites. Nobles, if you have not booked your hotel reservation with our Temple Housing Chairman, please do so as soon as possible.

As we "TRAVEL FOR KIDS" in 2007, let's make it a fun year.

Yours in the faith.

Robert S. "Bob" Whitmarsh
Potentate