



TRAVEL FOR KIDS



Potentate's Message

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My first two months as Potentate was an exciting and enjoyable time. I officiated at 25 Club Installations of officers, two of which were combined elections and installations the same night in the fall. The Shrine Clubs and Units have a very fine slate of officers for 2007. Many thanks to the Nobles and their Ladies, you were so gracious and kind to Doreen and myself. I thank the Elected and Appointed Divan for the time and effort they invested in traveling to Installations to support me.

As I write this message, final preparations are in the works for the Divan to do the seminars. I hope we have made it easier for the Nobility to attend these educational and informative days by moving them to different Shrine Clubs throughout the Rameses area. The Divan enjoy presenting the seminars and they hope those in attendance will take something back to their Club or Unit, as well as having a little fun at the same time.

The Spring Ceremonial, under the direction of the Kingston and District Shrine Club, is well underway. They have booked 950 rooms for this special weekend. If you have not booked your rooms, please do so as soon as possible. Remember your Candidate and his Lady are the special guests of the Shrine, so make them feel part of your group and attend functions with them. To make it a little easier for your Candidates, Rameses will pay the cost of a feast ticket for his Lady. For something a little different we have a Shrine patient coming from California so the new Candidates will get an idea of just what the Shriners actually do for our special children. Your Divan look forward to having a chat with each and every one of you during the Ceremonial.

There is still some room left for anyone wishing to go with Lady Doreen and I on a cruise to the Scandinavian Capitals and Russia. The trip departs August 31st with a return date home of September 14th.

I would like to let everyone know that Lady Doreen, with the help of the Appointed Divan, are selling tickets on a beautiful crocheted afghan and two professionally framed counted cross stitch hummingbird pictures. The proceeds will go towards a mural to brighten the bar area in your headquarters. The artist is now putting the final touches on this mural.

Thanks to those who have already bought a ticket and to those who have not, you still have time, as the draw will take place at the Spring Ceremonial Feast.

Remember Nobles as "Travel for Kids", we must remember to support our Masonic Family.