



Rorab Klowns inducted into the Hall of Recognition

RORAB SHRINE CLUB

Noble John Lewis was installed as 2007 President of the Rorab Shrine Club of North Bay on Friday 19 January. Ill. Sir Robert S. Whitmarsh, our 2007 Potentate, held the Installation at our Club facilities in North Bay. In the picture above are the Rorab Klowns who were inducted into the Hall of Recognition on Saturday 3 February 2007. North Bay Musicians and Entertainers held a special dinner in honour of our Rorab Klowns and were presented with a plaque commemorating that event.

North Bay Rorab Klowns take their Clowning very seriously as they raise thousands of dollars each year for the Montreal Shrine Hospital. As the busiest Klown Unit in North America they help and support many children with a variety of disabilities. We salute the North Bay Rorab Shrine Klowns.

A brief history of the Provost Marshals Unit

BY NOBLE FLOYD SALES - CHIEF, RAMESES PROVOST MARSHALS UNIT

The Rameses Provost Marshals Unit was formed in 1980 under Illustrious Sir Ben Hughes as the Provost Motor Corps. The members in 1980 were Noble Del Hopper, Noble Ken Hopper, Noble Don Sorenson and Noble Al Kairetz. The uniforms in 1980 were light tan in colour similar to our present Security Unit.

Illustrious Sir Bevan Carrique joined the Provost Motor Corp in 1981 and changed the uniform similar to the dark uniform we wear today. The shirts were a light blue and the pants were a dark blue with the yellow stripe.

The name of the Unit was later changed to The Provost Escort Unit. I am not sure of the year the name was changed. In 2001 the name of the Provost Escort Unit was changed to the present day Provost Marshals Unit. The uniform was changed to the black shirt, black pants with yellow stripe.

The Provost Marshals Unit is a high-profile Unit dedicated to the task of providing a motorized escort for the Potentate, Divan and other dignitaries at Provincial, National and Imperial events each year. The Provost Marshals Unit is under the direction of the Potentate of Rameses Temple. They also assist the Parade Marshal at all parades. The members of the Provost Marshals Unit are required to have their own motorcycles, purchase their own uniforms and possess the necessary riding skills. At present there are twelve members including three Life Members. A Provost Marshals member becomes a Life Member once he has completed a term as Colonel in Chief on the International Association of Shrine Provost.

Two of the Provost Marshals Unit are Police Officers; one member is an auxiliary police officer while the remainder are civilians. The Provost Marshals Unit meet twice per year or at the call of the Chief. The Chief serves for a period of two years. Illustrious Sir Bevan Carrique served as Chief for four years and Noble Floyd Sales served as Chief from 2002-2006. In order to become chief of the Provost Marshals Unit, the member must have served as the secretary, treasurer, and deputy chief.

Every member of the Rameses Provost Marshals Unit is a member of the International Association of Shrine Provost (I.A.S.P.). The members of the I.A.S.P. consists of active and retired police officers or persons associated with policing, military or law enforcement. The I.A.S.P. meetings are held annually during the Imperial Sessions at which time elections take place for a member interested in becoming Colonel in Chief of the I.A.S.P. We also have Uniform competition at the meeting and at the meeting in Vancouver in 2002, myself and Don Alland competed and won third place in the Uniform Competition. I believe this was the only time the Provost Unit had ever won a place in the Uniform competition. It takes seven years to become Colonel in Chief. Some of the Past Colonels in Chief were Al Karitz (1988-1989), Illustrious Sir Bevan Carrique (1995-1996), Noble Gene Kerrigan (199-2000), and Noble Don Alland (2005-2006). Noble Floyd Sales is presently a 2nd Lt of the I.A.S.P. and will be Colonel in Chief in 2011.