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Potentate's Message

Illustrious Sir Robert S. "Bob" Whitmarsh, Potentate

Since my last message Doreen and I have been to many Shrine functions, including the Potentates Ball, Special Ladies Lunch, the Spring Ceremonial and the Imperial Session in Anaheim, CA.

Our Potentate's Ball was a wonderful weekend and we owe a debt of gratitude to Chief Rabban, Brian Davenport and his Lady Johanna for making it such a success. The 460 people who attended were treated to a superb meal complimented with wonderful decorations. Thank you, Brian and Johanna, and please also convey my thanks to your team for making it such a very relaxing and enjoyable weekend for my family and friends. Everyone enjoyed every minute of the festivities.

To all the Special Ladies, I cannot thank you enough for attending the luncheon on May 27th. You Ladies play a big part in our Fraternity and this day is but one way of repaying you for all the things you do for the Shrine. Thank you, Noble Don Dyson and Lady Gloria for chairing this event again. With the assistance of the Appointed Divan it was job well done.

Before we could blink an eye, the Spring Ceremonial in Kingston was upon us. Special guest, Katie Walker, a Shrine patient from California flew in to Toronto June 3rd accompanied by her parents and brother. This visit has been in the works for months and with the help of Gene Kerrigan, our Marshall and Floyd Sales, Special Aide, the Walkers were through customs and ready to board the Newbeaver Train. The Provost then proceeded to escort the train to our home where a pot luck supper was awaiting their arrival. Some 60 Newbeaver Shriners and their Ladies were there to greet Katie and her family. I can report that they were a little excited, to say the least. I can't thank the Rameses Provost Marshals and the Newbeaver Shrine Club enough for this very special ride for Katie. Monday and Tuesday were busy days as we went to Welland Port Colbourne fish fry and the Parliament Buildings the next day. I thank John Mitchell for arranging the day at the Parliament Buildings for the Walkers. On Wednesday June 6th we were off to Kingston for the long awaited Spring Ceremonial. I feel that after many years of planning it was a great success. There were 87 candidates initiated into the Shrine. To these new Nobles please join a Club or Unit of your choice and become involved in our wonderful work. To the Ceremonial Committee, under the direction of Eric Welbanks and Lady Linda, thank you, thank you, for all the hours you and the members of the Kingston and District Shrine Club put into making this weekend such a memorial event.

Then came the Imperial Session in Anaheim, California which was well attended. I thank, with a deep gratitude, the Founders Unit for the effort made in bringing not only their Street Car but allowing me to ship a rickshaw with them. Due to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control the chariot was not able to be taken to Anaheim. The rickshaw from my mother Club El Shamaly was my mode of transportation in the parade with the able assistance of Noble Dale Plant, my puller. My many thanks to Past Potentate Bevan Carrique and Noble Clarence Bytheway for drumming and to all the Nobility who marched.

I wish to thank everyone for their support at all these functions and a special thank you to Press Corps Director, Michael Parkes for attending all of the above functions to take pictures for all to enjoy on the Website and in the Papyrus.

I hope everyone had a good summer and are ready to get back into the groove again as we TRAVEL FOR KIDS.