



Potentate's Message

Illustrious Sir Raymond A. Causton, Potentate

Well! The time has come to say good bye. It has been a wonderful experience over the past 29 years since I joined the Shrine in 1981; serving as Secretary, Vice President, President and Ambassador of the Viking Shrine Club, being honoured with the title of Ambassador Emeritus, Potentate's Award (Shriner of the Year), many years serving as Membership and Public Relations Director, being elected to Rameses Divan and becoming Rameses Potentate for 2009. Plus having our son, Paul, join the Masonic Order and becoming a Shriner.

No one can do this on their own, it is a team effort all the way. I must thank all of you for guiding me along the way. To list each of you would take many, many pages, so let me just say, thank you!

I would ask each of you to support the Rameses Divan as you have supported me this past year. Chief Rabban Bryan Lawson will be an excellent Potentate and with Lady Ingrid at his side, there will be many accomplishments.

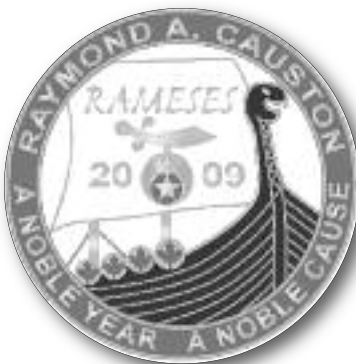
Rameses has been very fortunate to have such strong Fraternity Builders, our Past Potentates.

You have heard me say many times, the glue that holds the Divan and the Temple together is our Recorder Robert McGregor P.P. There is neither a job too large nor too small or too complicated for him, from fixing furniture, doing masonry work, electrical work or just changing a light bulb, thank you Robert!

First Lady Maureen, you have been my rock, my confidant and my love, I could not have done this without you. You have been an inspiration to the Ladies of Rameses.

Lady Maureen and I would like to wish each and everyone a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah and a Happy New Year.

Saying goodbye is the most difficult thing in life and we never learn to be good at it.



A NOBLE YEAR - A NOBLE CAUSE