



Potentate's Message

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Wow! How time flies - it was only a short time ago when I was elected to the Divan as the High Priest and Prophet. For me it has been a very rewarding time, making many new friends and renewing long lost friends due to the ever changing Rameses Shrine landscape.

It is indeed a time of change with declining membership, economic concerns and a financial awareness as never before.

I want to insure each of you Nobles, Rameses will weather this storm and emerge as strong as ever. You have not only elected a new Oriental Guide in Noble Terry Lamping but elected what I feel to be a very capable and enthusiastic Divan as shown by the addition of three major fundraisers which will be highly successful with the support of each Noble, their families and friends (more information to follow in this regard, so stay tuned).

As I have said, many times, "Membership is our number one Priority" and an "Educated Nobility will create an Informed Public". We must tell the story of our Great philanthropy, the Fun, the Fellowship and the Family Activities, we have to offer. It is up to each of us convey this message to our Masonic brothers and friends - would they not feel proud to join a Fraternity and support a Philanthropy that has helped more than 850,000 children (free of charge) over these many years and be part of the fun which the Shrine is so well known? It's time to step outside the box and ask our brothers to join with us. Many may be just waiting to be asked. If we could replace ourselves, our membership would double over night.

I would like to thank each of my fellow Nobles for allowing me the opportunity to join the ranks and follow in the footsteps of our Past Potentates. Illustrious Sirs who have given of themselves to preserve and protect this great Philanthropy.

Rameses Temple is made of bricks and mortar but more importantly its heart and soul is the flesh and blood of its Nobility. May it live forever and a day.

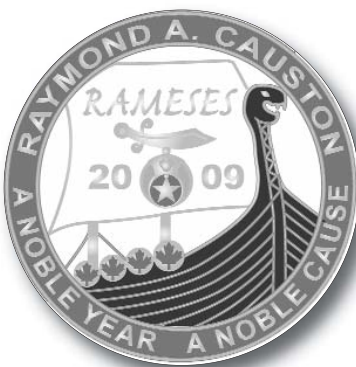
This year's slogan is, "A NOBLE YEAR- A NOBLE CAUSE". This year is for you and your families and when this year is a success, it will be solely because of you and only you.

This year, Lady Maureen and I look forward to meeting as many Nobles and their families as we can over the many months ahead. Please, if the opportunity presents itself, come say hello. To steal lyrics from Hank Snow "you're as welcome as the flowers in May".

Thank you one and all!

Yours in the Faith:

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