



Potentate's Message

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As I look out the window at the first sign of spring, it brings to mind how life springs eternal. Just as our Shrine Clubs and Units host the many Shrine activities for members, family and friends our Shrine life springs eternal.

What a great fraternity we have that practices Fellowship, Family and Fun. An organization that has something for everyone.

As our Imperial Shrine Hospital Endowment Fund loses money with the down-turn in the world economy, it has affected 3 of our Shrine Hospitals. The Galveston Hospital has been closed due to lack of funds (just, too costly to repair after last year's hurricane). The rebuilding of the St. Louis and Los Angeles Hospitals has been put on hold. I must add that none of our special children will go without our care.

We must step outside the box or extend the box as never before. Remember, membership must be our number one priority. An ever-growing membership can only alleviate this situation. More members mean more hands for fraternal and charitable fund raising.

On a more positive note, Rameses has indeed stepped outside the box by implementing a fraternal fundraiser for all 12 Shrine Centres in Canada. By the time you read this message the Petro-Canada Shrine Fundraiser should be in full operation. Please support this endeavour personally and encourage your friends and family to use the Shrine Fuel Saver Card to buy gas or diesel at Petro-Canada. Each litre of fuel you buy, Rameses will receive up to 2 cents a litre, no cost to you and you can also use your Petro-Points card.

Many thanks must be given to our office staff, members of the Divan and our fundraising chairman Assistant Rabban Jim McKinney for their hard work and dedication.

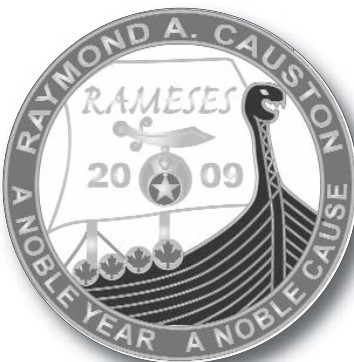
Many of you have heard of the Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open Golf Tournament held in Las Vegas last year, what a great success. Well, there will be a PGA Tour event in our area very soon.

The date is July 20-26, 2009. The name of the PGA Tour event is RBC Canadian Open and is being held at the Glen Abby Golf Club in Oakville, Ontario.

Imperial Sir Ralph Semb has asked, "If we can have a good showing of Shrine Fezzes it would certainly attract many of these PGA Pros to attend Las Vegas this coming fall". What a great way to project our Fraternity and Philanthropy, just by wearing your fez.

If you would like to attend, I will need to know how many Nobles need tickets, which are free.

Please contact your Ambassador no later than 8 June so I can get the required tickets.



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