



## *Shriners Do It Best*

# ***Potentate's Message***

Illustrious Sir Bryan W. Lawson, Potentate

I would like to thank the Nobility for the honour of serving as Potentate of Rameses Shriners. This is an honour which I do not take lightly and I will do my very best to work in the best interest of Rameses Shrine and the children who we support.

Many challenges are ahead of your Divan and the Imperial Council which will require some hard decisions to be made with regard to our Hospital System and the Shrine in general. Your Divan will work in your best interest always.

As your Potentate, I would like to continue to see fun in the Shrine which is one of our purposes. A member will return again and again if he enjoys his night out. Each Club and Unit should try and plan a new event this year and promote membership in the Shrine. Each Shrine Mason should attend his Craft Lodge and be a visible Shrine Mason.

I would also like to see all our Club and Unit meetings run using the correct protocol with all the toasts etc., this adds much to the evening and is part of running your meeting correctly. Please take the extra time and make the meeting one that the members will want to come back to.

This year, Rameses will have a number of Temple events which will require the Nobilities' Participation and Support. The first is the Spring Ceremonial in Collingwood which is going to be a first class event with all accommodations at the Blue Mountain Resort.

Rameses Shriners has also been honoured to be the host of the 136th Imperial Session in Toronto. Rameses Shriners will be staying at the Delta Chelsea Hotel and as is the case of all Imperial Sessions, your room is to be booked through the Temple or the Temple Housing Chairman. The cost of the rooms is \$169 + tax and the first night's deposit is required to book. Rameses has already paid the binder fee to Imperial Session 2010 on your behalf for 200 rooms.

It has been brought to my attention that there are Clubs and Units who, for one reason or another, are going out on their own and booking their own room. By doing this and not booking in with your Temple, the Temple will lose the binders fee for all rooms that are not rented which has been paid for on your behalf. Those Nobles who decide to stay on their own will also miss out on the many activities that are planned for the members who are supporting the Temple and will be staying at the Delta Chelsea. There are, of course, some exceptions such as an Oriental Band who is booking with their band association etc., these are expected and normal at all Imperial Sessions. Please be aware that Imperial Session 2010 will be collecting the Binder Fee from all those who book on their own outside of the rooms booked by the Temple.

I would hope that Rameses Clubs and Units will review their plans and make plans to stay with your Temple at the Delta Chelsea.

I congratulate all the new Presidents and Officers of all Clubs and Units and wish them a successful 2010. This should be a great year in Rameses Shriners and I look forward to the year ahead.

Best wishes for safe and happy travels, and remember, Shriners do it Best.

