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Potentate's Message

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As I write this message it is hard to believe that over two months have already passed since being installed as Potentate. It has been a very busy and exciting time and I have had the opportunity and honour of presiding over a large number of Club installations. I would again congratulate all the new Club Presidents and Executives and remind you that it is your year for you to make a difference in your Club so work hard and have fun.

I would like to thank all the Clubs for their hospitality and kindness that they extended to myself and Lady Ingrid as well as the other Divan members during our recent visits. It is wonderful to be with so many friends and meet some new ones. We both look forward to visiting the many Clubs again during the coming year. I would also thank all the elected and appointed Divan members and their Ladies for all their time and effort in attending and supporting us during the past couple of months. Your attendance at all the functions has been very much appreciated and we hope that your visits have been as much fun for you as it has been for Lady Ingrid and I. We hope that you can continue your visits and make your year an exciting one.

The arrangements for the Spring Ceremonial in Collingwood are near completion and if you have not made your arrangements yet, I would make it a priority as the cut off date is fast approaching. This will be a great weekend and the location is in the middle of some of the prettiest country in Ontario. I look forward to seeing everyone during this weekend at the Blue and having a fun-filled weekend.

The Imperial Session is now just a couple of months away, if you have not made your plans for your stay at the Delta Chelsea you are just about too late, but if you are still interested call the housing Chairman or Headquarters ASAP. The committee chairmen for the Imperial Session still need help so if you would like to be part of the working staff, get a hold of one of them right away and give them your help.

I hope that every Club and Unit in Rameses will take the time and be in the parade even if you cannot stay down for the session. When was the last time you were in an Imperial Parade? If your Club is attending, the Marshall needs to hear from you so that the required space is booked in the marshalling area.

For those who may be interested in the Potentate's Trip to Portugal your booking needs to be made very soon so as not to be disappointed. This should be an interesting time with lots to see and do. Lady Ingrid and I are both looking forward to hosting you during our time away in Portugal.

I would like to thank the Nobles and their Ladies who have already purchased tickets in support of Lady Ingrid's Project. With the help of the other Ladies of the Divan, tickets on some beautiful items including a cross stitch blanket and an afghan are being sold. There are still some tickets left and they will continue to be sold until the Spring Ceremonial where the draw will be made at the Ladies Program.

Nobles, did you get to your Craft Lodge meeting this month? If you missed it try to get there next month and inquire if there is anyone who would like to become a Shriner. It would be really nice to have a large class for the Spring Ceremonial. Active Shrine Masons get Candidates and we need to attract new Shriners to keep Rameses strong.

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

