

Nobles and Ladies,

Elle and I had an amazing week last week in Minneapolis with Kate and Russ Graves PP, Jim Logan PP, Matt Plemmons, and plenty of old and new friends from across the world. The Imperial Session went off really well and we will be sharing more in the way of resolutions and business during our quarterly meeting this weekend. It was quite a sight to see close to 1000 Shriners and their Ladies take over downtown Minneapolis. We got a chance to say farewell to outgoing Imperial Potentate and First Lady William and Debbie Bailey and welcome the new Imperial Potentate Kenny Craven and First Lady JJ. We also welcomed in new Imperial Outer Guard Ron Devoll and his family. I believe both candidates would have represented us equally well and we are in good hands with Imp. Sir Ron.

There are some exciting things happening Shrine wide and we got to hear about a few. Shriners International and Shriners Childrens is partnering with Walt Disney for a collaboration to celebrate our 150th and 100-year anniversaries. There will also be a celebration and concert in September in Houston with Country Superstar Dierks Bentley. The Sports Committee is looking at a new partnership with the NHL among other new opportunities. We met the new Shriners Childrens ambassadors and Lady Elle was made a charter member of the new Patient Alumni network. We are excited for her to get a chance to share her Shriners Hospital experience with more people. She also got her picture taken with Bobbi Jo Wright, the young girl who was carried by a Shriner. The picture of Bobbi Jo and Shriner Al Hortman was later immortalized as the image of the Silent Messenger.

I wanted to thank our Ladies that are involved in with Daughters of the Nile. The Nile made donations of over \$2 million to the Shriners Hospital at Imperial Session. We are so proud of your contribution.

Coming up this weekend, Saturday the 16th we will be holding our Quarterly Meeting at 10:30 at the Nez Perce Lodge in Lewiston, 9:30 Divan Meeting. We will be having lunch afterwards at Assistant Rabban Kenny Buckners Place. We will be ordering pizza and offering a small hospitality set up. Please bring a small donation to help cover costs and some extra chairs to help with seating. I apologize for butchering the spelling of the lodge name in several emails. I will learn eventually. We have some important business to take care of so please think about attending and getting a chance to exercise your right to vote on the direction of our Shrine Temple.

Summer PNSA is rapidly approaching August 18-20th. If you haven't registered, you can respond to the Records email or register online through the Summer PNSA website. The hotel block rate tends to fill up quickly so don't delay. I'd also like to get a head count for who is attending so we can plan accordingly. Elle and I will be taking our RV if you would like a ride to and from North Seattle. We are expecting several Imperial Officers and their Ladies along with the Commander of the International Legion of Honor. There will be competitions and parade units on display as well as updates from Imperial on both Fraternity and Hospital. Finally, there will be plenty of fun and fellowship with friends from all over the Northwest. If you haven't been, you owe it to yourself to go to at least one.

It is parade season. If you have a parade on the schedule, please send it to the Calam Office so we can get the word out and get maximum participation. Same goes for Unit and Club events. We can't support you if we don't know about it.

Finally, I spoke with the head of the Sports Committee that is handling the Shriners Childrens Open golf tournament this year. They are expecting a record turn-out and tons of celebrity support and Hospital publicity. We are going to cancel any block rate rooms that have not been booked on the last day of July to avoid having to reimburse the hotel for those rooms. Airfare seems to be getting more expensive by the day. If you haven't booked your trip yet and you would like to attend, please do so quickly. If you are already booked and I haven't spoken to you, please shoot me an email to let me know you are going. I am trying to get an idea of attendance so we can plan group events and transportation. So far, we have opportunities to see both Aerosmith and Miranda Lambert in concert in addition to the many shows and concerts that are normally in town. It's going to be a lot of fun; I hope we will see you there.

I hope everyone is healthy and safe while enjoying the heat. I will see you Saturday at the Quarterly Meeting.

Yours in Faith,
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Potentate 2022

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