

Nobles and Ladies,

Another week in the books. If you missed the quarterly meeting, you missed a great time! Thank you to everyone that took the time to be involved in the business of the Temple and for joining us for some fun and fellowship after. A big thank you to Noble Assistant Rabban Kenny and Lady Becky Buckner for graciously hosting the lunch festivities. Even though we underestimated on the Pizza Supply it turned out to be a good time with plenty of visiting and sun.

We discussed quite a few items at the business meeting, but I will limit my sharing to the few essentials. At our first quarterly meeting we voted to make a motion to change the by-laws to reflect a \$20 dues increase. We will be publishing this in the Clarion to get due and timely notice to our members so that we can vote whether to pass this at the 3rd Quarterly meeting on Oct. 22nd. The resolution at Imperial Session to increase the assessment \$20 was voted down. I strongly suspect that we will see this again next year but whether it passes or not, that money doesn't come to the Temple. As a reminder, we do have funds available to help Nobles that are struggling to meet their obligations in these hard economic times. If you need assistance, please ask. We have the funds available, and we would rather help out in a small way than see our long time Nobles drop membership and miss out.

The second large item we discussed was starting an endowment fund for Calam Temple that could be invested and the interest that is earned used to help cover the continuing deficit in our operations budget. The Divan will be researching what this will entail and suggest some language on how best to manage this and will present our findings at the next quarterly meeting. The vision is for Nobles that would like to help Calam for the long term to donate directly or include the Temple in their Estate Planning.

Our acting Recorder Jim Logan PP updated the Nobility on the resolutions passed at Imperial Session. For the most part they were housekeeping type resolutions. For the Hospital side, there was a resolution passed to remove the maximum age of 72 for those serving as Trustees on the International Board and a resolution to allow any Noble to serve on a few of the Committees, not just Voting Representative. A resolution allowing the Joint Board to approve new Hospital facilities without the local Board of Governors or a vote at Imperial session did not pass. On the Fraternity side there were two new Temples approved. One for a dispensation, and one new Charter for a Temple in Lebanon. Two resolutions that didn't pass were the assessment increase previously discussed and a vote to stop paying the Per Diem for Voting Representatives Spouses.

Jim Logan PP was able to talk to Imp Sir Ed Stolze about the resolution that he was proposing to raise the minimum number of Nobles at a Temple to 300 in order to keep the Temple Charter. Imp Sir stated that he wasn't able to get any support for the resolution as he traveled to all the Association Meetings and so he pulled the resolution. It doesn't sound like he will be introducing the resolution in the future without some big changes. We will be attending Summer PNSA soon and we will keep everyone apprised of any new developments on that front.

Yesterday I attended the Board of Governors meeting at Spokane Shriners Hospital with Dave Bundy PP. Imp Sir Richard Burke was again assigned as our Hospital Liaison, so it was nice to speak with him again and hear updates from the Joint Board. The Spokane Hospital continues to excel in every category and is the number 3 Hospital in the System in almost every metric. Until last week, they were leading the system in donations received so far this year. The fracture clinic is seeing a big surge as we pass through July and the busy season for outdoor sports and activities. The backlog of non-emergent surgeries is starting to be addressed as Covid sanctions lift. The Hospitals in the PNW are reporting that they are over capacity with patient beds being taken up by those no longer needing them. With staffing surgeries and facility closures due to Covid there are a limited number of places to move patients after surgeries. This could start to affect operations at Spokane Shriners as we share some surgical facilities with neighboring hospitals that are experiencing issues. Overall though, the Hospital is doing an excellent job and is on track to see a record number of children this year.

This message went a little longer than intended but I appreciate your patience in sticking with me this far. We still have plenty of amazing things in store this year and Ellen and I are looking forward to sharing them with all of you. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you.

Yours in Faith,
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