Notes From The Pote
by Donald E. Lane

We had a great time in Tampa for the Shrine Imperial 2016. Lady Denise sure enjoyed being there with Chief Rabban Gale Kenney & Lady Jane, Asst. Rabban Larry Bronner & Lady Anne, Treasurer Steve Kiely & Lady Rhoda, Chief Aide Blair Schaufele & Lady Lil, and your favorite and mine, Past Potentate Richard Kovak & Lady Carroll. See Chief Rabban Gale Kenney’s article in this issue.

We enjoyed taking time out to congratulate Past Potentate Kovak on reaching his Emeritus status by sitting down and having dinner together. This was something we will always remember.

Thanks to all of the Units and Clubs that make the parades a success. Everyone looks forward to seeing you all there. Don’t forget why we participate – the smiling faces, waves from the crowd and thank yous. Sometimes the journey is long but the rewards are worth it.

At the Past Potentates dinner held on June 3rd, the 2016 Divan and their ladies had a wonderful time honoring the Past Potentates. Once again, Lady Denise did a magnificent job with table decorations and ladies’ gifts. Please remember that it’s not just about us – the ladies keep us on the straight and narrow – thanks for all you do.

At the golf tournament on July 9th, the weather was perfect and we had a good turnout. The course looked great and played wonderful. Thank you, Arne Ringstad for the wonderful job of putting this together. Also, let’s not forget all of the women and men that stepped up to help out and to make this event a success: John and Tim, great job on the steaks – my Fez is off to you; Jerry Biddle, thanks for being my partner – let’s do it again. Keep up the good work and I am looking forward to next year. I will be your first volunteer.

The Nile Family Picnic on July 17th was so much fun! The event was MC’d by the reluctant, Jerry Gillespie – you did a great job! Bellies were filled courtesy of the Potentates’ Band – they did a marvelous job – thank you. The children enjoyed the pony rides, bouncy house and a huge slide. A big hit was the kid’s pie eating contest. Someone had a bright idea for the Potentate to be in the pie eating contest – I decided that it was even better if the entire Divan participated. We sat with plates mounded with pie and whip cream before us. Then it was go time, whip cream was flying, pies were eaten and when done, all of our faces were pie and whip cream smiles! Congrats to HP&P Steve Dazey for his amazing pie eating skills. Thanks, it was fun!

The lady clowns showed off their face painting and balloon shaping skills. WOW! You truly do make the kids and me smile. Thank you, we always look forward to you dressing up and being there.

If you couldn’t make it, you missed the ladies selling yummy baked goods. They were such a hit. At times you couldn’t even see the table because of the popularity of the goodies. I can tell you, they looked great and tasted even better. Thank you ladies for all you do!

This event was such a success due to JR Henning and Jerry Parton for making it happen – you are wonderful! But let’s not forget that it was also successful by you Shriners bringing your families and sharing your time with us. I will always remember all of the hugs that I received – it means so much to me.

We will be heading off to Billings, Montana for 2016 Summer PNSA in early August. You can count on it being hot, but should still be a lot of fun. Don’t forget 2017 Summer PNSA will be held at the Nile in July. The committee continues to meet and we really do need volunteers, including ladies. If interested, contact Scott Wells, Jim Hutchins, any Divan member or myself. I guarantee all of the competitions and events will be close to the temple.

Our annual Everett Aqua Sox baseball game is on August 27th. Join us for a picnic at the baseball park followed by the game, Everett vs. Vancouver. Contact the Nile office to get your tickets early.

For our temple to grow we need new members – our legacy is with you. I want to thank all of you that have been out there recruiting with a special thank you going to the Kitsap Shrine Club for doing a great job – way to go!

We are sorry to hear Past Potentate Dave Ramich & Lady Kathy are leaving and moving to Las Vegas. We bid them farewell and wish Lady Kathy well in her new job. It will be exciting for them both. Let us know how things are going as you continue your journeys.

And last but not least, Catering is doing well; please remember to contact them to schedule an event so you won’t be disappointed.

Remember we are here “for the children”.

See you on the golf course.
Below are the results of the Session:

There are currently 196 Temples and 257,012 Members, with a net loss of 12,574 Members for the year.

The new Imperial Potentate for 2016-2017 is Imperial Sir Chris L. Smith.

Due to the passing of Imperial Sir Wayne J. Lachut on June 26, 2016, the position of Imperial Oriental Guide became open and all Imperial Divan Officers will move up an office. That created two openings at the bottom of the line. There were four candidates vying for the two positions. The results are: the newly elected Imperial Captain of the Guard is Imperial Sir Richard G. Burke, of Yaarab Shriners, who was elected on the first ballot. Imperial Sir Kevin R. Costello, of Cyprus Shriners, became the new Imperial Outer Guard. It took four ballots for him to be elected.

There were 27 proposed amendments and resolutions on the Call for Shriners International, an Iowa Corporation, for consideration. Below are those that passed:

- The travel allowance per mile to a Representative shall be the standard mileage rate as published by the Internal Revenue Service of the United States in effect at the time the expense is incurred, not to exceed 30 cents per mile, if the Representative used ground transportation (public or private), but not to exceed the amount indicated in 205.1(a).
- The Officer position of Deputy Imperial Potentate would be eliminated and the bylaws would be amended accordingly.
- Ararat Shriners would be added to the list of temples that may elect members based on a written ballot if the candidate receives 51% of the votes.
- Midian Shriners would be added to the list of temples that may elect members based on a written ballot if the candidate receives 51% of the votes.
- Temple Recorders will no longer furnish facsimile signatures to the Imperial Recorder.
- Shriners International would be permitted to advertise in Shriners magazine products or services offered for sale by Shriners International or sell advertising in Shriners magazine to commercial or other business enterprises for the sale of products or services.
- Shriners International would be permitted to furnish a list of members of temples to a 3rd party for the purposes of publication, distribution and sale of a directory of members of temples.
- Shriners International would be permitted to use the lists of members furnished by the temples to solicit gifts, contributions and bequests to Shriners International and to sell products or services by Shriners International.
- Shriners International would be permitted to use the lists of members furnished by the temples to promote the sale of memorabilia or commemorative items of an Imperial Potentate with the proceeds of any such sales benefiting Shriners International. The promotion and sale of any such items would be on such terms and conditions as directed by a resolution adopted by the board of directors of Shriners International.
- In civic parades, Shrine musical groups will be allowed to invite non-Shriners to participate as long as there is a distinction in the dress of the non-Shriner.
- Jurisdiction of Austria, Great Britain and Norway would transfer from Aahmes Shriners to Almas Shriners.
- Egypt Shriners would have jurisdiction in the Republic of Guatemala.
- Aad Shriners and Kem Shriners would have concurrent jurisdiction in Beltrami County in the state of Minnesota.
- Hikmat Shriners would gain exclusive jurisdiction in the states of Paraiba, Rio Grande do Norte and Rondonia in the country of Brazil.
- In Civic Parades, individuals who are not Nobles would be permitted to ride or drive standard motor vehicles for which they are legally licensed to drive by their state of domicile or, if a properly licensed Noble is not available, drive a vehicle that requires a special license if the driver meets the appropriate licensing and insurance requirements.
- Saladin Shriners would relocate to 233 East Fulton Street, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, and their charter would be amended to reflect the change of location.
- Marzuq Shriners would be permitted to join the Florida Shrine Association.
- Alee Shriners would be permitted to withdraw from the Southeastern Shrine Association.
- Kerbela Shriners would be permitted to withdraw from the Southeastern Shrine Association.
- Alcazar Shriners would be permitted to withdraw from the Southeastern Shrine Association.

There were three (3) proposed amendments and resolutions on the Call for Shriners Hospitals for Children, a Colorado Corporation, for consideration. The two that passed are below:

- The Officer position of Deputy Imperial Potentate would be eliminated and the bylaws would be amended accordingly.
- The “Oversight Committee” will continue with the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Shriners Hospital for Children appointing the chairman and four additional members of the committee for the succeeding year.

Two elections also took place:

- Two Trustees were elected or re-elected to the Board of Trustees and Officers. They are: Illustrious Sir Anthony M. West of Zamora Shriners (re-elected) and Illustrious Sir Chuck D. Pittman of Yaaarab Shriners (newly elected). Each for a three (3) year term.
- For President of the Board of Directors and Officers, as well as, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Officers for 2016-2017, Imperial Sir Jerry G. Gantt was elected over Imperial Sir Dale W. Stauss by a vote of 557 to 389. 474 votes were required for election.
UNIT AND CLUB NEWS . . .

Nile Oriental Band

PNSA is just around the corner and sixteen Nobles from the Nile Oriental Band will be attending the event in Billings this year. We always have a great time and are looking forward to the hospitality room, banquet, competition, parade and comradery that are always part of PNSA.

There is a lot that is still on our schedule this year – the Nile family picnic where we will prepare dogs, burgers and hand out cold drinks – not the typical type however! Our big fundraiser at the Evergreen State Fair – selling corn on the cob - will take a lot of work and effort and as always is the 12 days before Labor Day.

If you want to have a good time in Shrinedom, the Oriental Band is the place to be!! We have openings for every Noble regardless of talents or lack thereof. Just stop by on a Monday at 6:00 pm in the Nile basement and start the best days of your life!

By Jim Hart, Director, 425 454 5694

Olympic Peninsula Shrine Club

Olympic Peninsula Shrine Club will hold its next get together (meeting):

When: 1:00 pm Saturday, August 20, 2016
Where: Bell Creek Bar & Grill
707 E. Washington Street, Sequim WA

We will have an outstanding program by "George Washington" himself. You will not want to miss this program; he does a fantastic job. See you there.

By Ed Entrican, 360-683-2598, eddiana@q.com

Renton Shrine Club

Oktoberfest (in September)
September 10, 2016
12:00: Enjoy German bier, red or white wine
1:00: German feast of grilled bratwurst or Dick’s Famous Ribs
2:00: Fellowship
Dress: Casual
Cost: $10 donation to Nile
Where: Kent east hill’s Gerber Haus
Call 253-852-1172 for reservations & directions.

Oktoberfest (in October)
October 6, 2016
6:00: Zem Zem
6:30: Order dinner
Dress: Casual with fez
Where: Renton Highlands’ Plum Delicious Restaurant

Any questions: email andy@wangstad.com or call 253-347-1945

Calliope Unit

The Calliope Unit will be performing in the August 6th Lake City parade, and in the October 1st parade at Granite Falls, which is our last parade for 2016.

Membership in the Calliope Unit is down so we still need new members. Please let us know if you are interested. It does not take up a lot of your time especially if you are working. You can contact our Secretary, Noble Bob O’Brien at: robert3734@comcast.net or by phone at 206-546-1426

By Noble Bob T. Wilson, Captain

Ladies Oriental Shrine

Save the date for “An Evening At The Ritz”
Saturday, November 5th is the Ladies Oriental Shrine annual auction and dinner at the Nile Shrine Center. Doors open and Silent Auction begins at 4:30 pm. Live auction includes a Holland America cruise and a fishing trip for eight people, among other great items.

For tickets/info, contact Donna Elsworth, donnaels@hotmail.com

OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday 8:00am-3:00pm

Membership: 425-774-9611 x 213
Catering: 425-774-9611 x 411
Golf Pro: 425-774-9611 x 512
Fax: 425-672-1833

The 2017 Dues Notices will be mailed in September this year. Be sure that you are current with your dues and that we have your current address, phone number and email address. Contact the Nile office with your updates.
**Nile Car Club**

The Nile Car Club will hold its annual Car Show on Sunday, August 28. The show begins at 10 am with trophies awarded at 3:00 pm. Every Noble and their families are invited, so bring the family and a friend to enjoy the festivities.

There is a $20 registration fee for each vehicle. A raffle ticket is included with each entry. Spectators are free.

If you are interested in joining the Nile Car Club, you do not need to own a collectors vehicle. Having an interest in anything automotive is the only requirement.

For more information, contact:
Noble Gary O’Leary, 425-308-1387, olearytg2@frontier.com
Noble Greg Mathers, 206-542-1409, williegofast@frontier.com

Noble Greg Mathers  
Secretary Nile Car Club

**Shurtah Unit #1**

The Shurtah continues to meet upstairs by the Potentate’s office on the first Wednesday of each month, with Zem Zem starting at 5:00 pm, a light supper at 5:45 pm, and the meeting starting at 6:30 pm with everyone back on the road by 7:30 pm with “peace and harmony” prevailing…

The Shurtah is getting itself ready for its “Annual Barbecued Beef Sandwich Booth” at the Evergreen State Fair in Monroe the last week in August thru the Labor Day Weekend. We will be needing officers & their wives or significant others to help out with the preparation and serving of these sandwiches. This is one of our largest income producing events of the year!

The Shurtah Unit suffered the death of one of its past High Shire Reeves, Noble James Vey, a retired King County Sheriff. Jim was a fine officer and a positive leader of the Shurtah Unit.

The Shurtah Unit remains available to the Nile Shrine Center for “security service” whenever alcoholic beverages are being served in the main building or in the picnic areas. In addition, the Shurtah serves as security for the “Haunted House” in October in regards to crowd control and the supervision of parking.

The Shurtah Unit is always looking for Shriners who have served in a law enforcement capacity in any locale, including the military police, to become active members in this service organization.

If you have any questions relative to the Shurtah Unit, its membership, or its activities, please contact:  
Dr. Skipp Metzger, Scribe, 360-378-0166

**Temple Belles**

Open to all Nile Ladies who want to be informed, involved and/or just to have fun. Call a friend and ask them to come with you.

**Wednesday, September 21st at 11:30 am** in the 19th Bar and Grill for a no host lunch. Hope to see you all there. Any questions, call Annie Bronner at 360-658-8304 picketb18@gmail.com.

**Nile Mini Bikes**

By Captain David Brady Sr. (PP)

It’s been a great parade season so far this year. Since the end of May, we have been in parades in Bellingham and the 4th of July in Sedro Woolley. In July, we had a great time at our Nile family picnic on Sunday, July 17th. We are looking forward to participating in the upcoming parades. To the right is our remaining schedule for July, August, September and October.

We are looking for new riders to join us in 2017 and have bikes available. The cost per year is $50 which includes your bike. The more riders we have in the parades, the better we look.

Please contact me at email: bbunchiii@aol.com, cell: 206-919-5125, or home: 425-481-0159.

We will have monthly meetings after the parade season and would love for anyone interested in finding out more about our unit, to come to the meetings when they are scheduled. We can answer any question you have about us. We want our ladies to be involved too and have plans to include them. We will have riding practices starting in the middle of March 2017 to get ready for the parades. All of our practices are on Sunday afternoon at Mountlake Terrace High School from 2:00 pm and goes until around 3:30 pm. Parade season starts the 2nd weekend of April.
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**May/June Donations**

**Shriners Hospital**
- Dorothy Livie
- S. Ashley Brinkley
- In Memory of John G. Brinkley
- Tommy K. Cheng

**$100 Million Dollar Fund**
- Eastside Shrine Club
- Beverly Grosso
- In Honor of Rod Grosso’s 80th Birthday

**DAD Fund**
- Nile Oriental Band
- Tim Karas
- Richard Sardeson
- Renton Shrine Club
- Nile Oriental Band
- Your Cascade View Family
- In Memory of Gerald Henning

**General Fund**
- Ahmes Court Oriental Band

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William Russell (February)       James Vey (June 9)
Yancy C Blalock #265             Rainier #189
Seattle WA                       Seattle WA

William Thompson (June 29)       Walter Spencer (July 11)
Kodiak #295                      San Juan #175
Kodiak AK                        Friday Harbor WA

Imperial Sir Wayne Lachut (June 26)

If you know of a fellow noble who has passed away, please notify the Nile office so that we give them the proper recognition.
Join us for Picnic, Baseball & Fireworks—Everett AquaSox vs. Vancouver Canadians

**When:** Saturday, August 27th
**Picnic starts at 6:00 pm**
**Game starts at 7:00 pm**

**Where:** Everett Memorial Stadium
3802 Broadway Ave., Everett

**Cost:** $22/person—$18 six & under

**Dress up as Pirates & Princesses!**
Picnic includes hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, cookies & non-alcoholic beverage. Call or stop by the Nile office to purchase your tickets. 425-774-9611 x213

Tickets will be available in the office 4 days prior to the game or pick up at the game.

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**34th Annual Greeters Crab Feed at the Nile Shrine Center**

**October 8, 2016**

**Zem-Zem**
6:00 pm

**Dinner**
7:00 pm

Reserve a table now for an evening of fun, dancing to live music and a delicious crab dinner!

**Tickets:** $35 per person
$260 per table

Contact Earl Conom 425-885-0502
Tickets also available at the Nile Shrine Center Office 425-774-9611 x213

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**ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

for the Nile's #1 annual fundraiser! Kids welcome too.

Nobles and Ladies, we are currently ramping up our October haunted house Scream Team and could use more adult actors to compliment our incredible Masonic youth group actors. Our young adult demographic demands realism and adults know how to make that happen. Acting is super easy and SO...MUCH...FUN!!! We also need help with security, traffic, box office, set design and more. No experience necessary and no need to attend every show. Just help when you can! We could even use your help now. Haunt build season is upon us and weekly meetings are underway!

**COME JOIN OUR TEAM!**
For more volunteer info, contact Jody Bossert at jody@hauntednightmare.com or (206) 465-6216.

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