NOTES FROM THE POTE  
by Donald E. Lane

I would like to thank you for your vote of confidence in electing me to the Office of Potentate for 2016. It is an honor to have your faith in the ability of those that were elected. I want to have a year filled with open communication, your involvement in decisions, and fun!

I would like to extend my congratulations to the Divan and all the Club and Unit officers being elected to their positions. Thank you, Illustrious Sir David and Lady Karen for your service this past year, and for you prior service on the Divan.

Congratulations to our newly elected Oriental Guide Michael J. Riley and Lady Kimberly, Treasurer Steve Kiely and Lady Rhoda, and Recorder Illustrious Sir James L. Hutchins and Lady Marilyn. Lady Denise and I are looking forward to working with each of you and will support you the best we can during the year.

The 2016 Nile Installation has come and gone. Amazing how fast time goes. Your 2016 Divan, Lady Denise and I want to thank you for being a part of the installation and ball. We had a great time, it’s always fun when we can share it with you.

If you were not there, we had awesome attendees. We were treated to a great display of hors d’oeuvres and they were excellent. Thank you, ladies. The evening started with the Nile Oriental Band and their fabulous musical talents, you truly are the face of the Nile. The Office of the President has its own band, and it’s time the Office of the Potentate has his own band. I anoint them with that distinction.

I thank the Legion of Honor for presenting the colors and salute to our glorious flag. Lady Kathy Ness sang the National Anthem, and the Canadian Anthem. She did us all proud, thank you, Lady Kathy.

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FROM YOUR RECORDER  
by James L. Hutchins

It is an honor for me to serve as your recorder 2016. I promise to do my best to serve the needs of Nile, our Nobles and families.

Our outgoing Recorder, Noble Richard Syson, served us for over seven years. He served with great distinction and will still be an invaluable resource in our efforts to assure the future success of our fraternity. We should give Noble Syson a hearty “thank you” for all his years of service to us.

Looking to the future, we have a number of structural issues with our temple facility that will need to be addressed. Those issues include the structural problem with the outside wall in our Legion of Honor meeting room and the ground pressure that is distorting the foundation wall of our vehicle garage and golf cart storage building. We are working to take care of these problems now. While doing this, your Nile Divan and the employees of Nile are working tirelessly to turn around our food service operations, and once again make them profitable. In all, we anticipate a very positive outcome for Nile’s operations during 2016.

We have already seen positive financial successes this year, thanks to the efforts of Nile’s Insurance committee. The committee is composed of Nobles Al Dillan, Jim Johanson, Fred Wolfstone, and Ashley Brinkley. Thanks to the efforts of these Nobles, the Nile has saved over $27,000.00 in its 2016 insurance premiums. When you see these Nobles, please thank them.

On Wednesday, February 10th, we have our next Nile stated meeting. This meeting will be for Nobles only. Among other things, I anticipate that one item on the agenda will be decreasing our annual dues for 2017. If you haven’t yet paid your 2016 dues, please pay them.
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The 2015 Divan were introduced, and then a great dinner was devoured by all. Thank you, Chef Daniel and staff. The installation began, following dinner with the Nile, Gizeh, and El Katif Shurtah members. My sincere thanks to each and every one of them. The Canadian Shurtah members were exquisite in their uniforms. I was proud of all of you.

Appointees, Appointed Divan, and Club and Units were brought in. The 2016 Divan were introduced, given the Oath of Office, and Fezzed.

Illustrious Sir David Brady, Sr. was presented with his Past Potentates Fez and Jewel. Illustrious then gave his final remarks as the 2015 Potentate.

I then introduced Hannah Schuerman, our guest speaker. Born with a birth defect, she became a Shriners Child amputee at 1-year-old. She is most famously known for her reign as Miss Spokane 2013. I think she should be famously known for being a patient at Shriners’ Hospital. She is an ongoing advocate for the physically disabled community. Hannah is studying nursing in Spokane and is a newly-wed wife to a Naval Officer who is currently on deployment.

We all thought she was truly a lovely young lady. It was amazing to see how well she could dance and twirl around the floor. We were amazed how lively, outgoing, and truly sincere she was in every way. It certainly reminds you how terribly petty our problems seem at times, when compared to our Shriner Children. Thank you, Hannah, for coming over. Your speech was wonderful.

I want to thank Illustrious Sirs R. Wayne Duke, George Wohlleben, and Eugene Gilbert for being an integral part of our installation. Master of Ceremonies, Noble Larry Gillespie, was in rare form as the director of the band. I really am sorry if you did not get to see his wiggle, but our grandkids sure got a kick out of him!

• February 6th is the Oriental Bands annual “Crab Feed”. Remember the tickets are available now and they go fast! They do put on a great event.
• February 10th is a closed stated meeting with the Legion of Honor as the Honor Guard for the evening.
• February 27th is the Nile’s “Unit/Club Seminar” upstairs. It is important that each club and unit has a representative to attend this meeting, so they may share the information with their respective unit/club.
• March 5th you are invited for First Lady Denise’s Luncheon at the Nile beginning at 12:00. Lady Denise will have more information in a future email to come.
• March 9th will be a closed Nile Stated Meeting.
• March 13th the LOS Installation will take place at the Seattle Scottish Rite at 2:00 pm.

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March 26th will be the Kids Easter Egg Hunt always a success, bring your kids, grandkids, and family.

I sometimes think that we get away from our Shriner’s Creed; I wanted to give you a part of what I was reminded of when I took my oath of office:

“As individuals, we pledge ourselves to integrity, virtue and nobility of character. Our intentions will be honorable, our relationships will be trustworthy and our spirits forgiving of each other.

As brothers, we offer each other fraternal affection and respect. Together we will support each other in adherence to this creed so that we and our communities will be better because of our fraternity and its principles.

As Shriner’s, we look beyond ourselves to serve the needs of others, especially children who cannot help themselves. We believe Shriner’s hospitals to be the world’s greatest philanthropy, and we covenant with each other to support its “temples of mercy” with spirit, time, talent and means.”

Remember we are here “for the children”. See you on the golf course!

From Your Recorder continued...

to the meeting so you can have a voice in the dues issue.

All clubs and units are reminded that your Recorder needs a list of all parades that you wish to take part in so that insurance can be provided to protect our Nobles.

Hoping you have a wonderful and prosperous 2016!

TEMPLE BELLES

A Temple Belle is a widow, wife, or friend of a Nile Shrine Mason. If you want to be informed, participate, and help in Nile events, or just come out for lunch, and fellowship please join us!

The next meeting of the Temple Belles will meet in the 19th Bar and Grill at Nile Shrine Center on Wednesday, March 18th, at 11:30 am.

Please RSVP to Annie Bronner at if you plan on attending, by calling 360-658-8304 or via e-mail at picketb18@gmail.com. There will be a brief meeting, and no host lunch, ordering from the restaurant menu.

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Oriental Band Crab Feed

Reserve a table now for an evening of fun and a delicious
425-749-9611 x213
Tickets also available at the Nile Shrine Center Office
Contact Larry Elliott at 425-903-4847
$35 per person

Tickets:

Directed by John Gradowski
"Oh Holy
Arrington High School Jazz Band
Featuring The
Dinner 7:00 pm
Zem-Zem 6:00 pm
February 6, 2016

at the Nile Shrine Center
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