

On Jan.18th, 2020 the new Luxor Divan was installed and I thank all of those who attended with a special thank you to Ill. Sir LeRoy Hoffman and our Ceremonial Cast led by Noble Russell Robinson. The Luxor Clubs and Units were well represented and donations were made to Luxor which was greatly appreciated especially by Noble Gord. Friends of Colette and I, Noble Shawn Hewlett and Lady Anne from Rameses Temple from Toronto were in attendance and Shawn presented me with a ceremonial Gavel.

That evening we enjoyed a delicious meal in the Temple and I thank Noble Doug and also Jed and Moe for the music. It was Luxor's pleasure to host the Representatives of the Concordant bodies, especially the MWGM aka Noble Randy and Lady Susan. Thanks also to Noble Terrance who acted as emcee for the evening and Noble Robert and his Director's staff.

On Jan.27th I visited Fredericton Shrine and with the assistance of Ill. Sir Don Demmings, installed the Club Executive then the Luxor Clown Unit Executive and enjoyed a great meal courtesy of The Order of the Eastern Star.

On Jan. 28th I travelled to Sussex and Installed Noble Mark Rose and his Executive after which we enjoyed a light lunch and the usual social time. I especially enjoyed time with Ill. Sir Doug Cosman.

On Jan.29th at the Shrine Centre in Saint John I installed the Executive of the Saint John Shrine Club, The Railway Unit, and the Motor Corps. Thank you to Ill. Sir LeRoy for his assistance.

On Feb. 6th Lady Colette and I represented Luxor at the Aleppo Potentates Ball. Ill. Sir Gary Bartlett and First Lady Gloria were our hosts. We had a wonderful time and really enjoyed the family atmosphere including children and grandchildren of the 280 people in attendance.

On Feb.15th I attended the Saint John Shrine Club Ladies Lobster Stag. A big thank you to Noble Al and his hard working crew. A special thank you to Noble David Harding who was really popular with the ladies in his tuxedo and bowtie, and who in about less than 3 hours sold almost \$1500.00 of tickets on First Lady Colette's Diamond Ring Fundraiser. Well done David.

On Feb.18th I was on the road again this time to Bathurst accompanied by Ill. Sirs Bill and LeRoy. North Shore Shrine Club President, Noble Terrance Spence put us to work installing his Executive. A very enjoyable meal was served by the Atlantic Host staff. The highlight of the evening for me was to have the privilege of presenting 50 year pins and certificates to Ill. Sir Murray Clouston and Noble Art Jagoe.

On Feb. 28th it was off to Fredericton for the Clubs and Units Workshop. Great turnout by the Clubs and Units and a very enjoyable Q & A session after the regular Divan presentations. Our host for Friday and Saturday was the Fredericton Motor Inn, General Manager John Waite and his staff did us proud some of you may not know just how much John and his facility do for our Shrine Children in transit to our Shrine Hospital in Montreal.

2020 is a leap year; therefore we had a Feb. 29th which was the date for our Curling Funspeil. Unfortunately we had a couple of last minute cancellations which necessitated a couple of 3 man teams. Funspeil co-chair Nobel Roger Baird quickly made the required changes and off we went slipping and a

sliding to a very enjoyable day. The Victorious team was team Moore from Saint John. Many thanks to co-chair Noble Bill Ryan for looking after housing and arranging the prizes and keeping me straight. The Capital Winter Club were great hosts and provided both lunch and dinner for our enjoyment.

On March 7th & 8th we had the first of two planned Sugar bush Breakfast weekends at Kings Landing. 32 or so volunteers worked extremely hard to prepare and serve breakfast to almost 1400 guests. A big thank you to all the volunteers from around the province. Kings Landing Corporation were pleased with our first time effort and they look forward to partnering with us in the future. On March 12th your Executive decided after much discussion and opinions from others, that we should cancel the second weekend due to the Covid-19 developing situation. This was not an easy decision to make but when I talked to Kings Landing that afternoon I was relieved when they said they were in total agreement with our decision. The decision made turned out to be extremely prudent as only a few days later the province was locked down and under a State of Emergency.

On March 17th St Patrick's Day we closed the Luxor office and Brandy started working from home. All Luxor functions were cancelled and remain closed as of May 15th. The Luxor cancellations to date include the 2nd weekend breakfast, the Spring Basket Festival, the Spring Ceremonial, and the 4 Magic shows.

One of the biggest casualties due to Covid-19 is our Shrine Hospital in Montreal. The Hospital has been substantially closed except for a few emergency cases. There have been no children transported from New Brunswick in the last couple of months. In the meantime ladies from The Eastern Star and Daughters of the Nile from all across Canada have been making personal protective equipment such as reusable cotton gowns and protective masks and delivering them to our Shriners Hospital. Kuddos to our Ladies.

In addition the closure has affected Club Functions as well. Falling victim to Covid-19 was the Hospital Seminar in Montreal, the NSA Midwinter meeting and Fall Field Days as well as the Imperial Session planned for Kansas City in July. We had 9 Luxor fundraisers in our 2020 budget totalling approx. \$100,000.00, at this time its quite possible that all but 2 could be cancelled. We are presently working on the Luxor Cash Calendar to get ready for an earlier distribution date. First Lady Colette is working on her fundraiser, the Diamond Ring project and has about 1200 tickets distributed but we need help from our Clubs on this Luxor fundraiser.

As a result of cancelling the Spring Ceremonial we have decided to hold the 2nd quarter Stated Meeting by Tele-conference on May 20, 2020, and will consider additional calls in the future.

In closing I hope you and your families stay healthy and safe during this pandemic, may God Bless you all and especially our Shrine Children.

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Ill. Sir Brian Biggins, Potentate

