DO YOU PARTICIPATE OR JUST BELONG??

By: Antonio “Tony” Ligaya
Potentate

Es Salaam Aleikum!!!

“Busy” could very well be an understatement for how we’ve been thus far; and it’s good!!

Even before we ushered the second quarter of this year now ended, Aloha Shriners was represented in the installation of officers of a couple of ladies’ support organizations - those of Sister Miriam Fortuno’s as High Priestess of Hawaii Court #60, Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America (LOSNA), on March 23, and Sister Eileen Skinner’s as Queen of Egyptian Temple #33, Daughters of the Nile (DoN), a week later on March 30. Between these two installations, on March 29, we honored our ladies at our annual “Ladies Night” at the Shriners Beach Club in Waimanalo with approximately 60 in attendance! Our Hospital was also visited by 25 Nobles and Ladies of Sesosiris Shriners, from Lincoln, Nebraska, led by their Potentate, Illustrious Sir Keith Houfek, after lunch on March 29.

On April 5, at 8:30 a.m., about a half-hour before we started our Stated Meeting, Illustrious Sir Tom Conlon, Potentate of Rajah Shriners, from Reading, Pennsylvania, along with 50 other Nobles and Ladies from that Shrine Center, came out to visit and tour our Hospital. I stayed with their group for about 20 minutes but had to excuse myself to conduct the Stated Meeting. I sincerely thank Noble Zeke Schmus, the Honolulu Shriners Hospital for Children’s Chairman of the Board of Governors, and several Past Potentates such as Illustrious Sirs Bruce Holmberg and Manny Quodala, and other Nobles, for their invaluable assistance in accommodating our visitors from these couple of Shrine Centers on short notice!

Not everything was rosy, however. Our Past Potentates’ Night that was originally set-up for April 12, regrettably, had to be rescheduled as only one (yes, one!!!) confirmed attendance!!! Also, with only myself, Illustrious Sir Manny Quodala, Nobles Chris Acosta and Jun Biala, and another Noble we found near the start of the parade route, and his lady, whose names I cannot recall, we participated in the Youth Parade in Waikiki on April 16.

I was hoping and was looking forward to a more robust attendance of our May events, however, such was not to be! With only a handful of Nobles in attendance, I conducted an on-site ceremony and created four (4) new Nobles at the Scottish Rite Cathedral on May 10, and, if not for the 27 sailors who volunteered at our annual Breakwater Clean-up event at the Beach Club in Waimanalo on May 25, we would have had an
extremely challenging, if not almost impossible, task to finish the task! *(For your information, I am willing to conduct on/off-site conferrals even if there is only 1 applicant so please put on your recruitment hats and bring those candidates in.)*

Our re-scheduled Past Potentates’ Night was held at the Beach Club on May 31, and was attended by six (6) Past Potentates - Illustrious Sirs Rudy Duncan, Jack Webb, Lee Skinner, Nelsson Becerra, Bruce Holmberg, and Manny Quodala. All told, a total of 40 Nobles and Ladies were in attendance.

As I write this message, I am reminded of my scheduled meeting with Noble David Gomes of our Purveyors to discuss preparations for our annual Bucky Rogers Chili Cook-Off this coming Sunday, June 22, at the Beach Club, which I hope will be well-attended!!! I also hope the July 6 “Paniolo” fund-raising event for our Patients Transportation Fund will be well-supported, but, unfortunately I, Illustrious Sir Lee Skinner, our Recorder, and Noble Lee Gordon, our Assistant Rabban, will not be able to attend as all three of us will be at the Imperial Session in Minneapolis, Minnesota July 6-11. Until my return, Noble Jun Biala will be acting on my behalf, and shall be leading Aloha Shriners’ participation in the anticipated 4th of July Parade in Kailua; I am asking for maximum participation by the Nobility in paying tribute to our country and celebrating its independence!!! *(Updates: Our “Bucky Rogers Chili Cook-Off” and the first-ever “Paniolo Cook-Out” fund-raiser were successfully held, with approximately 50 and over 140 in attendance, respectively. Big Mahalo to Noble David Gomes who practically single-handedly engineered both events and everyone else who helped in their execution! The 140th Annual Imperial Session of Shriners International in Minneapolis had over 1,000 Nobles in attendance at all the meetings, and which was highlighted with the installation of Imperial Sir Dale Stauss as our new Imperial Potentate and an almost 3-hour Shrine Parade in the streets of downtown Minneapolis; local news reported there were in excess of 150,000 Shriners and their ladies during Imperial Session week. Look for the related report in this issue on the resolutions during the Session. Finally, my sincere appreciation to those who participated in the annual Kailua 4th of July Parade; I am informed visiting Nobles from ships participating in the current “Rim of the Pacific 2014” (RIMPAC 2014) maritime exercises joined our ranks as well!)*

**My fellow Nobles and Brethren All** - Here’s an excerpt from “The Shriners’ Creed” (underscores are mine) which I pray will remind you what we are about; I leave it up for you to decide whether you are, in fact, a Shriner:

- “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 the better because of our fraternity and its principles.

- As Shriners we look beyond ourselves to serve the needs of others, especially children who cannot help themselves. We believe Shriners 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."

I will be ever very appreciative of the great efforts our Units and Shrine Clubs have been doing through the years, as well as the support of certain private establishments that partner with us, to raise much-needed financial resources for our Transportation Fund, but I also firmly believe we as individual Shriners can do more - and I am reaching out to you, my fellow Nobles, for just that!!!

Those of you who have been in attendance at our various functions, including meetings of our Shrine Units, might remember me talking at every opportunity to ask you to support this year’s **“Dime-a-Day”** Project. I sincerely hope you will not abandon our children - the very purpose of our Fraternity - by contributing at least $35.00 a year, which is approximately $0.10 or a dime a day, to this Fund. My goal is to collect from at least 800 members of our Nobility, which once realized will augment our Fund by at least $28,000! I urge those who have the means to contribute more to consider sending more in. Please contact our Recorder for additional information, i.e., to whom your check should be made out to, where you can send it, etc.

So my fellow Nobles, Won’t You Spare a Dime???
I again leave you with what we Shriners believe, that, “No Man Stands So Tall as When He Stoops Down to Pick a Crippled Child Up”, and to again remind us all that what we do is not for us; it’s not about us, it’s not for you or me, or anybody else It’s About the Kids: The Future!” Aleikum Es Salaam!!!
Assistant Rabban

Aloha fellow Nobles,

What an active year we are having so far under the direction of Illustrious Antonio Ligaya. We have had numerous opportunities for celebration and fellowship but have experienced low attendance at the functions. Please take time out to mark your calendars for the remaining events for the year and take full advantage of the chance to spend quality fun time with your fellow Nobles.

In March of this year I had the privilege of representing Aloha Temple at the 2014 Assistant Rabban Leadership Conference in Tampa. The Imperial Shrine does an excellent job with these training sessions and always manages to send us home with an eagerness and positive outlook designed to ensure successful outcomes. However once back, the task of invigorating and reengaging Nobles is oft times overwhelming and daunting. I have witnessed over the past three years, as a member of our progressive officer line, a sense of apathy that sucks the energy out of our enthusiasm as your elected leaders.

We need all of you to join us in the effort to build our Temple for future Nobles and the never ending need for us to provide medical services for the children of the Pacific Rim. Your participation is critical to our success as the only supporting Temple for the Honolulu Shriners Hospital.

Again I need to ask for all your help in bringing in new members to Aloha Shrine and for developing new and exciting engaging activities for our Nobles to experience. This must first start with your participation on every level of the organization. I look forward to seeing you all at our coming events and around the hospital. Want a tour of YOUR Hospital? Contact me and I will personally show you around.

Noble Lee Gordon

RECORDER’S MESSAGE

The 140th annual Session of Shriners International was held recently in Minneapolis. Although the Minneapolis/St. Paul area experienced significant flooding recently, “mother nature” cooperated and the weather was great during the entire session. This year there were 17 items on “the call”, or proposals to amend current Imperial bylaws, which were voted on by the representatives. Nine passed, four did not pass and four were withdrawn. You will see a breakdown elsewhere in the WaHa. I will discuss two of them. Item #7, a proposal to increase the current per capita tax from $15.00 to $27.00 was soundly defeated; why I don’t know. Item #14, a proposal to “permit Shrine Temples, units, clubs and/or committees to perform fund raising for the benefit of care for “Wounded Warriors” by Shrines Hospitals for Children, provided that such fundraising is in accordance with the provisions of General Order #1 in effect at the time of the fundraising” was defeated. There was significant discussion on this item, both pro and con, and some from Nobles who are also veterans, prior to the final vote. The general feeling of the voting representatives was that this proposal would dilute our primary fund raising efforts to help Shrine children, our primary goal. The defeat of Item #14 is not meant to convey, in anyway, a rejection, of the ongoing relationship between Shriners International and Department of Defense with regards to the “Wounded Warriors”.

Without a doubt, the most discouraging news to come out of the 2015 Imperial Session were the statistics pertaining to current Shrine membership. These are the sad facts: although 7,491 men became Shriners, there were 698 affiliations and 2,631 restorations, there were also 2,121 demits, 10,422 deaths, 157 expulsions/resignations and 11,373 suspensions. The total membership of Shriners International at the end of 2013 was 283,625, a loss of 13,251 Nobles in 2013. From the year 2000 to 2012 the Shrine has lost 219,000 Nobles. A very sad commentary on our fraternity to say the very least. We must work to overcome this decline in membership and move forward with a positive attitude.

The news is not all bad. There are temples with positive growth. Kem Temple in Grand Forks has had 15 consecutive years of positive growth. You will see my report on the legislation elsewhere in the WaHa.

Lee Skinner, P.P.
1. **§203.6 Amendment:** This would allow a member in good standing in the Colorado Corporation to vote in the election of the Imperial Outer Guard. **Failed.**

2. **§205.1 Amendment:** This amendment would eliminate the word “unrestricted”, which is language that is not generally used in the airline industry currently, and it would make clear that Representatives will not be reimbursed for a refundable airline ticket. **Passed**

3. **§205.2 Amendment:** Only Representatives as defined in specific sections of the bylaws would receive mileage allowance and per diem. **Passed**

4. **§206.5 Duties.** This would amend the duties of the Imperial Potentate to be consistent with the Articles of Incorporation and also give authority to the Imperial Potentate to respond to a request by a temple that voluntarily wants to consolidate, merge or surrender its charter. **Passed**

5. **§208.6 Amendment:** This would amend the duties of the Dispensations and Charters Committee to be consistent with the Articles of Incorporation and a request by a temple to voluntarily consolidate, merge or surrender its charter. **Passed**

6. **§208.7 Amendment:** This would create a new Special Committee to coordinate and manage any voluntary or involuntary action to suspend, annul, revoke, consolidate, merge or surrender a temple’s charter. **Passed**

7. **§211.5 Amendment:** The current per capita tax of $15.00 would be increased to $27.00. **Failed**

8. **§323.5 Amendment:** Aahmes Shriners would be added to the list of temples that may elect based on a written ballot if the candidate receives 51% of the votes. **Passed**

9. **§323.5 Amendment:** Marzuq 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. **Withdrawn**

10. **§332.2 Amendment:** This would permit a temple to set the annual dues at any level and at more than one rate for reasons determined by the temple. **Withdrawn**

11. **§453.1 Amendment:** Almas Shriners would gain exclusive jurisdiction in the Federal District of Brasilia in the country of Brazil. **Passed**

12. **§499.1 Amendment:** Kismet Shriners would have concurrent jurisdiction with Emirat Shriners in the country of Latvia. **Failed**

13. **§498.1 Amendment:** Anezeh Shriners will no longer have exclusive jurisdiction in the Republic of Mexico except for the states listed in subparagraph (a), above. **Withdrawn**

14. **RESOLUTION:** Shrine temples, units, clubs and/or committees should be permitted to perform fund raising for the benefit of care for “Wounded Warriors” by Shriners Hospital for Children, provided such fundraising is in accordance with the provisions of the General Order No. 1 in effect at the time of the fundraising. **Failed**

15. **RESOLUTION:** Al Chymia Shriners would be permitted to join the Dixie Shrine Association. **Passed**

16. **RESOLUTION:** Pyramid Shriners would move from 158 Research Drive, Unit P, Milford, Connecticut 06460, to 2428 Main Street, Stratford, Connecticut 06615, and their charter would be amended to reflect the change of location. **Passed**

17. **PETITION FOR PROPOSED NEW TEMPLE:** A petition has been received from Nobles and Master Masons in the country of Brazil for dispensation to open a new temple titled Hikmat Shriners in Cuiaba, Mato Grosso, Brazil. **Passed**

18. **§504.1 Amendment:** Current Chairmen and Vice chairmen of the boards of governors would be reimbursed by their respective Hospitals for transportation and lodging for their attendance at the annual meeting of the corporation. **Passed**

19. **§508.8 Amendment:** This would allow a trustee, who was elected or appointed before his 72nd birthday, to continue to serve as a trustee until completing three full elected terms unless he voluntarily retires. **Failed**
20. **RESOLUTION:** Hospital Regulations would be modified to allow the acceptance of patients at facilities of Shriners Hospital for Children up to the age of 26. **Passed**

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**Paniolo Cookout**

*Where were you?*

July 6, 2014.

If you were not in Waimanalo you missed out on a great event.

This was the first ever event put on primarily by the Purveyor Unit. This event, by the words of the Most Worshipful Grand Masters of Masons in Hawaii, was one of the best the shrine has seen in years.

During this event over 10 door prizes were given away, along with a pot totaling $200.

The primary music and entertainment was provided by Noble Ron Tish. Ron played Paniolo Music and shared many paniolo jokes with everyone. He also explained who the paniolos were and how they came about in Hawaii.

Also included in this event were the West Oahu Line dancers. This is a dance group of 12 showed up to support the shriners transportation fund. This group of rootin tootin dancers strutted their stuff in front of an audience of over 150 of our friends and family. They got the audience to participate, even the most Worshipful Grand Master along with the past potentates, felt the rhythm of the music and had to get up and dance with the group.

The final Act of the evening was Frank Wilcox Napuakekaulike De Lima, or frank De Lima for short. Frank is a popular local comedian and is considered by some media sources to be the most sought after comic in the state. With a Portuguese, Hawaiian, Irish, Chinese, English, Spanish, and Scottish heritage, he is known for light-hearted "Portagee" (Hawaiian Pidgin English for "Portuguese") slurs in his routine. Frank's charming delivery had his remarks cradled in a profoundly good-natured rascal manner which provided hearty laughs to all.

We, the Purveyor's want to thank everyone who attended and especially to those who helped out with this event.

Keep an eye out next year for even a better and more entertaining venue put on by the purveyors...

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**A Brief Note from the Rainbow Girls**

Aloha everyone and welcome to Rainbow Hawaii!

My name is Razzelle Rono and I am the Grand Worthy Advisor of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Hawaii. My position is very similar to a club president and my members are all girls between the ages of 11 and 21. Each year a new Grand Worthy Advisor is appointed and must make several choices to represent her term, which begins in June and ends the same time the next year.

In the past, Grand Worthy Advisors have chosen charities, such as the American Cancer Society, and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation as their service project for the year. This year, Rainbow Hawaii will be assisting the Shriner’s Transportation Fund in their endeavors to provide transport for the families of patients around the pacific.
Along with this charity, I hope to increase my girls’ appreciation and love of nature, one of the seven lessons of the Rainbow. So far, we’ve had picnics, and a camp, as well as several service events with other organizations.

Through all our events, it has been my pleasure to see girls from both assemblies become closer and cross the boundary of assembly lines. We still have about a year left and so much exciting events ahead!
On behalf of the Shriners Purveyors and the Rainbow Girls,
Thank you
for supporting and making the Paniolo Cookout a success!
“Illustrious Sir Antonio “Tony” Ligaya is shown congratulating Imperial Sir Dale W.”
Stauss on his election as Imperial Potentate of Shriners International.”

“Aloha Shriners’ representatives at the 140th Imperial Session of Shriners International held at Minneapolis, MN -- Illustrious Sir Lee Skinner, Recorder, Noble Lee Gordon, Assistant Rabban, and Illustrious Sir Antonio ‘Tony’ Ligaya, Potentate, are shown with Noble Zeke Schmus, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Honolulu Unit’s Shriners Hospital for Children (third from left).”

“A panoramic view of the public opening of the 140th Imperial Session of Shriners International.”

The Maui Shrine Club, Parade Brigade Unit, participated in the Maui 4th of July parade in Makawao, on July 5, 2014. We had of our "crazy" cars in the parade, along with our convertible, a Shrine Banner and the Flags of the United States, Philippines and Mexico. Pictured in the two cars and Nobles Edde Kanai and Jerry Eiting. The Nobles and ladies in the Convertible were Paul Genereux and Beverly Jaworski.

GOOD OLD DAYS

The family house hold was busy, happy place, with the big kids taking care of the little kids, mother was kept busy in the kitchen, cooking, ironing, sewing and peeling and cooking vegetables out of the garden or cellar and chopping off the chicken’s head and picking it. The old man worked 12 hours a day for three bucks to keep the
household going. For some reason in those days folks were paying their bills, the divorce courts had no business, folks buck, and no one was having a nervous breakdown and nobody knew isn’t it odd how they lived?
**FUNDRAISING CHECKLIST**

All fundraising promotional materials must contain a **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**. Below is a checklist for each type of fundraising activity.

**FOR CHARITABLE FUNDRAISERS:** “Net proceeds from this *(activity, event, etc.)* are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children.”

**FOR FRATERNAL FUNDRAISERS:** “Net proceeds from this *(activity, event, etc.)* are for the benefit of XYZ Temple/Unit/Shrine Club.”

**DISCLOSURE (for Fraternal fundraisers)** “Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions.”

**NOTE:** All fraternal fundraising materials must include both the statement of purpose and disclosure.

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PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP
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Spouse Name ____________________________  Email Address ____________________________
Hobbies ____________________________

Would you like to be contacted by our Units or Clubs?  ___ Yes  ___ No
(Your privacy is very important to us, and your information will only be used for official Shrine business.)

TO THE ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF ALOHA SHRINERS, OASIS OF THE PACIFIC, I,
THE UNDERSIGNED, HEREBY DECLARE THAT I AM A MASTER MASON IN GOOD STANDING OF:

LODGE OF ____________________________

I FURTHERMORE REPRESENT THAT I HAVE NEVER APPLIED FOR SAID ORDER, NOR HAVE I, TO THE BEST OF MY
KNOWLEDGE, BEEN REJECTED BY ANY OTHER SHRINE OASIS. IF I BE FOUND WORTHY AND MY REQUEST
GRANTED, I PROMISE TO CONFORM TO ALL THE CEREMONIES, ENGAGEMENTS, CONSTITUTION,
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With your email address so that we can be sure our Membership Program has the correct information. We are hoping to be able to email you notification when the Wa’ha Aloha is available online at our website: www.alohashriners.org
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