

Potentate's Message

Reflecting back it is so hard to believe that two months have already been completed. I need to find a way to slow time down so we can complete all these events and meetings. I truly believe we are off to a great start with our accomplishments. The Game Night Supper was again a banner success. Dave Butterfield and his Lady, Carla, deserve a big thank you for managing the event in 2010. Also, thank you to Bob Wogatske and Uncle Miltie for your continuous work in the kitchen. There are so many more Nobles who deserve thanks for putting so many days into this event and you know who you are. Thank you for all you do year after year. Moving forward, I was so happy to have such a successful Unit Head Installation. Between the dinner and entertainment people stayed until 11:00 PM. Kudos to Ill. Bob Marshall for suggesting the East Coast Boogie Boys who brought in lots of laughs for the Nobility and their guests. I still often think of Skowie dressed as Elvis. Thank you to William Faust and his Lady, Debbie, for putting together and managing such a great night. I want to thank everyone for their comments and e-mails on how well received the event was. One e-mail I received was if the unit head installation has anything to do with how the entertainment will be in 2010 we will certainly have fun. Now I will have to find talent to keep up with the same high standard. With so much going on in the 1st quarter of 2010, it has been quite difficult to keep up with the meetings, events and Northeast functions so, unfortunately, we had to split the Divan up as it is impossible to be in two or three places at the same time. An example of this is some of the Divan represented Melha at the Aleppo reception in Boston, whereas, others attended the LOSNA event at Melha. As you can see it takes teamwork to do all this and I feel we have a great team in place. By the time you read this the Comedy Night will be over and I am really optimistic that it will be another success for Melha.



*Let's Ride Again in 2010,
Supporting Our Hospitals Once Again*

A special thanks to Dean Whalen and the Directors Unit, who offered to run the event, for stepping forward and taking Country Western Night on April 3. The entertainment once again speaks for itself with the well known band Cottonwood performing. When I asked the Nobility to get involved with an outside event I never thought I would have anyone jump so fast.

One wish that came true in 2010 is the creation of a new Group, M.A.P. You will be hearing more about this throughout the year and it consists of three groups coming together, Membership, Ambassadors, and Public Relations. What enthusiasm with all the new members in this group. It looks to me as Dan Smith might have his own little army in place for 2010, including some of his own personnel. Also, keep your eyes open for another new club being started at Melha in 2010. It will be the Outdoorsman Club consisting of hunting, fishing and target shooting. And I know there's a large group of Nobility ready to get involved.

I would like to send a sincere thanks to the Highlanders. What a memorable experience for me at the installation and one that I will never forget. The song performed by Art Hastings, Jr. on the bagpipes will certainly never be forgotten and I think it could happen again, perhaps Comedy Night!!!

Thank you all for what you have done and what you will continue to do. Please keep Joanne Garvey's project for 2010 in your hearts, cleft palate and children with facial disorders, who are tormented due to their appearance, means so much to the both of us. With your help and dedication, as well as, the doctors' and the hospital's talents this is one we are capable of taking care of.

I can keep going but our senior editor, Ed Gelinas, might give me a reprimand so I will end with:

Let's do it again in 2010, and let's have fun doing it.

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