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**POTENTATE'S MESSAGE**

Wow, what a great weekend for Isis Shriners this past weekend was! It all started Friday night when the newly elected 2015 Divan was installed into office. I am extremely honored and proud to have been elected and installed to be the Potentate of

Isis Shriners for 2015. I have appreciated all of the nobility's support throughout the past four years. As all of you should know by now, our Isis Temple has and will always have a special place in my heart, due to the fact that my wife, the first Lady of Isis Shriners for 2015, would not be alive today if it had not been for the loving care that she received from our Hospital in Galveston through Isis Temple. My slogan for this year is "lighting the way so kids can play" and my lapel pin has a picture of the power plant in Larned, where I am the Superintendent.

I would like to congratulate all the Divan members and our newly elected Oriental Guide, Mark Smith and his Lady Cindy. I feel with the help of my fellow Divan members and the Nobility of Isis Shrine we can continue to move forward in a positive manner to greater things throughout the year. I would like to thank Sunflower Shrine Club for sponsoring the reception after the installation. I would also like to thank our aides and Divan members who came together to make the reception a success. Donnie and Carol Boxberger, Shannon and Greg King, Mike Parsons, Galen and Bonnie Elliott and Brian Elliott have all agreed to be our aides this year, I feel confident with these folks on our team we will have a wonderful and exciting year. The weekend ended with installation of officers in The Legion of Honor. I was reminded how wonderful our military men and women are and how much they have given to keep us the land of the free. Thank you all for your service to our country.

We have a busy schedule for this next year as we are planning several new activities and fund raisers. To highlight the year, we are starting right off the bat with our Potentate's trip to Jamaica, at the end of January. February will bring a Super Bowl Party in the bar area of the basement. I couldn't think of a better way to watch and celebrate the Super Bowl than with my Shrine family. We are going to try to have a Valentine's Day Party at the Shrine Temple as well. We also have the Kansas Shrine Bowl Hall of Fame Banquet on the 21st of February. The 'Ides of March' will bring Grand Lodge in Topeka and many shrine club meetings, we are hoping to plan a trip to Shrine day at the Galveston, Texas Hospital. If we get enough interest in this, we will rent a van/bus to make the trip for the day. Please let the office know if you are interested. April is Circus month. The block party will

be on April 16th and the circus will be the 17th – 19th. We will need everyone’s help in making this year’s circus a big success. Please buy all your tickets as this is the major fund raiser that keeps Isis afloat for the year. May will bring in new nobles along with the cornerstone building dedication on the 2nd, this will be a time of celebration that will bring our brother Masons and Shriners together, and a golf tournament is being planned in Russell on the 30th. June has a Stated Meeting on the 11th, Scott County/N.W. Kansas Shrine Club Annual Picnic at Wallace on the 13th, and the Potentate’s Ball on June 27th in the Shrine Temple, we hope to have a good attendance for our ball. July brings the Imperial Session in Houston, Texas from the 5th through the 9th and the East/West Shrine Bowl Game in Hays on the 25th. August will highlight the CSSA Ceremonial in Golden, Colorado the 27th through the 29th. We plan to have a lot of fun which includes a toga party. We hope for a good attendance from Isis Shrine. September 10th we will have a Stated Meeting. October brings the possibility of having a Halloween Party at the Shrine Temple. November brings more new nobles on the 6th and 7th. And now for the big wind down – the month of December will bring Christmas Fantasy on the 5th along with the Potentate’s Appreciation Dinner, Isis Stated Meeting and elections on the 11th, and the Uniformed Units Christmas Party on the 12th.

I believe that his next year can be a great year for Isis Shriners as we work together as a team to help children in need. I believe each and every member of Isis Shrine is a valuable member and has the ability to make a positive impact in the lives of the children we serve. I also believe that teamwork is an absolute necessity to be successful to carry out our mission. *“Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success”- Henry Ford.* I look forward in working with all of you and your clubs throughout the next year. I think we have a great team this year and with the assistance of our Office Staff we are all here to work for you, the nobility, of Isis Shrine.

I am proud to be a Shriner,

Ralph Streit, 2015 Potentate

# CHAPLAINS

## ORNER

### WHAT COMFORT, WHAT JOY

**You must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to live in peace. And always be thankful. Colossians 3:12-15.**

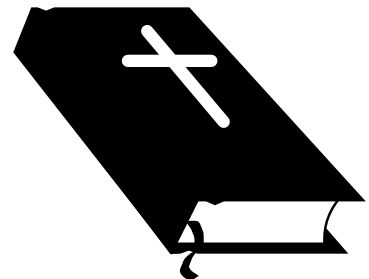
There are a lot of favorite Bible verses for different blessings and challenges in our lives. But these verses seem to apply in almost every circumstance. Forgiveness is a gift to the forgiven but can also be even more rewarding to the one who forgives. It offers freedom to both sides. Real love forgives and tries to forget.

I like these lines in particular: “Over all these virtues put on love....let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.” He says “over all.” That seems pretty important. Real love brings forgiveness, which brings peace. Can you imagine how our tormented world would change if we all showed love and forgiveness even when we didn’t feel like it?

Living a life of love, peace, forgiveness and thanksgiving is so much more pleasant than holding on to the resentment of being wronged. Try to be thankful and look for good in everything.

God has shown me that He is always present no matter the circumstance. What Comfort, What Joy!

Yours in the Faith,  
Richard Luthi, Chaplain



**Any member who can read music or play an instrument contact Jim Winn at 785-823-7790 or 785-822- 7442.**



## LADY LYNN'S MESSAGE

I want to take this time to say a big THANK YOU to all the Nobles for voting Ralph and the Divan Nobles back in. I would like to thank Greg and Shannon King, Donnie and Carol Boxberger, Mike Parsons, Brian Elliott, Galen Elliott, and Bonnie Elliott for accepting our request to be our aides for this year. I am so very lucky to have such a great group of people to work with and to work for - this year is going to be an awesome year for us.

Installation was such a special moment in time for me and I would like to say thank you to Sunflower Shrine Club for financing the wonderful reception after installation and to the Divan ladies and Aides who helped me make sure it went off without a hitch. Thank you to Galen and Bonnie Elliott for getting the cake.... it was perfect.

As the new year is getting into full swing I sincerely hope you had wonderful holidays full of love, peace, family, and joy. I want to thank everyone who took time out of their busy schedule to decorate for Christmas. I thought the Shrine Temple looked very elegant for our functions during the holidays. Special thank you to my wonderful husband for making the awesome fireplace that was enjoyed by all - it only took a little nagging (and a near heart attack ha, ha) to get it completed. I am so very lucky to have Ralph as my husband, he is a wonderful husband, father, person, and soul mate. He will serve Isis Temple well in the coming year.

I am so very excited about this year as it gives me an opportunity to 'pay forward' some of the wonderful gifts I was given as a child, through Isis Temple - the gift of knowing someone is there, even at the darkest times to pick up the pieces and help you start moving forward. The gift of seeing the positive in others and concentrating on that positive. The gift of knowing that every child is a precious part of life and should be cared for with love and great giving. I thank God above that I have been given the opportunity to be a part of such a wonderful organization.

I have already started one of my fund raisers for this year, the 'lighting the way for kids' wristbands. You can purchase one of these wrist bands through any of the Divan members, our Aides, or through the office. The wrist bands are \$5.00 each and has Ralph's slogan of "lighting the way for kids - Isis 2015". The

proceeds will go to Isis Shrine Building Fund/Isis Shrine General Fund.

My second fund raiser will be fire extinguishers and we plan to come to each club to talk about my experiences as a Shrine patient and to sell the extinguishers. The name of my presentation is "Angels and Heros" and is dedicated to every Shriner, Shriners lady, and family members who help children. I thought it was very fitting, and I thank Marne Jolly for the idea. My goal is to help Isis Shriners as they helped me so many years ago and help prevent a burn injury to others by selling these extinguishers. I will be contacting all of the Shrine Club Presidents to set up a date to come to their Shrine Club to give my presentation.

My ladies pin this year is the angels and heros pin and it has a nurse with angel wings, a Shriner with a superhero cape, a caduceus/medical symbol (as I am a nurse) and at the bottom of the pin it says Angels and Heros - Shriners Hospitals. I am dedicating my year to all Shriners and the nurses who work in the Shrine Hospitals for children.

Please remember as we do all things through the Shrine, we are doing it for a great cause, our children in our hospitals and children who receive care through Shriners hospitals. We are not only helping children today but we could be helping to give life for generations by saving the life of a child in need.

Thank you again for all that you do to help children who need you so much and who have no other place to turn. Through your work, they are given the opportunity to be the best that they can be.

With utmost Gratitude and Love,  
Lynn



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# FEBRUARY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Super Bowl Party (Basement)	2 SOOB Mtg 11:30 AM BL #60 - 7:00 PM Cheyenne Co SC	3 Logan Co SC	4 Sunflower SC	5 Coffee & Donuts	6 Legion of Honor 7:30 PM	7
8	9	10 Eastern Star 7:30 PM	11 Russell SC	12 Coffee & Donuts	13	14 <b>VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY</b> 6:00 - 8:30 N. Central KS SC Appreciation Breakfast for Law & Fire Depts.
15	16 BL #60 - 7:00 PM JC/FR SC MWCC	17 Scottish Rite Scott Co SC	18 <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> Hi Plains SC	19 Coffee & Donuts FT Hays SC	20	21 S. Solomon SC KS Shrine Bowl Hall of Fame Induction - Wichita
22	23 York Rite 7:30 PM Dir. Staff 7:00 PM Ottawa Co SC	24 Eastern Starr 7:30 PM Manhattan SC	25	26 Coffee & Donuts	27 TGIF - 6:00 PM Engineers	28 Daughters of Nile 10:00 AM

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## IN MEMORIAM

Our beloved Brethren live on in new and more glorious life and service. We carry their influence in our lives and their memories in our hearts. They are not forgotten.

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### JANUARY 2015

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## Isis Shriners Temple Dedication

### May 2, 2015

Nobles, as many of you know May 2nd will be our 2015 Spring Ceremonial but what many may not know is the MW Grand Master of Kansas and the Grand Lodge of Kansas will be officially dedicating our new Temple. This is a once in a lifetime event and we hope as many Nobles as possible will attend the Ceremonial, Dedication and Banquet. Please, mark your calendar and start finding Candidates so this will be a memorable event.

If you have any ideas about how to make this a more memorable event or if you would like to be on the Committee planning the dedication please contact either Tim Fowler, High Priest and Prophet at [fmrcansas@gmail.com](mailto:fmrcansas@gmail.com) or 785-313-7222 or Mark Smith, Oriental Guide at [macattle@fairpoint.net](mailto:macattle@fairpoint.net) or 785-891-3546



## SUPER BOWL PARTY!

**Sunday, February 1st, Isis Shrine Temple**  
Please bring your favorite snack to share with everyone.

**RALPH W. STREIT  
ELECTED POTENTATE FOR 2015**

Ralph W. Steit was born in Norton, Kansas. He graduated from Norton Community High School in 1984. He worked for New Age Industries during his high school years. After High School, he went to work installing carpet and other flooring products until he went to work installing and rebuilding power lines across the Midwest.

He moved to Salina where he attended Salina Vo-tech in the auto body department. After vo-tech, he went to work for El Dorado Motor Homes in Salina, painting campers and buses. He moved to Northwest Kansas and went to work for The Bus Factory in Oberlin, Kansas as the painting supervisor.

In 1989, he married Lynn (Lynette) Thornton and they have two sons, Jesse and Jacob. In 1992, he moved to Larned, Kansas and went to work for the City of Larned as a power plant operator where he has worked his way up to become the Power Plant Superintendent since 2006.

This past year Ralph and his Lady Lynn celebrated 25 years of marriage, the addition of a daughter-in-law Bailey, and this coming year he looks forward to becoming a Grandfather as Jacob and Bailey are having a baby in July. Ralph is a member of the Fort Hays Shrine Club, Russell Shrine Club, and Great Bend Sunflower Shrine Club. Ralph is a member of the Great Bend # 15 Blue Lodge.

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As your newly appointed Director of Uniformed Units I accept the challenge to make the Uniformed Units a growing part of the ISIS Shrine Temple. In addition to myself and three dedicated assistants Richard Christiancy, and Jim Lindblad, and secretary Larry Gilpin, we hope to inspire participation in the units. For the new Nobles and existing members there is a unit in the Shrine for you. Isis Shrine has 10 Uniformed Units: Brass Band, Clowns, Directors Staff, Engineers, Greeters, Legion of Honor, Oriental Band, Patrol, Provost Guard, and Topless Travelers. I believe ISIS Shrine can be an exciting 2015 if all of us put our heart and soul into it. Let's grow the Shrine. Come join a unit! Uniformed Units keeping you informed.

James R. Winn, Director of Uniformed Units

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**DON'T FORGET!  
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We truly need to work hard in selling ads, tickets and advertising. This is our biggest fundraiser for the year and it certainly spells out whether or not Isis will have a good year.

Let us all roll up our sleeves and go to work for this project. Nobles, we are the only ones who can make Isis grow.

**DEADLINE FOR ALL CIRCUS  
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