

Dear Illustrious Sirs and Nobles,

Thank you for your trust and support during this challenging year. Your 2017 Divan worked hard to set a good foundation before we can formally move into our new home and onto a new era.

Official Divan of 2018 was elected on December 8th, 2017. These new members of Board of Directors are:

Potentate-elect Noble Louis A. O'Neill
Chief Rabban-elect Noble Joseph M. Hummel
Assistant Rabban-elect Ill. Sir John K. "Ziggy" Swauger
High Priest & Prophet-elect Noble Frank Williams
Oriental Guide-elect Noble Karl J. Mock
Treasurer-elect Noble Dave Daehnke
Recorder-elect Noble J. Doug Dampman

These fine Shriners understand that they have fiduciary duties including Duty of Care, Duty of Loyalty, and Duty of Obedience to serve on the board. They are ready to do their best to serve us. I look forward to seeing a great team in action.



Allow me to repeat what I said on the last Salaam Shrine News, I ask all of you to support Potentate-elect Louis Anthony O'Neill and his team of leaders on their future endeavors. While we demand their loyalty to Salaam Shriners, we are obligated to provide them the same.



Our Potentate-elect has a busy and fun-filled trestleboard. Let us all come out to the events that are not only enjoyable, but also philanthropically. As a newly elected Associate Member of the Board of Governors, Louis will undoubtedly enhance Salaam Shriners' love and care for our children.

Louie has contributed a lot to Salaam Shriners in 2017. He promised to work even harder for you in 2018. His lovely Lady Cindy will be on his side to make sure everything will be perfect.

I pledge my full support to Louie and hope you will do the same. Let's show our love to Salaam Shriners by coming out to the Memorial Service and Annual Stated Session on Friday, January 5th, 2018. The programs will start at 7:30 PM.

Most Worshipful Dieter B. Hees, Grand Master of Masons for the State of New Jersey, will attend the public installation on January 7th, 2018 at Hawthorne-Fortitude Masonic Lodge at 24 N. Franklin Turnpike, Ramsey, NJ 07446. Please come out to help celebrate the future of Salaam Shriners with us. Please arrive before 1 PM.

May we all have a fantastic Holiday season and a wonderful New Year.

God bless our gentle craft and God bless Salaam Shriners.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Kuo", with a long horizontal line extending to the left.

Andrew A. Kuo

Potentate 2011, 2017

Imperial Representative 2008 ~ 2018

Vice Chairman, Board of Governors, Shriners Hospital for Children – Philadelphia 2019