



Khedive Temple #16
Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine
North and South America and its Jurisdictions, Inc.

Oasis of Birmingham
Desert of Alabama
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TO: Past Potentates, Honorary Past Potentates, Elected Officers, Appointed Officers and the Nobles of Khedive Temple #16

Subject: **2017 ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE VISION STATEMENT**

Alaikum As Salam,

Greetings and great tidings! Truly this is a day that I have looked forward to, but I am humble enough to know that it was not in my time but in great creator, God's time! Truly, without him, I am nothing and I am thankful for His many blessings. To the Nobles of Khedive Temple #16 it is equally humbling the honour you have bestowed on me by electing me to serve as your 2017 Illustrious Potentate for our great Temple. Please notice that I chose the word serve, with the assistance of each and every one of you, is exactly what I intend to do serve. I intend to serve the local community; I intend to serve the Desert; I intend to serve the Imperial Divan, but most of all I intend to serve each of you. How do I expect to accomplish these things and so much more during my tenure? My plan is a simple one. It requires each of us to work together in harmony, but to treat one another as men and truly embody what it means to be a Noble. The following is my vision for the 2017 calendar year: it is my sincerest prayer that you will embrace it and together we can make this vision become a reality.

Family, Brotherhood and Respect

Each of us have those who are close to us whether it is a spouse, children, parents or siblings, we all have families, but as Nobles we are a family. We share a common bond we each have placed ourselves about the altar at some point and obligated ourselves to this great Order. No different than our pledge as a husband to our wives or the love for our family, likewise, we should treat this Temple and its members with dignity and respect. We must respect others as well as ourselves. As my brothers and fellow Nobles, I will expect you to be men of your word and hold you to your sworn obligation, and I want each of you to hold me just as accountable for my actions. We must remember the balance between our homes, our usual vocation, and service to our Temple. It is my intent for Nobles to spend time with family and friends as we enjoy one another to work for the greater good. We will increase our membership with quality men of Noble birth, retain those who have already joined our ranks through training, charitable works and mentorship, most importantly we will reach out to those who have fallen off to the wayside to reclaim them and bring them home.

Community Relations, Fraternal Ties and the Next Generation

During the 2016 administration, we strengthened our bond in the Birmingham Community through our work with “Magic City Classic”, Parades and other charitable events. I plan to continue these projects and expand by adopting a school and more outreach. We have worked with not only the Ancient Craft but with the local Masonic Organizations and we will again continue to foster this mutual support along with greater support of our own. Nobles we must support our Court, without us they do not exist. We must be ever mindful that they are our wives, sisters, mothers and they are our Daughters. We must be a source of strength and solid support for them and their endeavors. As for our future, it is my intent to have a fully functioning Shriners-As-Mentors program. We must remember man that is borne of a woman, days are few, and we must plant the seed now for the next generation to replace us.

Many Nobles but one Temple

Our Temple is a unique one due to the fact our membership is spread throughout the globe. We have Nobles in Military, and all over the United States. One thing that we have in common is the pride we share in donning that Fez which bears the great name Khedive, likewise no matter where you may travel across the Domain, the name Khedive is revered. I want each of us to be ever mindful that we have an obligation to uphold that great name and support our Temple! I want the Nobles of Khedive to visit other Temples; I want to see Nobles at Gala Days and Jubilee Celebrations wherever and whenever possible across the states. I encourage you to attend the various balls and other events throughout the Domain, but I equally encourage you to take care of home. This year I plan to strength our communication via email, social media and a newsletter. It is my intent to keep every member informed and that we all contribute to Khedive Temple and its success. While three quarters of our membership is locally dispersed, it does not prevent any of you from contributing to our various fundraisers and projects financially going above and beyond your dues payment. The Divan and I will do everything we can to ensure that those who are not physically here are kept abreast of everything that takes place in “Our Temple”. Truly harmony must, and will, prevail!

To say I am excited about the coming year is an understatement. I would hope that you all are equally excited and are ready to hit the ground running. Together we will continue that great tradition of being Noble that those who have gone before us would be proud of. It is my sincerest prayer that we respect one another and we work in harmony. Truly, we are our Brother’s keeper. I ask that you keep me honest and hold me accountable to the office that I have been elected to serve! In closing, I pray for each of you, your loved ones, and our Temple. LET’S GO AND SHOW THEM WHAT IT MEANS WHEN WE SAY “KHEDIVE IN THE HOUSE!”

Fraternally,

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