

Lodge Ambassadors Wanted

Do you attend your Blue Lodge regularly (or would you like to)? Would you like to stand up in your Blue Lodge and make Shrine announcements and presentations? Then you are exactly who we are looking for!!

The Shrine Lodge Ambassador Program is intended to create a communication stream between Aleppo Shrine and the Masonic Lodges in our jurisdiction.

The Shrine Ambassador receives a name badge indicating his ambassadorship to be worn at Lodge, Shrine meetings, and events. An email will be sent to the Ambassadors the last week of each month listing Aleppo Shrine events for the coming month, sort of like "talking points," to be mentioned at your Lodge's Stated Meeting. You will be able to present the Potentate's congratulatory certificate and package to newly raised Master Masons.

All you need to do to sign up is call or email one of the Nobles below with the following information: *Your name, phone number, email address, and the Lodge name & number.*

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Hey – How about some Membership Stuff!!!!

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There is so much information out there in terms of developing a vision for our committee - too much in fact. We need to guard against the temptation to create a vision that is too broad, too encompassing and ultimately a vision that is too generic, that it eventually says nothing. We need to be mindful of the temptation that focuses on quantity instead of quality. A plethora of information - can we use it all? No. A new idea comes along - do we suddenly throw out the old? No.

So, what do we do? All the dedicated Nobility in our committee needs to be committed to defining our vision. We need to draw on tried-and-tested experience and hold onto what works, we need to introduce new thinking and approaches where feasible and we need to stop what isn't working.

We need to create a vision whereby membership in Aleppo and the Shrine becomes synonymous with excellence, innovation, honor, integrity and outstanding quality and service. That's it - we need to promise less and deliver more...every time. If we keep our vision simple yet goal focused - then we will have turned defining our vision into a stepping-stone, one which we will use to reach even greater heights.

The Aleppo Nobility is fantastic...fantastic yet diverse. We have a kaleidoscope of professionals different in so many ways. Some may choose to see diversity as an obstacle - dividing rather than unifying. We need to see diversity as a stepping-stone. We need to focus on the individuals' strengths and use their strengths in a very goal-directed niche within our organization. We are so fortunate to have Nobles that enhance our vision with their special talents, talents given willingly

and passionately.

The stepping-stones at Aleppo are here. Our results attest to this, our work ethic confirms this and our vision underpins this.

Aleppo is a fun and magical place - of that there is no doubt. But we do still face obstacles. I suppose it's a lot like a day at the beach - magical and amazing! But then there is also the sunburn, the scratchy sand in your bathing suit, cold water, hot sand and perhaps even a stomach that may be looking decidedly less "six-packish". We can look for the obstacles and it will spoil our day at the beach. Or we can look for the stepping-stones - and it will be magical!

Aleppo is not perfect - we'll keep working on that. We have our moments - but I suspect that underneath it all - we all think we're kinda special!

As the summer comes to an end and we gear up for the 2015 – 2016 Masonic year, Let's gear up to energize our membership committee, understand the challenges we face, and use those challenges as stepping stones to achieve our membership goals.

Within our Membership Committee, we are starting a Leadership Development sub-committee. If you are interested in working on that sub-committee or want to develop your leadership skills, please step forward and contact me at your convenience. If you have read this entire article and reached this point – You are the Noble we're looking for!

Thanks Nobles,

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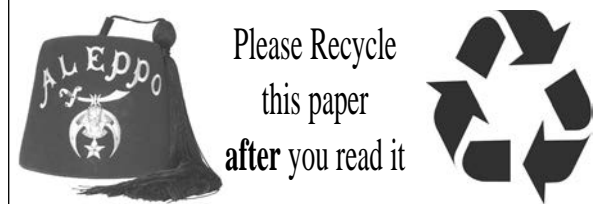
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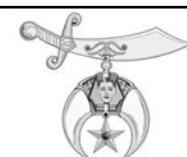
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