

Illustrious Sirs, Nobles and Ladies:



I want to thank the members of WA WA Shriners for extending to me the honour of becoming your Potentate for 2010. As we enter, this our 99<sup>th</sup> year in Saskatchewan, we are reminded of the tremendous legacy that has been given to us by those many Shriners. That courageous decision, made by those pioneering men, has given life to what is referred to as the "World's Greatest Philanthropy". When we became Nobles of the Mystic Shrine we became members of a dedicated team working towards a common goal. That goal is, "a brotherhood of men...dedicated to fun and fellowship...but with a serious purpose".

We encourage you to become more involved with your Club and especially your unit. You will discover through parades, trips, dances, dinners, sporting events and other social occasions how we can accomplish our goals. As was once said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world, indeed, it is the only thing that ever has".

Our theme this year is, "Colour Our Kids Happy" and it is a challenge to each every Shriner and his lady to rededicate their efforts with positive enthusiasm. While this is an organization of men we could not accomplish our goals without the support of our ladies. Our ladies have worked beside us as we enjoy the fellowship, fun and dedication of working towards our goals. While the ladies are not members they are very important members of the team. Henry Ford once said, "Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success".

I want to thank the members of our Divan who have accepted the challenge to develop their leadership skills for the betterment of our Order. Because of their ongoing efforts, eight Masons made the decision to become Shriners at this year's Potentate's Ball. We also welcomed six ladies who proudly stood beside their Shriner on this important occasion.

On behalf of my Lady Jill, we welcome the opportunity to join you in our activities this year and to revisit old friends.

Fraternally yours,

Ill. Sir Don McDougall  
Potentate 2010

