

# Florida Shrine Association

*Composed of the Shrine Temples of Florida*



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To all Florida Shrine Association Members

During the recent Imperial Session in Tampa, the Annual FSA Session was held on Sunday morning at Egypt Shrine Temple. The election of 2006-07 officers was held and all Officers with the exception of Secretary/Treasurer were moved up to the next position. I was elected as your President, Ill Sir Doug Tomlinson P.P. Bahia Temple as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Ill Sir, Stan Mykytka, Potentate, Bahia Shrine Temple as 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. and Ill Sir Joseph Hill P.P., Morocco Temple as 3<sup>rd</sup> V.P.

In the absence of a Recorder Ill Sir Tom Colestock P.P. and Secretary of Egypt Temple agreed to take minutes of the Session he also volunteered to perform the Sec/Treas duties until a permanent one can be located and installed. We are very grateful for his actions in support of FSA.

A motion was made and voted upon and approved to prepare a change to the FSA by-laws which will eliminate the requirement for the Secretary, Treasurer or Secretary Treasurer to have served as a Past Potentate. There are many Nobles within our organization, who are well qualified for the position and who have not served as Potentate. This by-law change will be sent to you in order to conduct a vote on the issue at our September 28-30 meeting in Sarasota.

During the 2005 Annual Session, a by-law change was approved requiring each Member Unit Association to provide two members from each Association, as voting delegates, with voting rights equal to that of the FSA Officers. One of these delegates must be the Unit President. The purpose of this is to provide a means for the Association members to put forth their desires and needs for future years and ongoing activities. Any items you may have should be directed in writing to your Unit delegates or to an FSA Officer. We expect that all Unit Association delegates will be in attendance at the forthcoming meetings on Sept. 28-30, 2006 and May 2-6, 2007. If we can work together, we can accomplish many good things for our Association and its members.

2005-06 has not been a good year for us since we had no Fall/Winter Meeting and we were required by Imperial to conduct our Annual Session in conjunction with the Imperial Session in July and not in our customary time of May. Our session was also limited to Sunday morning, rather than our normal 4-day session.

All of this is behind us now and nothing is to be gained by dwelling on it. Let's work together and make the current term a successful one.

It would be in our best interests if we could maximize the use of the Internet in future communications. If you have not done so, please make use of the FSA Website <<http://fla-shrine.org/>> and ask your Brothers to do so as well. I encourage everyone to subscribe to the FSA Yahoo Group; box to do so is on the home page.

Yours in the Faith,

Ed Phillips  
President FSA