

Hello,

We had a super Ceremonial weekend in Machias last month, initiating 43 new Nobles. 15 new Nobles were initiated in January. We have 58 new Nobles to date, making 2018 one of the best years in recent memory. There will be a special fall Ceremonial in Presque Isle on September 8, so maybe we will have even more new Nobles in 2018. Look for details elsewhere in the Anahgram this month.

Did you know we have a Ladies Orientation on Saturday morning of every Ceremonial for Candidate's Ladies? Part of the Candidate's Orientation in June was joint with Ladies, then after the Candidates left to begin their morning, the Ladies continued their own Orientation to learn more about Anah Shriners. They heard about various Clubs and Units, the Circus, Festival of Trees, other events and activities, the Ladies Handbook, Daughters of the Nile, Sunshine Club, the Widows Club, the Anah website and Facebook page, and received a special welcome from the Potentate, Brad Prout, and his Lady, Shannon. (If a Shriner has a new spouse or girlfriend, they are welcome and encouraged to attend Orientation, too. Contact Duffy Woods.)

Duffy Woods runs our Ladies Welcoming program and she assigns to each Candidate's Lady a contact person, a friendly Shrine Lady willing to answer questions. When Candidates' applications arrive at the Shrine office, Duffy finds a Shrine Lady to contact the Candidate's Lady. Top line signers can really help out here by getting the Candidate's Lady's phone or email on the application and by submitting it to the Anah office as soon as possible. An information packet is then mailed to the Candidate and Lady from the Anah office with all the important Ceremonial information. Candidates and ladies need advance notice to plan time off from work, child care, housing, etc. Without time to plan, they may not be able to attend Ceremonial.

If you know a new Noble and Lady, please tell them what fun activities and events are coming up. Do they know about Units and Clubs in their area? Did they get the most recent Anahgram? If not, share some of the calendar info from your Anahgram, or even better, give or loan them your Anahgram!

Welcome, newest Nobles and Shrine Ladies! Please come to the Anah Shrine building sometime and check everything out. Come to an event you see on the calendar or visit the office to buy tickets and ask questions. New Nobles can attend their very first Stated Meeting on August 21 (with fez). During the busy parade season, if you see a Shrine unit parading, try to talk with them before or after the parade. Think about attending these events: SMART Team Trunk or Treat in October; the Northeastern in Rutland, Vermont, in September; Bob Smith picnic in August with lobster dinner; NASCAR event at Katahdin Shadows campground in August; Sunshine Club Craft Fair in November; volunteer at the

Festival of Trees in November; bring your kids or grandkids to the Bangor/Brewer Shrine Club Children's Christmas Party in December: ride the SMART Team bus to the Montreal Shrine Hospital in April 2019. Anah is an active temple and we offer over 40 clubs and 9 Shrine Clubs and many events.

Find the Anahgram online at <http://anahshriners.org/anahgram/>. Check out the calendar and the monthly columns from Clubs and Units. They are always looking for new members, so contact a few and ask them when they meet and have activities, whether they parade or cater or do other activities, and what meetings and activities include ladies and families. All Shriners and Shrine Ladies are encouraged to volunteer at the Circus in April and at the Festival of Trees in November. Ask a Shrine friend for more info or call the Anah office at 942-2254 to ask for contact information for a person connected to an event, club or unit.

You are joining a community here at Anah Shriners, where you will make many friends, have lots of fun and support our great mission-Shriners Hospitals for Children.

If you have any feedback for us on the Ceremonial or about your experience becoming a new Noble or Shrine Lady, we sure would love to hear from you. Send an email to me at dadulac@gmail.com or call 207-478-2270.

Doug

Chair, Membership Committee