



## From the Desk of the Illustrious Potentate



### “Bringing Back the Nobility”

Dictionary.com explains Noble as: Distinguished by rank or title, or of an exalted moral or mental character or excellence; lofty. How does your temple live up to the term of Noble? Exalted Moral or Mental Character. Strong words.

I think we all have Noble thoughts and deeds from time to time. The more Noble the thought and deed, the better we feel about ourselves. Especially since our only purpose in life is to love and care for one another. Here in this day and age, there are many opportunities to do Noble things. I surmise that our Nobility can be truly gained by the many Noble deeds we do.

I'm determined to push Yemen Temple # 152 into the position that we deserve to be in this community. And that is in the community doing Noble Deeds. This is the way to bring back the Nobility. I'm not talking about those who have tired of boring meetings where people argue about a dollar and nothing of substance is shared. Our real tasks aren't in the 2 hours or so that we meet to hear reports and punch on each other about how things used to be. Our real tasks aren't in how much the Assistant Rabban is making, but how far can we make those dollars stretch in our community.

Just up the street from us is the D.A.S.H. Center for the Arts. This program teaches the inner city youth how to express themselves using whatever artistic method they desire. They teach jazz, modern, and ballet dancing. They have art and Hip-Hop classes. They do plays that are open to the community every year. This center is doing the work. Unfortunately, others are getting the money from organizations to do just this and they aren't sharing with the programs like the D.A.S.H. who are doing the real work. Making a real difference in the life's of the youth who need it.

It would be Noble of this Temple, to make sure that we sponsored a youth to whatever course they choose from year to year. When we are doing better, we can sponsor more youths. Most of the classes there only cost maybe \$50 a year. The money goes to pay the professional instructors that they get to come and teach these classes to the youth. So they are getting expert instructions from professionals for chump change and you can't beat that.

Helping out programs like the D.A.S.H., feeding the less fortunate, helping out down at the Tacoma Toy Rescue Mission, Raising funds for the National Diabetes Initiative, Mentoring the Youth, these are all Noble Deeds and things that this Temple will be doing as long as I'm in the Illustrious seat of the Potentate. Yet we can only do this if everyone pulls together. Because together we are an awesome force. Yet apart, we can achieve nothing.

I hope you understand what I mean about “Bringing Back the Nobility”. I also hope you'll be along for the ride.

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullah,

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