

Dear Nobles and Friends of the Spokane Hospital

October was a very productive month for the hospital. Our daily consensus is up and the number of kids we see each month is also rising. Bagdad sponsorships are still up considerable from last year. We are averaging about 6.5 approved applications per month compared with 4 per month last year. GREAT JOB NOBLES.

While the commitment has been made for "Shriners Hospital" to always have a presence in Spokane, What exactly that means remains to be defined. In the next several months the Board of Trustee's in Tampa and your Board of Governors in Spokane will work together to plan the hospitals future. I would like to ask the Nobles of Bagdad and friends of the hospital to share with me , what changes and improvements you would like to see. What do you feel would be best for the children of Montana traveling to Spokane? Your thoughts and concerns are very important to me and I would like to share them with the rest of the board.

Two New Ways we can support our Hospital.

First. Sally Mildren "Director of Public Relations" has put together a Billboard Campaign for Montana. Unfortunately our Budget does not have funding for it so Sally is asking each of the Montana Temples to support it in their area. Sally's looking for about \$1200 to fund the program and in my experience Billboards are a very cost efficient form of advertising and a great way to get our message out. The Missoula Shrine Club has shown some interest in it and maybe we could too.

Second. We have received verbal approval from Doug Maxwell, Chairman of the Board of Trustee's to solicited money for Spine Surgeries in Spokane with the money staying in Spokane. Each surgery cost approximately \$15000 and maybe for 2010 Bagdad could commit to sponsoring one operation. Remember one surgery will change a Child's life. That's what we are here for right?

In closing I would like to remind everyone that our mission is four-fold. We must grow our fraternity, Raise money for our hospital system, keep our transportation fund healthy and find the children we can help defy the odds. I didn't say it would be easy but the rewards are the huge. Bagdad you are the 'GREATEST" and I'm proud to be your representative.

Yours in Faith

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