

Greetings Nobles and Friends of the Hospital,

We are all waiting anxiously for the outcome of the 2009 Imperial Session. I have put forth courtesy of Gene Raynaud, administrator for Spokane Shrine Hospital, a brief overview of what is on the call.

- One resolution that calls for the closure of 6 hospitals. You all know who these are.
- Two resolutions that call for the prevention of closure of 2 hospitals (Greenville & Springfield) during the 2009 session.
- One resolution to reopen Galveston and return it to full operations.
- Three resolutions that authorize the definition of a Shrine Hospital to change in order to accommodate various types of patient care facilities/platforms.
- Five resolutions related to authorizing 3rd party pay. These resolutions either subtract or add language needed to allow our system to accept insurance. They also redefine what a pay patient is for the purposes of our charter.

Other interesting resolutions:

- Resolution to provide procedures for suspension of hospital operations.
- Resolution allowing the Board of Governor's members to become members of the Colorado Corporation (allows them to become voting delegates).
- Resolution to prohibit Imperial Officers from running for election to become trustees of the Colorado Corporation.
- Resolution calling for the establishment of a commission to study and make recommendations on a system-wide restructuring plan.
  - The Commission would have voting and non-voting members.
  - Voting members would be one elected representative from each hospital's Board of Governors.
  - Non-Voting Advisory members would be divided into 3 panels.
    - Panel A would consist of Senior Corporate Staff augmented by other experts
    - Panel B would consist of the Corporate VPs for Medical Affairs & Research and the Chief of Staff of all hospitals.
    - Panel C would be General/Legal counsel.

The Commission must have their work completed and provide their report with accompanying resolutions for action to the Imperial Session in 2010.

As you can see this is a very complicated issue, with a lot of variables that can get us off track. We must stay unified in our message to the Imperial Council and the Board of Trustees that **our** hospital (Spokane) must stay open for the continued treatment of the children in the Pacific Northwest. Please contact our voting representatives (Joe and Jay Morris, Jeff Folsom, & Rod Royer) and let them know that you support Spokane and want to see it remain open into the future. These are very trying times and let us say a pray that the final outcome will be what's best for the children.

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Applications for the month of May were up. Last year the hospital was averaging 120 applications per month. This year we have a 140 applications per month. Last year Bagdad averaged 4 per month and this year were are averaging 6.6 per month. So the nobility of Bagdad are doing a great job of finding the kids and I want to thank everyone for their effort.

Our full time equivalents (FTEs) are still high but we are trending down towards the level set forth by the Board of Trustees. This being a very difficult goal for the hospital since we are already running at bare bones but

through the continued dedication of the staff we are still providing the greatest care possible for our children.

In closing, I want to say, that we have a monumental task before us but because of the commitment of the nobility, we will persevere and be able in the future to provide the quality of care which we are famous.

Yours in faith,

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