

Dale Stauss Elected Chairman of the Health Care System



Dale W. Stauss of Grand Forks, N.D., was elected Chairman of the Shriners Hospitals for Children® Board of Trustees, during the Shriners' 2015 Imperial Session, held in Houston July 5 - July 9. Stauss is currently serving his 12th term as a member the Boards of Directors for Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children. As Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Stauss also serves as President of Shriners Hospitals for Children. He served as Imperial Potentate of Shriners International during the 2014 – 2015 Imperial Year.

Imperial Sir Stauss appreciates the trust and confidence given to him by the nobles who elected him Chairman. Having served the philanthropy and fraternity in various leadership capacities for many years, Stauss is very aware of the challenges the two organizations face. At the same time, he is deeply committed to the mission of both organizations to improve our world by improving the lives of children.

A History of Dedication and Commitment

As an Imperial Officer, Stauss has served as chairman of the Imperial Athletic Committee, the East-West Shrine Game, the Shriners Hospitals for Children Golf Tournament, and the Imperial Membership Committee. He also served on the Planning Committee and the Buildings and Equipment Committee, where he was the building representative for the Portland hospital expansion.

He was also involved in overseeing the building of the replacement hospital in St. Louis. In the 2013-2014 year, he led the Imperial Public Relations Committee, and initiated several new projects to enhance communication throughout the organization.

Meeting Challenges to Care for More Children

Shriners Hospitals for Children is known worldwide as a leader in pediatric specialty care, with an expert medical staff that provides innovative treatment, hope and compassion to children and families coping with complex conditions. We need to offer that life-changing care to as many children as possible.

To do that, we need to build on and emphasize our health care system's reputation of excellence, expertise and compassion, and be willing to implement changes that will help ensure our ability to care for more children in the best possible manner.

Significantly increasing patient volumes will take time and implementation of a well thought out plan and process. Stauss looks forward to working with the hospitals, temples and nobles to accomplish this.

Our current marketing and advertising efforts are having an impact, and are helping raise awareness and name recognition of Shriners Hospitals for Children, which, in turn, can help increase our patient numbers. Stauss hopes to continue these efforts, and find additional ways to share our message.

Stauss, along with many of you, has heard patients and families say "thank you," "you wrapped us in hope," or "without you, I wouldn't dream as big as I do," and believes we must do the work necessary to give that hope to more children and families.

Clearly, our new President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees is dedicated to Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children. It is easy to understand why – his life is guided by this statement:

"One hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove...but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child."

Dale and Cheryl have four grown children – Brandy, Jodi, Nicole and Eric – and 14 grandchildren. When time permits, they relax at their lake home in Bemidji, Minn.



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