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Greetings NOBLE Associate Members!

I hope you have all been well during these summer months! I also hope all attendees have returned home safely from a fruitful and exciting NOBLE 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Training & Exhibition Conference, held in New Orleans, Louisiana! Thank-you to the NOBLE New Orleans Chapter, NOBLE Baton Rouge Middle District Chapter, NOLA City Officials, NOLA Law Enforcement Agencies and Departments, as well as the Citizenry of NOLA, and Region V, for coming together to ensure a wonderful Conference with great hospitality!

Thank-you NOBLE Associate Members! We could be seen working on Committees, in Workshops as Moderators or Panelists, attending National Business Meetings, our Caucuses, events, and casting our vote! Special Kudos to James Jefferson III, and Congalona “Connie” Kersh, who serve as Baton Rouge Middle District Chapter President and Vice-President, respectively.

NOBLE National Immediate Past President Clarence E. Cox, III; NOBLE 2018-2019 President, Chief, Vera Bumpers, Dr. Cedric Alexander; Chief, Sheila Mason; Special Agent In Charge, Trevor Velinor; and Captain, Anthony April, were all thanked for their service on our 2018-2019 NOBLE National Executive Board. Though their roles may change, their passion for service to NOBLE will continue.

Congratulations and Welcome were extended to incoming NOBLE National Board Members: Region III Vice-President, Robert Ford; Region V Vice-President, Edwin Debiew; Federal Assistant to the President, Jeffrey Fobbs, Jr.; Special Assistant to the President, George Turner; and Parliamentarian, Rosalynde Fenner. A special welcome to our new NOBLE National Deputy Director, Mr. Keenon James. Our NOBLE National Executive Board was also present to Welcome! Welcome! Welcome! NOBLE Youth, NOBLE New Members, First Time NOBLE Conference Attendees, and our International NOBLE Members.

Captain Frederick L. Thomas will now serve as our NOBLE National 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President  
and  
Captain Kevin Granville will now serve as our NOBLE National Sergeant-At-Arms

Thank you to all the NOBLE National Board Members and NOBLE National Candidates for visiting us during our Associate Member Caucus. This election season spoke to one of the three

focus points our (now) Immediate Past President, Chief Vera Bumpers, outlined in her 2018 Inaugural speech: Technology. It was, and remains, every Candidates right to utilize creative measures to inform prospective voters of their candidacy and campaign platform. Then Candidate for NOBLE National 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Captain Thomas, in addition to visiting Region Trainings, was the first to send his campaign literature, through electronic and social media platforms; and personally contact your National Associate Member Representative to request that his literature be distributed to the NOBLE Associate Members. At that time, (then) Candidate Thomas was the only Candidate to extend his Candidacy to us in this fashion. As we received additional campaign literature a “Candidate’s Corner” was created on [michelletege.com](http://michelletege.com), where all Candidate literature was posted. As with our local, state, and federal elections, we need to continue to make informed decisions, and be mindful to consider the Mission and Vision of NOBLE, as well as the role we have as “NOBLE Associate Members: The Next Generation of Leaders!”

Approximately July 28, 2019, one hundred eighty (180) NOBLE Associate Members were registered to attend the NOBLE NOLA Conference. A total of one hundred ninety-six (196) NOBLE Associate Members cast their vote this year at Elections.

This year a program booklet was created to memorialize our Associate Member Caucus. Please visit [michelletege.com](http://michelletege.com) to view the booklet and take the Associate Member Survey; Awards and Acknowledgements were given out; a raffle was conducted to raise seed money towards the Detective Rafaela A. Valdez Memorial Scholarship Fund. A total of three hundred forty dollars (\$340.00) was raised. Current NOBLE Associate Member stats: 744 Associate Members; 297 Associate Members on “Hold” (dues not paid since 2018); 111 Life Associate Members. If each Associate Member can please make a ten dollar (\$10.00) donation, we can raise enough funds to provide eight (8) Associate Members with a one thousand dollar (\$1,000.) Scholarship! Donation opportunity is available on [noblenational.org](http://noblenational.org). THANK-YOU to all the Associate Members who assisted in making our Caucus another success!!

The Conference Keynote Speakers all provided insightful and motivating comments. Of particular note was the Opening Plenary Keynote Speaker, Kevin K. McAleenan, Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Commissioner McAleenan thanked NOBLE (Mr. Crawford and Ms. Jackson) for their visit to the Yuma, Arizona Border, and shared that as a result of his recent Congressional Hearing, additional funds will be made available to address suggestions made by NOBLE National Special Assistant to the President, Ms. Melody Jackson, and to continue to improve conditions and services to those being processed at the Yuma Border location.

The Law and Your Community remains the premier NOBLE product, and is a part of our Strategic Plan for expansion. We are encouraged to attend Train the Trainer opportunities; collaborate with likeminded organizations such as The Links, Inc., with whom we recently entered into a formal M.O.U. The Links, Inc. has a similar product titled P.E.A.C.E.: Police Engagement And Community Education. There are limited funds from DOJ/COPS for Law and Your Community. Occasionally monies are received from additional donors. As this occurs NOBLE National can then invite the Local Chapters to apply for those funds as a grant.

NOBLE has a new media relations Team. The Raven Group live streamed through Facebook; local media covered the NOBLE Memorial March. The content will be sent to Membership through Constant Contact. Social Media protocols will be developed to ensure the rights to privacy of NOBLE Members, Family and Guests are respected as it relates to posting photographs, and the NOBLE brand.

Please be sure to visit with Vendors during our Regional, CEO, and National Trainings. Vendors are supportive of our NOBLE Mission and Vision.

Our NOBLE National President, Chief C.J. Davis, has listed three issues we must stay actively engaged with on Capitol Hill:

- 1) Police Reform- What changes need to be made to support the Six Pillars of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing;
- 2) Gun Control;
- 3) The surge of White Supremacy, and Domestic Terrorism

The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF) Conference is scheduled for September 11-15, 2019; Washington, D.C. NOBLE National Executive Board Members will be present; A Rally for Gun Control will be held September 25, 2019, Washington, D.C.; The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Conference is scheduled for October 26-29, 2019; Chicago, Illinois.

Please volunteer in your local Chapter. National Committees are also in need of volunteers. Please review the NOBLE National Constitution, which can be found at [noblenational.org](http://noblenational.org) and advise your local Chapter Associate Member Representative of a National Committee you would like to join. The information should then be provided to your Chapter President, Region Vice-President, and National Associate Member Representative. Many requests were honored last year. The NOBLE National Scholarship Committee Chair is seeking Committee Members.

NOBLE National President C.J. Davis has shared Associate Members: Dr. Sophine Charles, Education and Training Committee, and Tonya Cauley-Scott, Nomination Committee, will continue to serve as NOBLE National Committee Chairs. Thank-you to Candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Assistant Chief Rodney Bryant, for willing to lead our Organization, and committing to work with Special Assistant to the President, Cynthia Herriott-Sullivan, in the development of a Mentoring/Training Program that focuses on Associate Members, and Mid-level Management Regular Members. We are continuing to expand training and roles for NOBLE Associate Members.

Our 44<sup>th</sup> Annual NOBLE National Training & Exhibition Conference will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, July 24-29, 2020. Every year NOBLE provides outstanding training Workshops, and a high energy Host City Night!

We look forward to continuing our work, as NOBLE Associate Members, in our local Chapters, on the National Level, Agencies/Departments, and in our Communities, under the Leadership of NOBLE National President Cerelyn “C.J.” Davis, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Lynda Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Frederick Thomas, and the entire NOBLE National Executive Board.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions/thoughts. I look forward to continuing my work on the NOBLE National Executive Board serving YOU, NOBLE Associate Members, as your NOBLE National Associate Member Representative, for the remainder of this term, prayerful to again earn your confidence and vote to serve as NOBLE National Associate Member Representative for 2020-2022.

Please reach out for assistance if you, a family member or colleague is dealing with any forms of stress. May God bless you with continued peace & safety in your life’s journey!

Sincerely,

*Michelle Tege*

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