

SALADIN SHRINE TEMPLE

Merit Award

By way of properly recognizing the distinctive service of the Nobility who perform an outstanding service to Saladin Temple in strengthening our membership, support the "World's Greatest Philanthropy" (Shriner's Hospital for Children), and promote our beloved Shrine, the Divan of Saladin Temple has established a new jewel or badge to be known as Saladin Merit Award, and it will be worn by such Nobles on occasions when they would wear the fez.

THE AWARD CANNOT BE GIVEN AWAY. IT MUST BE EARNED. EVERY NOBLE OF SALADIN CAN EARN THE AWARD. IT IS BEAUTIFULLY DESIGNED AND RICH IN APPEARANCE AND SIGNIFICANCE.

The Rules

This plan became effective on January 1, 1967, and can be terminated only by the Executive Committee on the last day of December of any year, provided prior notice of such action has been given the Nobility on or before June 15 of that year. Credit for Scottish or York Rite became effective in 1978 and is not retroactive.

All Nobles of Saladin Temple are eligible to earn points and receive this award when sufficient "points" are earned as listed herein.

The complete award is composed of several parts, each of which will be awarded for a set number of points as follows:

| PART | POINTS |
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| A. SIMITAR & CRESCENT | 400 |
| B. RED RAINBOW CRESCENT | 600 |
| C. YELLOW RAINBOW CRESCENT | 800 |
| D. STAR WITH EMERALD | 1000 |
| E. DIAMOND IN STAR | 1500 |
| F. 2ND DIAMOND IN STAR | 2000 |
| G. 3RD DIAMOND IN STAR | 2500 |
| H. 4TH DIAMOND IN STAR | 3000 |
| I. 5TH DIAMOND IN STAR | 3500 |
| J. 5TH DIAMOND IN STAR W/RUBY | 5000 |
| K. 6TH DIAMOND IN STAR | 7000 |

Points are cumulative and do not stop at the end of the year. The points are carried over from year to year.

Explanation of Merit Points

- A. The Recorder's office has the information of the top line signers from the candidate's petition. As the petitions come in, this information is recorded and the credit is given after the Ceremonial. These points are automatically given and you do not have to do anything additional.
- B. Same procedure as "A" (above).
- C. The Noble who has been top line signer for a Blue Lodge candidate must produce written evidence (usually a letter from the Secretary of the Blue Lodge) that he was the top line signer and attesting that the candidate was raised a **Master Mason**. This is then turned over to the Recorder's office and credit is given.
- D. The points for being a top line signer for Scottish Rite or York Rite must be substantiated by written evidence by an authority in those bodies and turned in to the Recorder's office.
- E. The points for being a second line signer for Shrine, same as procedure "A" above. The points for being a second line signer for Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, or York Rite must be substantiated by written evidence by an authority in those bodies and turned in to the Recorder's office.
- F. The points given for a PCM, PCLM, and \$100 Million Club Membership are also done automatically by the Recorder's office. A PCM is a hospital contribution of \$150, which once purchased, entitles a Noble to be free of ever paying the \$5 Hospital Assessment again. The PCLM is a payment of \$480, which once purchased, entitles a Noble to be free of ever paying the \$15 Imperial Per Capita Tax. The \$100 Million Club Membership is limited to one award of 100 points.
- G. A VCM in the Shriner's Hospital costs \$60 and is purely honorary. The member still pays the Hospital Assessment of \$5 yearly. This will become effective upon date of approved changes.
- H. This pertains only to the Potentate. The Potentate may award points for meritorious service to any Noble at his discretion.
- I. Any Noble working the circus may earn points of 20 points per show, maximum of 50 per day. This information is received from the circus sign in sheet.
- J. Advertising sold pertains to any member with proof of sales in excess of \$25.00 up to a maximum of \$250 and must be properly reported to the Recorder's office.
- K. The points for participating in a Ceremonial are determined by the Club or Unit head and from a workers sign in sheet. Only Nobles actually participating in the Ceremonial will be awarded points, i.e.: Units, Directors Staff, Oriental Band, Ritual Cast, etc.
- L. The Shrine Club Presidents and Unit Directors are known to the Recorder's office, thus, this credit is given automatically in July of the year served.
- M. The Shrine Club Officers are known to the Recorder's office, thus, this credit is given automatically in July of the year served. Limited to 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- N. Points are awarded to Unit Council Officers, as directed in writing by the Unit Council President. Points are awarded to Shrine Club Council Officers, as directed in writing by the Shrine Club Council President.

- O. Points will be awarded to those Nobles who attend the Shrine Club Council meetings. Sign up sheet required.
- P. Points will be awarded to those Nobles attending the monthly Unit Council meetings based on reservations. **Reservations must be received no later than 12:00 noon on the day of the meeting to receive the points.**
- Q. Each Shrine Club President or Unit Director may award up to five (5) Nobles of the Club/Unit 50 points each for outstanding service in his year. This list should be provided to the Recorder and may be completely confidential if so desired by the Shrine Club President or Unit Director. He may notify each one of these nobles verbally or by letter of this award or make a small presentation at a Club meeting if that is his wish.
- R. Attendance at each children clinic is reported to the Recorder by the Foundation for Children.
- S. Transporting children and cancelled trips without notifying driver are reported to the Recorder by the Child Care Chairman.
- T. The points for being a DeMolay Chapter Dad, Job's Daughters Associate Guardian, or Rainbow for Girls Dad Advisor are also something that needs a Noble's initiative. Evidence must be given to the Recorder's office and you may receive this award only once.
- U. Up to 200 points awarded yearly for participating in parades approved by the Potentate. Attendance must be verified in writing by the Unit Director and/or Shrine Club President or Recorder and turned in to the Recorder's office.
- V. Points are awarded for attending Great Lakes Shrine Association. Sign up sheet must be provided to receive points.
- W. Points are awarded for attending Imperial Session. Sign up sheet must be provided to receive points.
- X. Shrine Club Shriner of the Year and recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award may receive a one-time award of 100 points.
- Y. Saladin Temple Shriner of the Year and recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award may receive a one-time award of 200 points.
- Z. Shrine Club Child Care Chairman, Assistant Child Care Chairman, and Van Coordinators will receive this credit automatically in July of the year served.
- AA. Hospital Plaques points received for each plaque purchased and not for payments.