



From the Potentate's Desk

Summary of April 24th Stated Meeting.

Presentations given at this meeting included;

- A. Presentation of the option of building a new Temple.
- B. Presentation of the option of buying a building to use as new Temple
- C. Presentation of how each option would impact the operations budget of the Temple at the present as well as in 5 years.

After the presentations, the Nobility indicated that they were satisfied that enough information had been given on each option to make an informed decision and they were ready to move forward to the petition phase to discover which option(s) would be brought before the Nobility to vote on.

Actions approved by the Nobility at the meeting included;

- A. Divan to take action to put present Temple property on the market to sell.
- B. Divan to see that petitions for each option is forwarded to all Shrine Clubs for signing.
- C. A gun raffle will be held to benefit Temple operations. Further information will be given at the Stated Meeting

When the petitions are returned to the Temple and at least one hundred signatures are obtained for any option, notification of the Nobility as to date of meeting and voting process, as dictated by Imperial Bylaws will be carried out

June 19th. Date of Next Stated Meeting

10 AM-Noon- Tours will be given at the downtown Masonic Building; 233 Fulton St E

Noon- Lunch Provided for Nobles and their Ladies.

2 PM- Stated Meeting to take place at the Temple.

The Nobles present at the Advisory Board meeting as well as the Stated Meeting were urged to visit the Masonic building as well as the properties presented as examples of possible purchase for use as a combination Temple and rental revenue areas.

MEMBERSHIP HAPPENINGS

By the time this newsletter reaches you, an All Degree Day will have taken place in Kalamazoo. This hopefully bodes well for the Mini Ceremonial which will take place Saturday, July 24th in Kalamazoo at the Kalamazoo Masonic Building. Any Shrine Clubs with candidates are reminded to notify both the Temple and the Sec. of the Kalamazoo Shrine Club. Further information as to time and place will be given at the Stated Meeting.

As part of Ill. Sir Gene Burn's presentation on our Chicago Hospital, he related that the Hospital Day will take place on June 5th, 2011. I am glad that this will once again be available for the education of new or prospective Shriners

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as well as a rejuvenation of purpose for the "more experienced" Nobles.

THE WALK-ABOUTS

Three of our blow-up children pleasers are in for needed refurbishing. Allegan-Ottawa and Northwest Shrine Clubs are donating funds to cover these repairs. In the future, contact either Sam Wilcenski of Northwest Shrine Club or Ray Flannery, Chairman of the Harold Smith Walk-Abouts to schedule the use of the blow-ups. Contact information for both Nobles is in the 2010 Calendar Book. **DO NOT CALL THE TEMPLE TO RESERVE WALK-ABOUTS FOR YOUR EVENT.**

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Ill Sir Jim Lentz

From the Chief Rabban – Dale Lentz

With Parade Season in full swing, I would like to encourage every Noble in West Michigan to participate in a parade or other Civic activity whenever possible. It's a great way to get good exposure and P.R. for the Shrine and an opportunity to spread the word of the Shrine's Good Works. When you do participate, remember to practice good "Shrine Etiquette" and follow the protocol set up by the Host Sponsor of the event.

Also, when Shrine Units and/or Clubs are going to participate in a Non-Shrine parade; remember, there are two Shrine requirements: 1) The Club and or Units can do so only with their Potentate's approval and 2) Non-Shriners are not permitted to participate in the Shrine Units or Clubs in the parade. (These are Imperial Laws.)

Because of these Imperial Shrine Law requirements, it is important that all Shrine Units and Clubs get their parade schedules into the Potentate for his approval. By participating in a parade or event authorized and approved by the Potentate, we can better control our liability exposure.

The rules are simple and easy to follow; so, Lets all go have some fun in the parades this summer.

From the Assistant Rabban – Jeff Higley Sr.

The next ceremonial is fast approaching. Do you have a candidate yet? If not it is not too late to ask a brother to join us. The date is July 24th in Kalamazoo. The summer is almost upon us and picnic time is here, so don't forget to go to your club's or any other club's summer picnic.

At the last stated meeting we decided to have a gun raffle for the Temple. We will be selling the tickets for \$10.00 each and this is for a chance to win 1 of 5 guns (Browning and Thompson, also a gun cabinet made by one of our own Nobles.) The Drawing will be in November. We all need to come together to support our Temple. The onion sales down south went fast and they were great. Thanks to all that helped sell the onions and I hope that next year we can sell even more. For those of you that attended the GLSA Salmon Derby, thank you and for those of you that would like to go next year please see me for more information on the dates and price. All of the money raised goes to the hospitals. It was a great time with Nobles from all over. If you have not attended your clubs meeting lately please do as they need your help to raise funds for the Hospitals. Remember that many hands make light work. Hope to see all of you at the next stated meeting June 19th with your Fez on.



From the Oriental Guide Dan Soullier

Have you ever thought of being a Shriner?

Do you remember when you were asked that question?

Do you remember who asked you?

In 1988, I was a paramedic at the Shriner Rodeo, in Detroit. The Potentate of Moslem Temple called me over, and after a few pleasantries, he said, "Have you ever thought of being a Shriner?" Now mind you, I knew whom the Shriners were...they were those guys who wore those Fezzes (yes, I knew what a Fez was then), they were in about every parade, ran the Shrine Circus and Shrine Rodeo, and donated their time so sick kids could get better. After he asked me, I thought, "Who in their right mind would turn down such an offer...you know...to be one of the Good Guys.

I did not know I had to be a Mason first. I did not even know what the Square and Compass symbol meant. I did not even know that my uncle was a Mason, until 20 years after his death. When I went in search of my Masonic Path, except for the first Mason I met, all I ever heard was that they were evil, devil-worshippers, who sat behind closed doors trying to take over the world. Everything on the T.V. said that Masons were part of "The Great Conspiracy," whatever that meant. Now the Shriners, everyone said that they were wonderful...they were Cool!

Where am I going with this? I am glad you asked. With all of the negative press about Masons, have you ever considered asking someone to be a Shriner and working backward to the Blue Lodge? Well Imperial has, and that idea became...

www.BeaShrinernow.com.

This site is loaded with information for the average Shriner Noble; you know the one that processes the majority of his information, about the Shrine, from his heart then anywhere else. This site has enough information that if you ask the common man, who is not a Mason, then guide him here; it will answer all of his questions. This potential Brother-Noble will learn about becoming a Shriner from the Blue Lodge on up. He will be led to a virtual mentor who has things in common with him to help him through the process of making this person into a better Man, a Mason, and aid that Inner Shriner to the surface. Imperial has said that in the first month of this site's existence, we had over 400 men look into the Masonic life through the Shrine.

To answer that burning question, you all have been probably had while reading this article; I will tell you what happened to me in 1988. After the Moslem Potentate asked me to be a Shriner, I knew I had heard "The Calling," but my former spouse's insistence that I not be a Shriner... was louder. In 2005, five months after being raised to a Master Mason, in Charlevoix Lodge 282, Brother Sam Wilcenski turned to me and asked me, "Have you ever thought of being a Shriner?" I smiled and said; "Yes"...the rest is history.

So when you talk to a friend, family member, or co-worker and you see that Inner Shriner in them, he will never know if he has heard "The Calling" if he has not heard the words first...

Have you ever thought of being a Shriner?

From the Recorder – Dick Higgins

It appears as if the July departure date is rapidly approaching. Again, I wish to let you all know how much you meant to me. It has been a labor of love for me and I hope you feel the same way. My replacement is Tom Cardwell. I have known him for many years. We won the festival and Imperial division in the Chanters, starting in 1990, in PP Hoffman's year. You can see the trophies here at Saladin. I would appreciate you giving Tom the courtesies you gave me. He brings a lot to the table, as far as knowing how to get the job done and working with people. Thank you for your kindness and understanding.

2010 VIDALIA ONION PROGRAM

A big "Thank You" to all the Clubs, Units and Organizations that helped make our Vidalia Onion Fund Raising Program such a great success. We brought 50,000 # of Vidalia Onions up from Georgia and they sold like --- well, like Vidalia Onions should.

The 2,000 # of "extra" onions, that were available for anyone wanting more onions to sell, were pretty much gone in a little over a week and there were several Nobles still looking for more onions. The onions were great again this year and I have seen little to no resistance to the \$ 11.00/10# bag price. Those still selling at the \$ 10.00/bag price are giving their customers a great deal; but, they are missing the opportunity to have a much better fund raiser. (An extra .10 cents / lb. for 50,000 # of onions equals \$ 5,000.00)

Vidalia Onions are selling for \$ 1.39/lb. or more even in Georgia, where they're grown.

A Special "Thank You" goes to Noble Bob Forker for helping with the transportation of the onions again this year. Bob's assistance with the Vidalia Onion Program is greatly appreciated. The Program would not be as great a success without his help.

The Clubs with the greatest impact on the Vidalia Onion Program are:

Battle Creek Shrine Club 4,000#

Berrien County Shrine Club 8,750#

Eaton County Shrine Club 3,750#

Kalamazoo Shrine Club 2,750#

Lakeland Shrine Club 4,500#

Niles Shrine Club 5,000#

Northwest Shrine Club 4,000#

Paul Bunyan Shrine Club 3,500#

Sturgis Shrine Club 5,000#

Noble Bob Forker indicated that he would have liked to have 10,000# of onions this year.

A job 'Well done' by everyone.

Dale Lentz, C.R., Vidalia Onion Chairman

Caravan Shrine Club

As President of the newly formed Caravan Shrine Club in Grand Rapids, I would like to take this opportunity to invite those of you that were either members of Midway Shrine Club or Grand Valley Shrine Club to attend our meetings.

If you are not receiving our email notices please contact me at home 616-363-8888 or via email Ronngr@att.net and let me know.

We meet as couples, singles and widows on the fourth Wednesday of each month except for the months of July and August; our meeting place varies monthly at different local restaurants at 6 pm for social hour, dinner and a meeting to follow.

Ron Redner

Doc Schalk...

Effective June 1 Doc and Wilma have a new address. Please update your contact information for them.

Dr Lawrence and Wilma Schalk
8400 Grant Circle Apt A 111
Merrillville, IN 46410

Doc 616-550-5662
Wilma 616-550-5809

docschalk@wingsisp.com

Congrats on your new home!!

Calendar of Events

For our Shrine Clubs and Units the Memorial Day holiday brings with it the parade season. Nobles check your pocket calendar to see what events are happening in your area and participate as you are able and please be safe in your travels to and from events. Have fun and enjoy the summer events with fellow Nobles and their Ladies.

June 5, Allegan Ottawa Circus

June 19, Stated Meeting (No Advisory Board)
10:00 –Noon Tours will be given of the Masonic Building, downtown
12:00 Lunch at the Masonic Building for Nobles and Ladies
2:00 Stated Meeting at the Temple & Ladies Activities

July 3-8, Imperial Session, Toronto Canada

July 21, Foundation Trust Meeting

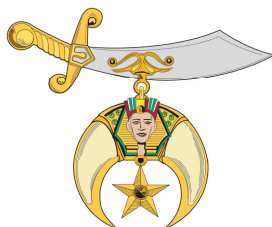
July 21, Newsletter Deadline

July 24, Mini-Ceremonial, Kalamazoo
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Pocket Calendar Corrections: Please note there is no Traverse City Shrine Club Family Picnic scheduled for July 18. Calendar editor apologizes for any confusion this error may have caused.

Club and Unit Updates

All Shrine Clubs and Units are encouraged to submit updates for inclusion in the Saladin Shrine News. The next newsletter deadline is July 21. If possible please submit your articles electronically to Jim Lentz at jlentz47@gmail.com with the subject line of Saladin News. Articles can also be mailed to Jim Lentz, 12463 170th Ave, Leroy Mi 49655 – please clearly indicate that this is for inclusion in the Saladin News as you can imagine I am receiving lots of Shrine related mail and do not want to inadvertently miss a mailed in newsletter submission. Hope to hear from you all. Jim



2010 Lady Nancy’s Program Update

As I’m sure you know my program for this year is to raise funds for the purchase of an Automatic External Defibrillator (ADE) and associated training of office staff and interested Nobles and Ladies. The ADE, once purchased will be located in the Temple office area. After researching this on-line and discussions with knowledgeable Nobles I believe that \$3000.00 will be sufficient to purchase the unit and provide for the initial training of office staff.

Thus far a total of \$1975.00 has been received from Shrine Club/Unit donations and/or the raffling of donated items. I would like to thank the Color Guard for their donation of \$500; the Saladin Temple Cabiri for their donation of \$100; Eaton County Shrine Club for their donation of \$200; and Cass County Shrine Club for their donation of \$500. A special thank you to Danny Abbott and John DeJonge for their donations of raffle items that raised a total of \$675. Again, I am asking that Shrine Clubs and Units consider supporting the 2010 ADE Program by designating the proceeds of a special fund-raising event for this program. Your support is appreciated. Lady Nancy

Dan Caro

I first want to thank Lady Marie Russell for sharing an inspirational update regarding Shrine Child Dan Caro, during the ladies program on April 24. I’m sure most of you are familiar with Dan’s story, but for those who are not let me provide you with a brief synopsis. Dan was born in Metairie, La. At age two Dan was severely injured in a garage fire and sustained third degree burns to over 70% of his body. While receiving treatment at Charity Hospital in New Orleans a Shriner from Jerusalem Temple contacted Dan’s parents and told about Shriners Hospitals for Children and Dan was medivaced to Shriners Burn Hospital in Boston MA. As a result of his burn injuries Dan lost his right hand and most of his left and is severely scared. In spite of his injuries Dan relentless attitude and resiliency have constantly proved that nothing is impossible, including his dream of becoming a musician. At the age of 12 Dan began drumming and is now a respected drummer in the New Orleans area. In addition to music, Dan is an Ambassador for the Shriners of North American. He is a professional speaker and as of March 2010 is a published author who shares stories of fulfillment and achievement.

I encourage you to check out Dan’s book “The Gift of Fire – How I Made Adversity Work for Me. Hay House publishers, ISBN # 978-1-4019-2660-1. Dan is just one of the reasons to be proud to be a Shriner. Google Dan Caro – you will be impressed! Lady Nancy

Welcome to Shriners Village

“You’re a Shriner and you deserve a special place to call your own. Shriners Village is that place. Created for Shriners by Shriners, it’s your online home where you can drop by and connect with the people, places and events that make Shriners International the words greatest fraternity.

Explore your new space, there’s a lot to be discovered and there will always be something new to find – news, entertainment, history, education, multimedia features and more – are all here.” Taken from the Shriners Village home page.

If you have not already done so log-on to Shriners Village. To log-in go to www.shrinershq.org and click on Shriners Village log-in. You will need your ID# from your membership card in order to create a user name and password.

Have fun and “Relax. You’re home.”

Ladies Activities for June 19

As indicated in the article from the Potentate the Nobles and Ladies will be touring the Masonic building downtown from 10am to noon. Lunch will be provided to the Nobles and their Ladies following the tour, again at the Masonic building. Following lunch the Nobles and Ladies will proceed to the Temple where the Nobles will participate in their Stated Meeting and the Ladies will gather in the Past Potentates room for activities.

The planned activity includes the making of fleece tied blankets to be given to the hospital in Chicago for distribution to patients. If you wish to participate please bring a pair of share scissors and 2 pieces of fleece 2 yards long (most fleece is 54” wide). The two pieces of fabric will be tied together so they should coordinate.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the 19th.

Nancy