

# Saladin Shriners



**December 2, 2017**

A Stated Meeting and Election of Saladin Shriners was held on the above date at the Grand Rapids Masonic Center.

Divan Officers Present:

Ill. Jonathan Clifford – Potentate  
Harry Jones – Assistant Rabban  
Jeffrey Gooder – Oriental Guide  
Richard Williams – Recorder

Jonathan Duley – Chief Rabban  
Dale Kramer – High Priest and Prophet  
Ryan Powers - Treasurer

The Temple was opened in regular form at 1:08 pm.

Ill. Sirs Augie Meyer (2000), Dick Higgins (1992), Tom Wells (2001) and 33 other Nobles were present. The Recorder recognized Thomas Cardwell 33<sup>0</sup>; Companion Bruce Hayden (OPC); and Past Grand High Priest James Kiefer.

The Potentate appointed Ill. Sir Meyer, Ill. Sir Wells, Ill. Sir Higgins, Ben Woolley, and Matt Sinkovich as Tellers.

The next order of business was the election of officers:

- (1) Potentate – Jonathan Duley - elected by unanimous ballot.
- (2) Chief Rabban – Harry Jones – elected by unanimous ballot.
- (3) Assistant Rabban – Dale Kramer – elected by unanimous ballot.
- (4) High Priest and Prophet – Jeff Gooder – elected by unanimous ballot.
- (5) Oriental Guide – Patrick Rajewski – elected by unanimous ballot.
- (6) Treasurer – Ryan Powers – elected by unanimous ballot.
- (7) Recorder – Richard Williams – elected by unanimous ballot.
- (8) Representatives to 2016 Imperial Council – Jonathan Duley, Harry Jones, and Dale Kramer were elected by unanimous ballot.
- (9) Saladin Finance Committee – The terms of Josh Brockway and David Neff have expired. Treasurer Ryan Powers nominated Nobles Brockway and Neff for two year terms. Noble Dick Haven nominated Noble Greg Kiander. As there were only two slots, a ballot was taken and Nobles Brockway and Neff received the most votes and were declared elected.
- (10) The officers-elect of the Divan were elected the 2018 Trustees of the Saladin Shriners Children’s Trust with the Potentate-Elect as President, the Chief Rabban-Elect as Vice President, the Treasurer-Elect as Treasurer and the Recorder-Elect as Secretary.
- (11) The officers-elect of the Divan and Jonathan Clifford (as 2017 Past Potentate) were elected as the 2018 Directors of the Saladin Shrine Temple Holding Corporation with the Potentate-Elect as President, the Chief Rabban-Elect as Vice President, the Treasurer-Elect as Treasurer and the Recorder-Elect as Secretary.

The tellers were dismissed and thanked for their service.

Ill. Sir Jonathan Clifford announced he would be stepping down as a member of the Board of Governors of the Chicago Hospital at the end of December. He was thanked for his prior two years of service to Saladin in that position.

Treasurer Ryan Powers and Chief Rabban Jon Duley presented the 2018 Budget and it was adopted as proposed.

Chief Rabban Duley spoke about the upcoming Valentine's Day Party to be held on February 10. As in years past, the attendance at this event will be capped. He encouraged everyone to buy tickets as soon as possible as the event would indeed sell out.

Ill. Sir Clifford called on Noble Greg Kiander for the presentation of the Saladin Clowns Unit Charter to Noble Greg and other members of the recently formed clown unit. Noble Greg made the point that the unit was available to all members of Saladin with an interest in clowning regardless of their geographic location.

The matter of Past Potentate's rings was discussed by Treasurer Powers and Chief Rabban Duley. It had been a prior practice, discontinued in recent years, for the potentate's ring to be purchased in a transaction not necessarily accounted for in the adopted annual budget. That process was discontinued by Recorder Williams, former Treasurer Neff and Ill. Sir Daniel Soullier in 2014 in an attempt to have the temple be completely transparent with the nobility about all expenditures of temple money and avoid any confusion regarding the recognition of officers. As a result, Ill. Sir Soullier did not receive a ring for his two years of service in 2014 and 2015. Out of a desire to properly recognize Ill. Sirs Soullier and Clifford, Chief Rabban Duley, seconded by Assistant Rabban Jones, moved to purchase rings for both individuals not to exceed \$3,000.

A ballot for petitions was taken for Bro. Christian Russell (Initiation) and Noble Paul Abrams (Affiliation). The ballot was unanimous.

Ill. Sir Jonathan Clifford spoke to the nobility and thanked them for their support over the past year and will plan to make his final comments at the installation.

Chief Rabban Duley thanked the nobility for their confidence in electing him Potentate for 2018 and promised the year would be a very enjoyable one for the nobility.

There being no additional matters to be brought before the nobility. The meeting was adjourned by Ill. Jonathan Clifford at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick "Snapper" Williams  
Recorder  
Saladin Shriners