



SALADIN NEWS

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Join Potentate and Lady Connie April 16th

FireKeepers Casino Hotel in Battle Creek, MI will host the 2016 Saladin Shriners Potentate's Ball on April 16th

Please plan to join Illustrious Sir William H. Martindale and his lady Connie for a wonderful evening of food and music at Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek, MI. Tickets must be purchased in advance from Divan members or by calling Sara at the Saladin office at (616) 719-9146 or by emailing skopec@saladinshrine.com

What: 2016 Saladin Shriners Potentate's Ball

When: Saturday, April 16th

Time: 6:00 pm Social, 7:00 pm Dinner

Cost: \$55 per person

Where: FireKeepers Casino Hotel

11177 E. Michigan Ave, Battle Creek, MI 49014

Entertainment: Band playing from 8:30 until 10pm

Dress: Black Tie Optional / Business Suit

Rooms are available at FireKeepers Casino for \$199 a night and a block of rooms has also been reserved at the Quality Inn Motel for \$103 a night. The Quality Inn will be running a shuttle to the Casino. Please make your reservations directly with either location. Mention the Saladin Potentate's Ball when making reservations.

FireKeepers Casino Hotel
<http://www.firekeeperscasino.com>
(877) 352-8777

Quality Inn and Suites
11081 East Michigan, Battle Creek, MI 49014
(269) 964-3000



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From the Potentate...

Happy Spring almost Everyone,

Tidings from the South and your Potentate and Lady Connie. We hope you have not been turned off to much by the lack of snow and hope you are having a safe winter. I would like to take this time to bring you up to speed on some events that are coming up, first will be the Potentates Ball in April on the 16th at the Fire Keepers Casino in the Cereal City of Battle Creek, cost will be \$55 per person doing the finishing touches on the menu as we speak. We are really hoping to fill the room we have 100 people set for capacity but would love to see more. I have made arrangements with the Quality Inn which is also owned by Fire Keepers for rooms at \$103 per night, there is also a shuttle between the hotel and the casino as well so if you want to spend the night you don't have to worry about driving. For entertainment I have a local group out of Sturgis Tom Garn and the 16th Ave Band. They are a lot of fun and I have known Tom since way back. There will be a cash bar with everything starting around 6pm and going till 10ish. Everyone in attendance will get a \$10 complimentary card from the casino. Dinner will be 7-8:30 and we will have a message or two for everyone but after that we want everyone to be able to dance and have a good time and maybe even gamble a bit.

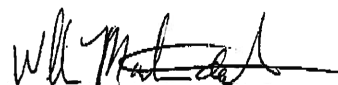
This fall I'm working on a cruise through Norwegian Cruise Lines. There are several things we still need to complete as far as Imperial Law and I will be formally presenting my proposal at the next Stated Meeting. For planning sake, I'm looking at October 3 through the 7th Leaving Miami on the 3rd at 5pm, Grand Bahama Island on the 4th, Nassau on the 5th, the Great Stirrup Cay on the 6th and return to Miami on the 7th for those that are

interested. We would need to have the funds no later than May 31st. I'm looking at hopefully doing 25 rooms, 13 Balcony at \$730.13 per adult, \$1460.26 or an Ocean View with 12 at a cost of 625.13 or \$1250.26 per couple once again the more the merrier. I have not been on a cruise in a very long time, you would be responsible for your air fare to Miami. Again, there are several things we are in the process of reviewing and completing under General Order #1 before this idea is formally presented for the Nobility's approval at the March Stated Meeting. Lady Connie and I would really love to have as many nobles in attendance and your ladies as possible as I said with my Pin this year we are attempting to think outside the box not only for things for us to do as Shriners but also other ways that our philanthropy can help those in our communities as well as attracting the new masons and members to our fraternity. We hope to see many of you at the next stated meeting and also at the circus's coming up as well, and one last thing if you have a thought about something don't sit on it, if it's something that we can do and accomplish and we have the means please let us know. If it's something we cannot do right now but may be able to in the future then we as a Divan will hold it in regards to look to the future, and if you Ladies have any ideas about stuff you would like to do please feel free to let Lady Connie know we will work towards it. We may not be able to accomplish everything but we will try and accomplish something.

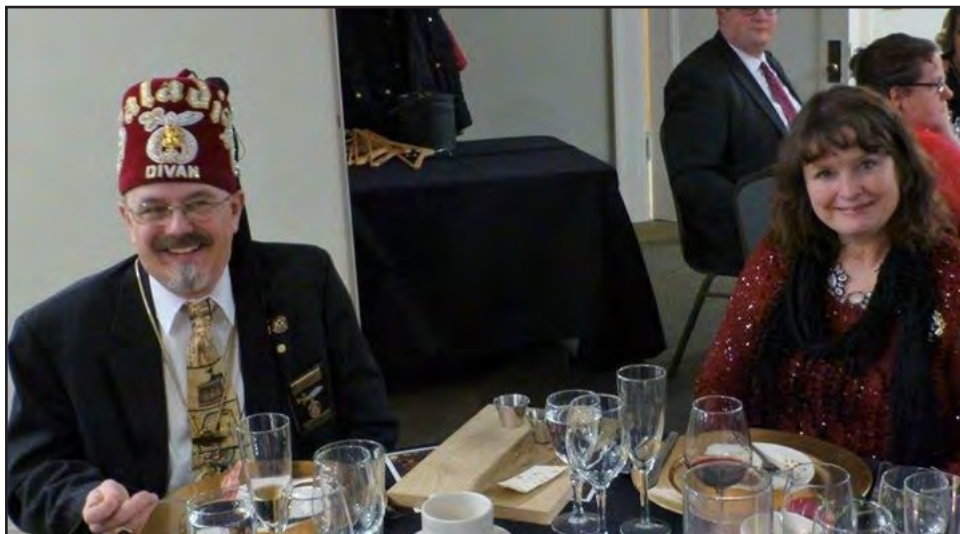
One last thing to bring down to earth Gentleman, Nobles, Brothers all we are not getting any younger and as I said prior we, not just me but WE must find our replacements for our clubs and units, WE must get back out into the Blue Lodges and not only help them but support them in all their undertakings. So I implore you one and all search deep within yourselves remember what it is to be a

Man and a Mason that is what we are first and foremost.

Fraternally and Respectfully Yours,



Bill and Lady Connie Martindale
Potentate
Saladin Shriner



From the Chief Rabban

It was wonderful to spend such a romantic evening with so many Nobles and their Ladies at the Valentine's Day event. The company was fantastic and the food was outstanding. As one who does not exactly excel at coming up with romantic ways to celebrate Valentine's Day, it was truly a benefit to have such a first class event to take my Lady to and celebrate the holiday. Thank you to our Assistant Rabban Jon Duley and his Lady Michelle for their planning and hard work.

Our Illustrious Potentate Bill Martindale is bringing back a Shriner tradition this year on April 16th with the Potentate's Ball at Firekeepers Casino. This should be wonderful evening to come out and celebrate being a Shriner and maybe even get lucky in the casino!

While the warm days of summer seem like a long way off, it will be June before we know it. Make sure to save the date of June 5th for Hospital Day at Shriners Hospitals for Children - Chicago. This is a great opportunity for Nobles, their Ladies and potential candidates to get a tour of our Chicago hospital. Seeing one of our hospitals and the place where so many children's lives are changed can be a transformative experience. When you walk through the doors of that hospital wearing a Fez, it truly becomes your hospital. Stay tuned for details from the Temple regarding



coordination of travel.

Thank you to all the Nobles of Saladin Shrine for the opportunity to serve on the Divan and for your continued support.

Fraternal Regards,
Jonathan Clifford
Chief Rabban

Spring Ceremonial May 14th in Grand Rapids

Spring Ceremonial promises to be a special event for members, candidates, and their ladies.

The Ceremonial Day Team is working hard to provide our Spring Ceremonial Candidates with a great experience. The second section team is developing some new things for our candidates to enjoy.

What: Saladin Spring Ceremonial

When: Saturday, May 14th

Time: 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Cost: Free

Where: Grand Rapids Masonic Temple

Please RSVP your attendance to the Temple.

skopec@saladinshrine.com - (616) 942-1570

Candidates Report 1:00 pm

**Ceremonial Session Meeting &
Ladies program - 1:30 pm**

First Section 2:15 pm

Second Section 3:30 pm

Social Hour 5:00 pm

Dinner 6:00 pm

**Fezzing 7:00 pm
(Social Time to follow)**



William Martindale
Potentate 2016

PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP

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TO THE POTENTATE, OFFICERS AND NOBLES OF SALADIN SHRINERS, SITUATED
IN THE CITY OF KENTWOOD, STATE OF MICHIGAN.

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Master Mason in _____ Lodge
No. _____ Located at _____ (city) _____ (state)
which meets the recognition standards of the Conference of Grand Masters in North America, Interamerican Masonic Confederation or the
World Conference of Grand Lodges. Furthermore, I have resided at my current address for not less than 6 months, as required by the Bylaws
of Shriners International. I hereby make application to become a Noble of the Order and a member of your temple. If granted membership, I
promise to conform to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of Shriners International and the Bylaws and Ceremonies of your temple.

Have you previously applied for admission to any temple of the Order? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what temple? _____ When? _____

Were you ever a DeMolay? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what Chapter? (name and location) _____

Profession / Occupation _____

Employer _____ Phone _____

Birthplace _____ Date of Birth _____

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Number and Street

County

City

State

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Phone _____ Email _____

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Name of Spouse / Lady _____

Date _____, 20____ Signature _____

PRINT FULL NAME _____

RECOMMENDED BY:

NOBLE _____ MEMBER NO. _____

NOBLE _____ MEMBER NO. _____

Fez Size _____ Method of payment _____

Creation Fee With Fez - \$265 / Creation Fee with Candidate or Club providing Fez - \$125

THE SALADIN FISHING UNIT...

...is coming back!



Contact the Recorder for more information
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New Membership Cards Issued by Shriners Intl

Shriners International began issuing hard plastic membership cards in 2016. There have been some issues with the initial cards, but Shriners HQ remains confident they will all be resolved.

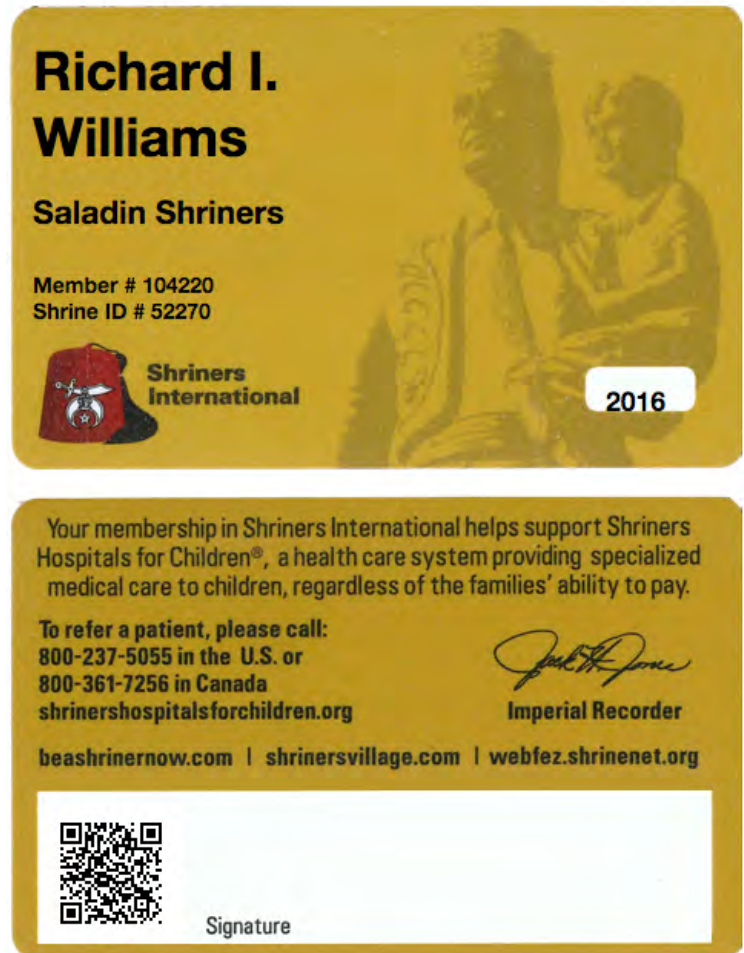
Many of you have no doubt received your new hard plastic membership card from Shriners International. The card is just one step in an aggressive program by Shriners International to modernize its membership system across the fraternity. The scope of this modernization is substantial and it has not been without a few issues. I would like to briefly make you aware of the issues and let you know what we've been trying to do at the Temple level to address them. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

New Membership System

Although not visible to the general membership, Shriners International did away with our prior membership system aka 'Red Fez' and replaced it with a new centrally managed web-based system known as 'Web Fez'. The system is very much a work in progress and the home office is actively building portions of the program while we use it. This hasn't proved too much of a problem. We have found many of the reports we were able to generate in the prior system, are still being built. Its mainly a matter of waiting until they bring them online. Though not available at this time, the new system is going to allow for club and member level access for select club/unit officers.

Dues Notices

Shriners International has taken over the process of sending dues notices to the nobility. This has been a bit of a change for us at the Saladin office, but nothing too bad. The only hiccup in the process was that Shriners International used our old address on the dues notices they sent out to the nobility. Thankfully the mail-forwarding order was still in place from our old address. However, some dues payments were returned to members as undeliverable. Not an ideal situation for us in the office. We apologized to anyone that called in to the office to report they had received their payments back. It wasn't anything we did wrong in the office and we worked with headquarters to make sure the problem did not occur again.



Dues Cards

Because of unforeseen issues, it took Shriners International longer than expected to issue the new plastic cards. I made a choice early on to issue the traditional paper cards to everyone paying their dues in 2016 to make sure you received something in a timely manner.

The hard plastic cards are produced for Shriners International at a central location and are done in batches every few weeks. Shortly after they began arriving to members we started to receive calls in the office that the cards lacked titles and membership classes such as: Past Potentate, Life Member, PCM, PCLM, \$100 Million Club, etc. etc. We learned later that the titles were omitted by Imperial this first year because of issues in combining the membership databases of the Temples across the country. There are plans to correct this. I have made a document available online that explains this in greater detail:

http://www.saladinshrine.com/pdfs/ShrineCardInquiryFAQ_Red.pdf

We've done our best in the office to deal with these various situations that were not of our creation. Thank you for your patience.

-Rick Williams, Recorder, Saladin Shriners



Hospital Day
Sunday
June 5, 2016

“A Legacy of Love for 90 Years”
Shriners Hospitals for Children — Chicago

Food and Refreshments ♥ Tours
Entertainment ♥ Activities For Kids

2211 N. Oak Park Avenue, Chicago, IL

Drew Swanson - Saladin Temple Hospital Day Chairman - drewsappraisals@ameritech.net

12 p.m. **Open House and Tours**
2:30 p.m. **Hospital Day Program**
3:30 p.m. **World's Shortest Parade**

Saladin Shriners Children's Trust is providing bus transportation from select sites within Saladin's jurisdiction.



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Please RSVP to Sara in the Saladin office if you are interested in travelling with Saladin to hospital day. (616) 942-1570

William Martindale, President
Jonathan Clifford, Vice-President
Ryan Powers, Treasurer
Rick Williams, Secretary

Saladin Childcare Report

From the Saladin Shriners Children's Trust

Jonathan Duley, Trustee
Harry Jones, Trustee
Dale Kramer, Trustee
Gerry Kerbis, Childcare Chairman

Volunteer drivers work hard to support children

January 1st to Feb 29th - Driver's Trip Summary

Driver	No. of Trips	Mileage	Hours	Club
James Babbitt (N)	1	394	11.25	Scarab
Robert Boughner	2	682	22.50	Kalamazoo
Gene Burns	3	950	24.25	Eaton
Douglas Culp	1	275	9.00	Cass
Michael Dawson	5	1,843	56.00	Battle Creek
Roger Dorn	1	354	9.00	Allegan/Ottawa
Arnold Fenrich	3	1,118	36.25	Battle Creek
Raymond Flannery	1	454	11.50	Muskegon
Mert Frost	2	682	22.50	Kalamazoo
Thomas George	1	505	12.00	Muskegon
Keith Grandy	2	1,196	30.25	Lakeland/Paul Bunyan
Richard Hartmann	1	354	9.00	Allegan/Ottawa
John Keyser	3	912	34.00	Berrien
Billy King	1	571	16.25	Lakeland/Paul Bunyan

Driver	No. of Trips	Mileage	Hours	Club
Dale Lentz	1	571	16.25	Lakeland/Paul Bunyan
August Meyer	1	381	12.00	Berrien
Ian Mundy	1	275	9.00	Cass
Douglas Murr	1	346	10.00	Allegan/Ottawa
Gary Nostrant	2	1,196	30.25	Lakeland/Paul Bunyan
Sinforoso Padilla	1	346	10.00	Allegan/Ottawa
James Peek	1	345	8.50	Kalamazoo
Neil Perry	3	950	24.25	Eaton
Robert Reahm	1	345	8.50	Kalamazoo
Michael Roose	1	394	11.25	Caravan
Thomas Schultz	4	1,878	48.25	Muskegon
Thomas Siewert	2	531	22.00	Berrien
Raymond VanSlyke	2	919	24.75	Muskegon
Mark Waterman	2	725	19.75	Battle Creek

Totals

of Trips: 25
Total Miles: 9,746
Total Hours: 558.5

Driver Supported Trips

Fuel: \$ 798.83
Tolls: \$ 315.00
Food: \$ 876.75
Total: \$ 1,990.58

Self Drive Trips

Fuel: \$ 726.69
Tolls: \$ 148.90
Food: \$ 273.19
Lodging: \$ 125.90
Total: \$1,274.79

Drivers completed trips to Chicago and Cincinnati

Self Drives to Chicago and Philadelphia

Drivers - Thank you for your dedication - (N) Denotes New Driver - Thank you James Babbitt!

Correction!

We had a glitch in the last issue of the News and mileages for Noble Neil Perry and his lady Lana Perry were not reported correctly. Neil completed 19 trips for a total of 9,091 miles and 208.5 hours. His lady Lana completed 3 trips for a total of 1,478 miles and 33.5 hours. Thank you both for your commitment to the children. We apologize for the misprint.

Additional Expenses

Vehicle Maint: \$ 197.82
Vehicle Licenses: \$ 171.00
Van Rentals: \$ 269.00
Mileage-Club Van \$ 137.50
Van Insurance: \$2,448.16
Total: \$6,757.85

Former President Carter becomes hospital Ambassador

Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and Mrs. Carter have become ambassadors for our organization. Mr. Carter, a Nobel Peace Prize recipient and noted humanitarian, appeared in a Valentine's Day-themed public service announcement for Shriners Hospitals for Children.

"Shriners Hospitals for Children is very appreciative of Mr. and Mrs. Carter for their support. Their involvement will help us bring greater awareness to our mission to improve the lives of children in need of specialized medical care," said Jerry Gantt, Imperial Potentate and Chairman of the Board of Directors for Shriners Hospitals for Children. "We are honored by their efforts and hope to be able to continue to work together to make the world a better place."

"Rosalynn and I are very pleased to be helping Shriners Hospitals for Children raise awareness of their efforts to provide life-changing care for children throughout the world," said former U.S. President Jimmy Carter. "We have been following the philanthropic efforts of Shriners

Hospitals for many years and we look forward to helping people understand they are a resource available when seeking medical care for their children."



Watch the President Carter Shriners Hospitals PSA by scanning the QR code on the left with your tablet or smartphone or go to:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BaWABwAJ6c0>

Oriental Guide Recently Back From Tampa Meeting

Nobles,

Thank you for having the confidence in me to fulfill the duties and responsibilities as your Oriental Guide. We have an exciting year ahead starting with our circuses and the appreciation breakfast which will precede our stated meeting.

Lady Carol and I have just returned from Oriental Guide School at Shrine Headquarters in Tampa. We are both energized and charged up for our first year in the line as your servants. Some of the take aways were not new, as our Illustrious Potentate has said membership must be a priority. Fun, Fellowship, and supporting our hospitals can be accomplished at the same time. Sounds like a win win situation to me.

I look forward to seeing you in a couple of weeks at the Stated Meeting if not sooner at the Grand Rapids Circus.

Fraternally,
Dale Kramer
Oriental Guide



Our Oriental Guide, Noble Dale Kramer, with his lady Carol at the recent Saladin Shriners Valentine's Day Party.

Thirsty Nobles!

As the *Friday Night Saladin Fellowship Social* continues to grow our High Priest & Prophet, Harry Jones, had a great idea – if you can't come to Grand Rapids to celebrate with us why don't we bring the party to you? Harry has offered his assistance to any of the clubs that would like to start a Friday Night Fellowship Social of their own... he'll even bring a bottle, of his choice of course, to you for the event! Please contact Harry @ (616) 293-2588 for details and arrangements. If you can't reach him, call Sara or Rick in the Saladin office (616) 942-1570.

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Shriners International

Dear Fellow Nobles,

Somewhere along the way, it's likely that we were all encouraged to take pride in ourselves and/or in our work. And, somewhere along the way, we may have picked up that pointing to our own accomplishments would be self-centered or boasting, and those are generally not considered positive things. And so we learn to be proud of ourselves and our work less publicly, and more personally and quietly. But being self-centered is not the same as being proud of what we have done – and what we can do tomorrow.

Think about this in terms of being Shriners. Our fraternity has been a premier organization that has provided opportunities for life-long friendships and a chance to be part of something very special for more than 140 years. And we've offered hope and healing to children and families facing extremely difficult, complex medical situations for more than 90 years – always regardless of their ability to pay; we've funded ground-breaking research that has influenced and changed medical protocols worldwide; we've offered outstanding medical education to generations of physicians. We support a multi-million dollar health care system with locations in three countries that more than 1.2 million children and families have depended on over time, and thousands depend on annually.

How can we not be proud of what we've done for the world around us, and for our communities? How can we not be proud when our patients routinely overcome challenges and achieve more than they ever believed possible? How can we not be proud when we see our patients have the confidence and self-esteem to pursue their dreams?

I have always been proud to be a Shriner, but as I travel and see more and more of the work we do, my pride in Shriners Hospitals for Children and Shriners International continues to grow. Over time, and especially over the last several months as Imperial Potentate, as I've traveled extensively throughout our "world" of hospitals and temples, the pride that I have in being a Shriner and in being part of Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children has increased considerably.

Everywhere I go, I meet dedicated nobles, committed staff members and determined patients. At the temples, the clubs, the hospitals and headquarters, everyone is actively participating in an amazing mission that changes lives and makes a real difference in this world.

I am proud to be part of our two amazing organizations, and I am proud of every single person who does their part to fulfill our missions every day. And you should be, too. What we need is to be proud – and take that pride, that sense of accomplishment, that knowledge that our efforts make a difference – and use it. We need to be proud to share that story of watching a patient tie their shoes independently for the first time, of seeing the first glimmer of hope in a patient's eyes, of encouraging a brother, or even of just knowing you're never alone – you're part of a worldwide family.

Together, we have changed the world. And together, speaking as one unified force and voice – with the strength of hundreds of thousands – we can make Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children organizations that everyone, everywhere knows.

Again, I am proud to be a Shriner – and I am proud of you.

Yours in the faith,
Jerry G. Gantt
Imperial Potentate



Imperial Sir Jerry Gantt and his Lady Lisa with Shriners Patient Ambassador Leigh Dittmann after Imp. Sir Jerry awarded Leigh the Imperial Potentates Medallion for her fundraising efforts.

Assistant Rabban looking forward to the rest of 2016

Another spring season is just about over. The East West Game was a lot of fun, the Valentine's Dinner was a great success, and the planning and execution of the circuses is finally over. It's been a great beginning to 2016, and I'm sure the rest of the year will be just as solid.

Lady Michele and I, along with our Recorder Rick Williams and his lady, Hannah, went down to St. Pete's, Florida for the third year in a row for the Shrine East West College Football Game. We were able to meet up with some friends we've met over the last few years, as well as meet some new ones. The tailgate event was a lot of fun, as always, and the game was intense. Three players from The University of Michigan were there (including Jake Rudock), along with two from some team out of East Lansing... We even went as far this time as renting a Maserati for the weekend. It was a blast!

The Valentine's Dinner was a huge success this year. Lady Michele and I, with the help of multiple servers, presented a five course, wine-paired

meal for 66 people. The jazz band was tight, the food was delicious (if we do say so ourselves), and the wine was perfectly paired by one of West Michigan's only certified sommeliers. The event was so hot it even set off the fire alarm at the temple! We're looking forward to doing it all again next year. Please be sure to put it on your calendar for Saturday, February 11th, 2017.

Finally, the 2016 Shrine Circuses are over. Many thanks go out to those who made this year's events possible. The circus takes up a lot of time and requires a lot of energy, but in the end, the effort brings in a lot of money that's needed for our temple operations. In appreciation for the efforts of those who helped, please plan to join us for the Circus Appreciation Breakfast on Saturday, March 19th followed by the March Stated Meeting. Please RSVP with Sara in the Saladin office.

I look forward to seeing more of you this year at your clubs. If there's anything I, or any of the Divan, can do for you, please don't hesitate to



ask. We'd love to hear your opinions on how to make Saladin better every day!

Fraternally,
Jon Duley
Assistant Rabban



Circus Appreciation Breakfast

9 am to 11 am - March 19th
Grand Rapids Masonic Temple

If you volunteered for any of our Saladin Shrine Circuses this year, we want to thank you properly. You are invited to this special appreciation meal in your honor. In addition to food and refreshments there will be entertainment and a healthy portion of fellowship. **Please RSVP.** While we promise plenty of fun, we can't guarantee food for people who try to pull the old 'walk-in' thing. Don't be that Shriner!

RSVP to Sara in the Saladin Office
skopec@saladinshrine.com
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~Please RSVP by March 16th~

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One Last Photo...



Jon Duley (Asstistant Rabban) and Rick Williams (Recorder) visited the members of the Paul Bunyan Shrine Club during the club's annual Turkey Dinner Fundraiser in Lake City. Each year members of the club invite the public to enjoy a turkey dinner to assist in raising funds to send Lake City Schools students to the Grand Rapids Circus. The 2016 event was a huge success. Congratulations to Club officers John Klumpp, Billy King, Don Gondzar, and Walter Hunt Jr. It is no mystery why you Nobles were Saladin's 2015 Club of the Year. Keep up the great work!