



SALADIN NEWS

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Fall Ceremonial October 1, 2016

Join us at the Grand Rapids Masonic Center in October for an excellent event. Ladies Activities and Speaker planned.

We had a wonderful time at our Spring Ceremonial and our team is planning an even bigger event for our Fall Ceremonial. The Ladies have another painting event planned as well. We are also planning to have a physician from one of our Shriners Hospitals speak to us during dinner. We hope that you set October 1st aside and plan to join us. Please RSVP your attendance to Sara at the Saladin Office. skopec@saladinshrine.com or (616) 942-1570.

Schedule for Fall Ceremonial

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 and Fezzing 5:00 pm

Dinner 6:00 pm



The Ritual Team did an excellent job at our May Ceremonial. Left to Right: Eric Russell (Ceremonial Director); Dale Kramer (Saladin Oriental Guide and Ceremonial Musician); Pat Rajewski (Ceremonial Outer Guard); Andy McNay (Ceremonial Assistant Rabban); Rick Williams (Recorder and Ceremonial Orator); Bart LeVan (Ceremonial Potentate); Bill Martindale (Saladin Potentate and Ceremonial Musician); Tim Willis (Ceremonial Chief Rabban); Harry Jones (Saladin High Priest and Ceremonial Musician); Ben Wright (Ceremonial Oriental Guide); Bernard Idziak (Ceremonial Musician); Jonathan Clifford (Chief Rabban and Ceremonial Chief Percussionist); Dan Trigg (Marshall). Great work Nobles! Join us in the Fall.

From the Potentate...

Welcome Nobles and Ladies to what looks to be the first signs of spring, I think. We have had a few things going on as we prepare for Imperial in July. Our recent Ceremonial brought in 4 new Nobles to our great fraternity. Nobles while 4 is a great number it is not nearly the number we as Shriners should be shooting for. Every club within our jurisdiction needs to be shooting for that many and more. We need to be looking at our replacements. What will happen to our clubs when we are no longer able to help them as well as the hospitals? Every club that becomes nonexistent becomes another club that no longer supports our hospitals and takes monies away from them. That is why it is so important that we get back to the blue lodges and show these members the purpose which is that of the Shriners not only the fun that we have.

I would like to take this time to thank those Nobles and their Ladies that were in attendance for the Potentates Ball. We heard nothing but appreciation for not only doing it but for the venue and the food and the music. A great time was had by all. We had several members from Elf Kurafeh and Moslem Shrine as well. I am not sure what the future holds for this event, but hopefully those that were unable to attend will in the future. We put these events on for you, not to make the Divan look good. We want to show our support and appreciation for the local clubs as well.

Also Lady Connie and I attended the Elf Kurafeh Potentates Ball. I was really impressed by the number of Past Potentates that were in attendance and we all had a great time which gave us some ideas for the future.

Lady Connie and I had a great time at the Blossomtime Parade. Lady Connie's arm got a little tired from all the

waving. We would like to thank all the Shrine clubs that were in attendance to support a great event and to help get the logo and the Hospitals out there to the public. I could not believe the number of people in the crowds that thanked us for what you do. It was really a warm feeling on a chilly day.

We still have several Potentate's ties left. The cost is \$40.00. Please get in touch with Sara and we will make arrangements to get them to you or when you come to a stated meeting or ceremonial.

I would like to take opportunity to thank the Ladies of the Divan as well as Donna Baldwin for all that you have done to assist Lady Connie with events. The painting of the glasses at the Spring Ceremonial ladies event looked great. From what I understand they are looking to paint plates this fall for the Ceremonial. So for you ladies that missed it in the Spring, a great time was had by the ladies.

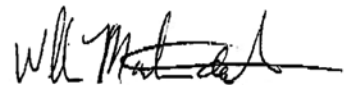
I would also like to take this time to thank Mark Mandreky for his help with the onions sales this year. Noble Stan Hively has done a fantastic job getting things done the past few years and Mark hit the ground running after Stan's recent illness. I saw Stan at the Turkey Shoot in Cass County and he is looking good.

I could only make one day at the turkey shoot this spring, but man it was crazy and busy and was a blast. I encourage everyone (that includes your ladies as well) that can come down to Cass to help out with this event. They can always use a couple more bodies and I promise you will not regret the fun you will have. The next one will be this fall for two weekends.

I also gave regards to our going MWGM Wisely and incoming MWGM Finkel at Grand Lodge recently and our support not only as Shriners, but as Shrine Masons.

Please get your bylaws into the office so we can get them reviewed and approved and sent back out to you.

Fraternally and Respectfully Yours,



Bill and Lady Connie Martindale
Potentate
Saladin Shriner



Assistant Rabban talks about children in poverty

Reaching Children in Poverty

Most of the time, the articles I write for the Saladin News are cheerful and lighthearted, but this time I'm taking a slightly different approach. Don't worry... it ends on a happy note.

For the last 10 years, I was a high school English teacher working with students from all walks of life. Some lived in very beautiful, well-kept homes where everyone is fed, clean, well-rested, and loved, while others are from less than desirable situations where laundry and bathing is not a priority, and dinner is often a \$5 Little Caesars pizza to feed four people. Obviously, there's the middle group where bills get paid, but not by much, everyone is fed, but there's the occasional meal that might be a little light, and clothes are clean, but they might not be the newest threads Abercrombie and Fitch has to offer. Kids come from all walks of life, but it wasn't until this year that I truly was able to see how some children in poverty live.

As many of you know, this year I am no longer in the classroom. I am now the principal of an alternative high school in Ionia where we have about 80 of the toughest, roughest, dirtiest, complicated, yet greatest kids Ionia County has to offer. These kids struggle through some of the most trying situations I've ever seen, yet somehow find their way across the auditorium stage and to alumni status. The poverty some of our students live in is disheartening, and it wasn't until I started doing home visits at the beginning of this school year that I really saw how bad it can be. For example, I went to a house to find one of our students who had been absent a few days in a row. I

knocked on the door and found that there were 18 people living there – 4 bedrooms, two bathrooms, about 1500 square feet... 18 people. And everyone in the house acted like this was normal; I was completely floored. I began to pay closer attention to the mannerisms of our students, and it became easy to tell who had some real struggles at home. I would take note of it and make sure that my next round of home visits included going to some of those students' home so I could really see what I was dealing with. Nearly every time, I was humbled. I began to notice some common themes in these households, but the one major theme was lack of education in regards to assistance programs available. Maybe there was some pride or stubbornness mixed in where families might know of available help but don't go seeking it, but most of the time, it seemed like they just didn't know. I began working with our students in poverty to find ways to get them the help they needed, but it wasn't always easy. People don't like being reminded that they're poor.

I could go on and on with stories from this school year, but my point for telling you all this is to share with you that there are so many kids in need right in our own communities that we don't even see or know about. Many of them are even at our circuses every year. It's the kids we help who have physical issues that are easy to identify, and it is so gratifying to see them improve knowing that we had a hand in it. I'm lucky enough to have had three of my students go to Shriners Hospital for Children – Chicago for help and be able to watch them improve. I've had them thank me for my involvement, and



Assistant Rabban Jon Duley at the Paul Bunyan Mini-500s Kalkaska Parade.

for showing them that there is help available to them, and that's a great feeling.

I know we have billboards and television advertisements that inform people of our services, but I had to ask myself if I was doing all I could to make sure families of kids in need know that we're out there. I made a shift to pay closer attention to the people around me when I'm at the grocery store or out to eat. Because of that shift, I've been able to have some great conversations with people who weren't aware of what we have to offer, and I've had great conversations with people who have already been helped by Shriners. If you pay attention, those people are all over the place. If you haven't had the opportunity to have those conversations, I highly recommend keeping your eyes wide open. It's a great experience and a great feeling knowing that you're part of an organization that helps kids every single day.

William Martindale, President
Jonathan Clifford, Vice-President
Ryan Powers, Treasurer
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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 May 27th - Driver's Trip Summary

Driver	No. of Trips	Mileage	Hours	Club	Driver	No. of Trips	Mileage	Hours	Club
Babbitt, James	1	394	11.25	Scarab	King, Billy	1	1604	16.25	Lakeland/Paul Bunyan
Barnette, John	1	394	13.00	Lakeland/Paul Bunyan	Lentz, Dale	2	571	28.25	Lakeland/Paul Bunyan
Boughner, Robert	2	564	22.5	Kalamazoo	Meyer, August	2	1181	24.00	Berrien
Bruinsma, William	2	682	21.50	Caravan	Mundy, Ian	1	768	9.00	Cass
Burns, Gene	3	769	24.25	Eaton	Murr, Doug	3	275	30.50	Allegan / Ottawa
Culp, Douglass	1	950	9.00	Cass	Nostrant, Gary	6	1046	93.25	Lakeland/Paul Bunyan
Dawson, Michael	10	275	117.75	Battle Creek	Padilla, Sonforoso	1	3646	10.00	Allegan / Ottawa
DeHaan, Robert	1	3826	7.50	Kalamazoo	Peek, James	2	346	16.00	Kalamazoo
Dorn, Roger	1	330	9.00	Allegan / Ottawa	Perry, Neil	5	675	50.25	Eaton
Fenrich, Arnold	12	354	141.5	Battle Creek	Peterson, Don	2	1872	26.50	Muskegon
Flannery, Ray	5	4597	64.00	Muskegon	Reahm, Robert	1	1006	8.50	Kalamazoo
Frost, Mert	2	2336	22.5	Kalamazoo	Rooze, Michael	3	345	30.75	Caravan
George, Thomas	2	682	26.50	Muskegon	Ruble, David	2	1163	20.00	Battle Creek
Gondzar, Don	1	1014	17.00	Lakeland/Paul Bunyan	Russell, Rodney	2	719	26.00	Eaton
Grandy, Keith	4	560	60.25	Lakeland/Paul Bunyan	Schultz, Thomas	11	922	163.75	Muskegon
Hartmann, Dick	1	2424	9.00	Allegan / Ottawa	Siewert, Thomas	2	5973	22.00	Berrien
Hively, Mary	2	354	16.50	Niles	VanSlyke, Raymond	2	531	24.75	Muskegon
Hively, Stanley	3	580	27.25	Niles	Volkema, Nate	1	919	10.00	Allegan / Ottawa
Hunt, Walter	1	885	16.00	Lakeland/Paul Bunyan	Walker, Bill	1	360	13.00	Lakeland/Paul Bunyan
Hutch, George	1	662	32.50	Muskegon	Waterman, Mark	4	564	46.25	Battle Creek
Keyser, John	5	1038	56.75	Berrien	Williams, James R	1	1502	12.00	Lakeland/Paul Bunyan

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!

Shriners Hospitals for Children provides specialty care for children up to age 18 with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate, regardless of the families' ability to pay. All care and services are delivered in a family-centered environment.

Totals

of Trips: 58

Total Miles: 24,937

Total Hours: 1,406.5

Driver Supported Trips

Fuel: \$ 1,934.74
Tolls: \$ 619.60
Lodging: \$ 174.59
Cab Fare: \$ 34.00
Food: \$ 2,370.17
Total: \$ 5,133.10

Self Drive Trips

Fuel: \$3,894.57
Tolls: \$ 525.35
Food: \$1,716.14
Lodging: \$ 457.70
Total: \$6,593.76

Additional Expenses

Vehicle Maint: \$1,506.06
Vehicle Licenses: \$ 171.00
Van Rentals: \$ 269.90
Mileage-Club Van \$ 580.00
Van Insurance: \$7,458.73
Total: \$9,985.69

Shriners Hospitals College Baseball Classic Huge Success

In December of 2015, Shriners Hospitals for Children and the Houston Astros Foundation entered into a multi-year naming rights agreement to create the Shriners Hospitals for Children Baseball Classic. The Inaugural event held on February 26-28, 2016, replacing the Houston Baseball Classic, is already regarded as one of the top Collegiate Baseball tournaments in the nation.

The tournament was broadcast on the MLB Network, Root Sports Southwest, and Cox Sports Television. Prior to each game, two patients from various Shriners Hospitals for Children locations were integrated into pre-game activities. Head coaches from each participating university recognized the patients as "honorary team captains" and the patients were recognized on the Minute Made Park video board. Shriners and patients participated in on-field activities. Imperial Potentate Gerry Gantt participated in on-air interviews discussing Shriners Hospitals.



Watch a highlight video of the 2016 event hosted by the Houston Astros and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xVyLMwMe2d8>

Kalamazoo Shriners and Children's Trust give \$12,000

The Kalamazoo Shrine Club and the Saladin Shriners Children's Trust continue their long history of supporting the Plastics and Facial Reconstructive program of the Shriners Hospitals for Children - Chicago by making a recent gift of \$12,000.

The Nobles of Kalamazoo voted to make a gift of \$6,000 and that gift was matched by the Trustees of the Saladin Shriners Children's Trust. The gifts were jointly presented at a meeting of the Kalamazoo Shrine Club held at the Beacon Club in Portage, MI.

To date more than \$150,000 has been contributed by Saladin Shriners to support the Chicago Facial Reconstruction program run by Dr. Pravin Patel M.D., a talented pediatric plastic surgeon and head of our cleft lip and cleft palate clinic at Shriners Hospitals for Children in Chicago. To watch a video of Dr. Patel, go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tLIzsgyJxqM>



Kalamazoo Shrine Club President Jim Peek, Potentate Bill Martindale, and Kalamazoo Shrine Club Ambassador Bob DeHaan present a \$12,000 check to a representative of Shriners Hospitals for Children - Chicago to support their Plastics and Facial Reconstruction Program.

Imperial Potentate Gantt promotes Safe Summer for all

Dear Nobles,

Shriners Hospitals for Children® will once again kick-off our annual Summer Safety campaign. This year, Shriners Hospitals is asking everyone – kids, parents, nurses and doctors – to become Superheroes of Summer Safety in their communities by sharing tips to reduce the risk of childhood injuries.

At Shriners Hospitals, we know playground accidents, swimming-related incidents, as well as campfire and fire pit burns are some of the more common and potentially life-altering childhood injuries that can occur during the summer months.

As a new way to reach children and their parents, Shriners Hospitals for Children will work with the National Association of School Nurses (NASN) to teach kids to be Superheroes of Summer Safety using educational materials, activity sheets and more. This is part of a larger collaboration with NASN to provide school nurses with resources and materials that position Shriners Hospitals for Children as a trusted partner in the care of their students. More information will be shared as the collaboration expands.

Shriners Hospitals for Children wants to remind kids of these simple tips for an injury-free summer:

-At the playground, slide feet first, and swing sitting down.

-Stay inside when lawn mowers are in use.

-Keep several feet away from fire pits, campfires or grills.

-Swim only with an adult present, and wear lifejackets on open water.

-Protect yourself from the sun with hats and sunscreen.

With your assistance, we can help reduce the risk of injuries. Shriners Hospitals created safety tip cards for you to give out at parades, community events and anywhere else the information would be useful. Visit the materials ordering system on shrinersvillage.com to order your safety tip cards. Or if you prefer, download the file to print your own tip cards.

For additional safety tips, flyers and activity pages for children, visit:

shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/safesummer

Thank you for your efforts to help kids become Superheroes of Summer Safety. Your support helps keep kids safe and injury-free.

Yours in the faith,
Jerry G. Gantt
Imperial Potentate



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2016 NFL Draft Prospects Visit Shriners Hospitals for Children for Second Year

Patients and their families, along with Chicago Shriners Hospital staff, experienced the excitement of the 2016 NFL Draft the top NFL prospects visited the hospital on Thursday, April 21st, for the second year in a row. Staff and Shriners welcomed players and led them into the Ballreich Activity Mall where Amanda Loomis, recreation therapist, and Allison Weiss, child life specialist, led patients and players in a warm-up session before everyone enjoyed a game of ultimate football, an all-star themed photo booth, and football-themed coloring activities.

The event included a welcome from Jerry Gantt, the Chairman of the Board of Directors which oversees all 23 Shriners Hospitals for Children locations. Each patient participant received an NFL PLAY 60 certificate signed by their NFL prospect at the event. During the event, media from around the nation interviewed patients and physicians.



Patient Alec interviews NFL draftees

One of the highlights of the visit was 13-year-old patient Alec Cabacungan's interview of the top prospects. Alec, a sports enthusiast, plans to be a sports reporter/commentator someday. Once you meet Alec, you know he's only a few years away from making it big in the broadcasting industry.

There were plenty of smiles, photos, autographs, and bonds formed throughout the day. The NFL Draft prospect visit to the Chicago Shriners Hospital reinforces their commitment to all kids being part of the Play 60 movement. Thanks to the NFL and congratulations to this year's NFL draftees!



Patient Drew Beutel, a sports fanatic, meets NFL draftees

William R Kuehn
Chairman of the Board of Governors, SHC - Chicago
Shriners Hospitals for Children®
May 2016

Oriental Guide out enjoying meetings with Nobility

Greetings Nobles,

This past month Lady Carol and I had an enjoyable evening with the fellow Nobles of the Legion of Honor. The Legion meets at Johnny Bran's northwest side restaurant in Grand Rapids where most of us took advantage of the Wednesday two for one special. We also had the private room (at no charge) behind the bar area. I don't mind putting that little plug in for Johnny Bran's restaurant as he is a long time supporter of Saladin Shriners. He advertises in our circus program and is an all around supporter of veterans. Some sleepless night in the future, you should look at a circus program and see if there isn't a business advertised that you could patronize.

I also had the pleasure of visiting the Muskegon Shrine Club for a regular dinner meeting at the Grand Haven Masonic

Center. Muskegon Shriners are doing great things in their community. They donated \$3,000 to the Temple and also made two \$1,000 donations by helping a local child and our Chicago Hospital. Muskegon Clowns have two parades slated for May 28th in Muskegon and Fruitport. Both should be a good time and a chance to show the fez.

My Masonic lodge raised five Master Masons on May 19th; so far 2 have turned in Shrine petitions with the required endorsements. As our Potentate has stated more than once we must get out to the blue lodges and bring in new Shriners if we are to survive. Petitions can be downloaded from the Saladin web site.

Lady Carol and I plan to have either a Friday or Saturday social out on the deck of our home. Keep an eye out for more information.



Our Oriental Guide, Noble Dale Kramer, can also be found clowning around as 'Harold the Clown' using his grandfather's clown wig from Moslem Shrine. Dale is always looking for other Shriners who would like to be clowns. Interested? Contact Dale!

Potentate's pins have a long history and tell a story

This article is the first in a series of stories about the Potentate's pins of Saladin Shriners. We start the series off by talking about Ill. Sir Martindale's Pin.



The exact origin of Potentate's pins is not clearly known. It is known that the Shrine was one of the first Masonic organizations, if not the first, to produce a distinctive pin for wear on business suits and formal wear outside of a fraternal setting. Such adornments were in use as early as the Shrine's formation in the 1870s. As mens clothing changed, so did the form of Masonic adornment. The Shrine lapel pin quickly took hold and an examination of any Past Master's gal-

lery in any lodge in our jurisdiction will reveal a number of Shrine lapel pins.

It is likely that the general shrine lapel pin gave rise to custom adornments produced by Potentates to recognize their year. The practice is also quite common among Grand Masters of Grand Lodges. The tradition has been carried on for a number of years. It is considered a sign of support and respect to wear an individual's pin. Occasionally a Noble may continue to wear a pin for several years. Sometimes it was because of his involvement in that Potentate's year. Other times its simply because he likes the pin.

The best way to understand a Potentate's pin is to speak directly with the Potentate. Ill. Sir William H. Martindale was kind enough to describe his pin for 2016:

"The biggest thing with the pin was I wanted to associate something from my business to the Shrine. Since I am in the packing, shipping and printing business, I put my mind to work and came up with the box.

I also feel that not only in the Shrine,

but all Masonic bodies, we HAVE to begin thinking outside of the box for recruitment and retention of membership. Not everything is going to fit in every group, but that we must no longer be afraid of the future and we have to try new things. If we aren't willing to do that, we might just as well close the doors.

The red of my pin is for my store which is also red. Of course it also represents the color of our fez. The gold border represents the golden opportunity that we have right now to effect change within not only our organization but in our culture as well.

Connie's butterfly lady pin is a reflection of innocence and freedom which is what we strive for with the children of Shriners Hospitals and for what we look for in outcomes with the children being in the cocoon of life. They come to the doors of our amazing hospitals with the anticipation of being able to one day spread their wings and fly beautifully like a butterfly."

Photos From Around The Temple



The Paul Bunyan Mini 500s lining up before their Kalkaska parade on April 30, 2016. The Mini 500s maintain a very busy parade schedule throughout the Summer and are always a crowd pleaser in Northern Michigan. The unit is directed by Billy King (Shriner of the Year) of Manton, MI.



Noble Tom Schultz, Treasurer and Childcare Chairman for Muskegon Shrine Club, stopped by the office this spring with Noble Ray Flannery on their way back from a trip to the Chicago Hospital so they could show us Muskegon's shiny new van. The van was purchased by Muskegon Shrine Club and it looks very sharp in Shriner Red. Thanks for stopping by to show us.



Jon Duley (Assistant Rabban) and Rick Williams (Recorder) visited the Northwest Shrine Club at their meeting on March 24, 2016 in Alden, MI. There was quite a snowstorm that evening, but it didn't keep the members and ladies of the club from coming out to have a good time. Noble Guy DeWitt (seen standing) is serving as President of the club and he wields a gavel that was used by his father who also served as president and one of the founders of the club.



The Nobles of the Cass County Shrine Club hosted their Annual Spring Turkey Shoots two consecutive weekends in April. This highly successful fundraiser makes it possible for the club members to donate thousands of dollars each year to local charities and the Shriners Hospital for Children. The Fall turkey shoot will be held during the last two weekends in October.



William Martindale
Potentate 2016



Noble Ben Wright gets a little face decoration during the Grand Rapids Circus. Ben is the founding director of one of Saladin's newest units: The Camels Milk Purveyors. Ben and his crew focus on the art of beer brewing.



One thing we know for sure is that none of those guys have been getting any lighter. Vicki the elephant confirmed it. We had the opportunity to visit the trainers and animals to see how well these magnificent animals are cared for.

Got a Photo?
Send it to us!
Recorder@saladinshrine.com



Magician PJ Webber entertaining children recently at the Allegan Ottawa Shrine Club Family Show on May 20, 2016. Club members make this great program possible by recruiting underwriters to support the show and distributing tickets to various charities and families for free.



William Martindale
Potentate 2016

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I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Master Mason in _____ Lodge
No. _____ Located at _____ (city) _____ (state)
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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

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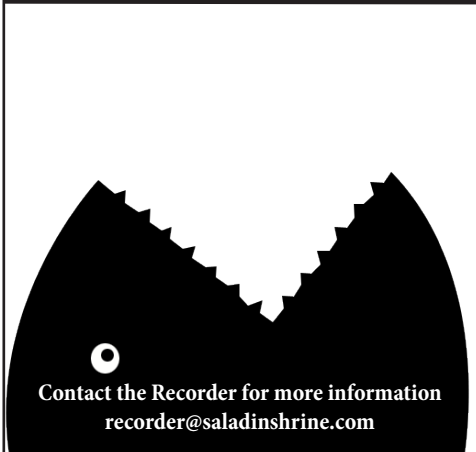
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Ceremonials, how important they are to your future!



Ceremonial Director Eric Russell speaks with Oriental Guide Dale Kramer, Ceremonial Musician Bernard Idziak, and Chief Rabban Jonathan Clifford at our recent Ceremonial session in the 5th floor of the Grand Rapids Masonic Center.

The Ceremonial is the first time that new Nobles get to see us as a group. Eric Russell is doing a great job as the First Section Director. Every Ceremonial that he has done has been better than the last one. Roger Hekstra is doing a awesome job entertaining us with the Second Section. Nobles please come out on these ceremonial days and support the new Nobles and these Directors that put in hours of work getting ready.

The facilities that we have available now are allowing us to do things we simply could not do before.

If you think you would like to help on one of these teams please let us know.

I know that the last few months/years have been difficult for many of us and many have various reasons for not attending the Ceremonials. It's time to put these reasons aside and support the hard work that is going on and to greet the new Nobles and their ladies.

Sincerely & Fraternally,
Mark Baldwin
Ceremonial Day Director

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A black silhouette of a man wearing a top hat, looking down at a smaller silhouette of a person in a similar hat. The background is white.

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A photograph of a smiling man in a red and blue life vest, holding a wooden paddle. Above his head is a red outline of a Shriners hat. In the background, another person is visible in a boat on a body of water.

From the Desk of the Circus Committee Chairman

I want to thank all of the Nobles and the Ladies who help at the 4 circuses that Saladin holds. We could not do it without your help.

I would also like to welcome Noble Ron Linstrom as the new Muskegon circus manager. Please support him in his new role. Noble Tom George deserves our thanks for the years that he has spent as the Muskegon circus manager so if you see Noble Tom please take the time to thank him.

The Grand Rapids Circus is looking for your help with the children. We need 1 or 2 Nobles to step up and take on the role of working with the schools. The number of schools at the Grand Rapids Circus continues to drop and we need your help to reverse this trend.

It's never too early to sell ads for the program books. If you need sample programs please grab some at the next Stated meeting.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Mark Baldwin

Chairman, Saladin Shrine Circus Committee



Noble Gary "Twinkles" Brandt at the Grand Rapids Circus with Noble Dan Pelak's daughter Kasandra and his Grand-daughter Aurora. Everyone had a great time at the circus!

Mini Ceremonials

The Potentate, Ill. Sir William H. Martindale, has called for Mini-Ceremonial Sessions to be held on the following days in 2016 as required:

7/15, 7/22, 7/29, 8/5, 9/2, 9/16, 9/23, 10/7, 10/14, 10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 12/31

Location: Grand Rapids Masonic Center - 233 East Fulton Street, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Time: 6:30 pm

Please contact the Recorder if you have candidates that would like to attend a particular ceremonial.



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Saladin Marshal inspires others through activity

There are no two ways about it, Saladin's Marshal, Dan Trigg, is one inspiring guy. Dan's story started when he was born in East York, Ontario, Canada. Dan served with honor in the Canadian Armed Forces. He came to Michigan in 1997 and became a United States citizen in 2012. He works professionally as a Security Architect in the Information Technology department of Spectrum Health. He was raised a Master Mason in January 2015 and joined Saladin Shriners shortly thereafter. Ill. Sir Bill Martindale appointed him Saladin's Marshal in January.

Dan is a bit of Renaissance man. He and his lady are accomplished dancers. He farms, he keeps bees, he brews his own beer, wine, and mead.

However, it is in matters of fitness, endurance, and determination in which Dan has really distinguished himself. With the encouragement of a friend, Dan got back into running in 2010 and has always sought the next challenge with vigor. Those challenges included 5Ks, 10Ks, Tough Mudders, Warrior Dashes, and Go-Ruck challenges. The later

aces are not just tests of distance, but of mental fortitude. For his last 15 or 20 races he has carried the same American flag. Proudly displaying it the entire course of the race. For obstacle races he usually hands the flag to the proctor of the obstacle and takes it back from him after completing the obstacle. He has organized his own racing team known as "Team Awesome". The group has run several races together drawing inspiration from one another.

The thing about Masonry and the Shrine that inspires Dan the most is the strong notion the fraternity has of helping and supporting others. Dan showed this quality recently when he ran the 10K riverbank run in Grand Rapids carrying the American flag and wearing 28 pounds of weights. He skipped the 25K race in favor of the 10K so he could get over to the handcycle race to root for his friend Ted Droski who was competing in his first race event since losing his leg in a tragic automobile accident. That is inspiring stuff Dan, very inspiring! We are proud to have you as a Saladin Shriner.



Clockwise from the top: Saladin's Marshal Dan Trigg running the 10K Riverbank Run carrying an American flag and wearing 28 pounds of weight; Dan and his Lady Christy; Dan's Team Awesome celebrating after an obstacle race; Thumbs up from Dan.

From the Recorder...

Something I'm fond of writing on every paper dues card we send out of the office is a simple 'thank you' to each of you for choosing to be a Saladin Shriner. Those are not just words, I really appreciate each and every one of you who continues to support Masonry and the Shrine through what I believe to be a very difficult time in our history. Make no mistake, these are difficult times for the Craft. If we were really honest with ourselves over the years, we've probably been in those times for two or three decades at least. Its just becoming painfully apparent in recent times as we find ourselves critically short on people in every group and at every level.

I don't mean to suggest that the light of Masonry will disappear in the future. I know that it will continue on in some shape or form and I, like you, will be a part of working to advance it as long as I am able to labor for it. However, I do concern myself by what we do now to shape what we will have in the future.

The last few years have been about trying to get Saladin Shriners to a place where it takes an active role in shaping that future. The sale of our building and the considerable amount of planning and effort that has followed have made us a much more agile organization. At the temple level, a lot of our time is spent trying to maintain what we all understand the Shrine to be today. However, that is largely based on an image of what the Shrine was twenty or thirty years ago. As we continue to lose members, that model becomes strained. In some cases, it becomes unworkable. In that sense we are no different than any other corner of the Craft. Do we need to be though?

Our leadership is going to bring you action items for

the future to address these issues. You've started to see some of them with our three year planning cycle and our emphasis on efforts that will build future capacity financially and fraternally. I'm asking that you be part of that process and effort in your own way. Perhaps that means you take an active role in the change we are trying to bring about. If you find yourself saying 'my active days are behind me' then I ask that you be an ambassador for what we are trying to do for Masonry and the Shrine. Continue to support Saladin by being a Shriner and supporting our world class charity Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Rick Williams
Recorder



My lady Hannah and I with Alec Cabacungan at the Shriners Hospitals for Children-Chicago 90th Anniversary Dinner.

Recorder Notes

Oriental Band Suspended

After several years of inactivity and repeated failure to complete annual financial reporting required for clubs and units, the Potentate and Board of Directors suspended the Oriental Band from active status as a unit of Saladin Shriners. The Divan hopes to eventually reorganize the group as an active unit.

Dues notices and Dues Cards

If you missed last issue's article on dues notices and dues cards, please

note Shriners International in Tampa has taken responsibility for sending dues notices and dues cards to the nobility in every Shrine Temple. There were a few hiccups in that process for the 2016 dues. Headquarters is assuring us 2017 will go much smoother. Your first 2017 dues notice should arrive in September 2016. The temple will continue to issue you paper cards as well.

Looking for fezzes

We find a number of our new members are happy with a used fez. If you have fezzes you no longer need, the

Temple would be happy to repurpose them for a new noble. Please drop them off at the Temple office or give them to a Divan officer.

Newsletters Returned to Office

We recently contacted members whose mail was being returned to us. In most cases the post office does not forward bulk mail through to winter addresses even if a forwarding order is in place. Those members were asked to provide their winter address along with an approximate time they may be out of state each year.

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One Last Photo...



Members and Ladies of the Traverse City Shrine Club take a quick break from their dinner and meeting in May to snap a quick photo for the Saladin News. Left to Right: John Klumpp; Mike Tenbrock (Co-President of the TC Shrine Club); Ed Schocker (Co-President of the TC Shrine Club); Jonathan Duley (Assistant Rabban); Jon Smith (Club Membership Chairman and Ambassador); Jan Alpers; Ralph Hay (Secretary/Treasurer); Marilyn Finn; and Bernard Finn (Chaplain and \$100 Million Chairman).