



SALADIN NEWS

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Don't Miss the Fall Ceremonial October 1

From your Assistant Rabban



Jon Duley brings home the bacon for this Fall's Ceremonial Session. You don't want to miss out!

This fall, Saladin is once again "putting on the pig" during the October 1st ceremonial. The roaster has been reserved, "Wilber" has been identified, and the feeding process has begun. A special diet of fruits and select grains is fed to the pig in order to ensure muscle mass that is consistent throughout, and that promises juicy meat. I'll be soaking hickory and cherry wood chips in bourbon for a few days in order to infuse the meat with an incredible bourbon hickory flavor through the smoking process. We will begin roasting around 5 AM in order to serve dinner at 6 PM. It will be an amazing day of fun and great food!

Fraternally,

Jonathan Duley
Assistant Rabban & "Wilber" Roaster

P.S. Don't be that shriner who doesn't RSVP. Nobody likes that guy. Call Sara today to reserve a spot for you and your lady! Call (616) 942-1570 or email skopec@saladinshrine.com

Ladies - Please RSVP for the Ladies Program.

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

(Social Time to follow)

This Fall the ladies have another painting event planned while the guys are off enjoying themselves at the ceremonial. We also plan to have a physician from Shriners Hospitals for Children to speak to us during dinner. The Hekstra and Russell team are preparing an excellent ceremonial experience for everyone to enjoy.



From the Potentate...

It's hard to believe that summer has come and now it begins its march to fall. Lady Connie and I hope that you all had a great summer with all the parades and family activities going on. A great time was had at the recent Imperial Session in Tampa by your elected Divan. A great deal of legislation was taken care of reflecting the world of the Shriners International and the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Seems hard to believe that the year is already winding down. I would like to take this time to thank everyone for making this a memorable year for us. We did not make as many events as we would have liked but there is only so much you can do when you have a full time job and have responsibilities to others.

Our next event will be the Great Lakes Shrine Association in Indianapolis in September. Just a reminder that in 2018 Grand Rapids will be hosting the session.

I would like to remind everyone of the Ceremonial coming up this fall on October 1st. I would love to see a big turnout. Also, just a friendly reminder Nobles, we need to be diligent in our recruiting members to our organization of 4 Shrine temples in Michigan. We are not the smallest of the four, but we aren't that far away either. Ahmed Shriners had 424 Nobles at the start of the year, Elf Kurafeh Shriners had 1398, Moslem has 2272 and Saladin had 920. I believe we have the biggest territory to draw from. We all need to look at our numbers and ask ourselves how do we as Shriners find our replacements. We need to actively get back into the Blue Lodges to find members and extol the virtues of being a Shriner. In the same regard, when people ask about Shriners, show them



the direction to the nearest Blue Lodge. Get them involved.

Your Divan has worked diligently this year to ensure the financial stability of Your Temple, and I stress YOUR Temple. Divan members are but the caretakers for the nobility. I would like to take this time to thank Noble Ryan Powers for his diligence and the Nobles of the finance committee as well. We are setting budgets for many things that have never had budgets before to ensure the life of your Temple.

Two new Charters will be presented to units this October during the Fall Ceremonial. One for the 45th Parallel Merry-makers (Northern Michigan Clown Unit) and the Camel's Milk Purveyors (beer brewing unit). We would like to welcome them and wish them all the best and to remember to keep the fun alive.

Bill and Lady Connie Martindale
Potentate
Saladin Shriner



Illustrious Sir Bill and Lady Connie on the stage for the GLSA officers presentation at the 2016 Imperial Session in Tampa, FL this past July.

High Priest provides decades of service to Saladin

Thank you Nobles for electing me to the Divan as your High Priest and Profit. I hope to influence the growth of our membership and enhance the brotherhood of our Nobles. I have a history of leadership roles and I intend to focus on my responsibilities to the Saladin Shrine and the mission of fun, family and fellowship.

I was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan and graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School. In the late 1950's I served in the U.S. Navy Submarine Service aboard the USS Sea Leopard. After receiving an honorable discharge I worked in excavating in Kalamazoo before attending Tri State College (now Trine University) in Angola, Indiana studying civil engineering. After Tri State I sold industrial electronics in Michigan and Buffalo, N.Y.

I am proud to be from a family of Masons. My father was Past Master of the Hickory Corners Lodge, my father-in-law was a life member in Glasgow, Scotland and my son-in-law is Past Master of the Ada Lodge. I became a Mason in 1959, was raised in Fidelity Lodge 513 Kalamazoo, completed Consistory in Angola, Indiana while at Tri State College and became a Knights Templar receiving my 32nd Degree. I also belonged to the Masonic College fraternity, Sigma Mu Sigma. In the late 1970's I transferred my Masonic membership to Ada Lodge 480 where I was Master in 1983. When the Ada Lodge folded after 82 years I joined the Doric Lodge.

In the late 1970's, sponsored by Mose Hattem, I joined the Saladin Shriners. I played drums in the Saladin Pipe and Drum Band. I joined the Legion of Honor when it was formed and am the current Commander for 2016. Also, I am a mem-

ber of the Caravan Club and the Scarabs. As a Shriner I have made over 50 hospital trips. For two years I served as Child Care Chairman for Saladin Temple and currently represent the Legion of Honor, the Caravan Club and the Scarabs as Child Care Chairman. In 2015 I was Oriental Guide. Until we sold the Saladin property, I was Grounds and Building Chairman and Facility Manager and participated in many Temple activities.

Outside of Masonry, I have been a life-long Boy Scout, earning the Eagle Scout Award and the Quarter Master Award in Sea Scouts. I have been an Assistant Scout Master for three Boy Scout troops in Kalamazoo, Detroit and Pleasanton, California. In the Gerald R. Ford District Area Council, I am an Assistant District Commissioner and Commissioner for Special Needs as well as the Organizational Representative for Boy Scout Troop 345, Venture Crew 2345 and Cub Pack 3364 for Forest Hill Presbyterian Church and an Assistant Cub Master for Cub Pack 3333 where my Great grandson, Carter, is a cub scout. I have received the Silver Beaver, the Masonic Scouter Daniel Carter Beard Award, the Celtic Cross, the Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor Award and the Doctorate in Commissioner Science.

As a young man I was a member of the Kalamazoo and Farmington, Michigan Jaycees and served on the Board of Directors for the Kalamazoo Jaycees. In Grand Rapids I am a 30 year Lions member and Past President of the Grand Rapids Lions Club. As a donor to the Michigan Blood and the American Red Cross I have donated one unit short of 35 gallons.

On a professional level I have been a Realtor for 50 years, serving as a manager for the Westdale Company



High Priest and Prophet Harry Jones and his lady Lyn.

in Kalamazoo, the Detroit area and Grand Rapids where I was also Director of Training for Westdale. In 1984 I opened my real estate company and in 1990, along with my wife, Lyn, was ERA Jones as a franchisee with 20 independent agents and later operated as Executive Group Realty. I currently operate as Harry Jones, Realty.

I have been married to Evelyn (Lyn) for 52 years and have a married son and two married daughters. My son is the owner of NuWay Tool and Engineering in Grand Rapids. I have 6 grandchildren, one step great grandson and two great granddaughters.

My wife and I consider it an honor that I am a member of the Divan representing our Saladin Nobility, supporting our units and clubs and our Shriners' Children's Hospitals.

Harry Jones
High Priest and Prophet

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

Saladin Transpo: 2,338 hours and \$39K so far in 2016

January 1st to August 20th - 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	Kramer, Dale (N)	1	391	8.50	Scarab
Barnette, John	2	1131	26.00	Lakeland/Paul Bunyan	Lentz, Dale	2	1,181	18.25	Lakeland/Paul Bunyan
Bihlmeyer, Thomas	2	1229	30.00	Lakeland/Paul Bunyan	Meyer, August	3	1,078	36.75	Berrien
Boughner, Robert	2	682	22.50	Kalamazoo	Mundy, Ian	1	275	9.00	Cass
Bouth, Michael	1	467	13.00	Muskegon	Murr, Douglas	5	1,726	53.25	Allegan/Ottawa
Bruinsma, William	2	769	19.00	Caravan	Nelson, Raymond	2	1,433	29.00	Muskegon
Burns, Gene	2	950	24.25	Eaton	Nostrant, Gary	10	6,127	154.25	Lakeland/Paul Bunyan
Culp, Douglas	1	275	9.00	Cass	Padilla, Sonforoso	2	686	21.75	Allegan/Ottawa
Dawson, Michael	11	4,190	126.75	Battle Creek	Peek, James	3	1,044	33.00	Kalamazoo
DeHaan, Robert	4	1,418	44.75	Kalamazoo	Perry, Neil	5	1,872	50.25	Eaton
Dorn, Roger	2	694	20.00	Allegan/Ottawa	Peterson, Don	3	1,812	44.00	Muskegon
Fenrich, Arnold	17	6,667	206.00	Battle Creek	Portinga, Richard (N)	1	464	14.00	Battle Creek
Flannery, Raymond	12	6,001	148.50	Muskegon	Reahm, Robert	3	1,029	34.00	Kalamazoo
Frost, Mert	6	2,085	68.25	Kalamazoo	Roose, Larry	1	575	15.00	Lakeland/Paul Bunyan
George, Thomas	4	2,116	54.00	Muskegon	Rooze, Michael	6	2,900	65.75	Caravan
Gondzar, Don	2	1,237	33.00	Lakeland/Paul Bunyan	Ruble, David	5	1,958	59.00	Battle Creek
Grandy, Keith	4	2,424	60.25	Lakeland/Paul Bunyan	Russell, Rodney	2	922	26.00	Eaton
Hartmann, Richard	1	354	9.00	Allegan/Ottawa	Schultz, Janice	1	539	34.00	Muskegon
Hively, Mary	2	580	16.50	Niles	Schultz, Thomas	21	11,307	310.25	Muskegon
Hively, Stanley	5	1,493	49.50	Niles	Siewert, Thomas	2	531	22.00	Berrien
Hunt, Walter	1	662	16.00	Lakeland/Paul Bunyan	VanSlyke, Raymond	2	919	24.75	Muskegon
Hutch, George	2	1,038	32.50	Muskegon	Volkema, Nate	1	360	10.00	Allegan/Ottawa
Kiefer, Jim (N)	3	1,162	33.00	Scarab	Walker, Bill	2	1,131	26.00	Lakeland/P.B.
Keyser, John	6	1,902	66.25	Berrien	Waterman, Mark	6	1,475	63.75	Lakeland/P.B.
King, Billy	1	571	16.25	Lakeland/Paul Bunyan	Williams, James	1	610	12.00	Lakeland/P.B.
Kramer, Carol (N)	1	391	8.50	Scarab					

Drivers completed trips to Chicago and Cincinnati

Self Drives to Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, and Salt Lake City

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

Thank you Jim Kiefer, Dale and Carol Kramer, Richard Portinga, and Nate Volkema

Totals

of Trips: 94

Total Miles: 41,614

Total Hours: 2,338.5

Driver Supported Trips

Fuel:	\$ 4,619.38
Tolls:	\$ 917.60
Lodging:	\$ 320.47
Cab Fare:	\$ 68.00
Food:	\$ 4,730.97
Total:	\$10,656.42

Self Drive Trips

Fuel:	\$7,045.19
Tolls:	\$1,075.82
Food:	\$2,826.14
Lodging:	\$ 949.79
Total:	\$11,896.94

Additional Expenses

Vehicle Maint:	\$4,123.71
Van Rentals:	\$ 489.90
Mileage-Club Van\$	735.00
Van Insurance:	\$11,156.47
Total:	\$16,505.08

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.

Saladin Children's Trust Gives \$10,000 to Erie Hospital

For the fourth year in a row, Saladin Shriners Children's Trust has made a \$10,000 gift to benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children (SHC) - Erie. The Erie hospital, which converted to an Ambulatory Surgical Care (ASC) model in 2012, serves families in Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, West Virginia, Maryland, Michigan and Ontario.

The Erie facility operates on an outpatient basis. It still offers surgeries and procedures requiring overnight admissions at its partnering hospitals: Shriners Hospitals for Children - Philadelphia; Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC; and UPMC Hamot in Erie. Shriners Hospitals physicians perform these off-site procedures and provide all pre-surgical and follow-up care.

Each year SHC-Erie participates in the Erie Community Foundation's *Erie Gives Day*. This program involves



a one-day online giving event where various charities receive a pro-rated share of a \$250,000 block grant. Our \$10,000 was combined with \$213,981 of other giving made to SHC-Erie on August 9th. The funds and any matching funds will be applied towards the purchase of a low-dose EOS x-ray scanning machine for SHC-Erie.

Grand Rapids Patron Donates \$50,000 to SHC-Chicago

A donor in the Grand Rapids area, who wishes to remain anonymous, recently made an unsolicited gift of \$50,000 to support the excellent work of the Chicago Shriners Hospitals Facial Reconstruction program run by Dr. Pravin Patel M.D.

The gift will be used to purchase: (1) a Dexis Digital X-ray system (seen at right); (2) A Geomagic Freeform Scanning System; and (3) equipment and supplies to establish a dental care to provide follow-up dental care for Cleft Lip and Palate patients at the Chicago Shriners Hospital.

The digital x-ray system and freeform scanning system will greatly advance the ability of Dr. Patel's team to plan for complex facial reconstruction procedures by allowing them to create accurate three dimensional models of the patient's facial anatomy.

The donor, who is not a Shriner or a Mason, was moved to do so based on his awareness of the good works of Shriners Hospitals for Children.



The Dexis Digital X-ray system is considered to be the finest dental digital x-ray system and software package available. Surgeons at Shriners Hospitals for Children Chicago will benefit from adding this and other systems to their renowned Cleft Lip and Palate program.

Shriners Hospitals Conducts Historic Clinic in Haiti

A medical team from Shriners Hospitals for Children and representatives from The Carter Center recently returned from conducting their first joint pediatric screening clinic in Haiti. Hosted by St. Boniface Hospital in Fond des Blancs, Haiti, Shriners Hospitals physicians evaluated children from the far reaches of the island nation for orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate.

The Carter Center helped organize this medical mission, working directly with the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Disabilities of the Government of Haiti for approval. Additionally, they introduced Shriners Hospitals to leadership at St. Boniface Hospital who hosted the screening and promoted its availability to Haitian families who otherwise would not have access to this type of expert pediatric specialty care.

During the two-day event, led by Shriners Hospitals for Children's Chief Medical Officer Kenneth Guidera, M.D., medical staff met with children and their parents at St. Boniface Hospital. Many families traveled hours to meet with the Shriners Hospitals doctors and were waiting in line when the clinic opened. Children were screened and if necessary, provided treatment plans that included follow-up by doctors at St. Boniface Hospital, in-country physical therapy or surgery by Shriners Hospitals doctors during a planned return trip. Several children with more complex conditions were recommended for treatment at one of the 20 Shriners Hospitals for Children locations in

the United States.

"We want to thank the government of Haiti, The Carter Center and our wonderful hosts St. Boniface Hospital for allowing Shriners Hospitals for Children to extend our medical knowledge to the children of Haiti," said Jerry Gantt, chairman of the Board of Directors for Shriners Hospitals for Children. Mr. Gantt added, "Limited pre-natal care and resources for treatment of birth defects in Haiti has complicated many of these cases."

"This was an excellent first step for Shriners Hospitals for Children and the Carter Center to bring help to the children in Haiti," said Dr. Guidera. "It was a great honor to reach into the poorest of countries to treat the neediest of children."

The organizations are planning a return trip to Haiti where they will conduct surgeries and other follow-up care for children screened during the initial event. Shriners Hospitals will also provide additional training to doctors and nurses of St. Boniface Hospital so more treatments and follow-up care can be done in-country by their staff.

"The Carter Center is very pleased to be helping Shriners Hospitals for Children provide life-changing care for children throughout the world," said former U.S. President Jimmy Carter. "We look forward to the progress of these Haitian children and how their lives will forever be changed."

Shriners Docs Use Stem Cells to Regenerate Tissue

Stem cells engineered to grow cartilage, fight inflammation. Technique uses 3-D weaving to grow a hip replacement.

With a goal of using a living implant rather than traditional plastic or metal devices, scientists at Shriners Hospitals for Children — St. Louis have programmed stem cells to grow new cartilage on a 3-D template shaped like the ball of a hip joint. The discovery one day may provide an alternative to hip-replacement surgery in younger patients because a living implant can grow with a child, whereas metal and plastic devices won't.

Doctors have been reluctant to perform such operations in patients under age 50 because prosthetic joints typically last for less than 20 years. A second joint-replacement surgery to remove a worn prosthetic can destroy bone and put patients at risk for infection.

The technique, demonstrated in a collaborative effort between Shriners Hospitals for Children — St. Louis, Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis and Cytex Therapeutics Inc. in Durham, North Carolina, is described July 18 in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

"Replacing a failed prosthetic joint is a difficult surgery," said Farshid Guilak, Ph.D., director of research at Shriners Hospitals for Children - St. Louis and a professor of orthopedic surgery at Washington University. "We've

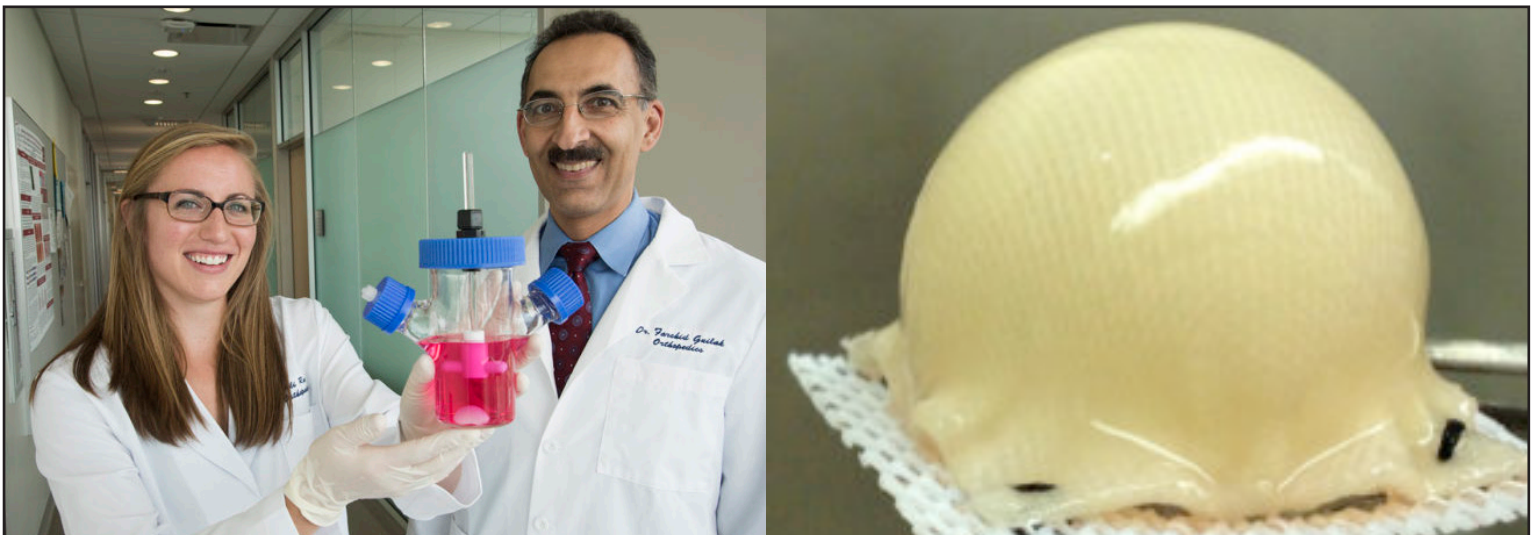
developed a way to resurface an arthritic joint using a patient's own stem cells to grow new cartilage, combined with gene therapy to release anti-inflammatory molecules to keep arthritis at bay. Our hope is to prevent, or at least delay, a standard metal and plastic prosthetic joint replacement."

The technique uses a 3-D, biodegradable synthetic scaffold that Guilak and his team developed. The scaffold, molded into the precise shape of a patient's joint, is covered with cartilage made from the patient's own stem cells taken from fat beneath the skin. The scaffold then can be implanted onto the surface of an arthritic hip, for example. Resurfacing the hip joint with "living" tissue is designed to ease arthritis pain, and delay or even eliminate the need for joint-replacement surgery in some patients.

Additionally, by inserting a gene into the newly grown cartilage and activating it with a drug, the gene can orchestrate the release of anti-inflammatory molecules to fight a return of arthritis, which usually is what triggers such joint problems.

"When there is inflammation, we can give a patient a simple drug, which activates the gene we've implanted, to lower inflammation in the joint," said Guilak, also a professor of developmental biology and of biomedical engineering. "We can stop giving the drug at any time, which turns off the gene." That gene therapy is important, he explained, because when levels of inflammatory mol-

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Left: Washington University biomedical engineering Ph.D. student Ali Ross and Farshid Guilak, Ph.D., Director of Research, Shriners Hospitals for Children - St. Louis, show a container with a prototype of a living hip replacement. The scientists have coaxed stem cells to grow into new cartilage on a 3-D template shaped like the ball of a hip joint. Right: A 3-D biodegradable, synthetic scaffolding has been molded into the precise shape of a hip joint. The scaffold is covered with cartilage made from stem cells taken from fat beneath the skin.

Oriental Guide Sends Greetings to All Saladin Nobles

Greetings Nobles,

Lady Carol and I had the chance to visit one of our far away Shriners Hospitals, Honolulu Children's Hospitals. Aloha Shriners treat children from all over the Pacific Rim and Asia. Talk about some long rides and huge transportation costs. This hospital also has challenges finding medically proficient translators, as many of the patients and guardians have limited (if any) English language skills. Despite the transportation costs (the airlines do not discount or support this) the Shriners provide the care that is the hallmark of our hospitals.

Our hospital tour also gave us some ideas for future trips, more on that later. Aloha Shriners have a long and truly noble history being the only temple who 'can claim a King' as a member!

I encourage Nobles to arrange for a visit to one of our hospitals when traveling. Each hospital is as unique and special as the temples that support them and visiting them gives us insight into the needs of others and

ideas that we can bring back home.

For the Fourth of July in Grandville, the Second Section Director Roger Hekstra put the word out and 5 Scarabs showed up on bikes to ride in the Grandville Parade. This was a great chance for us to show the Fez in Noble Hekstra's hometown. Special Thanks to Roger's Lady "Mer" for hosting us with a great breakfast.

It was great to ride with the Nobles from the Muskegon Shrine Club on Aug 6 in the Grand Haven Coast Guard Parade. Our Second Section Director Noble Roger "Hoff" Hekstra and I escorted the float and walkers showing the Fez on our bikes. Grand Haven resident and long time Shrine Clown Cliff "Bo Bo" Pfaff was recognized when we paraded by the reviewing stand, being 92 years young and walking the 2.5 mile parade route. All told nine Nobles, one Lady and a shiny red Chevy Shrine van participated.

Bring your appetite and a dish to pass as the Scarab Shrine Club hosts its Second-Annual Fall Meat Fest on September 17, 2016. This celebration of grilled meat will be something



Our Oriental Guide, Noble Dale Krammer, and his lady Carol

you don't want to miss. Shriners and their ladies are invited to attend on Sept. 17, 2016, (4:00 pm start). This year's meat fest will be held at the The Hekstra Estate, 3287 Prairie St. SW, Grandville, MI 49418. Parking will be available at the professional building on the NE corner of Ivanrest & Prairie St in Grandville. Cost is \$10. Save the date!

Plan Now to Attend the 2017 Daytona Imperial Session

The 2017 Imperial Session of Shriners International is scheduled for Sunday, July 9 through Thursday, July 13 in Daytona Beach, Fla. Located on the beautiful east coast of Florida, the city is home to the "World's Most Famous Beach," a mecca for motor-sports, the Daytona International Speedway; and a wide variety of family-friendly attractions.

The 2017 Imperial Session of Shriners International will be held at Daytona Beach's Ocean Center, a state-of-the-art convention center and entertainment complex that fea-

tures more than 200,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor exhibit and meeting space. With its extraordinary design and features and recent \$82 million expansion, the Ocean Center is a favorite among meeting planners.

Shriners International invites all nobles, ladies and their families to join us for the 143rd Imperial Session in Daytona Beach. With spectacular beaches, great weather, the famed Daytona International Speedway, and so much more, it's easy to see why the city is one of America's favorite destinations. Imperial Sirs Chris L. Smith

and Gary J. Bergenske and the 2017 Imperial Session Committee members look forward to welcoming you to sunny Daytona Beach. For more information visit imperial2017.com

Please contact a Divan officer if you are interested in attending the session.

Future Imperial Sessions

July 9 - 13, 2017 - Daytona Beach, FL
July 15 - 19, 2018 - Daytona Beach, FL
June 30 - July 4, 2019 - Nashville, TN
July 5 - July 9, 2020 - Kansas City, MO

Photos From Around The Temple



The members and ladies of the Allegan-Ottawa Shrine Club gather at the Fenn Valley winery for their annual recognition dinner. The Shrine Club recognizes its widows every year as part of this excellent event. Please contact the Allegan-Ottawa Shrine Club officers to attend in 2017.



The Nobles of the Berrien County Shrine Club enjoyed wonderful weather and community participation for their annual Corn and Brat Roast. Besides the all-you-can-eat spread put out by the members of the club, the roast is famous for its door prize drawings which included a new whirlpool washing machine (Ron Ravitch you lucky son of a gun). Don't miss this great annual event next year. Excellent work Berrien Nobles. You set a great example!



The Nobles and Ladies of the Battle Creek Shrine Club gathered for a fine meal at Captain Luey's Calabash in Battle Creek, Michigan. In addition to keeping busy throughout the parade season, the Battle Creek Shrine Club works hard to transport children from their slice of Southwestern Michigan to our Shriners Hospitals for Children. Great work guys. Also, great fish at Captain Luey's!



Noble Harry Jones, Legion of Honor Commander, swears in the LOH's two newest members: Noble Jim Kiefer and Noble Ron Price. Check out page 12 for an article about the Legion of Honor. The group is open to all Shriners who are veterans. Harry... check out those knees!



Assistant Rabban Jon Duley and members of the Traverse City Shrine Club joined with members of the Knights Templar to represent the Masonic fraternity in the Traverse City Cherry Festival Parade this summer. In addition to both groups, Saladin Shriners also had its Grand Rapids hospital van in the parade driven by our very own Recorder. We were pleased to have an officer of Elf Khurafeh Shriners join us. Also, it looks like Honorary Noble Ronald McDonald snuck in on the action a bit.



Nobles of the Scarab Shrine Club gather for their August meeting. Vizier (President) Matt Sinkovich and his team just recently returned from participating in the Moslem Shriners Sportsman's Raffle in Southfield, MI. The club is proud to be home to Saladin's newest unit, the Camel's Milk Purveyors (a club for beer brewing and beer appreciation).



Have a Photo?
Send it to us!

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TO THE POTENTATE, OFFICERS AND NOBLES OF SALADIN SHRINERS, SITUATED
IN THE CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS, 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 _____

Residence _____
Number and Street County City State Zip

Phone _____ Email _____

Business _____
Number and Street County City State Zip

Phone _____ Email _____

Mailing address - Please use ☐ Residence ☐ Business

Name of Spouse / Lady _____

Date _____, 20____ Signature _____

PRINT FULL NAME _____

RECOMMENDED BY:

NOBLE _____ MEMBER NO. _____

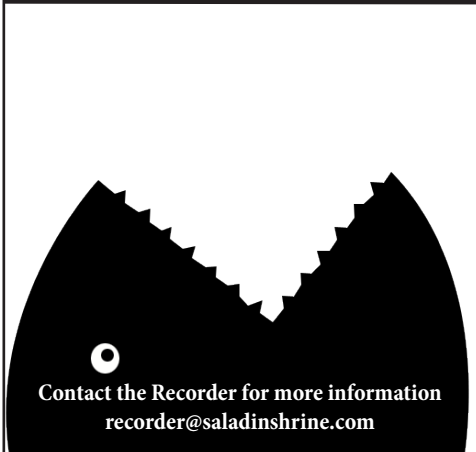
NOBLE _____ MEMBER NO. _____

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!



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The Legion of Honor is Looking for a “Few Good Men”

Hello Nobles! The Legion of Honor invites all Nobles who are Veterans, serving on active duty, or in the reserves to join our Club. Our Mission is to support our Veterans, to be available to present colors when needed and to have a good time getting acquainted.

The Saladin Legion of Honor was formed approximately 40 years ago and our members must be honorably discharged Veterans or be on active duty. It is the only Shrine club that has a requirement other than being a Mason and a Shriner.

Some of our charter members were veterans of World War II. Most however were Korean and Vietnam Veterans. As time passed our members have included Nobles who served in Desert Storm, Iraq, Afghanistan and other U. S. military venues as well as Nobles who are on active duty.

Join our monthly dinner meetings.

When: 1st Wednesday of the month:

Social Hour: 5:30 p.m.

Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

We are growing our membership. This month we swore in two new members, Ron Price and Jim Kiefer. We hold our meetings at different restaurants for the convenience of our members.

Call me, Harry Jones, at 616-293-2588

or John Cromartie at 616-516-4678

We are looking forward to hearing from you. Nobles reading this article in August should note the September meeting of LOH will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of September so as not to interfere with the Great Lakes Shrine Association meeting the prior week. The meeting will be held 8/14/16 at 5:30 pm at Boulder Creek Restaurant & Golf course at 5750 Brewer Dr. N.E., Belmont, MI 49306. After that we will return to our regularly scheduled meetings on the first Wednesday of the month.

Harry Jones,

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ecules rise in a joint, the cartilage is destroyed and pain increases. By adding gene therapy to the stem cell and scaffold technique, Guilak and his colleagues believe it will be possible to coax patients' joints to fend off arthritis and function better for a longer time.

The 3-D scaffold is built using a weaving pattern that gives the device the structure and properties of normal cartilage. Franklin Moutos, Ph.D., vice president of technology development at Cytex, explained that the unique structure is the result of approximately 600 biodegradable fiber bundles woven together to create a high-performance fabric that can function like normal cartilage.

"As evidence of this, the woven implants are strong enough to withstand loads up to 10 times a patient's body weight, which is typically what our joints must bear when we exercise," Moutos said.

Currently, there are about 30 million Americans who have diagnoses of osteoarthritis, and data suggest that the incidence of osteoarthritis is on the rise. That number includes many younger patients — ages 40 to 65 — who

have limited treatment options because conservative approaches haven't worked and patients are not yet candidates for total joint replacement.

Bradley Estes, Ph.D., vice president of research and development at Cytex, noted, "We envision in the future that this population of younger patients may be ideal candidates for this type of biological joint replacement."

Guilak, who also is the co-director of the Washington University Center of Regenerative Medicine, has been collaborating with Cytex on this research. The scientists have tested various aspects of the tissue engineering in cell culture, and some customized implants already are being tested in laboratory animals. Such devices could be ready for safety testing in humans in three to five years.

A state-of-the-art, 6,000-square foot lab, will be open within the next few months at the new Shriners Hospitals for Children — St. Louis in which Dr. Guilak and his team will be further advancing this and other regenerative medicine research. Once complete, the new lab will be the largest, most innovative facility for regenerative medicine research in the country. Guilak and his team recently moved to St. Louis from Duke University.

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:

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

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Each member of Saladin Temple receives a print edition of this newsletter every time we put one out. In addition to that we send several courtesy copies out. The courtesy copies include a copy to: each Masonic Lodge in our jurisdiction (there are 91 of you); our sister Shrine Temples in the Great Lakes Shrine Association; every Grand Lodge officer in the State of Michigan; and, numerous prospective members we have identified as Masonic brothers who we think would make good Shriners.

It is to that last group that I direct my thoughts in this issue. Saladin sends you this newsletter because we want you to know who we are, what we do, and what we stand for. We want you to read our newsletter and watch our actions as an organization. Judge us by what you see us doing. If you see us doing good works and laboring to advance the Craft then I hope you would think of our Shrine as a group worthy of your membership and support.

I'll be honest with you, I belong to more Masonic groups than just about anyone reading this column (Walt MIGHT have me beaten, MAYBE). I counted the membership cards just now - 52. I don't make it to any of their meetings really. I belong because I believe in the work that each group does and I hope my dues help them somehow. The Shrine gets almost all of my time and effort right now because in these days of diminishing membership and change in the Craft, it's important for me to make a choice about where best to labor in the quarry.

You value your time and your dollars like I do. You



Shriners Hospitals for Children Trustee Jim Doel (Tunis Shriners) and I with the #23 David Ragan Shriners Hospitals - Love to the Rescue car at the Coke Zero 400 held on July 2nd at the Daytona International Speedway. David Ragan is a noble with Oasis Shriners, Charlotte, NC.

want to see them both go towards something meaningful. For me the Shrine is one of those endeavors worthy of both. Take a second and read pages 4, 5, and 6 of this newsletter. Look at the kinds of things we are doing. Why wouldn't you want to be a part of this? Pride can sometimes be a bad thing, but I've never felt bad about being proud of this organization and the life changing things it does through its philanthropy. Give it some thought. Join us. Be a part of our world class philanthropy.

Temple Membership Dashboard

Source: Shrine Membership Development Specialist (MDS) System - This ends up in every newsletter until we make our goal.

Year-To-Date		Last Year-To-Date		Last Year		Last 5 Years	
Beginning Count:	920	Beginning Count:	949	Beginning Count:	949	Beginning Count:	1212
Ending Count:	905	Ending Count:	927	Ending Count:	920	Ending Count:	905
Creations:	4	Creations:	6	Creations:	11	Creations (avg):	17
Affiliations:	4	Affiliations:	2	Affiliations:	3	Affiliations (avg):	4
Restorations:	0	Restorations:	1	Restorations:	2	Restorations (avg):	3
Demits:	6	Demits:	2	Demits:	6	Demits (avg):	14
Suspensions:	0	Suspensions:	0	Suspensions:	0	Suspensions (avg):	19
Expired:	17	Expired:	29	Expired:	39	Expired (avg):	41
Resigned:	0	Resigned:	0	Resigned:	0	Resigned (avg):	0
Change:	-15	Change:	-22	Change:	-29	Change:	-307
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One Last Photo...



Fezzes set aside during the memorial service for Imperial Sir Wayne Lachut at Ismailia Shriners Buffalo, NY, in July. Left to Right: Imp. Sir Jeff Sowder, Imp. High Priest and Prophet, Midian Shriners; Skip Stanaway, Trustee Shriners Hospitals for Children (SHC), Al Kader Shriners; Peter Diaz M.D., Trustee SHC, Bahia Shriners; Imp. Sir Kevin Costello, Imperial Outer Guard, Cypress Shriners; Imp. Sir Jim Smith, Imp. Oriental Guide, Ben Hur Shriners; Imp. Sir Chris Smith, Imp. Potentate, Wahabi Shriners; Anthony West, Trustee SHC, Zamora Shriners; Rick Williams, Trustee SHC, Saladin Shriners; Imp. Sir Bill Bailey, Imp. First Ceremonial Master, Orak Shriners; Imp. Sir Gary Bergenske, Imp. Chief Rabban, Bahia Shriners. Imperial Sir Lachut, while previously serving as Imperial Oriental Guide, answered the call of the Black Camel after a long and courageous fight with pancreatic cancer.