



SALADIN NEWS

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Stated Meeting and BBQ May 19

Join us for our 6th Annual Stated Meeting and BBQ where Ill. Sir Jon Duley will once again bring home the bacon for the Temple!

Dont miss your chance to celebrate some swine with Saladin Shriners and take in a Stated Meeting. Our Potententate and his crew will be up all night on May 18th preparing a delicious piggy wiggy for us to enjoy at noon on the 19th. At 1:00 pm the Divan will open a Stated Meeting of Saladin Shriners. We will follow the meeting with a Fellowship.



Pig Roast Lunch

12:00 pm - 4th Floor Dining Rooms

Stated Meeting

1:00 pm - 3rd Floor Blue Room

Fellowship to Follow

RSVP to Sara
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Cruise With The Potentate On Lake Michigan June 16

The Potentate invites you, your lady and friends to join him on June 16 for an evening cruise on the Holland Princess as it travels Lake Macatawa and Lake Michigan. Boarding will begin at 5pm at Dunton Park in Holland, MI and the cruise will run from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. This will be a private cruise with Saladin's party being the only group aboard. Tickets are \$50 per person and includes a dinner of Prime Rib or Chicken, mashed or baked potato, fresh fruit, veggie salad, dinners rolls, cheesecake and chocolate cake. The Princess has an enclosed lower deck and open upper deck. It can accommodate cruise-goers with walkers. Please contact Sara in the Saladin Offices at skopec@saladinshrine.com or (616) 942-1570 to purchase your tickets.



June 16, 2018 - Holland Princess Cruise

Board 5:00 pm

Cruise 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Dunton Park, 920 Howard Ave,

Holland, MI 49424

\$50 per Person (Cash Bar Available)

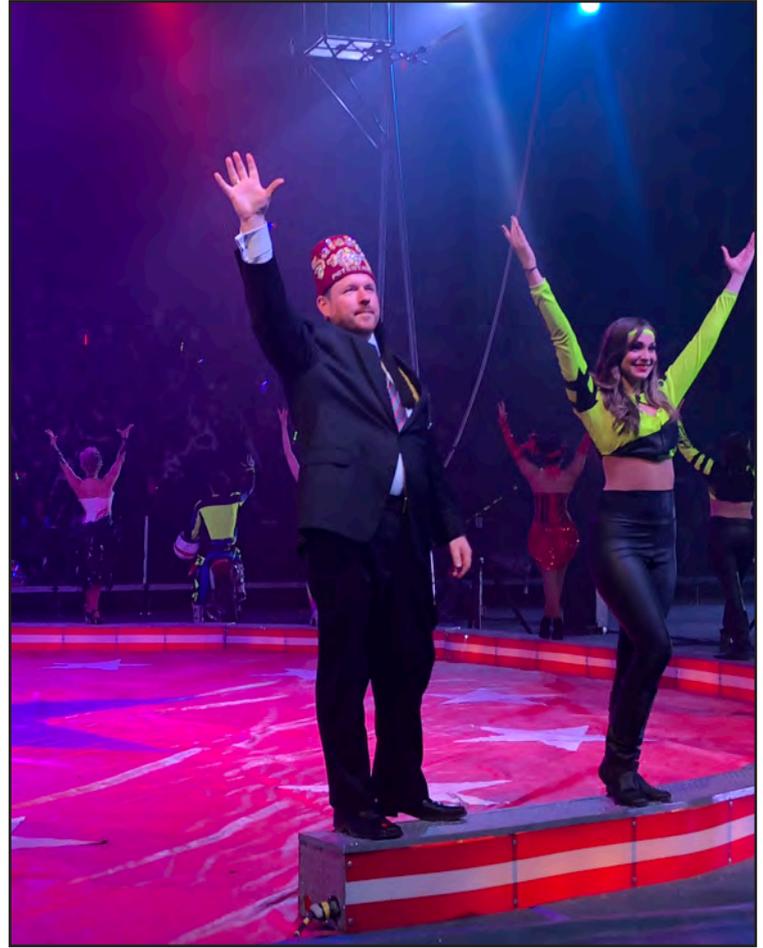
From the Potentate...

Nobles,

What a great winter and spring we had as a Temple! It was great to get around to many shrine clubs to either watch or assist in their officers' installations and regular club meetings. The Divan was always greeted with kindness and brotherly love, and that is a great feeling to have. Thank you all for your warm welcomes during our visits.

By the time you receive this edition of the Saladin News, the circus, the March Stated Meeting and Circus Appreciation Brunch, and the Spring Ceremonial will be behind us already. We had a strong year with the circus; costs were down, tickets sales were up, and every circus program we had was sold. If you didn't get a chance to see the circus program this year, drop by the Temple soon to see it. Recorder Rick Williams did an incredible job laying it out! At the Circus Appreciation Brunch, everyone who worked the circus was recognized with a certificate and a pewter figurine of two circus elephants in a classic pose on a pedestal. Chris Brandt, Shriners Hospitals for Children patient and son of Noble Gary Brandt, spoke at the event after the Stated Meeting about his experience as a patient. He fielded multiple questions from nobles and their ladies about the patient process and how it felt to go through it. When he was finished, the Temple presented \$5000 in his name to whatever cause with Shriners Hospitals for Children that Chris would like. We are excited to hear what he chooses! A special thanks goes out to everyone who made the circus and the appreciation brunch a success! Mark Baldwin, Larry Allen, Rick Williams, Sara Kopec, Jeff Gooder, Ryan Hardy, and everyone else who had a hand in stepping up the circus and appreciation brunch is greatly appreciated!

In February, we had our annual Saladin Valentine's Dinner at the Temple again. 77 people were there including nobles, masons, their ladies, and guests. In representation of the Temple and the guests at the event, we donated \$16,000 to The Shriners Hospitals for Children - Galveston and then served a seven course wine-paired meal with a theme of A Trip Around the World. We started with an Asian-style seared sea scallop course, followed by a beautiful Greek salad. For the third course, High Priest and Prophet Jeff Gooder prepared Spanish paella with chicken and chorizo sausage. Fourth, we enjoyed Armenian Khashlama stew, and



2018 Potentate Jonathan Duley waving to the crowd at the closing show of the 2018 Saladin Shrine Circus in Grand Rapids, MI.

then moved back to the U.S. with a smoked three cheese mac n' cheese for the fifth course. The sixth course was Australian kangaroo shepherd's pie (yes... with real, wild-caught, ground kangaroo). Finally, we finished the night with South African malva pudding cake served with vanilla bean ice cream from Loves in the Grand Rapids Downtown Market. A huge thank you goes out to everyone who helped make this night possible, but most especially to the following people: Jason Fongers who spent all evening in the kitchen doing dishes; Sara Kopec for all her hard work preparing and serving; our entire serving staff (Michael, Nenad, Amanda, and Bethany) for their non-stop support all night; Grand Rapids' own sommelier Michael Smith for choosing and presenting the wines; Rick Williams for his organizational and design work; and Jeff Gooder for preparing the paella course.

You might be wondering why you didn't see much

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Chief Rabban Having a Great Year Visiting With Nobles

Fellow Nobles,

After our installation ceremony on January 6th, your Divan honored me with a Lifetime Achievement Award and declared me an Honorary Potentate of Saladin Shriners. Not only was I surprised but I am truly humbled and honored. I have always believed that it is an honor just to be a Mason and a Shriner and have valued the fellowship and friendships over the years. I cannot express how much I appreciate being honored this way. It was truly a humbling moment.

The Stated Meeting was well attended with an impressive installation administered by Illustrious Sir Scott Sanford, PP, and Noble Bart LeVan. Thanks to our Illustrious Potentate Jon Duley and his staff, it is truly inspirational to have our Shrine returning to the protocol of pomp and circumstance even including the bagpiper! Look for more of our traditions in the coming years.

Our first Friday of the month socials continue to be hugely successful and the February and April socials included a mini ceremonial with new candidates. Good work Nobles!

Our socials are well attended by the Ladies, so Nobles put it on your calendars and bring your Ladies for a great night of getting to know new members and renewing old friendships. As you know, our Illustrious Potentate will be scheduling at least 2 Socials outside of Grand Rapids this year. Let us know if your Club would like to host one.

We have been exploring new temple fundraising opportunities where your Clubs can also participate and benefit financially. One idea is a gun raffle. Many other temples have successfully done this. Some of our Saladin Nobles have visited the very successful Moslem Gun Raffle and we are researching holding one in Grand Rapids. Would you be willing to serve on a committee to develop this new temple fundraiser? Call me – we already have volunteers and a chairman. I challenge you to be part of the solution to find a new fund raiser for our Temple.

Nobles, bring a fellow Noble and plan on attending the May 19th Stated Meeting and BBQ. Bring your new members to our First Friday Socials so they can be initiated and



Our 2018 Chief Rabban, Noble Harry Jones, and his lady Lyn

enjoy some fellowship with the Nobility and their ladies.

And finally, we welcome financial contributions from your clubs to support your Temple. Let's honor the past and embrace the future.

God Bless You,
Harry Jones, Chief Rabban
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Saladin's Friday Events Continue Success Each Month

Our Monthly First Friday events continue to be very successful. Continuing a format developed in 2017, each monthly event is hosted by a Divan member on a rotating basis. The theme for the evening is selected and food and beverage menus are developed based on the theme. The Potentate has called for a Mini-Ceremonial as part of each First Friday event. Nobles and their ladies have enjoyed much fellowship at these events. Each fellowship begins at 5:30 pm and runs throughout the evening.



Nobles at our March Friday Social immediately following the completion of the Mini Ceremonial where we created two new Nobles.

Chief Rabban Seeks More Participation and Support

Greetings Nobles,

When you read this I hope that winter 2018 is in the books and we are starting to defrost and get out and about!

Well how about that Valentine dinner? If you were one of the 77 who attended I think you would agree that our Illustrious Potentate knocked it out of the park. This is just the start of a great year ahead. Like so many organizations YOU get out what you put in and when you participate. Our primary mission is to support our hospital system and the kids, I believe our clubs and units do a great job. Clubs and units are made up of Saladin Nobles, who all operate under the charter of Saladin Shrine. What we need is more participation and support in Temple events and funds so we can continue to put on great events. Consider making

a club/ unit or individual contribution to the Temple. Your money will be well spent, better yet come and participate and see for yourselves.

We also need new members, share our story, don't keep it a secret. I challenge every one to recruit for your blue lodge and then into the Shrine.

I am committed R U ?

Looking forward to a year of fun and service.

Fraternally,

Dale Kramer
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Our Assistant Rabban, Noble Dale Kramer, and his lady Carol

Patient Trailblazer Shredding the Slopes On Her Snowboard

In 2006, Nicole Roundy became the first above the knee amputee – male or female – to compete in adaptive snowboarding, eight years before the sport made its debut at the Sochi 2014 Paralympic Winter Games. This year, Roundy will travel to South Korea to compete in the 2018 Paralympics. She credits Shriners Hospitals for Children with helping to make it possible.

In 1994, when she was just 8 years old, Nicole was diagnosed with osteogenic sarcoma, a form of bone cancer. Later that year, she lost her right leg above the knee and continued aggressive chemotherapy treatment. Shriners Hospitals for Children — Salt Lake City made all of her prosthetics until she was 19 and introduced her to adaptive snowboarding during their Camp Un-LIMB-ited, a week-long adaptive sports program designed for teen amputees. “I was terrified at first, but snowboarding was like a freedom from my disabil-



Nicole Roundy, former Shriners Hospitals for Children patient and amputee now serves as a motivational speaker and disability advocate.

ity,” says Roundy.

She was able to take her athletic aspirations to the next level after Shriners Hospitals created her first prosthetic with a bendable knee joint.

“Shriners Hospitals taught me that I am my own biggest advocate, and that you can't take no for an answer. If you want something, you may have to fight for it.”

Roundy is now a motivational speaker and disability advocate. She has returned to Camp Un-LIMB-ited a few times, which she says reminds her of where she came from. “It's a place where suddenly the differences just disappear, and kids get to be kids.” It's the same feeling she gets thinking about the Paralympics – a place where athletes can put their disabilities aside, and just compete.

Every day, Shriners Hospitals for Children encourages patients to manage the challenges of their conditions with programs such as physical therapy and music therapy. Our adaptive sports programs and camps go a step further to maximize a patient's mobility, build strength and gain self-confidence.



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Jerry G. Gantt
Chairman, Board of Trustees
Shriners Hospitals for Children

Dear Fellow Nobles,

Shriners Hospitals for Children® is respected around the world for its unique approach to health care that combines compassion, medical excellence and generosity. We have always wanted to assist as many children as possible, regardless of the families' ability to pay.

Today, our world is more and more like one large community – we can pretty much reach anyone anywhere, at any time. Our “smaller” world, and the possibilities provided by modern communications technology give us a tremendous opportunity to reach many more kids in need of help, in many more places. The Joint Boards of Shriners Hospitals supports the concept of extending the reach of our health care system, and has included these efforts in the strategic plan. We want to expand our efforts to improve the lives of children by providing care far beyond the walls of our hospitals and clinics, and past the borders of our traditional locations.

To do this, we are expanding our outreach and telehealth programs. These efforts make it possible for Shriners Hospitals for Children to serve a significant number of children who, otherwise, would likely never experience the special brand of hope and healing that is the hallmark of our health care system. Despite the fact that we have buildings in just three countries, we have over time, cared for children in 176 countries. That is something we can all be extremely proud of, and an example of how we can serve more kids in more places.



In April of 2015, the Joint Boards of Shriners Hospitals for Children approved a plan to initiate a telehealth pilot program, in order to invest in and expand telehealth services throughout the health care system. The pilot programs were successful, and we now expect to expand the telehealth program to all our health care locations by 2019. Telehealth is a method of using communication technology and affiliate locations that work in partnership with our established hospitals and medical centers to bring care directly to our patients, closer to their homes. Telehealth eases the burden and cost of traveling long distances to one of our hospitals and reduces time away from home and school for our patients and families.

We are making tremendous progress in this effort. In 2017, 30 providers in 16 states were licensed, and 369 telehealth clinics were held, providing care for 993 children. Thirteen of our Shriners Hospitals locations are currently participating in the telehealth initiative; nine are acting as host sites and five are using telehealth for inter-hospital patient visits and/or consultations. Also, last year 46 physicians provided care via telehealth to patients in 10 countries.

In addition to providing care closer to our patients' home, causing less disruption to families' daily lives and schedules, telehealth reduces the stress and financial burden of traveling longer distances, for both our patient families and our Shriners temples. In 2017, our telehealth capabilities allowed us to avoid an overall 1,973,099 miles of patient travel.

Our dedication to the development, refinement and implementation of a system-wide telehealth care network is just one more example of our commitment to provide excellent, compassionate, innovative care to children in need of our services, wherever they may live.

Another way we can reach more kids in more places is by expanding our international

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Busy 2018 Has Kept The Oriental Guide On The Road

Greetings Nobles,

I enjoyed hosting the February Friday night social. I hope more and more people plan to come to these events, as they are a great time to get together and talk with one another about how each other is doing and to come up with ideas of what we would like to accomplish in the upcoming year. I had a lot of fun making the chili, cornbread, hotdogs and polish sausages with Jeff Gooder. Everyone who came I believe had a great time. I had to miss circus this year because my Lady and I are were in Florida for Oriental Guide training March 7th-11th. I enjoyed visiting the Moslem circus in Novi in April as well as the Saladin Spring Ceremonial Session on April 14th. On May 13th I am planning on going to the circus for Ahmed in Sault Ste. Marie. I am hoping to try and start going to more Shriner club meetings

around Northern Michigan in the next 2 months, then start going to some farther south after that. Also, I am hoping to try and get to every club this year for at least one meeting. I am planning on being in a lot of parades this year. Haven't decided which ones I can make yet. I know I am going to be at the Charlevoix Venetian Parade, Traverse City Cherry Festival, Manton, Pawpaw and others I haven't planned yet. It is all about having fun and raising money for the kids. The more people that see us having fun the more likely they will ask if they can join the Shriners or want to know more about it.

Fraternally yours,
Patrick Rajewski
Oriental Guide



Our Oriental Guide and his lady Kathy have been busy so far in 2018. They hope to visit each Club at least once this year as well as making several unit parade functions this summer.



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Jonathan Duley, President
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Saladin Childcare Report

From the Saladin Shriners Children's Trust

Dale Kramer, Trustee
 Jeff Gooder, Trustee
 Pat Rajewski, Trustee
 Gerry Kerbis, Childcare Chairman

Saladin Transpo: 935 hours and \$14K so far in 2018

January 1st to March 31st - Driver's Trip Summary

Driver	No. of Trips	Mileage	Hours	Club
Babbitt, James	1	414	9.50	Scarab
DeHaan, Judy	1	435	28.00	Kalamazoo
DeHaan, Robert	4	1219	49.50	Kalamazoo
Dorn, Roger	1	330	11.00	Allegan/Ottawa
George, Thomas	4	2358	60.00	Muskegon
Grandy, Keith	5	3086	70.50	Lakeland
Hively, Stanley	1	753	34.50	Niles
Hutch, George	3	1860	73.50	Muskegon
Keyser, John	4	1593	64.00	Berrien
Keifer, James	1	414	9.50	Scarab
Klimp, John	1	346	10.00	Kalamazoo
Meyer, August	2	550	19.00	Berrien
Murr, Douglas	1	330	11.00	Allegan/Ottawa

Driver	No. of Trips	Mileage	Hours	Club
Nelson, Raymond	3	2047	42.50	Muskegon
Nostrant, Gary	5	2866	65.50	Lakeland/P.B.
Peek, James	2	438	11.50	Kalamazoo
Roose, Larry	1	567	14.00	Lakeland
Schultz, Thomas	10	6268	142.00	Muskegon
Siwert, Thomas	1	290	10.50	Berrien
VanKampen, Tom	2	873	21.00	Scarab
VanSlyke, Raymond	1	490	12.00	Muskegon
Walker, William	3	2298	63.50	Lakeland
Ward, Mark	3	1181	29.75	Caravan
Williams, James	2	1717	50.50	Lakeland
Williams, Judith	3	814	21.25	Transportation Office
Williams, Richard	1	19	1.00	Scarab

Totals

of Trips: 33
 Total Miles: 33,556
 Total Hours: 935.00

Driver Supported Trips

Fuel: \$ 1,918.49
 Tolls: \$ 316.60
 Lodging: \$ 415.93
 Cab Fare: \$ 76.00
Food: \$ 1,417.83
 Total: \$ 4,144.85

Self Drive Trips

Fuel: \$1,792.59
 Tolls: \$ 286.60
 Food: \$2,340.00
Lodging: \$ 963.79
 Total: \$5,382.98

Additional Expenses

Vehicle Maint: \$ 574.42
 Van Rentals: \$ 202.67
 Mileage-Club Van \$ 0.00
 Driver Recog \$ 0.00
 Vehicle Licenses \$ 168.49
 Conf. Travel \$ 163.69
Van Insurance: \$ 3,718.99
 Total: \$4,828.26

Drivers completed trips to Chicago and Cincinnati

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

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.

Help Our Kids By Driving!

If you have recently retired or are looking for a great activity to provide Masonic service, please consider becoming a Volunteer Shrine Hospital Driver. We have driving teams throughout our jurisdiction and are always in need of Masons and Shriners who can help. Call Judy at (616) 942-1570 to volunteer.



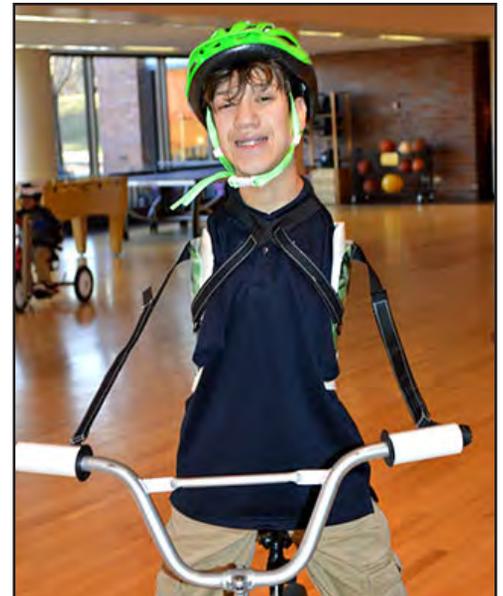
Chicago Patient Tim, 12, Rides Bike For The First Time

In February while it was still chilly outside in Chicago, Tim was indoors practicing for a rite of spring for Chicago-area kids – the first bike ride of the season. The 12-year-old, who was born without arms, required more than just a neat looking bicycle to take his ride. Thanks to his medical team at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Chicago and Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services (POPS) — Chicago, Tim received a custom brace that will allow him to ride a typical, not adapted bike, for the first time in his life.

Tim putting on his bike brace “Tim brought a video from another hospital

showing a kid with disabilities riding a bike...As a prosthetist it is exciting and fun to brainstorm with patients' ideas,” India Jacobson, CPO, a certified prosthetist with POPS said. “It was also helpful in the process to have his mom Linda, who was also born without arms, there to help Tim learn to use the bicycle brace.”

Jacobson created the custom bicycle brace using the rear section of a thoracolumbosacral orthosis (TLSO) back brace. She connected it with straps to PVC material that slide onto the bicycle handlebars. With some practice Tim was riding in no time.



Photos From Around The Temple



Left: Our Chief Aide Ryan Hardy was honored to meet Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske at the 2018 East West Shrine Game in St. Petersburg, Florida. (Ryan might have spent a little money at the auction too!). Right: Assistant Rabban Dale Kramer and his lady Carol enjoyed meeting National Patient Ambassador Isabella Rose at the 2018 Rabban Seminar in Tampa, Florida.



Our February Valentine's Dinner was another big hit! 77 Nobles and their ladies enjoyed a seven course meal with matched wine pairings. A classical guitarist entertained everyone while Ill. Sir Jon Duley and his team presented each course and pairing representing a different region of the world. This was a sellout event as it has been in the past. Do not wait to buy your tickets for next year's event as it will sell out again.



The Trustees of the Saladin Shriners Children's Trust recently hosted a brunch at San Chez Bistro for all of our newly created Nobles and their Ladies. The Trustees shared stories about Shriners Hospitals for Children and encouraged each of the new Nobles to take an active part in supporting our life changing philanthropy.



High Priest Jeff Gooder, Assistant Rabban Dale Kramer, and Ill. Sir Jon Duley preparing omelets for our circus volunteers at our annual appreciation breakfast. The Divan served all of our food and refreshments while volunteers were recognized with a custom-made keepsake from the Temple.



We had another great Saladin Shrine Circus this year. As always, the tigers and other amazing acts were the stars of the show. We hosted school children from across Western Michigan at our annual school show and our Saladin Circus Program was so successful this year we sold out every copy. Thank you to every volunteer that came out this year to help and thank you to our circus chairman and manager, Nobles Mark Baldwin and Larry Allan, for all of their hard work making this event a success.



The Potentate and Nobles Bart LeVan and Bernard Idziak visiting the Cass County Shrine Club Turkey Shoot. Each year the Cass County Shrine Club hosts this highly successful fund raising event on four separate dates. Please join the club for their next shoots on September 27th and 28th & November 3rd and 4th in Union, Michigan.



Uhhh.... nothing about this photo of the Director's Staff Director Roger Hekstra and Camel's Milk Brewmaster Ben Wright surprises us. Both Nobles know how to have a good time at our Friday Fellowships. Enough Said...



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Jonathan Duley
Potentate 2018

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) _____

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Chairman’s Message *from page 5*

and domestic outreach clinics.

In 2017, international outreach clinics were held in several countries, including Cyprus, the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Panama, and some of the Caribbean islands. Our physicians also worked with other relief organizations and cared for patients in additional international locations, such as Guatemala and Ecuador.

In addition, our primary locations also hold outreach clinics within their catchment areas. For example, Shriners Hospitals for Children — Honolulu, which has the largest catchment area for outreach in our health care system and serves a geographical area at least as large as the continental United States, holds outreach clinics on its neighboring Hawaiian islands and serves the South Pacific, including Guam – their largest outreach clinic with the most patients – Tinian, Saipan, Fiji, Tonga, American Samoa, Western Samoa, the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Most of our other primary locations also hold outreach clinics in their catchment areas, as well.

Overall, in 2017, our health care system held more than 400 outreach clinics that served more than 8,000 children.

We are proud of our continuing efforts to fulfill our promise to care for children wherever they may live, and bring medical excellence, hope and healing to communities around the globe.

Thank you for your support of these efforts, and for all you do for your great fraternity and philanthropy.

Yours in the faith,

Jerry Gantt, Chairman of the Board, Shriners Hospitals for Children



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If you would like to provide a photo for our “Around the Temple” section, please contact the Editor for desired photo specifications.



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advertisement for this event like you have in the past. I am proud to say that this event sold out very quickly, and the need to advertise outside of Stated Meetings and the Saladin Installation was not there. I am confident that if we had sent around a reservation sheet for next year's event, it would be sold out already. Saladin has worked very hard to increase the quality of our events so our nobles can be even more proud of our organization. As we move through this year, I encourage you to take advantage of what your membership provides. We are confident that together we can continue to improve on what the Temple is offering you and your family. Be sure to make it to the May Stated Meeting in order to make sure you don't miss anything great!

Finally, I want to say thank you to you all for your increased participation in Temple events. It has been great to see so many of you at the Temple this winter and spring, and we hope that you check the schedule of events and mark your calendars so you can join us the rest of the year. After all, our events, ceremonials, and celebrations are nowhere near as fun and impactful without you there.

Please be sure to check the Temple calendar in this edition of the Saladin News for details regarding upcoming events! The May Stated Meeting and Pig Roast



Ill. Sir Jon Duley poses for a photo with former NLF Star and East West Shrine Game Alumni Brett Favre in February.

is on May 19th, the Potentate's Cruise on Lake Michigan is on June 16th, and the Tall Ships event in Traverse City is planned for August 11th. Please join us for all these events as they promise to be a great time!

Thank you again for all your support of the Temple and the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Fraternally yours,

Jon
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2018 Saladin Shriners Calendar

Stated Meeting & BBQ - May 19

Lake Michigan - Potentate's Cruise - June 16

(Launches from Dunton Park, 920 Howard Ave, Holland, MI)

Imperial Session - July 15-19

Traverse City Tall Ship Event - Aug 11

Great Lakes Shrine Association - Sept 19-23

(Crowne Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, MI)

Fall Ceremonial - Oct 13

Potentate's Ball - Nov 10

State Meeting & Elections - Dec 1

Annual Meeting - Jan 5

All events held at the Grand Rapids Masonic Temple unless otherwise noted.

Lunch will be served at noon before each Stated Meeting.

Fellowships with refreshments will follow every meeting.



Hospital Day

***Sunday,
June 3, 2018***

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Saladin Potentate Pictured On Shriner Primer Cover

Saladin Shriners were very pleased to see their Potentate, Ill. Sir Jonathan Duley, on the cover of the new edition of the Shriner Primer - The Ultimate Guide.

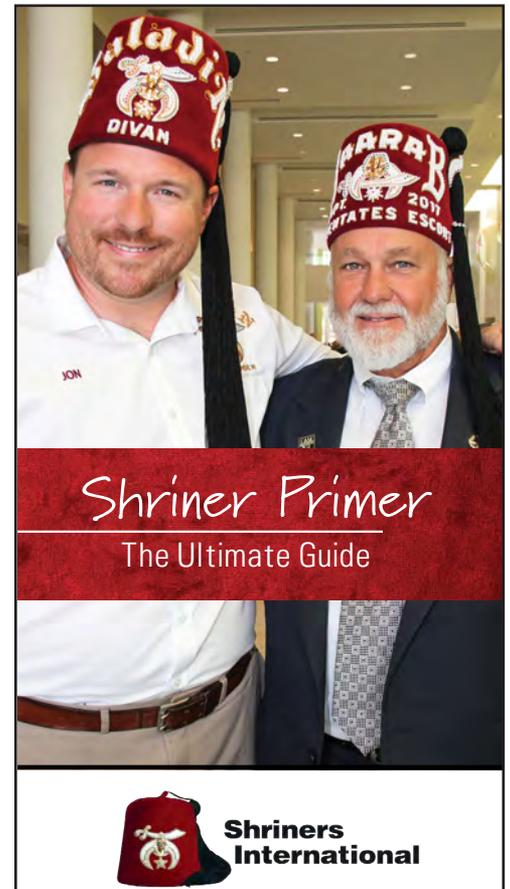
The guide, often referred to as the CliffNotes® of Shriners International, is intended to provide the individual Noble, Mason, and curious person a better insight into the Shriners fraternity and Shriners Hospitals for Children. It also covers several issues of 'Fez-iquette' describing the various symbols, greetings and traditions of Shrinedom.

Copies of the 'Duley' edition can be obtained from the office or using the QR Code below.



An excerpt from the Shriner Primer

"If you do not think golfer Arnold Palmer, astronaut Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, country crooner Brad Paisley, race car driver David Ragan and possibly your neighbor, co-worker or friend have anything in common, you need the Shriner Primer. And if you think the only thing Shriners – those guys in the odd-looking, tasseled, red hats in your local Independence Day parade – do is ride around in tiny cars, you really need the Shriner Primer. Consider the following 20 pages our version of the Cliff'sNotes® on Shriners International. Spend a few minutes perusing this booklet, and you will have a better insight into the Shriners fraternity and Shriners Hospitals for Children®. If you are interested in giving back to your community, having fun and involving yourself with a greater purpose, read on."



Two New Temples in South America Under Dispensation

Shriners International continues to attract and inspire men throughout the world to become part of our great fraternity, and share in our efforts to make the world a better place. Our values have been widely accepted around the globe, which has led to phenomenal international interest and growth. During the 2017 Imperial Session of Shriners International in July, petitions for dispensations to open new temples in Santa Cruz, Bolivia – as Bolivia Shriners, and São Paulo, Brazil – as Amal Shriners, were granted, further expanding our global reach. In September, representatives of both groups traveled to Shriners International Headquarters in Tampa, Florida, to participate in on-site training. We look forward to watching the growth and development of these two new temples.

Amal Shriners, U.D. – Brazil

The first temple in Brazil, Hikmat Shriners in Cuiabá, Mato Grosso, was chartered in 2015, and was our first temple in South America. Now, the Shriners of São Paulo,

Brazil, are ready for a second temple to be established. "All good Masons should become Shriners," said Noble Newton Duarte of Amal Shriners, who became a Shriner in March and attended the on-site training as the temple's representative.

Bolivia Shriners, U.D. – Bolivia

The members of Bolivia Shriners were drawn to the fraternity because of "the Masonic spirit reflected in the love of the neighbor, in fraternal environments and in family," they said. Their journey began in 2008, during the World Conference of Masonic Grand Lodges held in Washington D.C., when they visited Almas Shriners and were invited to become Shriners. The group operated as the Bolivian Shrine Club, under the jurisdiction of Almas Shriners, before their application for temple dispensation was presented and approved at the 2017 Imperial Session. Bolivia Shriners has many goals, including "continuing to provide opportunities for children to receive medical treatment at Shriners Hospitals, in order to improve their quality of life."

From the Recorder...

On any given weekday I receive around ten phone calls that are Shrine related and directed to me personally. The same is true of emails which number about the same per day. They can be a question about the temple, dues, a rule, and even the occasional complaint. I try to handle them all with the same demeanor regardless of the Noble's disposition. I've always felt one of my responsibilities as Recorder, often being one of the first people a Noble reaches out to, is to listen and do my best to resolve the question or situation. Sometimes that can take one minute on the phone and sometimes it takes thirty. I've never begrudged the time I spend dealing with a Noble's question or their demeanor on the phone. It all goes to why I took this job in the first place.

I became Recorder because I wanted to use what skills I had to make a difference in the future of the temple. That future can be as near as the phone calls and emails I will receive and respond to tomorrow or as far as where the Temple will find itself in 25 years. I always have to think in short and long term ways because that is what we need to do to succeed as an organization - solve immediate issues and always keep the long game in mind.

As an individual Noble do you think the same way about your fraternal commitments? Are you looking at the short term issues and also thinking about what the future holds? Both for you as an individual Shrine Mason and for the Craft at large? How do you value your commitment to one versus the other? Are they ever in conflict



Presenting a Shriners International Legacy Certificate to Noble Lew Parsell at a recent meeting of the South Haven Shrine Club. L to R: John Keyser (VP of South Haven Shrine Club) , Lew Parsell and Rick Williams. Noble Lew's father, Lewis Parsell Sr., was also a member of Saladin Shriners.
Photo Courtesy of Jim Cobianco.

with one another? I'm thinking about these issues everyday as I address the needs of the Temple. I don't have the luxury or the desire to focus on just one of them. In doing so I think I would be doing them both a disservice. I visit a club or unit or answer a phone call or email from a Noble because I care about them and I think what the Shrine needs more than anything right now are Shriners who care about each other and future of our organization. I start each day thinking that I have the opportunity to make a difference for Saladin. Some may criticize and some may encourage and I try to take them all in stride and remember that I became a Shriner and the Recorder because I wanted to make a difference and so do you.

Year-To-Date		2017		5 years ago	
Beginning Count:	813	Beginning Count:	885	Beginning Count:	1,043
Ending Count:	814	Ending Count:	813	Ending Count:	948
Creations:	14	Creations:	16	Creations:	24
Affiliations:	0	Affiliations:	8	Affiliations:	4
Restorations:	0	Restorations:	1	Restorations:	6
Associations:	0	Associations:	1	Associations:	0
Demits:	2	Demits:	24	Demits:	42
Suspensions:	0	Suspensions:	4	Suspensions:	18
Expired:	11	Expired:	69	Expired:	69
Expulsions:	0	Expulsions:	0	Expulsions:	0
Resigned:	0	Resigned:	0	Resigned:	0
Associate Drops	0	Associate Drops	6	Associate Drops	2
Change:	1	Change:	72	Change:	95
% Change:	.001%	% Change:	-8.14%	% Change:	-10.1%
Status:	Gold	Status:	N/A	Status:	N/A

Are you a legacy Shriner?

Shriners International has a program that recognizes multi-generational Shriner. If you father, grandfather, great-grandfather, etc. etc. was a Shriner, you qualify to receive a special lapel pin and certificate recognizing your family's commitment to the Shrine fraternity. Contact the Recorder for more information. Show us your Shriner Legacy pride!



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