

SALADIN NEWS

Volume 1, 2013

Saladin Shriners - Grand Rapids, MI



Saladin and Doric to host Valentine's Party February 9th at Saladin Temple

Saturday Feb. 9, 2013

5:30 PM Social Hour - 6:30 PM Meal

Saladin Shrine Temple - 4200 Saladin Drive SE

\$25 per person / \$50 Couple

Dress for men is suit and for ladies appropriate attire to match.

CALL (616) 942-1570 For Reservations (NLT FEB 6 Please)



Nobles, we are excited to co-host a special Valentine's Day party with the largest Blue Lodge in our jurisdiction. Doric will be providing their famous chefs who will be preparing a first-class five course meal for us. Each course will be paired with an appropriate beverage selection. We will have a DJ on hand and a party will follow. You MUST call in a reservation for this event. NO WALK-INS will be accepted.

~1st Course~

Rocket Salad with Avocado, Basil, Dried Cranberries, Large Cut French Croutons, Balsamic Dressing with a Sexy Slice of Parmesan Oregano.

~2nd Course~

French Onion Soup with a Heart-Shaped Sourdough Crouton, topped with Rich Gruyere Cheese.

~3rd Course~

Pan Seared Sea Scallops kissed by a sultry Raspberry Pomegranate Glaze, gently garnished with Micro Arugula.

~4th Course~

Herb Crusted Cornish Game Hen with a seductive Cider-Sage sauce, served with a simple side of local, seasonal, vegetable hash.

~5th Course~

Phenomenal French Chocolate Fondue for you, plus a few... served with appropriate Dipping Accoutrements.

All courses will be served with an appropriate matched beverage selection.

Nobles - Do you know a child with an Orthopedic or Burn need?

We are always looking for more patients that can be assisted by Shriners Hospitals. Call Judy Williams in the Childcare office (616) 942-1570 x104 for more information.



Nobles! Your 2013 Potentate, Illustrious Scott Sanford and his lady Carla.

Carla and I would like to thank the Nobility for their confidence in electing me as your Potentate for 2013. There will be many changes coming up this year. First, we have signed a buy-sell agreement for the sale of the temple property. If all goes according to schedule, we will be moving out this summer.

We need to begin planning for that move. Ill. Sir Jeff began that process last year by advising the clubs and units that they need to remove any of their property from the temple.

We are in need of Nobles to serve on a committee to begin a search for a new TEMPORARY location to move while we search for a more permanent location for our offices. Anyone wishing to serve on this committee should contact a Divan member and advise them of your desire to serve. I think that we should have Nobles from as many different clubs as possible involved in this project.

I have received a number of inquiries to purchase items from the temple. It is our intention to have an auction to



sell the property. We may list some of the items on the Internet for advance purchase. These would be items that are business specific, such as the commercial dishwasher or the appliances, old office equipment, etc. In other words, the big ticket items that might fetch far more in a specialized sale than they would a one-day auction. Once we have decided on which items we are listing, we will publish that information in the Saladin News.

Carla and I would like to thank Ill. Sirs Tom Wells and Coby Martin for their services during the installation. We look forward to a GREAT year and an increase in membership in 2013.

-Scott

More news from the January Stated Meeting

Nobles, in addition to the election of Scott Sanford as Potentate, Saladin also elected the following officers at the January Stated Meeting:

Dan Soullier - Chief Rabban; Archie Ghareeb, P.P. - Asst. Rabban; Bill Martindale - High Priest & Prophet; Jonathan Clifford - Oriental Guide; Dave Neff - Treasurer; and Rick Williams - Recorder.

Due to the several vacancies we have had in the moving line during

the last few years, Ill. Bro. Archie was kind enough to step in and serve as Assistant Rabban for the 2013 year to allow our two junior Divan officers a year to develop the experience necessary for the higher chairs. It is not intended that he will advance through the line again.

Of the business at hand, the most notable decision made by the membership was the motion made by Ill. Bro. Coby Martin, P.P., to negotiate

the sale of our Shrine Temple based on the counteroffer received from the buyer. The motion passed unanimously.

The Potentate's budget for the 2013 year was approved. Several clubs presented checks for the support of our philanthropy.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned and followed by an installation of our 2013 officers.

Treasurer reports good financial shape entering 2013

We begin the New Year travelling on a new path. 2013 will bring significant changes to our usual way of operation, beginning with this year's circus.

As you have been informed, our income will be derived from Circus Ad Sales, Circus Program Sales, and School Ticket Sales, all of which depend upon our effort and enthusiasm. We need to get behind all of these projects, particularly the Program Ad Sales, which need to be in by February 1, so the time is now to get the ads wrapped up!

We begin the year in good financial shape, as we have avoided paying the deposit money for the Deltaplex. The dues response has been good, and

we will be sending out second notices in the next two weeks.

If you have not paid your dues as yet, please get them in so we can cut

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The Potentate has finalized the sale of the property, and our budget will

have to be adjusted at a future meeting to reflect the new reality. I hope we can, as a Temple, use this major change as an opportunity to work together to make a stronger Temple

No matter where we wind up relocating, our expenses will no doubt be less than we have been experiencing, and perhaps we can finally have some funding for Membership activities and some of the fun activities which have not been available for some time

We need to all get behind Potentate Scott and make this a prosperous and productive year. As always, any questions on finances, please get in touch.

-Dave Neff

Completed building sale puts Saladin on the move

On January 10th, Potentate Scott signed the Counteroffer from the Buyer of our property. Accordingly, the clock has begun ticking for our move out of the building.

Under the terms of the agreement, the buyer has 120 days to complete their zoning change and other preparations for the building of the condo project.

If all is concluded, we will then close the sale. At that point, we will have 90 days to vacate (60 days on the back buildings) If all goes on schedule, we will be out of here as of August 10th or so.

While that sounds like a lot of time, it really isn't. There is much to be done to clear out our equipment and necessary items to use in the future.

First of all, we have to decide what we will need in the years to come, and to then dispose of what we don't want or need.

The Potentate wants to have a sale, similar to a giant garage sale, which would be open to the public. Just how the sale will proceed has not yet been decided. We are going to be advised by someone who is a professional in these matters to try to maximize our return. We will make the membership aware of the details as they are decided.

As you know, the recent changes in the Invested Reserve bylaw provides that all proceeds from the building sale and the personal property will be put into our Invested Reserve, subject to the terms and conditions that are contained therein.

If any Noble has an interest in any of the Temple items, we are requesting that you send us a written statement of such interest, and some kind of idea as to how much you would be willing to pay. We will not hold you firmly to any such statement, but we would like to get some idea as to how

you would value the item, as many of these things are unique, and do not have any general commercial value.

We will be clearing everything out, including furniture and fixtures, and all the kitchen appliances and gear, including the dishes and silverware, bowls, pots and pans.

We will continue to keep you advised as the preparation develops. If you have questions, please contact the Recorder, Rick Williams, for information or to submit a statement of interest.

**Receive the Saladin
News via email!**

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news@saladinshrine.come

Membership Chair declares 'Year of the Candidate'

It has been too many years since we have made a serious effort to recruit new members. That has to change.

So... This will be the year of the candidate. We are going to need the help of all the clubs and members to identify and recruit men who can be viable additions to our membership. There are a lot of new Masons in lodges who have never heard of the Shrine and its fun and purpose.

Accordingly, I will be working hard this year to give my help to your efforts in bringing in new blood.



The Year of the Candidate

We have a decent budget for membership this year, so we stand ready to help defray the costs of programs, meals, etc. etc.

So get your petitions ready. I will be around to coordinate all clubs in that effort.

-Dick Higgins

News From Around the Temple

Seeking Saladin units for the Imperial Parade in 2013

The Imperial Shrine Session will be held in Indianapolis from June 30th to July 4th, 2013. Because the session is so close, our Potentate would like to see at least one of our Clubs or Units in the Imperial Parade. The Parade will be on Monday July 1st beginning at 7:00 p.m. We have 20 rooms reserved for Saladin Shriners and their guests. Room reservations are due by JANUARY 31st. As of this writing we do not have a final cost for the rooms but it will be about \$175.00 per night. If you have never seen an Imperial Parade, you won't believe how BIG it is! Hundreds of motorized units, bands, vehicles, etc. etc. **MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY BEFORE THE ROOMS ARE ALL GONE!** Please contact Potentate or our Recorder to reserve your spot!

Information for Blossomtime parade available for units

We have copies of registration forms for special parade units wishing to participate in the Blossomtime

Festival Parade in Southwestern Michigan. The due date for applications is March 1st. Please contact the Saladin office or the Potentate for more information.

Grand Rapids Shriners making plans for a parade unit

A group of young Shriners in Grand Rapids is drawing up plans for a new parade unit. It has been sometime since we've had an active unit in Grand Rapids. Someone in your unit might get a call from them asking for advice on parade issues. Give it to them straight. We wish them the best!

Circus Tickets for Schools still handled through Saladin office

Our new circus contract has the circus company handling ticketing for shows, but Saladin is still handling ticket sales for schools. Unfortunately, due to this new way of doing things, we are considerably behind schedule for getting information out to schools and making arrangements for tickets. We've made every attempt to arrange school tickets for this year.

If your club is interested in participating in this program, please contact the Saladin office immediately.

Several fixes in the works for Saladin email list

We've fielded a number of concerns in the office regarding the Saladin email list. Some clubs have reported members who have not received temple emails. Part of the problem has been caused by the way the office was previously sending the emails. It is possible that prior Saladin emails may have triggered a few SPAM filters. We've recently corrected the source of the problem by adopting a new system to handle our mass email communications. If you believe you are still not receiving temple emails, we ask that you first check the 'Spam Folder' of your email program to see if Saladin emails are being placed there. If so, it is necessary that you flag the emails as not being SPAM. If you find nothing in your Spam folder, please contact your Club secretary or the main Saladin office to check to see if we have the proper email address in our system to contact you.

Our Chief Rabban offers Greetings and a Solution

Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

First I would like to thank all of the Nobles who have expressed confidence by voting in the newly elected Divan members of Saladin Shrine. I promise we will do our best to make the necessary decisions to guide our temple through 2013.

Illustrious Sir Scott Sanford has chosen Membership to be the primary focus for Saladin Shrine in 2013. Growth and retainment of membership is logical, imperative, and every Noble's responsibility...period.

Membership and retainment stems from four factors: our selves; the club; the temple; and our interaction with the public. There are different reasons as why we have all chosen to become Shriners.

We first have to look at ourselves. We have to stand up, reinvigorate, re-energize, and gather purpose for ourselves before we can encourage retainment and draw together Masons to our sides. If you have not been to a club meeting or event; why? Are you proud to be a Shriner? Do you smile when you tell others you are a Shriner? Then why are you not active? Do you remember why you stopped being active? Being active does not mean always being at every event, onion or paper sale, it means being supportive and spreading the positive word about being a Shriner. If you do not recall the basis for your inactivity,

reach in and pull out a new reason to make that self and that Fez one again. If a potential new Shriner does not see a Noble with self intention, then he does not see the prospective purpose within himself.

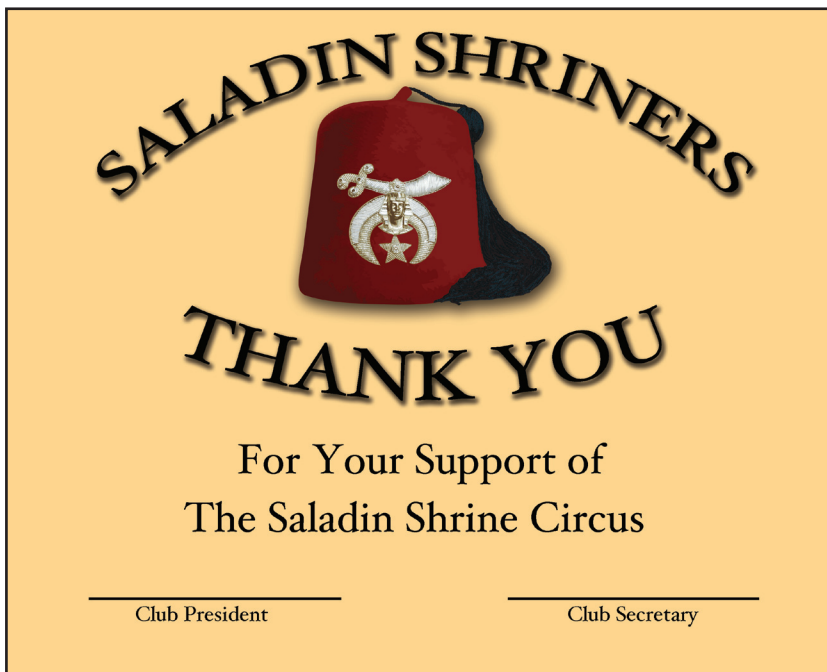
At the club level, what are your meetings and events like? Is there so much levity that you have to call order to the Nobles to stop the laughing? Do you want to be at that meeting? If you do not, then why would a new or potential member want to be there? Meetings are to discuss and perform business but also to enjoy each other's company, socialize and have FUN. Illustrious Sir Scott wants you all to invite prospective Shriners to your meetings and functions, but before



*Dan Soullier - Chief Rabban 2013
with his Lady Tabitha*

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Recognition Available for Club and Unit Ad Sales



A recognition certificate is available for clubs and units to present to supporting businesses and individuals who purchased ads in the 2013 circus program. The certificate is designed and printed in house by the Recorder. It can be produced in any size you desire and is suitable for framing. The signature blocks can be customized using the names of your club officers. It can also be individualized using your club's circus name. Please contact the Recorder for more information.

Sanford elected Potentate, Clifford elected Oriental Guide



Scott Sanford - Potentate 2013

Nobles,
I wanted to put forth the vision for 2013 as soon as possible. I will begin by saying that what I believe we need to be doing is focusing on membership and increasing our exposure to the general public. Some of these ideas are designed to do both at the same time.
1. **MEMBERSHIP**- "The first step in solving any problem is to recognize that there is one!" --We have allotted money for membership this year. What I would like to do is have our membership team go out to lodges that are growing with new members and put

on a festive board, or a similar event at the lodge following a Master Mason degree and talk about what the Shrine does and how they can join.
In addition, we will be seeking to do some joint ventures with blue lodges to increase our presence and exposure to a greater number of masons. The first of these endeavors will be Saturday February 9th at the temple where we will host a joint valentines day party with Doric lodge #342 F&AM. Social Hour will be 5:30pm, with dinner and dancing as well as karaoke!
Similar events can be scheduled throughout the year. Going to the source is the best way for us to get new members.
We also cannot wait for new masons to be created by others. Beginning at the Circuses, our membership team will be working with local masonic lodges to man a booth at the various circuses. Our new O.G. Jonathan Clifford has volunteered to lead this effort.
Each Circus will have a table set up where local masons and Shriners will hand out information on how to

join the Blue lodge and the Shrine and to answer questions about our organizations.
If any Noble would like to participate in this enterprise, please contact Jonathan Clifford at jonathan.d.clifford@gmail.com. I would also like to expand this concept to include a booth at the parades.
2. **PUBLIC RELATIONS**- "We all can't be hero's....Somebody has to sit on the curb and clap as I go by."
-George Patton
Ill. Sir Jeff Higley will be leading the Public Relations Committee this year. We will be trying to get in the public eye at every opportunity.
We will be sending public service information out to radio stations, community access television stations and news papers concerning our events, parades, clinics, etc.
We will be seeking photo opportunities with children and families that we sponsor to the hospitals, camps and to those that we grant requests to from our trust.
Any Club or Unit that makes a donation to charity is being requested

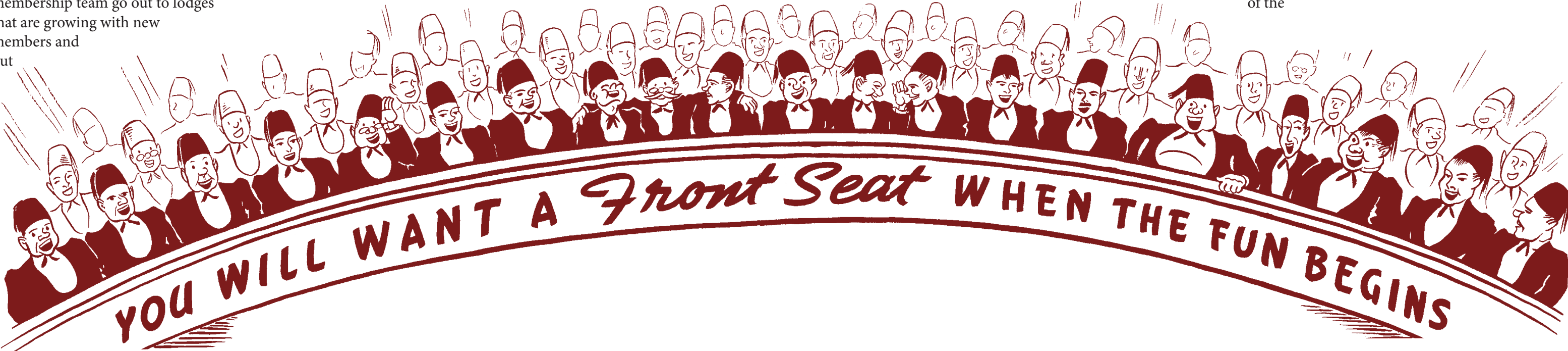
to get as much publicity as possible for their contribution. There are limits on what we can do pursuant to Imperial Law so please check with Ill. Sir Jeff before publishing anything.
Any Noble that has an idea concerning how best to get our name and image out to the public should contact a Divan member or the Public relations chairman.
The highlight of the public relations campaign will be the jurisdiction wide paper sale that we will be conducting on the weekends of August 2-4 and August 9-11. The Battle Creek Shrine Club has conducted a paper sale for some time on these dates and Arnie Fenrich is the chairman of their event. Rather than reinvent the wheel, Arnie has agreed to be the chairman of the jurisdiction wide paper sale for the temple. All income from the paper sale must go to the hospitals pursuant to Imperial Law. The general concept here is to have one paper that is sold everywhere. Each Club or Unit will get 2 full pages, (the center section) to fill with their photos, list of officers, an
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Jonathan Clifford - Oriental Guide 2013

Nobles of Saladin,
Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as Oriental Guide. The great responsibility that accompanies being part of the Divan has not been overlooked. It is truly an honor to be elected.
While walking down the hall of Past Potentate portraits, it is hard not to have a sense of humility realizing the quality of men that have served Saladin over many years. I look forward to learning from current and former leadership about the duties of the

Divan and the needs of the Temple. I also look forward to serving as a humble representative of the Potentate, building upon the progress of our predecessors.
The upcoming years will most likely be pivotal to Saladin Shrine. There will be many challenges to overcome and problems to solve. Our decisions and actions will shape what the next generation will experience as the Fez is placed on their heads for the first time.
What can we do now to make sure the Fraternity is strong well into the future? No doubt there will be differing opinions on what should be the direction of the organization. We need to remember, while opinions may vary, our love for the Fraternity and the Philanthropy is the same.
I eagerly anticipate listening to the concerns of the Nobility and acting as an advocate. With your support and collaboration, we will spread the news of our great fraternity in order to expand membership and increase charitable support.
-Jonathan



Newly Elected High Priest hails from the South

Fellow Nobles,

I wish to introduce myself, my name is William "Bill" Martindale, I am originally from Portage but have been in and out of the Sturgis area. I originally left in 1979 to pursue a career with Kmart. As have many others, I later pursued different business options over the years working with others until 1996 when I opened the franchise PostNet in Sturgis. PostNet is a franchisor of Packing, shipping and printing service in the US and in several countries around the world. I have had my store for going on 17 years and in the top 100 for the last 7 years.

I married my wife Connie in 2011 and she has said she supports me in this endeavor. I have 1 step son and 6 step daughters along with currently 8 grandchildren with number 9 on the way.

I have been a Mason since being raised in 1999. My grandfather and great grandfather were members of the lodge in Bangor and I have several cousins that were Masons in that area. Eventually I would like to finish the chairs in Meridian Sun Eagle Lodge #49 but have been secretary for the

last 11 years.

I am current and past High Priest of Sturgis Chapter #16, Current Commander of Columbia Commandery #18, past recorder as well, Past Thrice Illustrious Master Nebuzarradan Council Three Rivers and past Recorder Salathiel Chapter #11 Three Rivers and, last but not least, Past President Sturgis Shrine Club 2009. Also a member of Western Michigan York Rite College #10.

I have done so much with Masonry because a very near and dear friend whom I consider my mentor, Paul Bellaire, guided me through much of my York Rite start and it was a great experience to be with someone like this that I could call friend, and I don't say these things to brag but so you can know who I am.

As far as what I wish to accomplish with you, the Nobles of Saladin Shrine, is to grow the nobility. If we are able to grow it then that reduces the chances of having to increase dues and fees, because with the decrease in membership, as everyone knows, the more you end up paying, so we need to expand the membership, in the end cutting the memberships costs.



Bill Martindale
High Priest & Prophet 2013

I hope to get to the Clubs that are in the lower area this year and others as I have an opportunity. I appreciate the votes that I received and it was a close vote, but we have a young divan coming up and with that I hope that we are able to provide new energy and new growth as with what has happened within the Blue Lodges this past year.

Fraternally yours,

-Bill Martindale

We went a little retro this issue...

You might have noticed a little retro Shriners artwork in this issue of the news. Our Editor / Recorder has a soft spot for Shriner nostalgia and he resurrected a few graphics for this issue. Most of them were drawn by the Recorder in the 1950s.

The new copy machine in the of-

fice has allowed us to greatly increase the quality of printing and we look forward to bringing you better and better issues as the year goes on. We are always looking for photos and stories. Contact the Recorder if you have something from your club or unit.



Saladin Phone Directory

Information - ext. 100
Recorder - ext. 101
Treasurer - ext. 102
Grounds - ext. 103
Childcare - ext. 104

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annual events etc. Advertising can be sold to put in the papers. Prices have not yet been determined, but the ads will be in every paper all over our jurisdiction.

I encourage each club and unit to designate a local paper sales chairman who will be responsible for collection of the advertising and information for inclusion in their portion of the paper.

The temple will also be purchasing shrine baseball style hats for the Nobility to wear in public when a Fez is not appropriate. These will be available soon and sold at cost. In addition, we will be purchasing items to be given out at the parades throughout the year. These are small hand held collapsible fans that can be used over and over. The trust will be purchasing these items and they will have a Fez on them and information about how to help a child in need as well as how to make a donation to the trust and the hospitals.

3. **LADIES**--*"Beside all great men is a Lady who helped make him great"*-- The ladies are a critical part of the Shrine. Last year at the Imperial Session, legislation was passed that permits ladies and children of Shriners to participate in Civic parades with the approval of the Potentate. I would like to see the ladies and the children in as many parades as possible. Please accept this article as express permission to all clubs and units that ladies and children of Shriners are granted permission to participate in any civic parade. Pursuant to Imperial Law, the ladies and children may only be PASSENGERS and the vehicle that they are a passenger in must have at least 4 wheels.

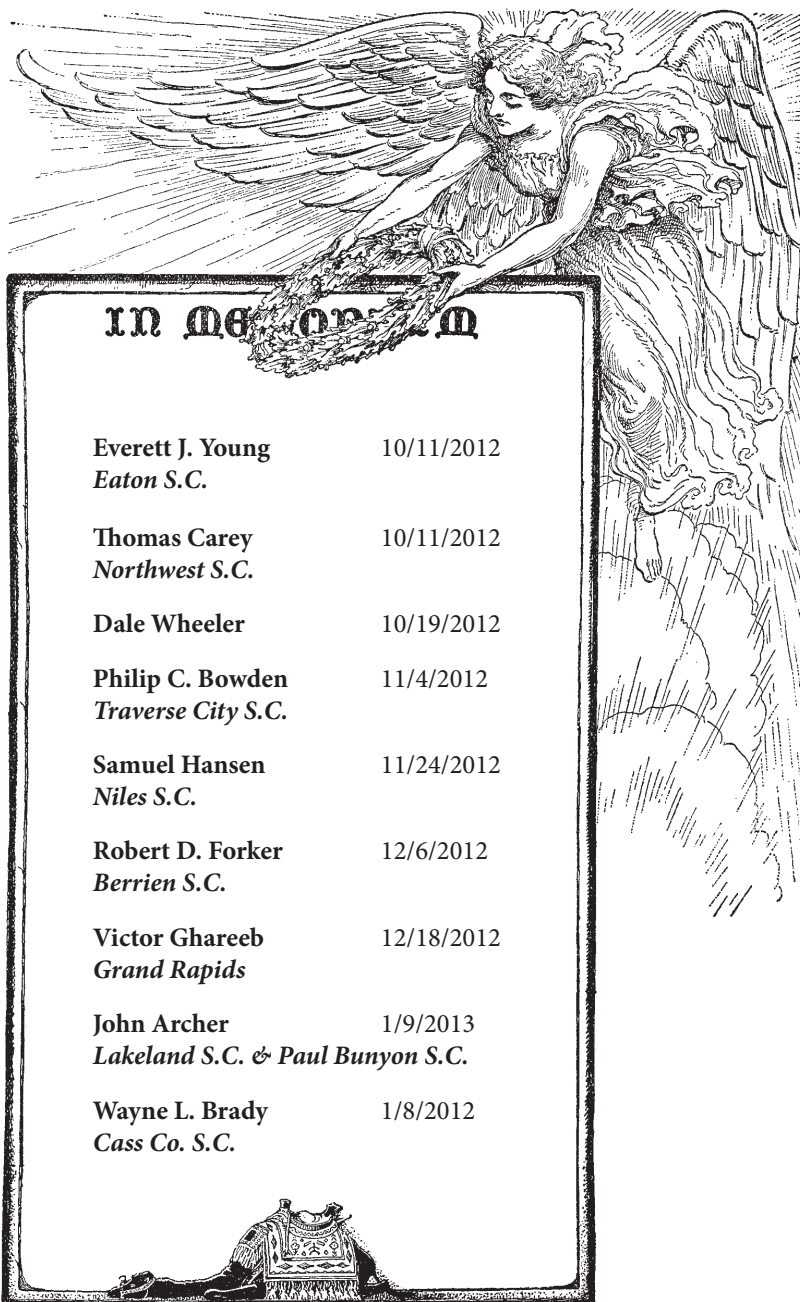
Carla will be ordering Shrine Ladies shirts. If there are ladies out there who wish to order one, please

go to the Saladin Shrine Ladies facebook page. You can send a message to Carla indicating what size shirt you would like. Carla's intention is to have the ladies hand out the shrine fans at the parades while the units are marshaling.

4. **RECOGNITION**-- In early December, we will be having an awards ceremony. There are so many Nobles that donate their time, energy and resources to the Shrine that it seems only fitting and proper they be recognized. This event will have a large silent auction to help raise money. Carla has already began collecting

donations to be auctioned and is asking all of the Nobility and their ladies to assist in this project. If you are able to obtain any items for the auction, please contact Carla or myself. All of the clubs and units will be receiving information regarding the nomination process. This will be a Black tie affair.

Any Noble who has any ideas for enhancing the agenda and goals that I have put forth here is encouraged to contact myself or another Divan member. I am opposed to only one thing and that is rejecting an idea simply because it is not mine! -S.S.



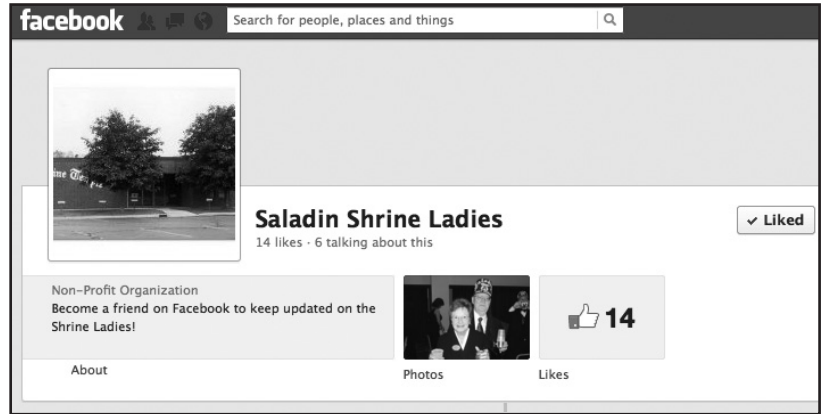
Saladin has more in store for the Ladies in 2013

Saladin Ladies,

First Lady Carla has plenty in store for you this year. She has a Saladin Ladies Facebook page setup and has plans to produce content for a ladies page in the Saladin News.

She would like to hear from you about what you would like to see around Saladin this year. Also, she would like to get a ladies email list setup. Please send your email address to Robyn at the Saladin office at RYoung@saladinshrine.com and asked to be added to the Saladin ladies email list.

We have an amazing Valentine's Day party planned for February 9th. Get your reservation in now!



Like us on Facebook!

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you do, step back and look at what they would be viewing. Remember, most clubs hold their meetings in a public or semi-public forum; how are you projecting our image? How are you being viewed? If our purpose is to have FUN...are we?

At the Temple what are you telling your new nobles as you speak with or near them? Do your words express "Us and Them" or "Unity?" New members want and need the feeling of unity and brotherhood, not only at the club level but at the temple level also.

Guests must know that we are all unified in a single purpose and righteous cause in order to assist us with that precious "Word of Mouth" advertisement. We can agree to disagree and still like and respect one another; I know for I have seen it in my travels.

The temple is there to do the business of the temple and to forge and renew ties with our far-reaching Brother-Nobles. A Noble can easily take despondency from the temple and infect the club, thus affecting how we personally feel about the Shrine as a whole. Peace equals Unity.

Lastly, in the public, what are you projecting? Are you solemn, joyful, "thrilled to be where you are standing at that time?" If you saw yourself, would you want to be a Shriner based on that sight?

Everything we say, everything we do at that moment tells the public who and what we are about to mostly... our family, our friends, and our community. The knowledge and image of our cause carries us so far before we are personally responsible, locally, for how our brotherhood is viewed.

Every time I write of a problem, you all know I have a solution... The Problem: We need Membership. The Solution:

- Stand behind and support Illustrious Sir's vision for membership growth.

- Work positively with and toward this focus.

- Offer suggestions and solutions to the problems rather than criticism of what others offer.

- Provide pictures and material for our website and Facebook page to show visitors how much fun we are having as Shriners.

- The Shrine is becoming a family organization... involve and encourage your family to take part in the festivities.

- Know that each and every Noble is our best advertisement...

How are You Marketing...YOU?

Most Important of all is GROWTH and RETAINMENT of MEMBERSHIP is LOGICAL, IMPERATIVE, and EVERY NOBLE'S RESPONSIBILITY...PERIOD!

Peace be with you all,

Dan Soullier

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From the Recorder...

Greetings Nobles!

I'm finishing out my first month on the job and things haven't slowed down yet. When I was installed as Recorder I was reminded to keep harmony within our noble order. So much of that task is about communicating properly and being the stick that helps stir the drink. For my part, I have the skills this job needs and I like to be that guy that stirs the drink.

If you've been around the Shrine long enough you've seen your share of messages from new officers. Mine is going to be pretty simple. 2013 is a landmark year for us. No ifs, ands, or buts about it. I'm going to give it my all to move Saladin forward during this huge year of transition. Just like Blue Lodges, we are in a process of becoming something new.

I've always been proud to be a member of my Blue Lodge. It has had much success the last 10 years and I don't feel ashamed to be proud of that fact. As an extension of that, I'm proud to be a member

of Saladin. I want you to feel the same way about your Shrine membership. So much of what I do this coming year is going to be geared towards you achieving or maintaining that feeling of pride.

Grant me two favors as I work towards that goal: keep an open mind about where we need to take things and what you and I both need to do to achieve success for Saladin. Second, please introduce yourself to me if we happen to meet out on the trail. So much of what this fraternity is about is the brotherhood we make with a handshake and recognition of another Mason. As focused as I can be at things, I always have the time and the desire to enjoy the connection you and I can make over a cup of coffee, a cocktail, or a few minutes after a meeting.

The first weekend of February I'm going to be off enjoying my big non-masonic hobby. I'll be trekking out to Vermont to participate in something called the 'Winter Death Race.' It will include snow-shoeing, wood chopping, survival skills,

his family during troubled times. Please let the office know about any Shriner illnesses or deaths you become aware of.

Saladin Merit Awards

Our supplies of certain Merit Awards have dwindled and we are in the process of securing a new supplier. Bear with us during this time and understand it may be a little while until new supplies are obtained.

Recorders Email list

The Recorder maintains a small email list he uses to correspond with club officers about issues coming across his desk. Anyone can subscribe by sending an email to the recorder requesting to be added to the list. Be careful what you ask for.

Deceased, sick, or shut-ins.

The office likes to track all Shriners who may have fallen ill. The Recorder will send a get-well or sympathy note to any brother or



Rick Williams - Recorder 2013
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recorder@saladinshrine.com

cold-water exposure, and whatever other craziness they can think of. It goes non-stop for a couple of days. Just the sort of craziness a man in his mid-30s needs. So if you see me after February, you will at least have something to ask me about (if I survive)!

That is enough from me for this message. My sleeves are rolled up and I look forward to seeing you around Saladin. Take care brothers.

-Rick



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Important Dates For Spring 2013

Battle Creek Circus
March 5

Muskegon Circus
March 8 & 9

Kalamazoo Circus
March 12

Grand Rapids Circus
March 14, 15, 16, 17

Cass County Turkey Shoot
April 6 & 7

Stated Meeting and Ceremonial
Grand Rapids
April 20