

SALADIN NEWS

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Saladin Awards Night December 14th

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From the Potentate...

Saladin has had a successful autumn. We created 8 new Nobles at the fall ceremonial, and enjoyed a great time at the Costume Party. The Allegan-Ottawa Shrine Club and the Battle Creek Shrine Club put on successful Magic Shows in October, and the Cass County Shrine Club had another successful Turkey Shoot. The Berrien County Shrine Club is again selling Cash Calendar's and hopefully, all of the clubs and units are taking advantage of a GREAT opportunity to raise money by selling advertising for the Circus Program.

As we turn to the winter months, it is time to recognize those Nobles, Clubs and Units that make Saladin what it is, a rising star of Shriners International. Looking back, there is much to be proud of this year. We have given a total of \$210,000.00 to three different Shrine Hospitals. We are making more money at our fund-raising efforts, thanks to the hard work of the Nobility. We have streamlined our transportation system in order to provide a more economical method for transporting our children to their hospital appointments. We are getting better attendance at our Temple and Club functions as well as greater participation in our parades through our increased communication efforts, utilizing the Saladin News, Saladin Shrine Web Page and the Saladin Shrine Ladies Facebook page. This all adds up to an increased desire to get more involved!

As the year comes to a close, let us pause to reflect and rejoice in our hard work and our accomplishments. Let us also pause to remember those Nobles who helped make Saladin what it is today, but will not be with us as we move forward. The Black Camel has taken a toll on our Temple in recent years. A loss of one of us is a loss to all of us.

Lady Carla and I would like to invite the entire Saladin family to join us at the Saladin Awards Night on December 14th at the Temple in Grand Rapids. There are so many people that work so hard to make Saladin what it is, and we would like to recognize them and honor them for their service, and their support. We will be recognizing the Shrine



Club and Shrine Unit of the Year. We will Name a Shriner of the Year, and identify those Nobles for their Lifetime of Service. There will also be recognition for those unsung heroes among us and those who create innovative ways of moving our fraternity onward and upward.

Please reserve your place for this special night of celebration and fellowship. Due to limitations on space, seating is limited to the first 150 reservations. To reserve your place, please contact Robyn at the Temple. She will have information concerning the Menu for the night as well as any special drink requests that you may have. In addition, she will have information about discount hotel rooms should you choose to spend the night. We hope to see you there!

-Scott Sanford

Grand Rapids Scarabs send their thanks to Saladin's Nobility



Greetings From the Scarab Shrine Club,

We had organizational meetings in October and November with strong attendance and vocal participation. As a new club we are faced with the opportunity to create something from the ground up. This unique position is something we are taking with care and patience. As we organize we look forward to the fund raising opportunities and community outreach events. Thank you for all of the support the Shrine has given in this endeavor.

-Steve Zimmerman, Vizier, Grand Rapids Scarab Shrine Club

GREAT MOMENTS IN FEZ HISTORY

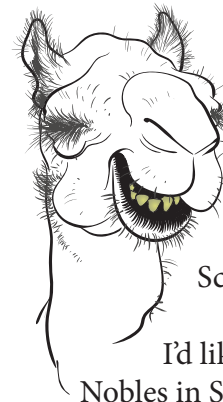


March 5, 1912, Kenosha, Wis.: The Fez and Noble Elwin Spillaine are presented with the Governor's Cup for a record setting time in the Waukegan to Kenosha Speed Walking Race. Spillaine later credited his win to the Fez for its aerodynamic and thermal retention properties.



Saladin Shriners

All historical accounts have been fabricated. This is just for fun.



Camel Chat

With Gregg Riander

Chief Aide, Sparky the Tramp, Ambassador-at-Large, Potentate's Aid, Scarab, & Saladin Shriner

I'd like to say hello to all the Nobles in Shrinedom. Oh, yeah, and a great big sloppy camel kiss to the Ladies, too! I seem to have this burning desire to want to communicate to one and all by starting to write articles for the "News". Newer members may think I have latent blogger tendencies, more seasoned ones may have no idea what I just said.

So, let me cut to the quick, for a camel that may take a while. There are great things happening all around us, hospital trips, circuses, units & clubs parading and "fun"draising, ritual work, business and planning.....on and on I could go. I have one particularly hot, sandy subject for today; Units/Clubs.

We love 'em all!!! Boy, do they take a lot of work, time, \$\$\$, and dedication. I've had the privilege of witnessing nearly all the different types at Imperial this year. Saladin has great Units/Clubs. I unfortunately have not experienced all of them yet. I'm working on that.

Know this, the Shrine needs every Unit/Clubs there is, was, or will be!!! What's your passion, clowns, wheeled units, music, singing, - well.....?!? Ask this question of yourself, who benefits?

There are Nobles that have been in units that are inactive currently. There are Nobles active currently. There are Nobles unable to be active. I want all Nobles as active as they can be! Transferring history of, guiding the newer Nobles on, teaching skills for, helping start or re-start units yet to be or once was.

Thanks for listening - GK

Next news: Unit/Club workshops.

Oriental Guide talks about Shriners Scoliosis Advances

During the course of caring for children in need our physicians continually innovate and engage in ground breaking research that benefits all children. I would like to share with you one of the most recent research studies competed at our St. Louis Hospital.

Scoliosis is a musculoskeletal disorder that causes an abnormal curve of the spine or backbone, causing the spine to look more like an "S" or a "C" rather than a straight line, typically affecting 1 in 1,000 children. Adolescent idiopathic scoliosis (AIS) is a curve with no known cause. Mild cases may only need observation by a physician. In more serious cases, especially when the patient is still skeletally immature, other treatments may be needed, such as bracing, or in very severe cases, surgery. However, the effectiveness of bracing for AIS has been in question.

Results of a multi-year study supported by Shriners Hospitals for Children, the National Institutes of Health, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and other organizations recently published in the online edition of the New England Journal of Medicine, indicate bracing is effective.

"Knowing – with confidence –

that bracing is effective changes the treatment paradigm," said Matthew Dobbs, M.D., orthopaedic surgeon at Shriners Hospitals for Children – St. Louis, and lead investigator for the Shriners Hospitals' portion of the study. "We can now say, for a specific patient population with AIS, that we can avoid the need for surgery through bracing."

The Bracing in Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis Trial (BrAIST) compared the risk of curve progression in adolescents with AIS who wore a brace with those who did not. The study included 383 subjects at 25 sites in the U.S. and Canada, including 78 patients from seven Shriners Hospitals for Children. Dr. Dobbs oversaw this portion of the study, including compiling data and reviewing recruitments.

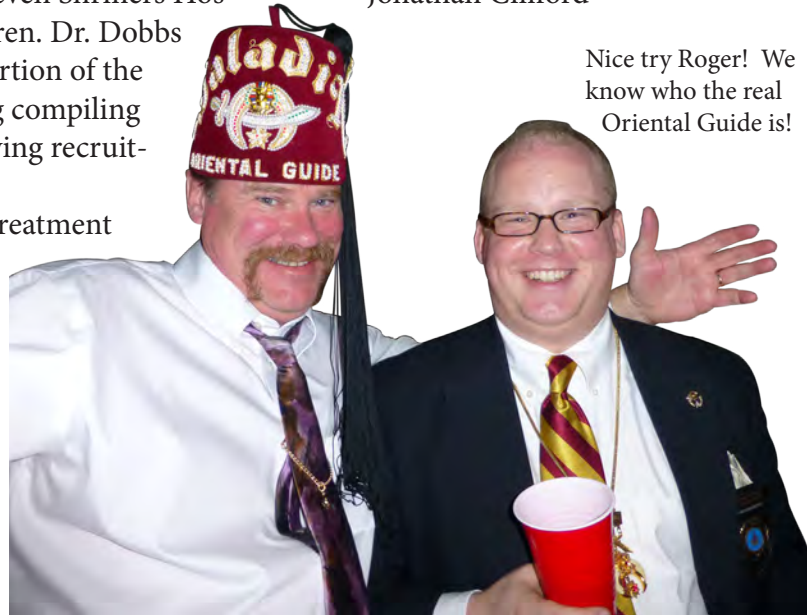
In the trial, treatment (bracing or observation) was randomly assigned to approximately 40 percent of the participants, with the rest given their

preference. Those receiving bracing wore the device for 18 hours daily. Treatment was considered successful if the subject reached skeletal maturity with their curve remaining under 50 degrees. In the combined groups in the study, 72 percent who received bracing were successful. Those who wore their brace an average of 13 hours daily had a success rate of 90 to 93 percent.

Results of the study have the potential to impact treatment standards for children with scoliosis, as well as effect information provided at screening clinics for the detection of scoliosis.

-Jonathan Clifford

Nice try Roger! We know who the real Oriental Guide is!



Recorder Note



Just wanted to offer a quick note to thank the many friends out there in Saladin for making it an amazing year of experiences for me as your Recorder.

You have a pretty big target on your back in this job, but that is generally because you are out there in the arena mixing it up trying to move the ball down the field for Saladin.

It wouldn't have been possible for me to move the ball down the field on anything were it not for my many Shriner friends.

I'm so thankful that 2013 brought my best friend into the Shrine along with the many new friends made in the course of executing the responsibilities of Recorder.

I would like to list off the names of folks who were friends this year, but there aren't enough pages in this newsletter nor would any poor words of thanks I might speak adequately tell you how much your friendship has enriched my heart and my year.

Fare thee well 2013!

-Rick Williams

Chief Rabban reminds us of the Strength in Unity

Greetings Nobles,

I remember my first day as the Master of Charlevoix Lodge. I opened lodge just as all other master have done. I then looked out and said, "As my first general order, no one is allowed to say, "No" or anything negative to any idea or concept put forth by any brother, or say anything derogatory about any brother within the confines of our lodge."

Instead, they were instructed to "agree to, make better, assist, or remain quiet." I did this because I saw how the slightest negative influence or word, can bend a mind into an event that could drive a good man away.

There are many persons who may lean our decisions, from our intimate family to our neighbors and fellow brother-nobles.

There are speeches that have convinced us to do the right thing versus the popular thing; then there are persons who attempt to persuade us through gossip, character assassinations, and outright lies.

It is sad to say that in my Masonic Career I have seen and experienced, personally, all of these.

"Those who may not unite in the task must applaud our deeds and not suffer silence in order to gain sway."

This is what we are told when we are sworn in and made a noble of the mystic shrine; why do we allow others to dictate our decisions when we are in a weakness of quandary?

Ultimately we responsible for the things we say, the stories we repeat, and the actions we take.

Before you move forward with any of these measures

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



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Fun at the Saladin Costume Party



High Priest reflects on the 2013 Saladin Shrine Year

Ceremonial is here and gone the Halloween Party is now past and fun was had by all for these two great events.

I would like to take this time to thank Illustrious Sir Scott and Lady Carla and his Chief Aide Greg and his Lady Nicole on a great year (Greg and Nicole leave big shoes to fill).

Lady Connie and I really enjoyed our time this year along with meeting the new members and many members of Saladin Shrine that we got to see, and soon will be the Awards Party coming in December end with a bang.

We are busy planning for circuses, and next seasons parades.

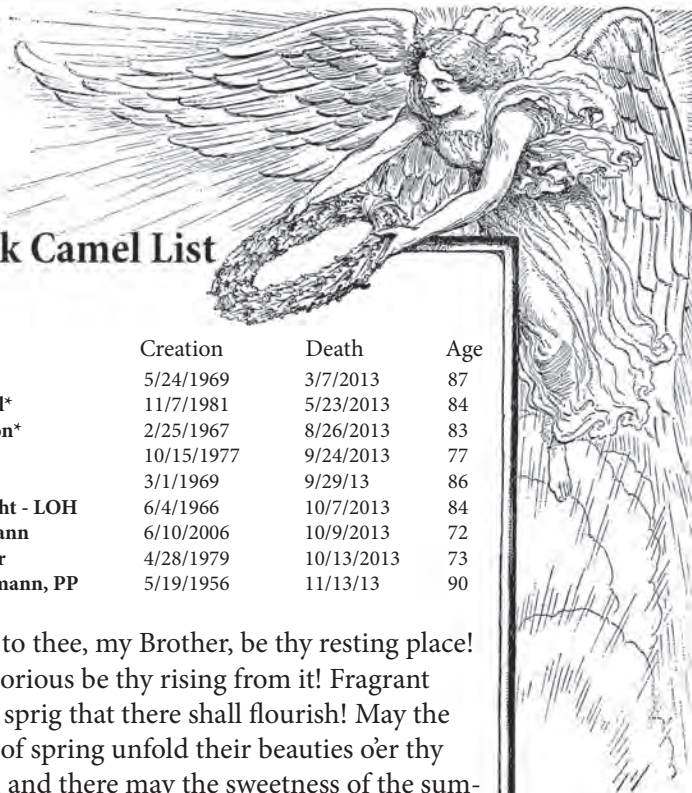
Lady Connie and I did not get to as much stuff as we had planned on partially due to our work schedules but upon the recommendation of Chief Rabban Dan Soullier I have been trying to project out over the next couple of years a tentative schedule with all the clubs and other affiliations I am involved with.

Lady Connie and I went to the Great Lakes Shrine Association meeting in Mason Ohio this year and had fun meeting our counterparts of 21 other temples, we also got to go to Cincinnati to the Burn hospital down

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Bill Martindale
High Priest & Prophet 2013



The Black Camel List

	Creation	Death	Age
John H. Paquin*	5/24/1969	3/7/2013	87
Richard G. Ravell*	11/7/1981	5/23/2013	84
Robert D. Creason*	2/25/1967	8/26/2013	83
Tyree H. Moody	10/15/1977	9/24/2013	77
Harley G. Koets	3/1/1969	9/29/13	86
James T. McKnight - LOH	6/4/1966	10/7/2013	84
Gordon E. Erdmann	6/10/2006	10/9/2013	72
James R. Hazel, Jr	4/28/1979	10/13/2013	73
William F. Goosmann, PP	5/19/1956	11/13/13	90

Soft and safe to thee, my Brother, be thy resting place!
Bright and glorious be thy rising from it! Fragrant
be the acacia sprig that there shall flourish! May the
earliest buds of spring unfold their beauties o'er thy
resting place, and there may the sweetness of the sum-
mer's last rose linger longest!

**Death is the black camel that
kneels unbidden at every gate.**

*- Denotes a death only recently discovered.

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think...

1. What am I gaining from this?

Since we all became Shriners with thought devoid of personal gain, then this question is moot.

2. Will this cause pain or harm?

Since we are all family, would you intentionally cause your family harm? I guess that this makes this question moot also.

3. Will this cause despondence and dissension in the ranks and/or scare away new or aspiring Nobles?

Since we do not wish our temple to fade away and our fraternity to dissolve; again this is another question that is moot.

Leaders need and use advisors for consul not answers. We listen to others to give us new prospective to other-wise cloudy judgment choices not to

guide our lives for us; once decisions become deeds it's too late.

We are Shrine-Masons, the present and future leaders of our families, communities, and country; when between a choice and the right thing, we should always do the right thing.

If you wonder what happened in my lodge after general order #1; the first 4 months was very quiet and a lot of decisions were made and initiated. In the next 4 months, the nay-sayers left and the idealists returned. In the last 4 months we laughed a lot and looked forward to lodge and the next master had a great year.

If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem.

Positive effects... affects everyone positively.

Peace be with you all

-Dan Soullier

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there could not get a full tour but was impressed with the facility as well as the staff that was available to talk to us, we would encourage anyone that is traveling and is near one of the 23 hospitals to venture in and see what our hard work is doing to help children's lives and how those children impact our lives.

For those that we may not see we want to wish all the Nobles of Saladin and their Ladies a safe Thanksgiving and Christmas season with the ones you love.

I would also like to encourage Nobles to not forget about the 100 million dollar club as well.

-Bill Martindale

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From The Editor:

Nobles,

This is our fourth and final issue of 2013. We've made a number of attempts to raise the bar on the visual appearance of the publication.

Also, we have gone back to mailing to everyone. We email a copy to everyone who has an email, but our email software tells us that only about 200 of the 500 recipients actually open it and read it. It could be a lack of interest or it could be ending up in your SPAM folder. Either way, mailing it to you is the only way we can be sure you receive the latest news.

As always, your comments, good, bad or indifferent, are always welcome.

- The Editor

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- There is favorable capital gains treatment if a CGA is funded with appreciated securities.
- Your gift will help children get the medical care they need and your generous support will be recognized by Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

Please note, a contribution for a gift annuity is irrevocable and the principal you contribute cannot be returned.

CGA Rates

Rates are based on the suggested rates of the American Council of Gift Annuities and are guaranteed for life.

An example of how a CGA might look:

In retirement, Stan (81) and Fran (77) have become more involved with their favorite charity, Shriners Hospitals for Children®. In discussing their estate plans, Stan and Fran expressed their desire to make a major gift to Shriners Hospitals for Children® to help ensure their values live on. Both of their children are financially secure, so they agreed that Shriners Hospitals for Children® might be considered a third heir and receive one-third of their estate. However, like many people their age, especially in current economic times, they are concerned about outliving their assets.

A friend suggested they look into the Shriners Hospitals for Children® Charitable Gift Annuities program. Stan and Fran set up a confidential, no-obligation meeting with a member of the development staff at Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

Using an example of a \$100,000 commitment for a two-life CGA, the couple would receive a fixed annuity payment of \$6,100 each year for their lifetimes and for the lifetime of the surviving spouse. Depending on their situation, they also may be eligible for a substantial charitable deduction in the year they make the gift. In addition, a portion of their annuity payment may be tax-free.

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