



SALADIN NEWS

Potentate's Ball Set For October 13, 2012

Nobles, Illustrious Sir Jeff Higley and his lady Denise request the honor of your presence Saturday October 13 for the 2012 Potentate's Ball. The evening will begin with refreshments at 5:00 pm with dinner, music, and dancing to follow. Nobles should be clothed in Black Tie or a dark suit. Ladies should be in formal or 'After 5' attire.

Cost per couple is \$60 per person / \$120 per couple. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate the 2012 Shrine year and honor our Illustrious Potentate and his Lady.

Nobles can pay by check or credit card. Please contact Noble Doug Culp, 53210 Beech Grove Dr, Bristol, IN, 46507 to register.

Potentate's Ball

Saturday October 13, 2012

Saladin Shrine Center
Grand Rapids, Michigan

\$60 Per Person / \$120 Per Couple

Black Tie / Business Suit / Ladies Formal

Contact Doug Culp For Reservations

TEMPLE NEWS

Proposal brought before the Nobility at last Stated Meeting

At our stated meeting on Aug 20, a proposal was introduced to the nobility to make changes to the management of the Temple's Invested Reserve Fund. The changes were required to lay over until our next Stated Meeting on October 20. A full description of the proposed change is included in this issue.

Recorder and Treasurer authorized to sell non-essential items

Also at the Aug. 20 stated meeting, the nobility authorized the Recorder

and Treasurer to review items currently on the temple property that were no longer in use or essential to temple operations and sell them at a reasonable price as a means of cleaning up the property and eliminating unneeded items.

Saladin Shrine recognized for \$50,000 gift to Chicago Hospital

A \$50,000 gift from the Saladin Shrine Foundation was recently recognized in the Chicago Hospital Shrinelines newsletter. The gift provided for the purchase of new van for the hospital's Child Life Program. This gift puts the hospital's approximation of the grand total of Saladin generosity to the hospital at \$1,525,375.93. Also recog-

nized was the hard work of Noble Gus Anton out of the Berrien Shrine Club for his production and marketing of his "Famous Masons Plaque."

Grand Master of Michigan reinstates Shrine as recognized Org.

As many Nobles know, the Grand Lodge of Michigan withdrew its fraternal relations with Shriners International last year. We are happy to report that the current Grand Master of Michigan, Dean A. Barr, has restored relations with Shriners International and he feels all issues that formerly caused the suspension have been rectified. This is good news for Shriners International and the Shrine Temples of Michigan.

Proposed Invested Reserve Fund Changes

Brothers, at the last meeting of the Nobility, the Temple Treasurer offered the following changes to the current language of our laws concerning the Invested Reserve Fund. There was much discussion at the meeting and a committee of nobles was formed to discuss the changes. The intent of the changes is looking forward in time to the possible sale of the Temple building. Proceeds of the sale, and any related personal property, could then be put into Invested Reserve Fund. Currently Interest in this account gets reinvested without the possibility of use for budgeted purposes. Among other things, these changes would allow the interest from the Reserve Fund to be used for Temple budget purposes.

It is important to point out that any interest from the Invested Reserve Fund spent in a budget would still need to be approved by the Nobility through the normal budget approval process. Anything printed in Bold Italics below is new language. Anything underlined is also new language that the Treasurer would particularly like to draw your attention to. If any Nobles have questions, please feel free to contact the Temple Treasurer at (616) 942-1570.

6.11 Invested Reserve Fund. The prior creation of the invested Reserve Fund is hereby ratified, ***and said Fund is hereby created as of January 8, 1994. The initial deposit of the principal to be made therein shall consist of \$65,000.00 of cash and securities. The Funds currently contained in said fund are acknowledged as continuing to be restricted in their use.***

Additional amounts of principal may be deposited therein at any time by action of any donor or by order of the Potentate and/or the Nobility. ***Further any funds obtained as a result of the sale of any property of Saladin Shrine Center, either real estate or personal property, shall be deposited in the Invested Reserve Fund, subject to the limitations on the use thereof.***

Any interest accrued during the current year on the principal amount contained in the Invested Reserve Fund shall be available to the Chief Rabban in establishing the budget for his year as Potentate. The amount of the interest being used shall be clearly delineated in the budget figures, and any money withdrawn from the interest of the Invested Reserve Fund may only be used for expenses related for use for Imperial Council, (Acct Nos. 6000-6099); Administrative (Acct Nos. 6100-6399); Building Operations (Acct Nos. 6500-6699) and Business Sessions and Ceremonials (Acct. Nos. 6700-6999) As set out in the Shrine Chart of Accounts.

No part of the principal of ***the Invested Reserve*** Fund shall be expended for any purpose except for the purpose of ***paying the cost*** of operating and maintaining Saladin ***Shrine Center*** should the need occur. It may be so used only after all of the following conditions have been satisfied:

First: Notice of a proposal ***to use Reserved Funds*** is mailed to every member ***in good standing*** of Saladin Shrine ***Center*** at least fourteen ***(14) calendar*** days prior to the ***Stated Meeting*** or ***Special session*** at which ***the*** proposal is to be considered and acted on. Such notice may be given in the regular Saladin publication and may be mailed by third class mail. Such notice shall state the place, date and time of the meeting and the purpose or purposes for which ***the*** money ***proposed to be used is*** to be expended.

Second: At the ***stated or special session of the Nobility*** specified in ***the*** notice, ***the*** proposal is ***deemed to be*** adopted and enacted by ***the affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of the Nobles*** who are members of Saladin Shrine ***Center and*** who are present and voting on ***the said*** proposition.

From the Potentate

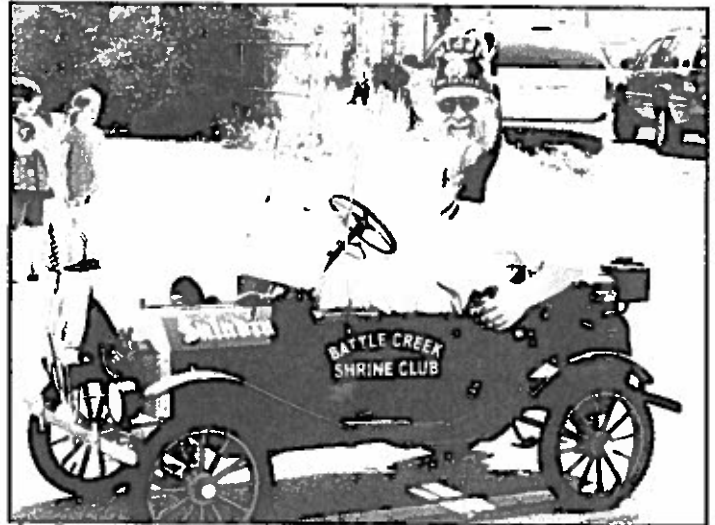
Denise and I would like to thank everyone that showed up and helped at the End of Summer Celebration. Everyone seemed to have a great time, great food and fun.

Denise and I hope that everyone had a great summer. The next stated meeting and ceremonial is October 20th with the advisory meeting starting at 9 AM and stated meeting at 10 AM followed by the ceremonial.

The Imperial session was very informative and the nobles and wives that went had a great time.

Please get your petitions in for new members ASAP so we can have their Fez and stuff ready. Don't forget that the Hillbilly's will be having a Ceremonial/Possum Queen Ball on September 29th @ Cass County Shrine club, if you do not belong come and join the Hillbilly's and have some fun (the fee is a one time fee and no annual dues).

Also on October 13th will be the Potentate's Ball. Please plan on attending and having a fun time. Dave Neff has proposed revision for the invested reserve and this will be voted on October 20th. At Imperial we voted and approved for your lady and kids can ride in parades with



the Potentates approval.

Also the item with Grand Lodge has been resolved and we are back to working order. So the next meeting will be tiled. Please attend all of your club's activities and the Temple's. Remember that what we are here for is to raise money and support the kids that need us.

-Jeff

From the Desk of the Chief Rabban



Please plan on attending the Potentates Ball on October 13th. It will be a wonderful fall night for all the Nobility to enjoy. Please come

out and support Ill. Sir Jeff and Lady Denise and enjoy a great night with your fellow Nobles.

Carla and I had a great time this summer. We rode in the cherry festival parade with the "Nobles of the North" up in Traverse City. We will be back next year as we, (Carla) didn't get to shop downtown!

I rode with the Berrien County Mini Bikers at the veterans parade in Baroda and the Mini 500 patrol in Delton. I encourage all of the Nobility to get out and participate in the parades.

A few weekends back Carla and I cleaned the carpet at the temple. I always find that I have the most fun when working the hardest!

The Circus contracts are signed and we will need all of the Nobles to get out and sell Circus program ad-

vertising. Add sales forms are available at the temple and we will have supplies for all of the Clubs and Units at the October stated meeting.

The Grand Rapids Circus will be March 14-17 2013. We need every available Noble to assist us in this major fundraiser.

Carla and I would love to see some of the Saladin units at the Imperial Parade in Indianapolis next July. The parade will be held on July 1st beginning at 7:00pm.

If your unit would like to be in the parade, please contact me as we have to advise the Imperial Parade Marshal well in advance so that the order of units can be established.

Carla and I look forward to seeing all of you throughout the fall and upcoming holiday season.

-Scotty

From the Desk of the Assistant Rabban

Everyone knows that I like to talk about people who I have met and made a difference in my life. Well being a nurse I have had a lot of chance to meet some interesting people and here are a few.

The first was a man named Dr. Romano (pronounced "Rev-in-o"). He taught me that everything, "EVERYTHING" we say and do affects everyone we come in contact with. If we scowl, smile, say something good or bad in ear-shot of others, creates a milieu of the same. Even if that person does not remember you, the gift of the smile or the damage of the scowl has been done. That person will carry that emotion through the day and pass it along to others they meet.

The second person was named Dr. Goldman. Dr. Goldman taught me that all relationships are precious, no matter how long or brief. He said that it's the small insignificant thing that draws us together and also keeps us apart. If we cast aside the orts that drive the wedge of disdain, then what is left is our precious cohesion. It's that loose word said years ago that prevents you from talking to your "former" best friend or sibling. It is also that kind word that got you both together in the first place.

The third person was Staff Sergeant John Watson (yes, his real name). S. Sgt. Watson was an enlisted soldier under the command of General George S. Patton. He told me that the General knew the morale of the soldier was of prime importance. If the situation was poor and the soldier unaware, keep it to yourself. If the situation was poor and the soldier was aware, stand up, encourage, and remind them of their mission and proceed. If the situa-

tion is good, then rise and advance into the breech before the winds change. The man in the field wins the war, not the man behind the desk.

As a fraternity we can take a few lessons from my former acquaintances. If we create a negative atmosphere, even in ear-shot, then this will cater to despondency. Who wants to participate, if the attitude is a downer?

Our relationships are precious, if you are unhappy with a brother, do not talk about, talk to them. Are we not supposed to "vindicate his character behind his back as well as before his face" and "in the most friendly manner remind him of his errors and aid his reformation?" Preserve what is precious, for it may be gone tomorrow.

As Shrine-Masons, we are supposed to be the best of the best; the present and future leaders of our families, businesses, and communities. Yes, there are disparaging things, but if we concentrate and spread this around, it's like placing salt on you soil...nothing grows. We must smile and project from our hearts that feeling we have as we work for our common cause; pushing the positive. If we do this, the soil will be fertile and we will grow again.

In lieu of it all, our temple is what we create. Sometimes it must evolve, but still we guide it's change. With our decrease in membership, each of us needs to work closer, forgive, forget, and smile, if Saladin, Michigan's only Shrine Temple with a former U.S. President as a member, shall rise once more.

Peace be with you all.

-Dan

From the Recorder's Desk

The Operation of the Temple has been running smoothly with several changes. Donna Baldwin and Sharon Colon are no longer with us. Their duties are now being handled by Judy Williams in the Trust office, and Robyn Young in Temple operations. Our Child Care Chairman is Harry Jones who is also handling the maintenance of the Temple.

Under the leadership of our Potentate Jeff Higley Sr., we are providing the Nobles of Saladin with a quality cost-saving Temple operation. Our

Treasurer, Dave Neff, is closely watching the operation to give the Nobility a budget-saving expression. To better serve you, would you please send me any updates on your email address or residential address. Please feel free to call me if I can be of help you.

-Dick Higgins, PP

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Brothers, we are looking for your photos and stories for future issues of Saladin News. Does your club have an upcoming event? Do you have some good childcare news to share? The Saladin News Editor is interested in talking to you. Please send an email to:

rick@masonichistory.org

From the Desk of the Treasurer

As we move into the end of our year, we are keeping our head above the water financially. As you are probably aware, the circus was a financial disaster, and put us into a very awkward position for the rest of the year. We have taken some corrective measures and have been aided by some help from the clubs. Muskegon was particularly generous with a donation of \$15,000, which they also matched with a \$15,000 donation to the Chicago hospital. It is this kind of support which keeps our temple

afloat, and keeps us from invading our invested reserve. Our sincere thanks go to all clubs who are helping and will help during the balance of our year.

Going Forward, it looks like we will finish the year in the black, which is really kind of amazing, given the shortfall from the circus. Scott Sanford has changed our circus agreement in a manner that will guarantee that we will not repeat the squeeze we got into this year, but our financial success will depend on how

well we can do with our program sales, particularly the program ads. We hope to have all our members working to sell ads, and we will have the forms in your hands by the next stated meeting. It is not too early to be out selling them in your area.

As we have always stated, if any of you have questions or concerns about the financial affairs of the Temple, please contact the office and we will be glad to get any information you need.

- Dave Neff

FROM THE MASONIC HISTORIAN OF THE MICHIGAN MASONIC MUSEUM AND LIBRARY

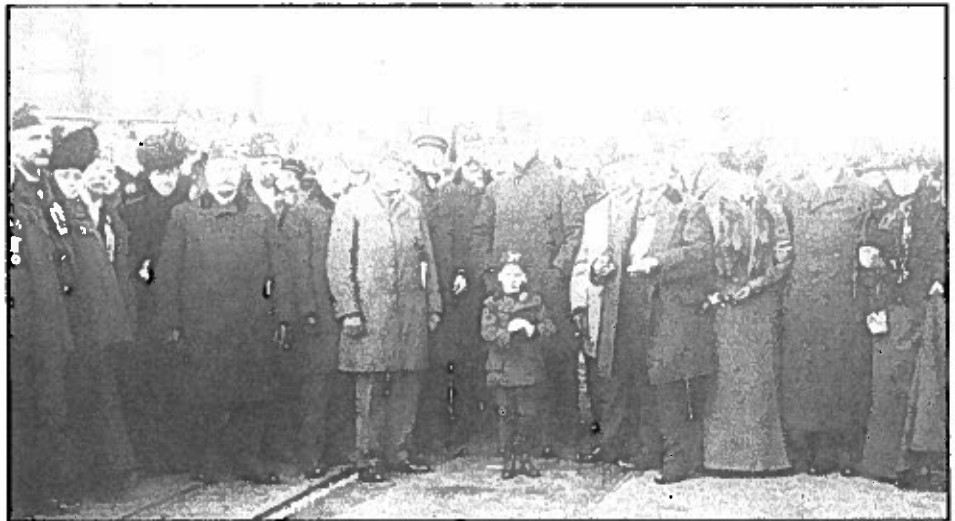
The Greatest Pilgrimage - Saladin to Honolulu

No greater story of Shrine travel will there ever be than the 'Greatest Pilgrimage' that was led by Saladin's very own Lou B. Winsor in 1901.

In May 1900, the Imperial Council of the Mystic Shrine voted to grant a dispensation for a Temple in the recently acquired Hawaiian Islands. The Shriners in Honolulu requested the presence of Illustrious brother Winsor for the official dedication.

Plans were set in motion and on February 23rd, 1901, Winsor set out from Grand Rapids with six train-cars full of Shriners for what would ultimately be 11,324 miles of travel (7,124 by rail and 4,200 by water).

Winsor, as Imperial Potentate, officially inspected every Temple en route and was treated to official dinners and parties by nobles in Chicago, Des Moines, Leavenworth, Muskegon, Denison, Dallas, Big Springs, Toyah, El Paso, Tuscon, Phoenix, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Honolulu, Redding, Sisson, Ashland, Portland,



Past Imperial Potentate and Saladin Potentate Lou B. Winsor, center, with his son Carlton Webb Winsor disembarking from a train in San Francisco with Nobles of various Shrine Temples bound for Honolulu, Hawaii to dedicate the Honolulu Shrine Temple.

Tacoma, Seattle, Spokane, Helena, Fargo, and Minneapolis. The trip wouldn't end until it arrived back in Grand Rapids on April 17, 1901.

The Michigan Masonic Museum and Library has transcripts of Lou B. Winsor's diaries from the Greatest Pilgrimage. They tell stories of Shri-

ner fellowship experienced across the country and of the great times had in Hawaii during the Imperial visitation. If you would like to learn more about the greatest pilgrimage and other Lou B. Winsor history, please contact the Masonic Historian at: rick@masonichistory.org

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From the Temple Child Care Office:

Drivers Needed!!!!

Members are needed to help drive children and their parent to the Shrine Hospital in Chicago for medical treatment. Vehicles and all related expenses including meals for the trip are provided by the Saladin Shrine Childrens Trust. The only requirement are a good driving record and the ability to donate a day of your time.

If interested, please contact the Childcare Chairman in your club or call the Grand Rapids office at:

616-942-1581 ext #104.

You may also send email to:

judy.williams@saladinshrine.com.

The rewards for this noble project are indescribable!