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Cigar Ceremonial Planned for Dec. 11

Join us for this final opportunity to become a Shriner in 2014 and be a part of Saladin History.

Saladin has a long history of “taking it on the road” to find new Shriners. Our very own Treasurer, David Neff, remembers, quite fondly, joining Saladin during a ceremony held in Kalamazoo when he was a younger lad. In the early days of the Temple it wasn’t unusual for Saladin to travel to Traverse City or Sturgis to create new nobles.

We are going to bring back a little of that nostalgia as well showcase a new format for Ceremonials that could greatly assist clubs with Shrine growth in their own jurisdictions.

Saladin will be ‘taking over’ Grand River Cigar (owned by a brother) for one evening and providing the opportunity to become a Shriner for all of the Masonic cigar aficionados out there in Shrinedom.

In addition to a change of location from our past few ceremonials, this event will take place on a weekday evening rather than a Saturday. The initiation includes the price of a new fez and it can be reduced by \$136 to \$129 if you already have a fez for your candidate. Please note, the new Shriners created this evening will be billed for 2015 dues.

A social hour with refreshment will begin at 6:00 pm followed an hour later by the evening’s main attraction. Please contact the Recorder if you have any questions. A QR Code has been provided with this article providing maps and up-to-date information about the event.

**Don’t miss the
Saladin Cigar Ceremonial!**



**Saladin Cigar Ceremonial
Thursday December 11, 2014**

Grand River Cigar
(Closed for Private Saladin Party)
131 S Division Ave Suite 200
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

6:00 pm Social Hour
7:00 pm Ceremonial Session

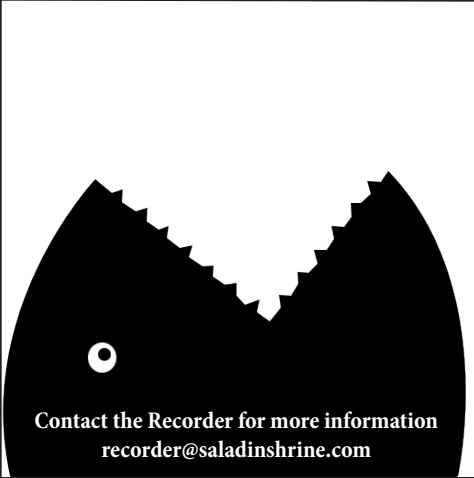
\$265 Initiation Fee
(Fee includes Fez. Fee reduced to \$129 if your candidate already has a Fez.)

Please contact the Recorder immediately if you have a candidate you would like to have initiated.



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**THE SALADIN
FISHING UNIT...**
...is coming back!



Contact the Recorder for more information
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PLEASE NOTE AWARDS NIGHT CANCELLATION

The Awards Night Dinner
Previously Scheduled for
December 13, 2014
HAS BEEN CANCELLED

*Awards will be presented during the
January 3 Annual Meeting*

From the Potentate...



2014 Saladin Potentate Dan Soullier with his lady Tabitha, Imperial First Lady Cheryl Stauss, and Imperial Sir Dale W. Stauss, Imperial Potentate of Shriners International, at a recent Shrine function in New York City during November.

Greetings Nobles All,

The year is winding down. I see a few more gray hairs that were not there before, and that's okay. I have had a lot of successes in my personal life, including a promotion at work, lady Tabitha in her last year for her Bachelor's Degree in Business Management, and my youngest daughter getting married... life has been good.

I have also been the luckiest Potentate that I know. It was the utmost honor to have so many hard working, loyal Nobles and their ladies assembled this year; all for the greater good of Saladin Shrine, our hospitals and our children.

In 2014, Saladin:

1. Gained a NEW Associate Appointment to the Chicago Shrine Hospital Board of Directors;
2. Pursued a space on the list for an Associate Board Membership for the Cincinnati Shrine Hospital Board of Directors;
3. Between Saladin Shrine and its Clubs, we have donated near \$200,000

for various needed items for our Chicago Shrine Hospital; and we are not done yet;

4.Began developing a Matching Funds Project to assist our Clubs and Units in their charitable endeavors within their communities;

5. Started a new Circus Program Cash Back Program. This gave, and continues to give, 25% back on any monies earned for the Circus Program. This includes but is not limited to, Ads, Buck-a-Lines, etc... This allowed Clubs and Units increase their fund-raising capabilities within their community;

6. Gained 30 NEW Nobles to our temple;

7. Received, for Noble Mike Ferrill, an Imperial Appointment as Director of Development at Large for the State of Michigan, for our Chicago Shrine Hospital;

8. Passed a series of Bylaw revisions that empowers the Nobility and makes the Finance Committee, once again, an integral part of Temple operations;

9. Became the 3rd highest of 194 Shriner Temples Worldwide, in Membership retention;

10. Created an Independent Circus Committee, that is and will be directed by the Nobility;
11. Rejuvenated a Finance Committee that has reviewed over 5 years of past Saladin Temple Finances and created a plan and direction for our future;
12. Recreated the Investment Committee that is charting a plan of direction for greater and more efficient investing of the Trust's funds and our Invested Reserves;
13. Revitalized their Director's Staff back into a Fun, full-functioning unit; and
14. Received Personal Praise from the Imperial over and over again throughout the year, for the works of our Temple and our Nobility.

In 2014 we had a few hiccups, as every year does, but concentrating on them would have prevented us from doing the aforementioned great things. Maybe we did not have all the parties or soirees of the past, but we focused instead on our wonderful philanthropy first and foremost in our efforts. Also, I thought that if we had limited funds it was better not to do an event and pursue membership and philanthropic endeavors instead. Living on credit and functioning on debt is not smart business, and Saladin is SMARTER then that.

I am very happy and PROUD of all Saladin's Nobility for the work they did in the field. I am especially PROUD of my Elected Divan, Appointed Divan, Committees, and Nobility at large, who chose to work with and for Saladin this year, for you all made my one request come true...

DO GREAT THING!!!!

Thank You All,

Dan Soullier
Potentate 2014

High Priest: Wear a different hat this holiday season...

Wear a Different Hat This Season:
Be a Shrine Santa

As you make your list and check it twice this Christmas Season, consider including the children and families served by Shriners Hospitals. Every year, Shriners Hospitals serves approximately 120,000 children at 23 locations in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Please consider helping with a portion of the annual need. Gifts of all sizes are necessary to ensuring every child who needs Shriners' specialized care receives it no matter their finances. Or would you prefer to defer your gift and help ensure Shriners

Hospitals' longevity? You can easily add bequest language to your will or other estate planning instrument to make Shriners a beneficiary. All distributions from estates and trusts are added to the endowment fund for Shriners Hospitals for Children, unless otherwise restricted, and the income is used to operate the hospitals.

The Holiday Season is a perfect time for us all to count our blessings and be thankful. It is also a wonderful time to consider those in need. I wish you all a happy and safe Holiday Season.

"Gifts of all sizes are necessary to ensuring every child who needs Shriners' specialized care receives it no matter their finances"



2014 High Priest and Prophet Jonathan Clifford and his Lady Anna.

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers January 3, 2015- Saladin Shrine Center - 12:00 pm

The Bylaws of Shriners International States:

325.11 Election Regulations.

(a) Electioneering. A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine temple may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a résumé consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email or other devices, by a unit, club, Noble, or group of Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing, or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited.

(b) Expenditures Prohibited. The expenditure of money for gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited.

(c) Violation. For any violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the officers void and order a new election.

(d) Notice. At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election, the temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.

Identical notice was published in the previous Saladin News. Please take note and govern yourselves accordingly.

Life Changing Experience for Saladin’s Oriental Guide.

I consider myself a pretty lucky person. I own a home, I have a good job, a new car, a cottage, and family and friends who love me. As a teacher, I am often reminded how good I really have it by the stories some of my students tell me. Many of them come from broken homes where poverty rules with an iron fist and the struggle to keep the lights on is a common theme. Even as this is the case with so many, the vast majority of them show up with smiles on their faces, ready to learn and socialize with their friends.

One of my students walked up to me on one of the first days of school this year. She looked like a normal 14 year old girl, half scared for the beginning of her freshman year, and half thrilled to not be in middle school anymore. She smiled as she approached as if to offer an informal introduction, but something was off; her walk was different. Her right foot was turned in by a little more than 45 degrees. She walked up on her toes and rolled her right foot forward with each step. It was clear that she was very un-

comfortable, but she smiled and carried on anyhow. We worked on a reading exercise for a few minutes and then I asked her about her foot. She was embarrassed to answer, but she reluctantly

shared with me that she has Cerebral Palsy and her right leg had developed like this starting when she was about 14 months old. I asked her about her treatment and she explained to me that she had been told that there was nothing that could be done and that she’d always have a turned foot. A metaphorical light lit up and I told her about Shriners Hospitals for Children. She looked at me with widely opened eyes, but then sunk a little as she told me how her fam-



2014 Oriental Guide Jon Duley with Fezzy at the Chicago Hospital during his trip to transport one of his high school students for an initial appointment with Shriners. He found, as many of us have, transporting a child is a life changing experience.

ily wouldn’t be able to afford a surgery. I told her that we would cover everything regardless of her family’s ability to pay. She began to quietly weep and told me that it’s always been her dream to walk like a “normal kid.” We began the process and took her to Chicago two weeks later. Her doctor told her that he fixes

situations like hers on Tuesdays and Thursdays... pick one.

Flash forward about 8 weeks and you’ll find that same student in my classroom today wearing a pink cast that rises from her foot to her knee, covered in

signatures and words of encouragement. She wears a walking boot over the cast as she recovers, but her foot is straight; by the end of April, she will walk like a “normal kid.”

Shriners Hospitals for Children changed her life, but the experience of being able to help one of my students like that changed mine. I sincerely hope that you get the opportunity to connect on that level with a child in need.

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Assistant Rabban shares Shriner mission with others

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the South end of the State and your Assistant Rabban and His Lovely Lady.

Can you believe it another year has come and is almost gone, where does the time go, I have thought about petitioning to redo the summer holidays and move the 4th of the July some-

where earlier because it seems like the first part of the year just moves along at a leisurely pace then the 4th hits and wham bam we are into Christmas already. Lady Connie and I would like to take this time to wish one and all glad tidings and thank you for allowing us to be part of such a rich and proud organization.

This last month I started a little project where if asked I will go to a local organization and it matters not what one it is and give a presentation on the Chicago’s Childrens Hospital, recently I gave a presentation to

a group of Masons and Knights of Columbus at their annual dinner. I received a power point presentation from Sara Klaas of the Chicago Hospital along with pass outs. I converted the pass outs to a publication that can be given out to people on the Chicago Hospital. I will be giving another presentation in April to the Sturgis Junior Womens league. Ladies

and Nobles we cannot do this on our own we need the public we need other organizations to help us find the children that our Hospitals so desperately need

to treat and help, we need to get out to these clubs and let them know who we are if it becomes an issue that you don’t think you could do it let me know and if I can get the time away I will do the presentation for you or go over it with you, I have been giving out copies of the publication and for those that would like I can print

“...take the time to reflect on who we are, why we are and what we do and why we do it...”



Bill Martindale & Lady Connie Assistant Rabban 2014

and ship to you, I am clarifying but I believe this is something that could be covered through the childrens trust, I sent a copy of this to Sara and she was impressed as have several of the Nobles that I have gotten these too. I am also looking at trying to get something around for the Cincinnati Burns Hospital as well. We look forward to trying to getting to as many clubs as we can the downside is that having two people that work full time it can be a challenge.

During this time I ask that you take the time to reflect on who we are, why we are and what we do and why we do it. We must never lose our focus, we must never let personal pride and issues replace what our forbears set before us to accomplish, we must spread the word and the work that we do through out the land.

Once again Merry Christmas one and all and have a safe and happy New Year.

Interested in Beer Brewing or Wine Making? Contact the Recorder to join the Saladin Shriners Brewing Club. ALL WELCOME!





Wills & Bequests: Leaving a legacy of hope

At Shriners Hospitals for Children®, it is the generosity of our donors that gives kids the hope to dream. Through our specialized services, innovative research and training, we make these dreams come true every day.

There is a way to be a part of these dreams well beyond your lifetime. By naming Shriners Hospitals for Children® in your will, you will leave a legacy of hope and health for generations to come.

It’s important to have a plan

A will gives you the peace of mind of knowing your wishes will be carried out exactly as intended. The need for a will has little to do with the size of your estate and much more to do with your unique goals. For example, you need a will if you care for dependent children or elders; you want to leave a bequest to a special friend, relative or favorite charity; or simply because you do not wish to leave the planning of final affairs to the court system. In addition, changing tax laws offer new opportunities for donors to benefit their families through charitable planned giving, which may result in tax savings of income, inheritance or estate taxes.

Making a will is an essential process in life planning, requiring careful reflection about what has been most important over a lifetime. Wills are a varied as the values of the people who make them. However, estate planning is often based on three fundamentals: the financial needs of immediate family are cared for first; planning for heirs comes second; and everything else comes third. In your will, you can set aside a certain percentage for a charity you value. This can be an outright gift, or a bequest may be directed to a special charitable endowment fund where only the earnings from the gift are used each year and the principal will grow to ensure children in the future receive the same life-changing services.

Wills are not just for the wealthy

You don’t have to be a Rockefeller to make a difference. Indeed, many leading institutions have been built by the bequests of thousands of regular folks. It could be said that most middle-income Americans can only make their ultimate charitable gifts at the end of their lifetimes. A will offers the satisfaction of knowing your values will be expressed in perpetuity by providing ongoing support to children in need.

Suggested Forms of Bequests

General Bequest

I give and bequeath to Shriners Hospitals for Children®, a corporation, the sum of \$ _____ for the use and benefit of all of its Hospitals.

Bequest of Residue

I give, bequeath and devise all of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, whether real or personal, and wherever situated, of which I may die possessed, to Shriners Hospitals for Children®, a corporation for the use and benefit of the Hospitals owned, operated and maintained by said corporation.

Bequests to a Specific Hospital

I give and bequeath to Shriners Hospitals for Children®, a corporation, for the used and benefit of its (named) hospital.

Devise of Real Estate

I give and devise to Shriners Hospitals for Children®, a corporation, all that certain parcel of real property described as hereinafter set forth; (here describe the real property).

Designation of Beneficiary for Life Insurance Policies or Pension Plans (IRA, Retirement Savings Plans, etc.)

(To be furnished to insurance company or plan administrator on their form.) I hereby designate Shriners Hospitals for Children®, a corporation, irrevocable beneficiary of Policy No. _____ Or _____ Plan.

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