



# SALADIN NEWS

~ATTENTION ALL NOBLES~

**Stated Meeting January 5th, 2013**

**12:00 pm (Noon)**

**Saladin Shrine Temple**

**Annual Election of Officers - Approval of 2013 Budget  
Probable Vote To Sell The Shrine Building  
Installation To Follow Meeting**

Nobles! It is that time of the year again. On January 5th, 2013 we will gather to conduct our first stated meeting of the year. We will be holding our annual election of Divan officers and approving the incoming Potentate's 2013 budget. Most importantly, there will also be a vote regarding the sale of our Shrine building on East Paris Ave. After the meeting, but before the installation, a course of heavy Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Photos will be taken after the meeting. Officers should be in tux and ladies in dresses for the installation and photos. Our installing officer will be Ill. Sir Archie Ghareeb, P.P.

**Nobles - The Children Need Your Help Taking Hospital Trips!**

Contact Judy Williams in the Childcare Office and she will help you link up with your Club Childcare Chairman. Call (616) 942-1570 x104

# Saladin Webpage is Open for Business!

Nobles, our web page is up and running!!! Please go to Saladin Shrine and check out the new features!!! We will be putting out a pocket calender this year as in years past.

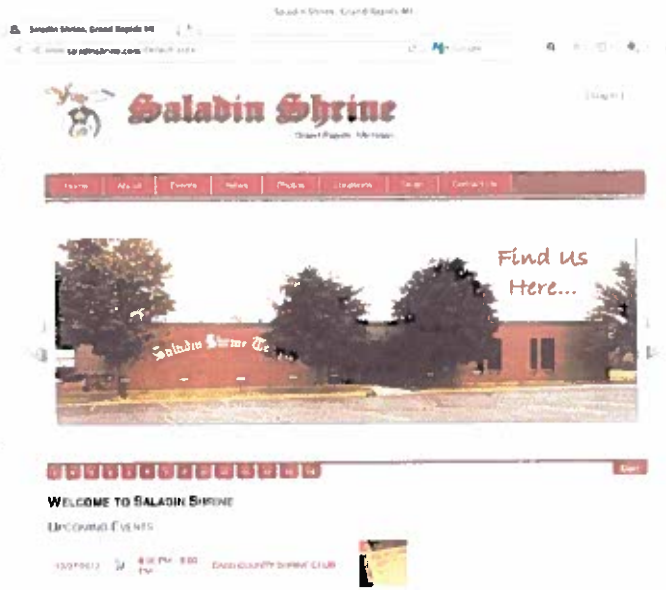
The new pocket calender will list all of the officers as well as the parade schedule, special events, and the club meeting dates as provided. Deadline for information to go into the pocket calenders is January 15, 2013. If it is not received by January 15, it will not be in the calender.

With respect to the web page, each club will have access to their own page. They will be able to upload photos, input events, parade dates, times, lineup locations, after parade hospitality locations, etc. etc.

We will continue to work on the web page so that Nobles can engage in conversations concerning issues that effect the temple. We will be posting news from Imperial and the items that will be voted on at the Imperial session.

We encourage each club and unit to put as much information as they can on the web site so that all of the Nobility will have knowledge of the events that are going on all over our jurisdiction.

We have also added a link to google maps so that you can obtain directions to the events identified on the calender!



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### ***Cass County Shrine Club Fishing Auction February 17th***

The Cass club is having a fishing auction on February 17th, 2013 @ Noon. The auction includes new equipment (Rods, Reels, Lures, Line, etc.). Ill. Potentate Jeff Higley says, "If you are into fishing this is the best place to get good deals on your equipment. We are located at the club's property on Union Road north of US 12 at the blinker light. We will also have food."

### ***Sick and Black Camel lists at the Temple office***

The Saladin Office maintains a board listing any brothers who are ill or have passed on to join the black camel list. Please help us by letting the temple know if you, or a noble

you know, has taken ill. He will receive a note from the Recorder wishing him well. Also, if you know of a brother's passing, please let us know in the office so we can properly record his loss and send the family an appropriate note of condolence.

### ***Cincinnati Shriners Hospital fights against rare disorder***

The Cincinnati Shriners Hospital recently helped 4 day-old Korbin who was suffering from a rare skin condition. Necrotizing fasciitis is an infection that destroys skin and soft tissue, and can be caused by all different kinds of bacteria, according to Dr. Richard Kagan, chief of staff at Shriners Hospitals for Children -Cincinnati. It has also been called "flesh eating bacteria." The severe infection is rare, especially in children and infants. "In my 24-plus years of practice, I've see only four to five

cases," Kagan said.

Hospital admission at a children's hospital was required to treat the infection. Korbin spent six weeks in the hospital being treated with antibiotics and surgery to save his life. When discharge was nearing, parents Jade and James Kennedy began looking for help to get Korbin's surgical wound treated. With the infection gone and Korbin stable from a medical point of view, it was time to call Shriners Hospitals for Children - Cincinnati.

"A woman from church had a distant family member who was treated at Shriners in Cincinnati," James said. "We looked them up on the Internet and called, and the transfer process started. Dr. Petra Warner, assistant chief of staff, used a skin graft to cover Korbin's wound and he was recently discharged from the hospital without complications.

## From the Potentate

As the year is winding up, Denise and I would like to thank all of the Nobles and Ladies for all your support this year and the previous years.

We have had a great time with all of you that attended the events that we had at the temple and at the circuses and club/unit events that we were able to attend.

Please keep supporting the temple in the future years to come for, without you, we do not exist, and remember that we as the Divan are here to serve you.

As you have already heard we have a offer that was presented on December 8th and the nobility gave us the ability to counter the offer with your approval.

We now have another counter offer that will be presented on January 5th , 2013 to the nobility to vote on. So we need your input as to your view on this new offer.

Keep in mind that the circuses are coming to town in March and please sell some ads for the programs and come and sell some programs for the temple.

Again Denise and I have really enjoyed the time that we spent with each and everyone of you and we hope to



see you again down the road after the annual stated meeting. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each and every one of you.

-Jeff

## From the Desk of the Chief Rabban



Change is in the air at Saladin Temple. We have had an offer to purchase the temple property and we will be in negotiations with the potential buyers over the next few months.

Assuming that the nobility decides to sell the property we will need to put together a committee to make arrangements to move and make recommendations as to where to move, to rent, buy, build etc. etc.

Anyone wishing to serve on such a committee should contact a member of the Divan. As of this writing, there will be three positions open on the Divan. If you are interested in serving on the Divan, even for one year and not advancing, please let one of us on the Divan know. If you plan on running, please plan on bringing your lady to the annual meeting for photos and installation.

If elected, you will need a Tux and the lady will need a dress. As a final note, I would like to thank Ill. Sir Jeff and his Lady Denise for all of the assistance that they have given Carla and I as we have followed them in the

Divan line.

It is with GREAT sadness that I announce the passing of Robert Forker of the Berrien County Shrine Club. Bob was one of a kind and the Temples biggest fundraiser. He sold over 50% of the Circus advertising and was the leading Noble in the sale of onions. He was a tireless worker for the Shrine and a dedicated supporter of our hospitals and our children. I do not believe that a single day ever passed where Bob didn't do something for the Shrine. He was selling cash calenders and raffle tickets in the hospital in his final days. He touched so many people as evidenced by the overwhelming attendance at his funeral. All of our prayers go out to his family at this difficult time.

-Scotty



Dear Nobles and Ladies:

The 83rd Annual Saladin Shrine Circus is coming to the DeltaPlex on March 14th through March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Once again we are asking for your support for this memorable event. Your contribution to the spirit and excitement of the Shrine Circus will help bring quality affordable entertainment to many families. Your time, talent, and treasures assist with a successful circus for the operations of the Temple.

Please consider one of the following:

<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>Rich Uncle</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b>Dad or Mom</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>

Everyone that donates will be included in the listing of the Shrine Circus Supporters in the Circus Program. Please let us know how you would like your name to appear by filling out the line below.

Please help us **"Put a Smile on a Child's Face"**.

**Thank you** for your continued support of our Shrine Organization.

Sincerely,

***Scott R. Sanford, Chief Rabban***

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

*Example: Mr. & Mrs. John Doe or John and Jane Doe*

## From the Desk of the Treasurer

As we are closing the year, I am pleased to report that we will begin 2013 with a decent amount of money in the coffers to continue our fraternal efforts.

Your Divan worked hard to contain our costs, and we received some substantial support from some of the clubs to maintain our financial health. We also had a successful raffle, aided by the generous support of Past Potentate Gene Burns, for which we are very thankful.

Going forward, we will be dealing with the potential sale of the Temple, and all of the related issues that are involved with that effort. This will require all of us to concentrate on the needs of the Temple in the years to come, and what best serves our mission and our fraternal well being.

Scott Sanford and I are completing the budget for next year, and it is going to be somewhat different, not having to carry the burden of all the circus expense that we traditionally have had to bear.

It will be of great importance to get behind Scott to sell circus ads and sell school tickets, as they will be the major source of our profits. We will all miss the presence of Bob Forker, who had already sent in almost \$2,500.00 in ad sales prior to his untimely passing. I am informed that he was continuing to work on his sales form his hospital bed! His dedication should be an inspiration to us all to do more in honor of his memory.

It is time to get our finances in order throughout the entire Temple

family. I am asking for all units and clubs to get their books in shape and respond quickly so we can get everything processed. Poor Robyn has not been subjected to this process before, so let's try to make it as easy as possible on her.

If you run into questions, we are here to help, and the better we can do on the records, the easier and less costly it is for our audit.

I hope the holidays are happy ones and as we begin our 143th year, Let's all work together to make it one of our best! I would like to thank Potentate Jeff for all his hard work and wish Scott well in his endeavors for the coming year.

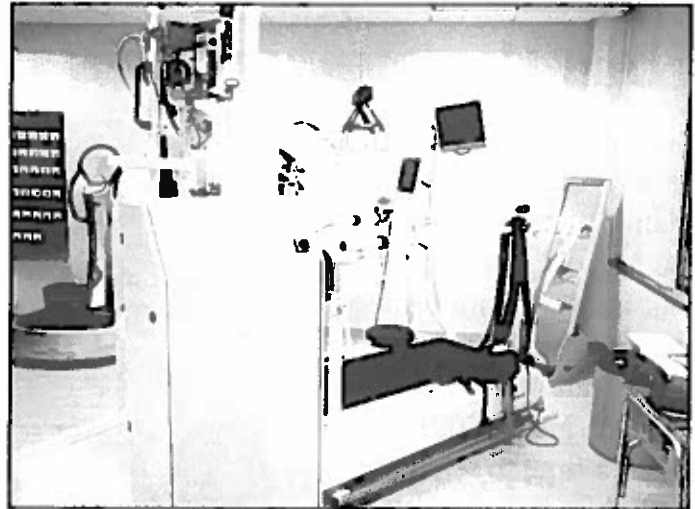
- Dave Neff

## Noble's Thoughts on a recent Chicago Trip

I was offered the opportunity to be a driver during a patient transport trip to the Chicago hospital in November. There have been several Nobles that have made a point of telling me how important it is to go and see the hospital that we support, to go see the children we serve. When the chance came, I knew it would be worth taking the day off work and making the trip.

Once the patient was off receiving treatment, we were given a tour of the hospital by a Noble from the Medinah Shrine. It was wonderful to see the state of the art equipment being used for treatment. It was also evident that great care has gone into making it a place that is centered on the children. As Shriners it is our hospital, but as patients it is their place. It was also great to see other Shriners from many different Temples converging at the hospital with patients from around the Midwest.

I know it was meaningful for the patient to receive our help that day and receive treatment, but it was also deeply meaningful to me personally to be able to help out. I was truly moved to be able to walk into that hospital, wear my fez, and know that I am a Shriner that supports the



A Photo Noble Jonathan Clifford shared with us from his tour. The Lokomat is a state-of-the-art therapy treadmill.

work that is done there. Once back to the Shrine in Grand Rapids, with the van safely parked away, I felt proud to be a Shriner and proud to be a Noble of Saladin. I know this is 'old-hat' to some of you that have made many trips, but I hope some of you will think about experiencing what I did if you haven't already or it has been a while since you have driven. It recharges your batteries and inspires you.

- Jonathan Clifford

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## From the Recorder's Desk

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your assistance in making my job easier.

Your input was appreciated, yet necessary in creating the communication needed at the Shrine club level.

This is a time to rejoice in a job well done. The position of a Recorder is to communicate the ideas and intentions of the Divan to the Nobility. I will not be your Recorder in 2013 as my priorities have changed.

-Dick Higgins, PP



### 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:

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