



SALADIN NEWS

Issue 1, 2014 - Summer Edition - Saladin Shriners - Grand Rapids, MI

Stated Meeting and BBQ August 16

Please Join us at the August Stated Meeting for business and BBQ. RSVP to the office at (616) 942-1570 ext.100

We hope you can join us for a great Stated Meeting and BBQ planned for August 16th. We will start the meeting at noon, conduct our necessary business and then sink our teeth into an excellent BBQ meal being planned by our Oriental Guide.

Please RSVP to Robyn in the office at (616) 942-1570 ext 100 or email her at:

ryoung@saladinshrine.com

Lades are invited. Please take a few minutes to RSVP right now. Saladin will provide food and



We have the grill fired up and there will be plenty of good food to enjoy. Please RSVP with the temple office and plan on having a good time.

refreshment. If you enjoy having a comfy chair or other such items when you sit down to BBQ, throw them in the trunk and bring them along. Our High Priest and

Prophet will be working on a few games for our enjoyment and might even be willing to offer himself up once again to be the target of our water balloons.

Shriners Patient Ambassador to visit in Oct



Photo Source: Shriners Hospitals for Children

Following on the heels of the very impressive speech we received from Dr. Pravin Patel of Chicago Shriners Hospital, we are very blessed to announce Shriners Hospitals for Children Patient Ambassador Leigh Dittman will visit our October Stated meeting and share with us her message of *Love to the Rescue* in support Shriners Hospital for Children.

Leigh and her family have raised over \$500,000 for Shriners Hospitals for Children. She has said she is on a quest to raise \$1 million.

Leigh was diagnosed at birth with osteogenesis imperfecta (OI), also known as brittle bone disease. OI is a genetic disorder characterized by

See Leigh Page 8

From the Potentate...



Recently I had a conversation with Randy Rudge, Imperial Membership Chairman. After our pleasantries, he informed me that Imperial has Saladin "On their list."

I proceeded to ask, "What list?" Randy said that this year Saladin Shrine was on their special watch list for "Turn-a-round Temples."

He explained that Imperial was proud to see our concentration on membership. He further talked of his discussion with the Imperial Potentate, one hour prior, of Saladin's good use of Public Relations and how Saladin's nobles are getting out in the public more.

He also said that they noticed our increased interest and well-being of the Shrine hospitals. Randy said that temples outside of the United States are high energy and very active; when they see a U.S. temple suddenly moving in a positive light, it catches their eye and they investigate for information and ideas.

He asked, "What was so different this year?" I told him that the temple was offering honest assistance to the clubs without interference or strings. The elected and appointed divan was told to act independently as long as it was in the best interest of Saladin, the hospitals and the Shrine.

We encouraged the nobles to put Shriners out in the public as much as possible. Most of all we put the fun back in the Fez. He told me to tell the nobility to keep up the good energy and the good work, for Imperial is watching and they are proud.

So to all of the Nay-Sayers talking gloom, doom, and the coming of the Saladin-apocalypse ...please call Shriner Imperial, 813-281-0300, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. EST, and hear how your disparaging rhetoric has not affected the turn-a-round temple named "Saladin."

To all of the Saladin nobility and their ladies... **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, and THANK YOU!!!** for all of you care and good work.

In 6 months, you have exceeded all of my hopes and dreams I had for the whole year; the pride and honor is all your's... **and it has not gone unnoticed.** We are Saladin, and We do Great Things.

Dan Soullier
Potentate 2014

Illustrious Sir John Kustron PP - 2006 Receives Honor at 2014 Imperial Session



Ill. Sir Kustron (center) was declared an Emeritus member of the Shrine's Colorado corporation. John Cinotto P.I.P. (right) announces recipients.

Assistant Rabban reminds us we are Masonic brothers

Lady Connie and I would like to remind everyone to not only have a great summer but to have a safe one as well. These last several months have been ones of contemplation and listening and learning. I've begun my leadership training through Imperial for Assistant Rabbans, this is a multiple part series and right now we are looking at team building within a Temple. One important thing to remember that I have gotten so far from this course is, we as Nobles of the Shrine whether we are humble Nobles within a club all the way up to Officers past and present have one specific purpose in our positions and that is to help the Children as well as the hospitals. We all need to remain humble in our undertaking not only with the children but also with our fellow Nobles.

We must remember we are Masonic Brothers first and Nobles second, and that we need to remember our oaths that we took as Master Masons towards our fellows. We are now in a growing stage that we have not seen in years and we need to make a good

and lasting impression on the new Nobles as to why this is such a great fraternity. We as Nobles need to look deeply into ourselves, as well as our Ladies they too should do the same, remembering that their help is one of the glues that helps to bind us to our obligation.

We as Nobles need to take new members and guide them, and nurture them as a child is nurtured, as with officers, past officers need to stand up and do likewise with current officers, maybe we should have a mentoring program developed for the officers not only of Saladin but also the clubs as well because in essence the clubs are but a mirror image of the Temple.

And in that same regards the Ladies that have been with their Noble throughout this journey need to take a lead in working with incoming ladies, treat them with respect and understanding in that these new Ladies have no clue as to what their Noble has gotten them into, and they have no idea of protocol or what they are supposed to do. We all need to take a

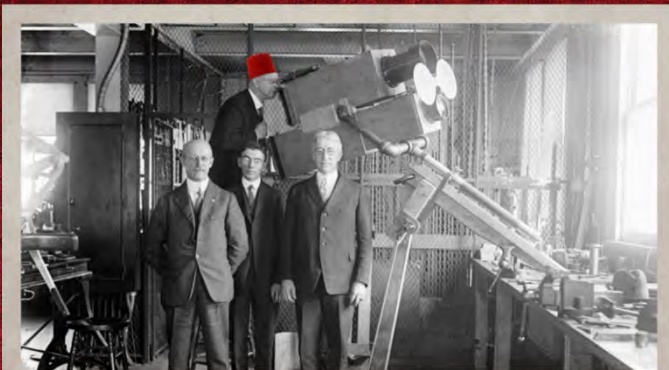


*Bill Martindale & Lady Connie
Assistant Rabban 2014*

less condescending attitude to our fellows and remember how we would like to be treated, and talked about remembering that everyone has feelings. Well as I get more information during my training in my position I will try and post more information that I learn. We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the next stated meeting in August.

Fraternally yours
William Martindale Asst. Rabban

GREAT MOMENTS IN FEZ HISTORY

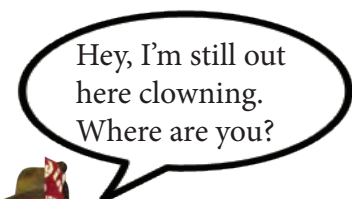


May 5, 1901, Mich. Ag. College, East Lansing, Mich.: While astronomers Stanbury, Barrie and Shettigar proudly pose for a photograph with the school's newest telescope, the Fez and Shriner Warren Lakeman seize the moment to reposition the telescope and investigate some terrestrial bodies across the quad at a Daughters of the Nile picnic.



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

Saladin Shriners



Sparky the clown is still out there at it. Plus, he has his own clown car now courtesy of the brothers in Sturgis Shrine Club. How about it Noble? Do you have what it takes to clown? Call Greg (616) 540-2116 or gkiander@comcast.net

Adjustment made to date of Fall 2014 Ceremonial

Our Spring Ceremonial was a huge success with the largest number of candidates we have had initiated in some years: 21.

However the day was plagued by serious schedule issues. We had an excellent presentation from Dr. Pravin Patel, M.D., Chief of Plastic Surgery for our Chicago Hospital. The speech ran over its allotted time, but all present were blown away by Dr. Patel's description of his work. It was time well spent and a reminder of what we are all about as Shriners.

The Stated Meeting was intended to be a session to elect our soon-to-be initiated Nobles, but it ran well past its allotted time. The First Section

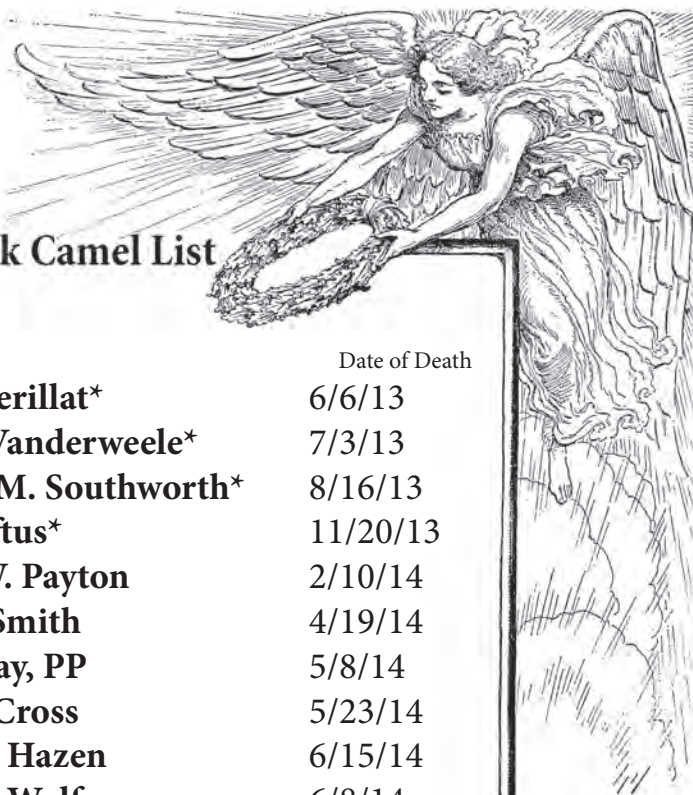
of the Ceremonial experienced a long delay before beginning, but was performed in Arab costume for the first time in quite a while. There were many good comments about that.

One of the stars of the day was our retooled Second Section headed up by Noble Roger Hekstra. A completely new set of pranks was developed and executed by Roger's team. Anyone that stayed around saw quite a show.

Our biggest takeaway is that the Ceremonial day needs to be reworked so it is an event focusing solely on the candidates. To that end, the Potentate has shifted the date of the Ceremonial from Stated meeting on October 18 to a stand alone event on Saturday

November 1st.

We were also sorry to see a Shriner cast a black ballot for all of the candidates at our last stated meeting. Thankfully his vote was not sufficient to derail activities later that day, but separating the ceremonial from the Stated will also provide some time between both events should this Noble repeat his unbrotherly act. It is unfortunate that is a consideration we must make, but a small pocket of discontent has been one of the surprising side-effects of our recent membership successes. We hope that you will join us in November for another great Ceremonial.



The Black Camel List

	Date of Death
Floyd J. Merillat*	6/6/13
Glenn R. Vanderweele*	7/3/13
Frederick M. Southworth*	8/16/13
John J. Loftus*	11/20/13
William W. Payton	2/10/14
James M. Smith	4/19/14
Bernard Fay, PP	5/8/14
Norris A. Cross	5/23/14
Donald G. Hazen	6/15/14
Donald G. Wolf	6/8/14
Albert Ohanesian	6/26/14

The Temple sends out a notice email every time it receives notification of a death. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please send an email to recorder@saladinshrine.com

*- Denotes a death only recently discovered.



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Circus Committee Planning for '15

Saladin took some great strides in 2014 with its circus planning. For the first time in a couple of years, an active circus committee with representatives from all of our circus sites worked to improve our circus offerings.

Much work was done by our Circus Committee Chairman Ron Redner and Grand Rapids Circus Manager Mark Baldwin.

The individual club chairman put on excellent shows in their respective areas and there were many hard working volunteers who helped out in Grand Rapids.

All-in-all circus profits were down with attendance at several of our sites. In speaking with other Temples at Imperial we found the same was true for many of them as well. Our circus producer, Jordan World Circus, also echoed the feelings that 2014 wasn't

the best year for circuses.

Nevertheless, our circus committee is already hard at work for 2015. Bill Martindale, our Assistant Rabban, did an excellent job with revamping the quality of our programs this year. We are hoping to take it up another notch now that we have one under our belt with the new system. Several clubs expressed their desire to see the ad sales rewards program continue. Clubs and units selling ads for the 2014 circus were able to receive a portion of their ad sales directly back to club coffers as an incentive for sales.

We had a very nice circus appreciation brunch at the Grand Rapids Masonic Temple organized and prepared by our Oriental Guide Jon Duley and his Lady Michele. We hope you get a chance to visit one of our circuses next year and see the hard work first hand.

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High Priest reminds us of every Shriner's duty

Each week, the Chicago Shriners Hospital for Children publishes a newsletter featuring notable happenings. In the 2013 August 30th edition of the newsletter, one of Saladin's own, Noble Hy Warshasky, was mentioned as well as a letter from the parents of a child Noble Warshasky helped get into the Chicago hospital. The heartfelt letter expresses so much of what it means to be a Shriner that it seems appropriate to share again. Here is a particularly poignant excerpt.

"No one can really measure the feelings of hope and safe haven that come over them as they walk through those doors of Shriners Hospital. What has been grim and sad is transformed there. And while it may seem like a dream come true,

the real magic is that ordinary men who have decided to do extraordinary things create it all. It is they who have wrought this miracle of love. From the cheery lobby to the dedicated staff, from the generosity of doctors to the sunny attitude of the maintenance man, all who walk through the doors of Shriners Hospital are infected by this love."

It is a wonderful reminder of one of the greatest benefits of being a Shriner – the opportunity to help change people's lives for the better. Nobles help in varied ways and their actions spread out like ripples on a pond. The action of Noble Warshasky hanging a Shriners Hospital for Children poster in his shop, and later asking a customer if he could help her as she read the poster, manifested into a



*Jonathan Clifford & Lady Anna
High Priest 2014*

child receiving transformative health care. Let us band together as Brothers and as Nobles so that we can stand tall by stooping to help a child.

Miscellaneous News From Around the Temple...

Dale Stauss elected Imperial Pote for 2014-2015 year

Dale Stauss of Grand Forks, N.D., was elected Imperial Potentate of Shriners International at the 2014 Imperial Session held in Minneapolis July 6-10. Stauss joined East Grand Forks Lodge #292 in 1982 and served as Master in 1989. He became a member of Kem Shriners in 1982 and served as Temple Potentate in 1997. He and his lady, Cheryl, have three daughters, one son and 14 grandchildren. Imperial Sir Dale retired from the property management business.

Bob 'Coop' Cooper elected Grand Marshal of Grand Lodge of Michigan F&AM

Saladin was honored to again have one of its Nobles elected to the open chair of the Grand Lodge of Michi-

gan. Noble Bob was elected from a field of three candidates and looks forward to visiting with his fellow Saladin Nobles at an upcoming meeting. (Coop pictured below on the left)



Saladin was proud to be invited to provide Nobles to serve as greeters at the Grand Lodge. Thanks to Nobles Kramer, Fongers, and Duley for their assistance and for putting Saladin's Fez out there for all to see.

Don't forget to save the date now for Saladin Awards Night

If you don't already have the evening of December 13th marked in your calendar, do it now! Plan to join us at the Saladin Shrine Center for our Awards Night Dinner.

Looking for Nobles interested in layout and design of newsletter

We are looking for Nobles who have layout and design experience or experience with print and new media to assist with our Saladin News. Please contact the Recorder if you have any interest in serving the temple with this task.

Please send us Shrine news items from Clubs & Units

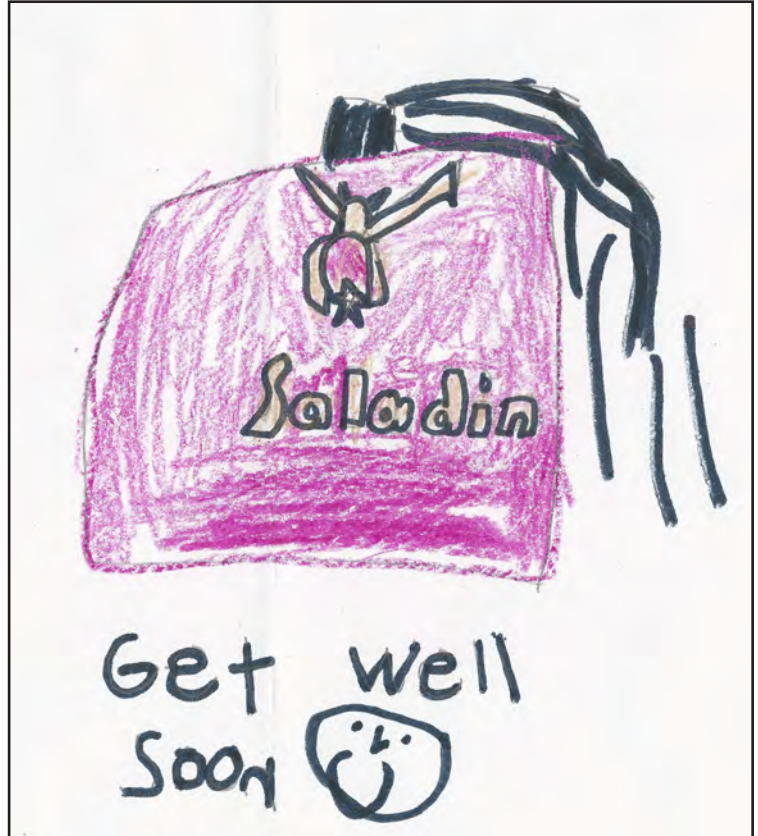
We are always on the look out for good club or unit stories to publish in the news. Preference is given to stories with photos.

Patient designs get-well-soon card for Saladin

A very special Shriners Patient sent a thank you card to Saladin Shriners and later designed a 'get well soon' card for the Temple.

A very special little girl sent Judy in our childcare office a hand drawn thank you card for doll clothing Judy had sent to her earlier in the year. Judy has made clothing for dolls almost all of her life and she specializes in making clothing for American Girl Dolls. On learning one of our Saladin patients at the Philadelphia hospital had an American Girl Doll, Judy sent her several outfits to enjoy during her lengthy stays with Shriners Hospitals.

The patient sent Judy a beautiful crayon drawing of a flower along with a thank you note from her and her parents. Our Recorder has long been looking for the right artwork for a Saladin 'get-well' card that could be sent to Shriners who have fallen ill. He asked the patient's parents if she would be willing to produce some original artwork and she produced a lovely drawing of a Saladin fez with a simple message of 'get well soon' that is already brightening the lives of sick Nobles. It is meant as a simple reminder that even in our lowest times, the lives we have touched as Shriners are still paying our goodwill forward.



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Saladin Childcare Report

From the Saladin Shrine Foundation For Children, Inc.

Saladin Shriners Working Hard in 1st and 2nd Q

January through June 2014 - Driver's Trip Summary

Driver	No. of Trips	Mileage	Hours	Club
Tim Berndt	1	480	11.00	Muskegon
Bob Boughner	3	991	33.00	Kalamazoo
Tom Brinker	2	797	21.25	Caravan
Bill Bruinsma	7	2,027	58.75	Caravan
William Bushouse	2	359	17.00	Kalamazoo
Michael Dawson	14	5,624	176.25	Battle Creek
Bob DeHaan	3	668	26	Kalamazoo
Arnold Fenrich	14	6,903	168.50	Battle Creek
Joe Ferguson	5	1,303	49.00	Niles
Mert Frost	7	2,318	71.00	Kalamazoo
Keith Grandy	2	1,214	24.50	Lakeland/Cadillac
Dick Hartmann	1	348	11.00	Allegan/Ottawa
Stan Hively	17	4,606	164.00	Niles
Theresa Hively	1	264	10.75	Niles
Walter Hunt	2	1,321	29.50	Lakeland/Cadillac
George Hutch	2	1,060	24.25	Muskegon
Harry Jones	5	2,044	55.75	Caravan
Tom Keizer	1	396	10.25	Caravan
Jerry Kerbis	3	1,043	21.00	South Haven
Greg Kiander	1	50	2.50	Scarab
Bill King	5	397	3.540	Paul Bunyan
Bart LeVan	1	404	9.50	Scarab

Driver	No. of Trips	Mileage	Hours	Club
Bob Light	6	3,525	9.25	Lakeland/Cadillac
Augie Meyer	1	228	11.00	Berrien
Doug Murr	1	348	32.75	Allegan/Ottawa
Ray Nelson	3	1,475	9.00	Caravan
Gary Nostrant	7	3,956	123.00	Lakeland/Cadillac
James Peek	1	349	8.50	Kalamazoo
Neil Perry	2	1,212	23.75	Eaton
Gordon Poe	1	232	8.00	Niles
Robert Reahm	2	669	20.50	Kalamazoo
George Reith	6	1,593	56.75	Niles
Mike Rooze	4	1,668	40.00	Caravan
Rodney Russell	2	1,212	23.75	Lakeland/Cadillac
Janice Schultz	5	3,271	115.50	Muskegon
Tom Schultz	14	7,078	217.75	Muskegon
Richard Sovereign	4	1,926	50.25	Caravan
David Spaulding	2	492	18.5	
Leo Thielman	1	326	13.0	Kalamazoo
Ray VanSlyke	1	473	7.75	Muskegon
Richard Ward	3	794	20.75	Caravan
Mark Waterman	1	479	12.25	Battle Creek
Rick Williams	1	404	9.5	Scarab

1st & 2nd Qtr Totals

of Trips: 83
Total Miles: 33,320
Total Hours: 2,046.50

Driver Supported Trips

Fuel & Tolls: \$7,577.98
Food: \$3,493.23
Lodging: \$ 525.86
Cab Fare: \$ 68.00
Van Rental*: \$ 934.64
Club Vans*: \$2,448.00
Total: \$15,047.71

Self Drive Trips

Fuel & Tolls: \$7,925.40
Lodging: \$2,129.31
Food: \$4,254.46
Total: \$14,309.17

*The Trust rents vans for clubs with low trip frequency that no longer own their own vans. For clubs that own their own van as opposed to using a Trust owned van, the Trust reimburses the club \$.50 per mile.

Gifts to Shriners Hospitals

Club Donations*: \$ 22,650.00
Shriners Cincinnati: \$ 5,000.00
Shriners Chicago: \$ 109,775.00
Total: \$ 137,425.00

*Gifts made by clubs are forwarded through the foundation to the hospital. The two remaining categories are gifts made directly to the hospital using Trust monies.

Additional Expenses

Vehicle Maint: \$4,338.90
Driver Training: \$ 402.02
Van Signage \$ 681.37
Van Insurance: \$4,953.00
Total: \$10,375.29

Medical Expenses

Ortho Equip: \$ 945.00
Therapy: \$ 700.00
Total: \$1,645.00

LEIGH from page 1

bones that break easily, often from little or no apparent reason. Leigh has been a patient of Shriners Hospitals for Children - Tampa since she was an infant.

At the Shriners Imperial Session in 2007, Leigh was highlighted as one of the national patient success stories and has been an

active patient ambassador since that time. She regularly speaks at events and has appeared in PSAs for Shriners Hospitals for Children. Her annual charity event for the hospitals is in its 11th year.

Don't miss this special opportunity at the October 18th Stated Meeting to meet and hear from this inspiring Shriners patient.



Dr. Pravin Patel, M.D., Chief of Plastic Surgery, Shriners Hospitals for Children - Chicago speaks to Saladin Nobility at our Spring Ceremonial.



Imperial First Lady Campaigns for Hospitals

Cheryl Stauss, Imperial First Lady of Shriners International recently announced the 'Journey of Hope' campaign. This effort seeks to raise awareness and money for the non-emergency travel transportation fund for Shriners Hospitals for Children. An excellent seven minute video has been produced describing the significant travel expenses borne by patients seeking care at our shriners hospitals. You can view the video via the QR link on the right or by going to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YrktmYzGZYk&feature=youtu.be>





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June 24, 2014

Noble David Neff, Treasurer
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Dear Brother Dave:

We have received two major gifts recently, given to Shriners Hospitals for Children-Chicago, by Saladin Temple Children's Trust, for important programs here at the hospital.

Saladin Shrine remains one of our most generous temples, totally committed to the well-being of children and the fiscal health of our hospital.

Please convey to both your foundation board and members of the Saladin brotherhood our great gratitude and deep respect for their splendid claim of ownership of the Shriners Hospitals across North America—and particularly of Shriners Hospital Chicago.

We frequently host Saladin drivers, enjoyed many from Saladin at Hospital Day, and offer all a standing invitation to visit us privately. We'll arrange tours, treat them to lunch, and introduce them to some of our fine staff members.

Enclosed is a packet of recent printed materials for your perusal. Greet our brothers and wish them the best of a safe, pleasant summer.

Thank you again and God bless . . .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'RCotner', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Robert Cotner
Director of Development

Enclosures

Oriental Guide inspired by Shriner Hospital Patient

Nobles,

I'd first like to take a moment to thank you again for electing me to the office of Oriental Guide. I've already enjoyed the first half of my year of service, learning about the purpose of the Shrine and its members. With that being said, let me give you a little background about myself. I grew up in Flint, MI where my dad, two uncles, and several family friends were both Masons and Shriners.

We went to the Shrine Circus every year and I distinctly remember how the clowns used to make me laugh. I had no idea then what was behind the makeup and antics of those clowns. The love and care those people had for kids, not only at the circus, but in the Shrine hospitals around the country, is astounding and now I get to be a part of it.

Keeping kids in mind, I became a teacher after graduating from Grand Valley State University in 2003. I teach 9th grade English and run the freshman transition program (Blue Crew) for Ionia High School. Additionally, I coach downhill ski racing at Greenville and Northview High Schools. I completed a master's degree and specialist degree from GVSU and am currently working on my Ph.D. at Eastern Michigan University.

As far as my Masonic resume', in 2007 I was elected to the office of Worshipful Master of Doric Lodge in Grand Rapids. After that, I became a Regional Coordinator for The Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation's Michigan Child Identification Program. I served in that capacity for 3 years before my plate simply became too full with teaching, coaching, and grad classes.

Additionally, I have served on the Grand Rapids Masonic Temple Association and House Committee for the

past 6 years and am currently serving my third term there.

I first decided to become a Shriner after talking to a few current members of the Divan and being convinced that we needed some bigger numbers in order to see some major growth. I joined knowing that Saladin was on the cusp of something great and I wanted to do my part to help that happen. I truly believe we are just at the beginning of some amazing years wherever we may end up.

I was asked to consider running for Oriental Guide quite a while ago and I had been pondering whether or not I simply had the time that position requires, but during Christmas break of 2013, I headed down to Tampa and visited the Shrine International Headquarters and the Tampa Shrine Hospital. It was there that I decided

I believe in making ours a first class temple where Masons want to go to become a Shriner.

I truly wanted a major role in helping to make great things happen for the kids who need our care. I met an amazing young girl who has been a patient at the Tampa hospital for 13 years. She has brittle bone disease and was brought to the Shrine Hospital when she was 3 weeks old. Her story inspired me to get more involved in the philanthropic efforts of our organization and to pay close attention in order to find ways to help.

I believe in making ours a first class temple where Masons want to go



Jonathan Duley
Oriental Guide 2014

to become a Shriner. I believe in the abilities of our Shrine clubs to cultivate relationships with our communities in order to better support the temple and hospitals.

I also believe that we need to keep the concept of having fun and enjoying our brotherhood in first step along with our charitable goals. Without that part, our numbers will continue to dwindle.

I hope to get the chance to meet as many of you as possible during the next year, and I look forward to being a part of the greatest Shrine Temple the Great Lakes Region has ever seen.

Faternally,

Jonathan Duley
Oriental Guide

Are you interested in being a Hospital Driver?

The temple is always looking for Nobles who can assist in transporting our patients. It is a life changing experience. Please contact Judy Williams in the Child-care office at (616) 942-1570 x104 or email:

judy.williams@saladinshrine.com

...From the Recorder

What a great time we have had the first half of this year Nobles. We had one of our biggest ceremonies in quite sometime this past Spring and we brought in another great batch of Nobles. I'm working pretty hard with other members of the membership team to duplicate it for the Fall Ceremony and get our Temple back into Gold status with Imperial.

With all of these successes we've braved a fair amount of criticism as well. That is only to be expected when you try to remake aspects of an organization. I hope everyone pays close attention to the results, to the young Masons you are seeing take up an active role in our Temple. Its not a one or two guy thing. Young Masons are finding Saladin in record numbers and becoming passionate about what we offer. I can't think of any other way to feel but to be happy about the future of our temple.

Speaking of the future, I've already let the officers and several leaders of the Temple know that I plan to finish this year as Recorder and then step back from the chair to let another Noble take up the reigns of the Recorder's desk. You won't be seeing less of me though. I want to take a role with the

Temple that allows me to take up two specific causes that are key to our future:

- (1) Creating New Saladin Shriners;
- and (2) Enhancing our involvement in our world famous philanthropy.

We've truly started a turn-around in Saladin, but it is only the beginning. I'm confident that a new Recorder will be able to continue the success we've experienced in that office over the last year and a half and that several of our new Shriners will continue to take up leadership roles in their Clubs, Units, and the Temple.

My goal in becoming Recorder was to provide a spark that could start a turn-around for our Temple. My next goal is to continue that turn-around by finding 100 new patients and 100 new Shriners. I'm now 12 into my goal on patients and more than 25 into my goal on Shriners. The work I'm focusing on for the remainder of this year and the future is achieving both of those 100s or 'hundos' as the young guys might call them. A lot of people don't believe they can be achieved. I've never been good at being one of those people.

I look forward to seeing many of you over the remainder of this year. None of this would be possible without each of you.

Rick Williams
Recorder

Closing Notes from the Recorder...

Send me your photos

Please send me your photos of you having some Shrine fun this year! I've shared a few of mine along the right side of this page. I would like to use them for a project for the end of this year. Email the photos to:

Recorder@saladinshrine.com

Tell me as much as you can about the photo and who is in it.

Presentations in Lodges

The membership chairman and I travelled to a few Lodges this Spring and made presentations about Shriners Hospitals for Children. This directly resulted in new candidates for the Spring Ceremonial. We would like to visit 5 to 10 Lodges in September and October before the Fall Ceremonial. Please contact me if you would like to schedule a visit for your lodge. We promise to do a first rate presentation for your brothers.



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Important Saladin Dates for 2014

Stated Meeting and BBQ

August 16 - Saladin Shrine 12:00 pm

Ceremonial

November 1 - Saladin Shrine

**Great Lakes Shrine Association
Fall Session - Fairview Heights, IL
September 9-14, 2014**

Awards Night Dinner

December 13 - Saladin Shrine - Time TBA

Stated Meeting

October 18 - Saladin Shrine - 12:00 pm

Annual Meeting and Elections of Officers

January 3 - Saladin Shrine - 12:00 pm

