

Saladin Shriners



May 13th, 2017

A Stated Meeting of Saladin Shriners was held on the above date at the Grand Rapids Masonic Center in the 5th floor Ampitheater.

Divan Officers Present:

Ill. Jonathan Clifford – Potentate
Harry Jones – Assistant Rabban
Richard Williams – Recorder

Jonathan Duley – Chief Rabban
Jeff Gooder – Oriental Guide

The Temple was opened in regular form at 1:20 pm.

16 other Nobles were present. The Recorder recognized the Illustrious Paul R. Goosmann, 33rd.

The minutes of the March 25, April 29, and May 2 meetings were distributed and approved.

Recorder Richard Williams presented the Financial Reports. Noble John Keyser of Berrien County Shrine Club reported his club was very disappointed to learn about the cancellation of one of our school shows this year in Grand Rapids. The Divan explained the reasoning for the cancellation and would work with the circus committee in the future to see if there was any way to address the issue for the future.

Noble John Thiel of Medinah Shriners was proposed for Associate membership. A unanimous ballot was cast and he was elected for membership in Saladin Shriners.

The Recorder gave a brief report of the passing of Imperial Sir Jack Jones, Past Imperial Potentate and current Imperial Recorder of Shriners International.

Chief Rabban Duley gave a report about the strategic planning process. The Divan met recently for three and a half hours to begin developing a vision statement for the future of the temple. The group will be meeting again later in May.

Ill. Sir Jonathan Clifford (Member Board of Governors, Shriners Hospitals for Children – Chicago) gave a report about the recently completed strategic study of Shriners Hospitals for Children – Chicago. The results of the study have been distributed to the hospital's board members and they will continue to plan for the future based on its results. Rick Williams (Trustee, Shriners Hospitals for Children) gave a system report about the strategic planning efforts of the Joint Boards of Shriners Hospitals for Children and Shriners International.

The Potentate announced a special meeting for June 2, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Grand Rapids Masonic Center. He is unable to attend Imperial Session because of an unavoidable work conflict and a special election is required to assign his Iowa corporation representative's position.

Noble Gerry Kerbis announced his interest in assisting the Recorder's office with the sending of cards to sick and shut-in members of the Temple as well as making visitations when possible. He cited Saladin's heavy support during his recent illness as the inspiration to assist the temple in this important endeavor.

Noble John Keyser reported there were problems with the onion product that was shipped from Georgia. Several bags delivered to Berrien County were quite wet and in some cases rotten. The Assistant Rabban has 2,000 pounds available and offered to get them to the Berrien County Club to replace any bad onions. The Recorder reminded all clubs to let

him know of situations where they received bad onions. The Temple always wants to make sure that the situation is corrected and made right with the club.

There being no further business to conduct, the Potentate closed the meeting at 2:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick "Snapper" Williams
Recorder
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