

Saladin Shriners



September 23, 2017

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

Divan Officers Present:

Ill. Jonathan Clifford – Potentate
Harry Jones – Assistant Rabban
Jeff Gooder – Oriental Guide
Richard Williams - Recorder

Jonathan Duley – Chief Rabban
Dale Kramer – High Priest and Prophet
Ryan Powers – Treasurer

The Temple was opened in regular form at 1:11 pm.

38 other Nobles were present. The Recorder recognized Past Potentates Coby Martin (75), Richard Higgins (92), Thomas Russell (09), and Scott Sanford (13). Also recognized were David Neff (33rd) and Companions John Cromartie (KYCH), Jim Kiefer (KYCH, PGHPofMI), and Bob Cooper (KYCH, PGHPofMI).

The Temple was temporarily put at ease for a presentation of Legacy Awards to Noble Dale Kramer (Saladin HP&P - Son), Joel Kramer (Moslem Shriners – Father), Gerald Lakritz (Moslem Shriners – Uncle), and Harold Kramer (Posthumus – Grandfather).

The minutes of the May 13, June 2(No. 1), and June 2(No.2) meetings were distributed and approved.

No communications were reported.

Treasurer Powers presented the August Statement of Operations and gave his projections for the remainder of the year. He also commented on the Finance Committee's recent meeting.

Chief Rabban Duley gave a presentation about the strategic planning process. A handout was provided to the nobility and several questions were asked and answered. The next step in the process will be additional planning by the Divan along with communication with the nobility about specific action steps for implementation.

Chief Rabban Duley reported on the efforts of quilters in the Lakeland / Paul Bunyan Shrine Club areas. As a result of their diligent efforts, local quilters have produced more than 30 quilts for patients at Shriners Hospitals for Children – Chicago. Noble Sinkovich commented his mother might be interested in organizing local Grand Rapids quilters for a similar effort.

A motion was made by Recorder Williams and seconded by Assistant Rabban Jones to expend 2018 funds (not to exceed \$5,000) to order pins, coins, cufflinks, and cups for the next year. This expenditure has been a standard practice of previous years, but the Divan thought it more prudent to bring this action before the nobility for their review. Monies expended will come from the 2018 Awards and Gifts budget. The motion was passed with one dissenting vote.

The Recorder read a Temple Resolution from the Shriners International Office of Membership Development endorsing the membership program of Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske. Once read the resolution was introduced as a motion by the Recorder and seconded by the Treasurer. The vote for the resolution was unanimous. The result will be forwarded to Shriners International.

III. Sir Thomas Russell gave a recap of the 2017 Great Lakes Shrine Association (GLSA) session. He then previewed the 2018 session to be held in Grand Rapids, MI on September 19-23, 2018. Assistant Rabban Jones encouraged everyone to sign-up for the 2018 GLSA Golf Outing to be held at Deer Run Country Club.

Noble John Keyser of the Berrien County Shrine Club called on the entire Nobility of the Temple to remember the oath they took when entering Masonry to treat each other as a brother and to never supplant another Mason or Shriner in any of his laudable undertakings.

There were several comments about the importance of communications on the Temple and Club level.

High Priest Kramer invited all nobles present to join him and the Scarab Shrine Club for its 3rd Annual Meat Fest at the home of Noble Hekstra in Grandville.

There being no further business to conduct, the Potentate closed the meeting at 3:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick "Snapper" Williams
Recorder
Saladin Shriners

TEMPLE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Shriners International established the Office of Membership Development which creates and maintains programs to further membership development efforts at all local temples, as well as their sponsored clubs and units; and

WHEREAS, these membership development programs focus on recruitment, retention and restoration of all Shriners; and

WHEREAS, the beashrinernow.com membership inquiry system was established by the Office of Membership Development in hopes of educating interested parties about our fraternity, its philanthropy and the steps involved to become a Freemason and a Shriner; and

WHEREAS, this program has now been expanded to allow current Shriners to refer their friends, family members, coworkers and others who are not Shriners, for targeted communications and educational outreach on Freemasonry, Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children; and

WHEREAS, Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske has declared as his membership goal 12,000 new creations throughout this Imperial year, from Session 2017 to Session 2018; and

WHEREAS, this goal cannot be attained without the dedicated support and resolve of all Shriners – including Divan Officers, temple leaders, Hospital Boards of Directors, Past Potentates, Club and Unit current and past Presidents and others; and

WHEREAS, if all temples revisit their new creations for the preceding five (5) years, and set as their membership goal the plan to exceed their highest number of creations during that period, the Imperial membership goal will have been exceeded;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, pursuant to the provisions set in the bylaws of Shriners International, the nobility of _____ Shriners, by the affirmative vote of its members at a stated meeting held on _____, 2017, hereby provides confirmation of said affirmative vote, declaring our confirmation of support and commitment to the new creation goal set by Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske at Imperial Session 2017.

(Name) - Temple Potentate

Attest: _____
(Name) - Temple Recorder

Please return completed form to:

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Shriners International
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