

# SALADIN NEWS

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Saladin Shriners - Grand Rapids, MI



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## Stated & Ceremonial Oct. 5

Lunch at 11:30 - Stated Opens at 12:30 - Social Hour after 2nd Section

Nobles,

It is time once again to gather at our Temple and create a new group of Shriners for Saladin. The day will begin with a lunch for you and your lady at 11:30 followed by a Stated meeting at 12:30. After our business is concluded Ill. Sir Archie and his ritual cast will conduct a ceremonial for our candidates. Those poor Sons of the Dessert will then be led to their final test at the hands of our Directors Staff. Should they survive they will be properly fezzed and join us for an hour of

fellowship.

The Grand Rapids Scarabs, our newest shrine club, is heading to the Grand Rapids Brewing Company (GRBC) downtown after the fellowship and they are inviting any interested Shriners and ladies to join them for additional fellowship. They told us their event is "Bring Your Own Dungball." We are assuming that means your drinks at GRBC are at your own expense. If you plan to attend lunch at the Temple, please RSVP with the office so we have an accurate head count.

## Costume Ball @ Temple October 18th

\$15 per person - Music - Games - Prizes - RSVP with the Temple

Who doesn't love a good party? Illustrious Potentate Scott and First Lady Carla are putting together a can't-miss event. If you couldn't make our Valentine's party or our Spring Fling, don't miss this one.

This won't be just any Shrine party though. In addition to the normal good times you've come to expect from Saladin events this year, you are asked to take things up a notch and come in your best costume. Be creative and be funny with what you choose. Awards will be given for the best costumes.

Its not just about the costumes though! A social hour will be begin at 5:00 pm where our trusty Chief Aide will be on hand to properly adjust your

attitude. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be prepared by Lady Carla and her team. There will be great music and some adult games that will have you laughing uncontrollably. All of this for the low price of \$15 per ticket.

This will be a great event for Shriners, their ladies, and guests. There has never been a better time to introduce a prospective Shriner to the good times we have here at Saladin.

Please make your reservations through the Temple office at (616) 942-1570 ext. 100 or send an email to:

[ryoung@saladinshrine.com](mailto:ryoung@saladinshrine.com)



John Sandmann  
One of our new-  
est Shriners and  
Mini-Bikers  
Well Done John!

## From the Potentate...

The Parade season is winding down. I decided to make this issue of the Saladin News all about the parades. Throughout the paper, you will see photos and articles about all of our parading units. It is hoped that these images encourage all of you Nobles, your ladies and children to come out and enjoy the fun and fellowship. If your club doesn't have a unit, let's see what we can do to correct that for next year. The parades are a chance for us to get community exposure and strengthen the bonds of our fraternity. Lady Carla likes to walk the parades with other ladies and children handing out candy and information on our Shrine hospitals. She encourages all of the ladies and widows to come out and participate by walking with her or riding the floats!

All clubs and units should have received their nominating forms for Awards Night by now. If you have not, please contact the recorder to obtain one. The forms are due back by October 1st. We will be recognizing the club and unit of the year, Shriner of the year as well as other categories. If anyone knows of a Noble that they would like to nominate, please contact the Recorder.

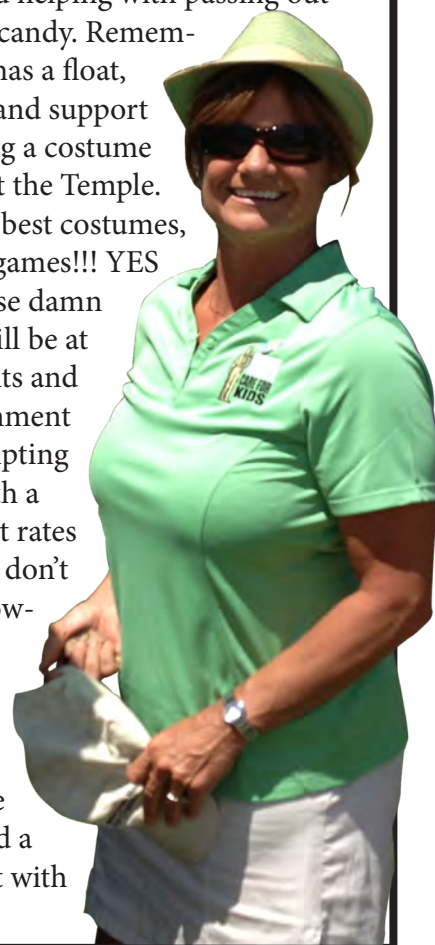
The awards night will be held on December 14th. It will be at the Temple if we are still there, otherwise the site will be determined. It will also be a black tie affair. Throughout the year, Carla and I have been collecting donations to auction off to offset the cost of this event. If you know anyone who would like to donate, please contact one of us at the temple. All items, big and small will be appreciated.

Congratulations to our newest shrine club, the Scarab's!!!! They received their charter on August 17th at the Stated Meeting. Two other Shrine clubs were presented with replacement charters for their clubs. If your club or unit has lost its charter, please contact the



## From Lady Carla...

We have had so much fun parading this summer!!! It's GREAT to see all of the women that are showing up at the parades and helping with passing out Shrine information and candy. Remember, if your club or unit has a float, the ladies can ride on it and support the Shrine. We are having a costume party on October 18th at the Temple. There will be awards for best costumes, and prizes for the adult games!!! YES Marj....we're playing those damn games!!!! Social hour will be at 5:00pm with refreshments and hors d'oeuvres. Entertainment to follow!!! We are attempting to make reservations with a nearby hotel for discount rates for rooms for those who don't want to drive home following the party. Finally, I would like to thank all of the women that have made this year so much fun!!! You have given me encouragement, help and a lot of laughs. Let's go out with



Recorder and we will have a replacement charter made up.

I would like to thank all of those who made the cookout such a great event. It was great to see so many smiling faces. This is an event that Ill Sir Jeff Higley began last year and although I couldn't attend last year, I was told it was a wonderful time. I hope we do it every year!

Plans are being made for a costume party on Friday October 18th. Lady Carla hasn't given me the details yet but stay tuned for more information. It will be posted on the Saladin Ladies Page for Facebook as soon as the plans are finalized. It is important that we share information. I am asking all of the clubs and units to send in articles and photos concerning their events. The Saladin news is not just for things that go on in Grand Rapids, it is a voice for all of us, so please forward your stories, photos and information.

Lady Carla and I hope to see all of you out and about at Parades, Club gatherings and other events this fall!!!

See you soon!

-Scott



# Being a Saladin Clown is super trapezey... Give it a try...

There has been a great deal of Saladin Clown news lately. At our August Stated meeting Jason "Dimples" Fongers and Greg "Sparky" Kiander rolled into the meeting room on a three-wheel bike for a surprise-clown-pie-attack to announce the return of Shrine Clowns to the Grand Rapids area. Some Nobles were caught in the silly string crossfire, but our Oriental Guide took the brunt of the attack when he caught a pie in the face from Sparky. Special thanks to Bob "Clipper" DeHann and Gary "Twinkles" Brandt for their behind-the-scenes help with the attack.

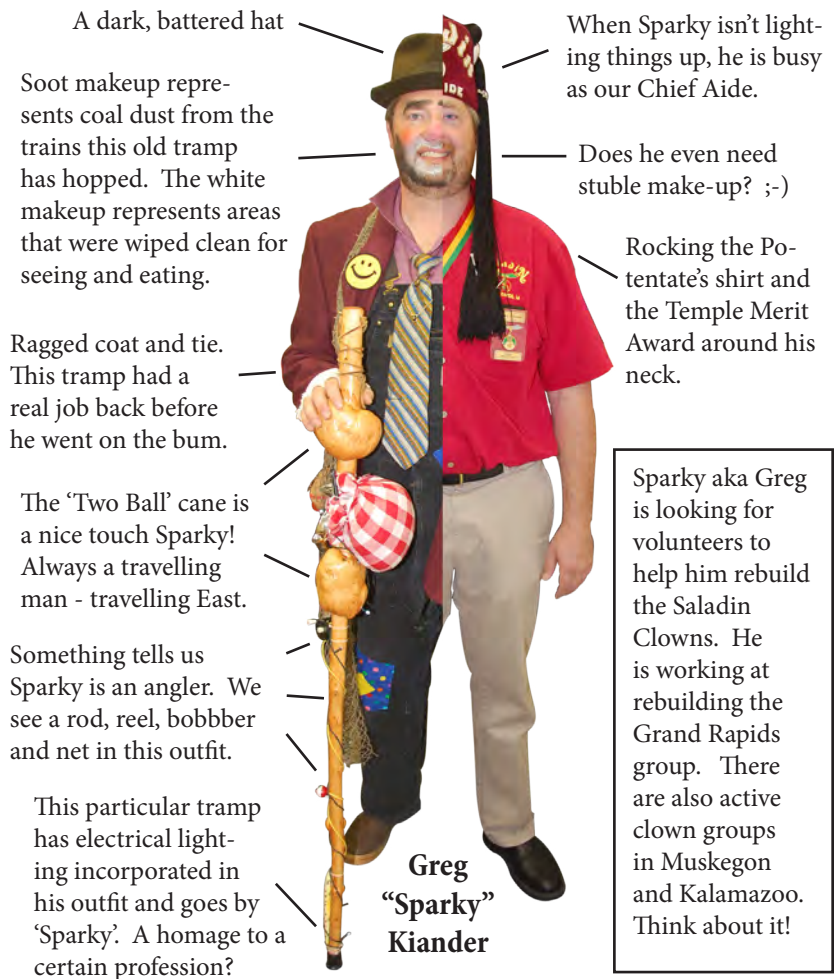
Greg is working to grow the core group of clowns in the Grand Rapids area. There are also active clown units in Kalamazoo and Muskegon. There is also work going into developing a Keystone Cops team that could perform at the circus and parades along with our clowns.

We are looking for Nobles who are interested in clowning. No prior experience needed. Contact Greg at (616) 540-2116 or [gkiander@comcast.net](mailto:gkiander@comcast.net)

Enough of these clowns... follow me to the centerfold!



## Anatomy of a Saladin Clown



## GREAT MOMENTS IN FEZ HISTORY



1842 Nantucket, Mass.: The Fez helps, a then Ensign Ahab, stand out during a talent agency's open call casting session. After several small walk on parts in short stories, Ahab would become a literary star in Herman Melville's *Moby-Dick*.



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

**Saladin Shriners**

## Past Potentate Wells Receives Imperial Committee Appointment

Saladin is proud to announce Imperial Sir John A. Cinotto, 2013-2014 Imperial Potentate of Shriners International has appointed Illustrious Sir Tom Wells, Past Potentate of Saladin - 2001, to serve as a member of the Imperial Potentate's Aides Committee.

In his letter of appointment, Imperial Sir Cinotto cited the integral role this committee plays in the operation of Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children. Ill. Sir Wells joins MWBro. Bob Conley, Past Grand Master of Masons in Michigan and fellow Saladin Shriner, in serving on this committee. We are sure they will both represent Saladin well.

## Oriental Guide reminds us to work for the children

There is no shortage of media stories about the changes in healthcare. From pharmaceutical developments to insurance premiums to physician shortages to health insurance reform to the latest surgical procedure, we are bombarded with healthcare in the news.

Each year that passes brings with it an increase in cost to the individual to have access to quality care. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid compiled the average cost of healthcare per person in 2011 was \$8,680. From 2000 to 2011 the cost of healthcare per person increased approximately 5.4% per year.

This trend has no end in sight. The

rising cost of healthcare makes our mission as important as ever. Shriners Hospitals for Children maintains a \$0 cost to the patients.

We as Nobles of the Mystic Shrine have the opportunity to change the lives of children.

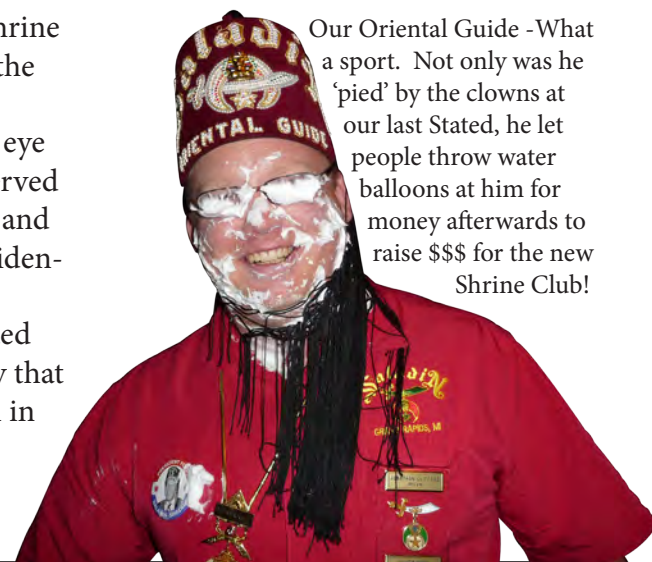
Remember to always keep an eye out for children that might be served by our care. Reach out to family and friends and ask them to help us identify future patients.

Together as brothers we banded together to create a philanthropy that stands as ready to serve children in need as it did over 90 years ago.

Let us continue to reach out and identify potential patients

and stand tall by stooping to help a child in need.

-Jonathan Clifford



Our Oriental Guide - What a sport. Not only was he 'pied' by the clowns at our last Stated, he let people throw water balloons at him for money afterwards to raise \$\$\$ for the new Shrine Club!

## A new Noble tells us why he joined Saladin Shriners

*In our last issue the Oriental Guide invited Nobles to tell us why they joined the Shrine. We received this great response from Steve Zimmerman. Zimm is a brand new Shiner and the president of the recently chartered Scarab Shrine Club.*

Since being medically and honorably discharged by the US Army in 2006, I had been looking for a group or groups to replace the sense of belonging and the close bonds of friendship. These are the memories of my service I cherished the most. I was able to find this in the Masons. However, with the meeting of my need for belonging, I uncovered a need for philanthropy. While we do have some community outreach in the Masons, it is more focused on Fellowship and Ritual. This is where my interest in the Shrine began.

I considered myself lucky that Doric Lodge #342 already had representation in the Saladin Shire, although limited. Also, my interest was shared by many of my fellow brothers in Doric. I had the opportunity to join the Shrine this past spring of 2013. The experience was fun and energetic. The highlight was being asked to take part in a photo of a large donation check on my first day. I feel confident that my membership in the Shrine will allow me to touch the lives of children that are truly in need.

As I continue my journey through Masonry and the



Noble Steven Zimmerman (2nd from right) with Bill Martindale (HP&P), Dan Souillier (Chief Rabban) and Jonathan Clifford (Oriental Guide) at the memorial service for President and Saladin Noble Gerald Ford. Zimm secured excellent seats for the Divan.

Shrine, I am encouraged by the focus on bringing in new members. This is such a great organization with such a noble purpose. I truly hope I am able to inspire other Masons through my joining. Also I hope our community involvement as Shriners will bring others to ask for light in Masonry.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to join and participate in our noble pursuit.

Sincerely,  
Steve Zimmerman



# Rabban thanks past leaders for Saladin's future

It is said that for the U.S. President, the policies made 4 years prior is what makes, good or bad, the year present. Similar, in the Shrine, the policies enacted in the year past produces results honored now...and that's the way it should be.

I have heard nobles say that we need to plan fundraisers so our hospitals exist tomorrow. Why don't we have the same view and zeal for our own fraternity? Why do we work so hard for a Great Cause and assume the fraternity will be there tomorrow to continue the Cause? Not many nobles know that the fundraisers were an extension of being fraternal.

The Divan applauds and Thanks all of the Past Potentates for the successes in 2013. Their policies and guidance allowed new policies to be enacted which produced the next and so on...that led to now. The Divan started a laser-point focus in 2013 based on membership production and retention, which, by word, will continue until the end of 2017 and hopefully further. Without our nobles, the Great Cause will disappear.

In 2013, our nobility's participation, in temple matters, has increased. The Finance Committee has been more

vocal and active.

They have received monthly reports and records of all temple activity; as it should.

Our new Circus Committee, chaired by Noble Ron Redner, is designed to make circus planning a group decision, and it will be independent of the Divan.

Our Long Range Planning Committee, chaired by Oriental Guide Jonathan Clif-

ford, will be meeting in the near future to decide and plan where we are going. Our destiny is in the future Shriner and therefore it is our responsibility to create a Temple



*Dan Soullier - Chief Rabban 2013  
with his Lady Tabitha*

**See RABBAN Page 14**



~ CAPTURING THE MOMENTS THAT BECOME YOUR MEMORIES ~



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Dan Soullier, Vice-President  
Dave Neff, Treasurer  
Rick Williams, Secretary

# Saladin Childcare Report

From the Saladin Shrine Foundation For Children, Inc.

Archie Ghareeb, PP, Trustee  
Bill Martindale, Trustee  
Jonathan Clifford, Trustee  
Gene Burns, PP, Hospital Rep

## Foundation can assist patients who self-drive

We've recently learned several Saladin Shriners were unaware that the foundation is able to assist patient families who self-drive. During the second quarter of 2013 we had 20 self-drive drive trips including 12 trips to Chicago, 5 to Philadelphia, 2 to St. Louis and 1 to Quebec.

The reasons for self drives vary, but the largest issues often have to do with patients who have very specialized transportation or support needs or who may be travelling to distant hospitals for extended outpatient treatments happening over several days.

In the case of self drives the foundation provides mileage reimbursement based on the portal to portal mileage

from the patient's home to the hospital and return at the rate of 25 cents a mile. Road tolls are also reimbursed. Meal per diems are provided at a rate of \$15/day for the patient and \$15/day for one parent. An additional \$15/day can be paid for a second parent in the case of a first visit or a trip for surgery. In the event of an early morning surgery, the Foundation will also make arrangements for stays at a Ronald McDonald House if one is available or with a preferred hotel near the hospital.

Receipts and hospital visits are verified through the Saladin Transportation office. Contact Judy Williams for more information.

## 2nd Quarter brings fewer trips but more miles

### 2st Quarter 2013 - Driver's Trip Summary

Driver	No. of Trips	Mileage	Hours	Club
Dick Bergeson	1	256	7.00	Cass
Bill Bruinsma	1	405	10.75	Caravan
William Bushouse	1	325	9.00	Kalamazoo
Michael Dawson	1	372	12.00	Battle Creek
Judy DeHaan	1	326	11.00	Kalamazoo
Robert DeHaan	2	650	18.00	Kalamazoo
William DeWitt	1	495	8.00	Northwest
Roger Dorn	1	339	11.00	Allegan/Ottawa
Arnold Fenrich	4	1,473	46.00	Battle Creek
Ray Flannery	1	420	12.50	Muskegon
Mert Frost	3	1,054	36.00	Kalamazoo
Keith Grandy	1	635	16.25	Lakeland/Cadillac
Stan Hively	1	308	8.50	Niles
James Hulett	1	345	11.00	Allegan/Ottawa
Harry Jones	3	1,252	36.50	Caravan
Lyn Jones	1	434	9.50	Caravan
Tom Keizer	1	397	10.50	Caravan
Jerry Kerbis	2	599	19.50	South Haven
John Keyser	7	2,409	75.50	Berrien
Billy King	1	1,534	93.00	Lakeland/Cadillac
Bart LeVan	1	405	9.00	Scarab
Bob Light	3	2,744	94.50	Lakeland/Cadillac

Driver	No. of Trips	Mileage	Hours	Club
Robert Lindsay	1	738	16.00	Eaton
Ron Linstrom	1	420	11.25	Muskegon
Gake Mangis	1	738	16.00	Eaton
Augie Meyer	5	1,810	42.50	Berrien
Doug Murr	3	1,024	33.00	Allegan/Ottawa
Ray Nelson	2	920	24.00	Caravan
Gary Nostrant	5	4913	203.75	Lakeland/Cadillac
Bob Overmeyer	1	256	7.00	Cass
Sinforoso Padilla	1	340	11.00	Allegan/Ottawa
James Peek	1	326	11.00	Kalamazoo
Robert Reahm	2	741	26.00	Kalamazoo
George Reith	1	308	8.50	Niles
Mike Rooze	1	416	11.25	Caravan
John Schmalzried	1	495	8.00	Northwest
Janice Schultz	1	456	10.50	Muskegon
Tom Schultz	5	2353	83.25	Muskegon
Richard Sovereign	3	1338	43.25	Caravan
Leo Thielman	2	638	19.00	Kalamazoo
A Noble	1	402	11.50	Caravan
Richard Ward	1	405	10.75	Caravan
Rick Williams	1	405	9.00	Scarab
Doug Wood	3	1101	34.00	Battle Creek

### Quarterly Totals

# of Trips: 41  
Total Miles: 37,720  
Total Hours: 1196

### Driver Supported Trips

Fuel & Tolls: \$5,209.68  
Lodging: \$1,390.44  
Food: \$2,416.30  
Total: \$9,016.42

### Self Drive Trips

Fuel & Tolls: \$3,508.88  
Lodging: \$2,475.41  
Food: \$2,675.34  
Outside Therapy \$ 800.00  
Total: \$9,459.63

### Additional Expenses

Vehicle Maint: \$ 391.52  
Driver Training: \$ 148.29  
Van Insurance: \$16,892.00  
Total: \$17,431.81

Drivers completed trips to Chicago, Minneapolis and St. Louis

Self Drives to Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis and Quebec

Drivers - Thank you for your dedication - Welcome to New Shriner Ron Linstrom from Muskegon



### Imperial First Lady Campaigns for Hospitals

Margaret Cinotto, Imperial First Lady of Shriners International recently announced the 'Magic of Movement' campaign. This effort seeks to raise awareness and money for movement analysis labs that are located in 12 of our Shriners Hospitals including one in Chicago. Together the labs represent the largest network of clinical movement analysis labs in the world. This three minute video explains the technology behind movement analysis and how it is used to help Shriner patients.  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gZxj\\_Z7ijvc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gZxj_Z7ijvc)





# Berrien County Shrine Club very active in 2013

*Club reports several activities as well as strong philanthropy in their home county.*

The Berrien County Shrine Club has had a very busy year. We brought in two new members, John Sandmann and Dr. Denis Padla, and have at least one more new petition for the October stated meeting and ceremonial. We look forward to these new Nobles participation with the club.

Thank you to all of the Nobles and their ladies and guests for helping out with the Corn and Brat roast as well as the pancake breakfast. We will begin selling Cash Calendars in mid-October this year. If any of the other clubs or units would like to purchase some, please contact one of our members. The cost is the same as last year, \$25.00

We moved our scheduled Divan Night from September 12 to another date, as the Divan was at GLSA on that date. We will be having our annual Shrine Children's Clinic on Wednesday October 16, 2013 beginning at 9:00am. Contact a club member for more specific information. As always, we welcome the assistance of fellow Shriners for



Illustrious Sir Scott Sanford, Saladin Potentate, with officers of the Berrien County Shrine Club making a gift as part of a benefit for a Berrien County resident suffering from brain cancer.

the clinic.

The Red Fez Ball is scheduled for November 15, 2013 at Skips Other Place in New Buffalo, MI. Skips has a wonderful menu and the Red Fez Ball is always well attended. For reservations, contact the Club President Robert Fuller at (269) 468-4643.

## Berrien Mini Bikers looking for bikes and riders

*New riders helping club to grow. On the look out for Honda trail 70 bikes.*

We have had a very busy parade season. Because of the new additions to the Berrien County Shrine Club, we are adding new Mini Bike riders to our unit. New on the bikes this year are Steve Watkins and John Sandmann. We anticipate a few more new riders next year as well. In addition, our parade schedule continues to grow. We added the "Least we Forget" Veterans parade in Baroda again this year and had a wonderful time parading with our fellow Nobles from Battle Creek at the Delton Parade.

If anyone knows someone that has a Honda trail 70 that they would like to get rid of please contact one of our unit members. We are always in need of bikes to replace the ones that we have that have broken down or to add new riders to our Unit. In addition, we are having an "After Glow" following all of our parades, so come out and enjoy the fun, Walk with our ladies passing out candy, or ride the Float!! Parade days are FUN DAYS with us!!!!

To get involved call our Director Steve Hinz (269) 637-3314 or our President, Thomas Scott (269) 683-8886. We would love to have you involved in our unit.



New Berrien Mini-Biker Noble Steve Watkins and his lady Mary.

Follow me to this Summer's Photos!





# Saladin Parade Season 2013



The Sturgis Shrine Club Fire Brigade fire truck is always a favorite. We are sure the boys in Sturgis like it up! ;-)



Sturgis Shrine Club Fire Brigade also has plenty of these little fellas as well. Pair them with a bearded Shriners. What is not to love?



Everyone loves the Kalamazoo clowns and their clown car. Thank you to all of the Nobles who put on the make-up and get out there!



This combined photo shows members of the Saladin Shriners Minit T Patrol and the Saladin Shriners Berrien County Mini-Bike Patrol during the Delton Parade this summer. Also shown is the Battle Creek Shrine Club trailer used to transport the Mini-Ts to events. Both organizations wear distinctive parade uniforms. If you look close enough you might just see a Potentate in the crowd!



The Saladin Shriners Mini 500 Patrol (with Assistant Director Bob Light in the number 11 car) strut their stuff during Empire's Anchor Days this summer. The Mini-500s are under the able leadership of Director Billy King and are always a crowd-pleaser wherever they go. Several of the drivers are members of the Paul Bunyon Shrine Club. Great job Shriners!

To Nobles who participated in parades this summer: From the Divan and countless thousands of parade goers who enjoyed your Saladin Shriners cheer - THANK YOU!



Members of the Saladin Shriners Mini 50 Patrol performing at Charlotte's Frontier Day Parade. The unit is directed by Noble Neil Perry



Thumbs-up from the Battle Creek Shrine Club and the Saladin Shriners Mini-T Patrol. Looking good... Looking good.



We could be wrong, but the boys down in the Mini-50s might have the biggest fez in the temple. Any challengers out there?



# Post Community Credit Union Remembers Shriner

***Local community credit union surprises club with generous gift in honor of Battle Creek Shriner George Hankey.***

Noble Michael W. Dawson, Past President of the Battle Creek Shrine Club, had a special surprise on a recent visit to the Post Community Credit Union. Noble George W. Hankey, who passed in January of this year, had been a longtime board member of the Credit Union. The employees of the union presented Noble Dawson with a \$650 donation to the Battle Creek Shrine Club.

The Battle Creek Shrine Club later presented Post Credit Union CEO Wendall Stoeffler and Post Executive Vice President Rob Viland with a 100 Million Dollar Club Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of their gift.

Noble Hankey was a WWII and Korean War vet who was a member of Battle Creek #12 for more than 65 years.



Post Community Credit Union presentation of check for \$650 to the Battle Creek Shrine Club June 18, 2013 in memory of George W. Hankey. From L to R - Tamara Strole, Lorrie Hammock, Larry Blochard, Michael Dawson (Past President, Battle Creek Shrine Club), Wendell Stoeffler, Tara Helmer, Brooke Christensen, Paul Aikens.

# Scarab Shrine Club descends on downtown GR

***Current and future members of our newest Shrine Club rented a pedal powered bar and took downtown Grand Rapids by storm.***

There has been a lot of talk about our newest Shrine Club: The Grand Rapids Scarabs. If there was ever a question about how much these guys like to enjoy themselves, it was dispelled this Summer when current Scarab Shriners and potential candidates rented a pedal powered 'pub cruiser' and conducted a pub crawl through downtown Grand Rapids from Founders Brewery to Hopcat Beer Bar to the Grand Rapids Brewing Company.

Our future Shriners had to agree to wear a 'training fez' that consisted of a colorful headress befitting their status as future Shriner. The Scarabs received plenty of looks, waves and smiles from motorists and pedestrians as they travelled through downtown singing karaoke from the cruiser. A gong was also used to signal their arrival and departure from each location.

It was a great publicity event for the group and the return of a group of Shriners to the downtown Grand Rapids area which has long been without public displays of the fez or Shriner fun.

Keep an eye on this club composed mostly of our newest Shriners. They plan to continue developing their club's identity and launching their own parade unit within the next year.



Above: Roger "The Hoff" Hekstra grabs a selfie from the pub-cruiser and captures Zimm, Bernard, Drew and Scott in the process.

Below: Andy kept a pretty solid gong going while the Scarabs travelled from pub to pub. Dr. Dave Ward hides behind the beer tap while Dr. Andrew Schafer waves to the admiring public.



# Past Potentate and Clubs to hold Holiday Party

***Illustrious Sir Tom Wells,  
Caravan Shrine Club, Temple  
Guards and Legion of Honor  
invite all Nobles and their  
ladies to a Holiday party on  
November 20, 2013.***

Did you ever wonder what a Past Potentate and his lady does after he finishes five years of hectic travel, parades, and Shrine club visitations? Well, let me tell you, it is just like being the Energizer bunny, you just keep going and going.

It has been some twelve years since I finished my tour of service as your Potentate. I had the the opportunity of attending many Shrine Club and Shrine Unit activities as well as meeting many hundred Nobles, their ladies and their children. After twelve years so many of these friends are no longer with us, but their memories will continue for forever.

It is so gratifying to see some new activities taking place and many of the newer Nobles and their ladies getting involved. These are experiences you will never forget. Each year my lady Dixie and I are asked to attend many Shrine club installations, picnics, parades and many monthly meetings though its getting difficult

to attend so many things we get to as many as we can.

This past year Ladie Dixie and I, along with our home Shrine Unit, the Temple Guard, the Caravan Shrine Club and the Legion of Honor decided that we would combine our efforts and explore having a joint holiday party. Let me tell you, **What a party it was!** We held it at Boulder Creek Country Club.

This party was not considered to be a fundraiser, but just a night of having a wonderful time. We told everyone to bring their lady or bring a friend. You didn't have to be a Shriner. We thought maybe we could generate a little interest from those who were not Masons or Shriners to get involved. Guess what? It worked.

We had some eighty persons in attendance and the entertainment was provided by the River Rogues Dixie-land Band. These gentlemen really know how to play music. They are coming back this year.

So please consider joining us Wednesday evening, November 20th, 2013. A social hour will begin at 6:00 pm with dinner being served at 7:00 pm. You will receive a choice of Prime Rib, BBQ ribs, Perch or Shrimp Trio. Dinner also includes a salad, potato, bread sticks, coffee / soft drinks and an ice cream sundae. All



**Ill Sir Tom Wells and his Lady Dixie invite everyone to join the Temple Guards, Caravan Shrine Club and Legion of Honor for evening of food and music at Boulder Creek Country Club in Belmont, MI.**

of this is yours for \$25.00 per person. A cash bar will be provided. This year we will be participating in the Toys-for-Tots program and we ask that you bring an unwrapped gift for collection.

If you are interested in having a wonderful time, renewing old friendships and making a few new ones, please fill out the registration form below and plan to join us in November at Boulder Creek Country Club in Belmont, MI.

W. Tom Wells  
Past Potentate 2001  
Treasurer, Saladin Temple Guards

Please fill out and return to: Tom Wells, Treasurer - 5251 Windmill Dr. NE, Rockford, MI 49341

Your choices are:

- 1 Prime Rib: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Barbeque Ribs: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Perch Dinner: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Shrimp Trio: \_\_\_\_\_

All Dinners include: Main Entrée, Salad, Potato, Bread Sticks, Coffee/Soft Drink and Ice Cream Sundae

Enclosed is \$25.00 per person. Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check to: Saladin Shrine Temple Guards - Your Check is your Reservation!



# High Priest wowed by growth and Imperial Session

Hello Nobles!

It has been a busy season for parades, family fun and fellowship. The excitement of 2 charters being reissued one for Sturgis and one for Northwest as well as chartering a NEW club in Grand Rapids the Scarabs. Wow, Saladin on the move once again. Can we all say EXCITEMENT?

And now we are rolling into the fall ceremonial with more new members, let's keep that momentum building and growing to show our Brother Masons why it's GREAT to be a Shriner.

Lead Connie and I both enjoyed

our new experience at Imperial this year and wow was there a lot to see and learn and find out about. The New programs and experiences Shriners Hospital is going to be developing and the new things that the Doctors are developing is just phenomenal.

We look forward to seeing as many members at the fall Ceremonial in October on the 5th as possible would be great to show the new members a great turnout.

Your High Priest and Prophet

-Bill Martindale



**Bill Martindale**  
*High Priest & Prophet 2013*



## The Black Camel List

	Creation	Death	Age
Merle J. Wilcox	7/28/1979	6/1/2013	85
Howard G. Burgess	6/8/1968	6/13/2013	81
Jackson L. Martin	3/8/1997	6/15/2013	85
Robert E. Blackshaw	6/26/2004	6/17/2013	78
Paul E. Neumann	5/22/1959	7/3/2013	91
Jesse Ewing	5/11/1996	7/5/2013	82
Ronald E. Hart	6/5/1970	7/7/2013	73
John W. Jones	3/2/1974	7/11/2013	82
Guy H. Wilson	5/21/1988	7/11/2013	84
Wendell E. Holmes	12/2/1967	7/18/2013	83
Richard H. Teel	10/19/1963	7/23/2013	86
Philip H. Campbell	6/26/2004	7/29/2013	70
Wendell A. Miles	5/21/1960	7/31/2013	97
James H. Poolman	11/4/1972	8/1/2013	86
Charles E. Weldon	10/19/1957	8/9/2013	80
Edward V. Dunning	11/4/1972	8/24/2013	86
Melvin D. Rooker	10/4/1980	9/22/2013	85

Soft and safe to thee, my Brother, be thy resting place!  
Bright and glorious be thy rising from it! Fragrant  
be the acacia sprig that there shall flourish! May the  
earliest buds of spring unfold their beauties o'er thy  
resting place, and there may the sweetness of the summer's  
last rose linger longest!



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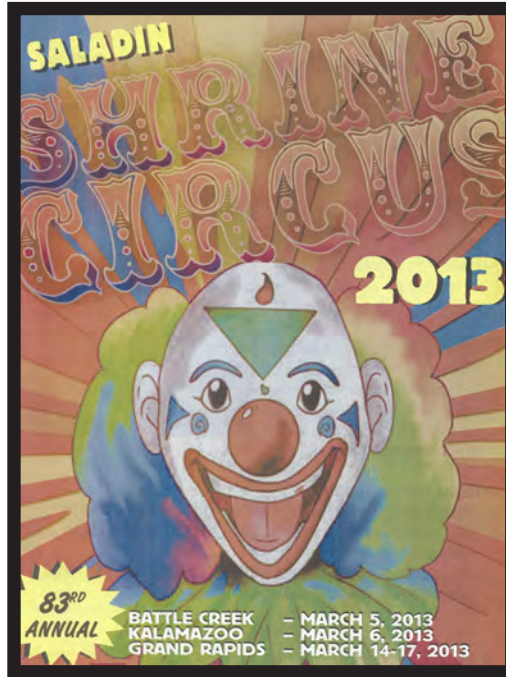
# Offer from the Temple to your Club

Hi Nobles,

I was asked to tell you about a new incentive for the Clubs and Units for fundraising. The Circus Committee has discussed and approved that all ad revenue...may it be general ads, support ads from the Clubs and Units, Buck-a-Lines, and such will generate a 25% return back to the Club or Units of choice (by the seller).

This is being done for two reasons. The first, of course, in the hopes that we may be able to generate more ad revenue and keep the Temple in the black and enable us to maintain a low price for our Circus Programs. The Second is to help the Clubs and Units in their fundraising activities in order to support them and assist their ability to grow.

For those clubs who say, "We are too far from the Temple for a business to viably be asked to advertise in a Program that will be shown from Battle Creek to Grand Rapids." I say go to your local chamber and ask them to take out an ad for "Visit (whatever town you live in)." Tabitha and I were traveling from Evansville to Indianapolis on I-69 in July and saw a billboard for "Visit Petoskey" in the middle of no where; a business card sized ad is much cheaper than a billboard. You can get a hold of large businesses like Boyne USA or anything that relies on tourism that needs year-round exposure...from my experience these busi-



nesses will always help the Shriners.

On a final note, the 25% that is returned back to the Clubs and Units is for Club and Unit use. I personally know how difficult it is to raise funds with our diminishing membership and I want you to use it to have FUN events, increase the size of your Units bikes, cars, etc...have an occasion with your local lodge that stimulates membership...DO SOMETHING.

## Help Us Help You.

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From The Editor:

Nobles,

We are continuing to develop the Saladin News this year. You will notice in this issue that we have increased the number of pages as well as included more photographs and artwork. I would like to thank everyone who contributed images and articles for this issue.

We have another issue slated for this year and I hope to take things up a notch one more time with our design so we can finish the year strong.

I'm looking for a Noble with artistic abilities who may be able to help me out with some illustrations for our next issue. If you have some experience or are a talented doodler, please contact me!

- The Editor

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# News From Around the Temple...

## ***Past Potentate Tom Russell elected Great Lakes Shrine As- sociation Officer***

We are happy to report that Ill Sir Tom Russell, Past Potentate of Saladin Shriners, was elected the Fourth Vice President of the Great Lakes Shrine Association. He will be very busy over the next few years supporting the GLSA officers and preparing for his eventual presidency which will once again bring the GLSA session to Grand Rapids. Congratulations Illustrious Sir. Saladin is very proud of you.



**Illustrious Sir Tom Russell, Past Potentate of Saladin Temple was recently elected Fourth Vice President of the Great Lakes Shrine Association. Tom is pictured here with his lady Marie.**



## ***Gerald Ford Shriner Button Created for Memorial Service***

Several Divan members and the president of the Scarab Shrine Club were in attendance in fezzes for the annual presidential memorial service held at President Ford's grave on the grounds of the Ford Presidential Museum in Grand Rapids.

To mark the occasion our Oriental Guide produced a limited edition Gerald R. Ford Shriner button. The button depicts the well-known photo showing President Ford wearing his Saladin Fez and conforms to the standard design of political buttons popular during his time.

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

If you don't already have the evening of December 14th marked in your calendar, do it now! Plan to join us at the Saladin Shrine Center for our Awards Night Dinner.

## ***Saladin Shriners elected to Grand Marshal and running for Grand Marshal***

We didn't stutter. We are very happy to announce that at the 2013 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, our own Saladin Noble Mark Manning was elected to the Grand Marshal's chair. We are equally happy to note that another Saladin Noble, Bob "Coop" Cooper, has announced he is seeking the Grand Marshal's chair at the 2014 Grand Lodge. Both Nobles have done much for Masonry and we feel quite proud to have Saladin Shriners putting their best foot forward to guide Masonry's future in this new century for the craft.

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worthy for them to want to be a Shriner.

The reins were removed and this year, 2013, some of our nobles went out to help in finding new alliances with our temple and the Shrine. One such possible cooperation has led to discussions with the The Children with Special Needs Fund (a State-run Charity for children) out of Lansing. There are a number of similarities between the populations we serve. We are also pushing forward with a few more irons...to be named later.

We have recently chartered a new Shrine Club, The Scarab Shrine Club, in Grand Rapids. This young club is already planning a unit and is working on a resurgence and re-growth of Saladin's clown unit in their area.

We have plans, in the next year, to be in the public scene, encourage community involvement and place the

Fez at the eye level of the population en masse.

Again, "Thank You" all Past Saladin Potentates, for your leadership has led us to this point where we can work and redefine our potential; may we continue your excellent efforts.

I was once told, "A Good Man will produce beyond your wildest dreams if left to his own accord." Go forth Good Men, the tether is off, the world is open...produce and make proud your future generations.

Long Live Saladin Shrine and her Nobility. God Bless our Hospitals.

Peace be with you all

**Dan Soullier**

## ...From the Recorder

Greetings Nobles!

I had a conversation recently with a Noble we lost to withdrawal in 2011. Over the course of this year I've tried to keep him up to date on what we've been doing to change the culture of our temple. He told me in our conversation he was coming back to Saladin and it took a little effort for me not to fist pump with excitement right on the spot. This was a win and it shows, in a small measure, that we are on the right track. Unfortunately it also shows how far we still have to go.

That last comment probably seems a little confusing since I just talked about wining in the same breath. I'm not ashamed to say I'm part of a very successful Blue Lodge: Doric #342 in Grand Rapids, MI. The change of culture in our lodge and the success that has followed it has taken us about twelve years to achieve. You have to be honest with yourself in this organization and that honesty tells you a simple reality about virtually all Masonic groups: meaningful change is not a matter of one or two 'good' years. It's about a series of successive three to five year generational changes that positively alters the culture of the organization.

When I talk about a culture change in our temple I'm not referring to an old-guard vs. new-guard thing nor am I suggesting ways of thinking or being that require us to throw the baby out with the bath water. Largely it's about creating a continuity of leadership, not so much in the sense of who is in charge, but rather the succession of people who share a vision of what the future can and should be and are able to pay it forward across that three

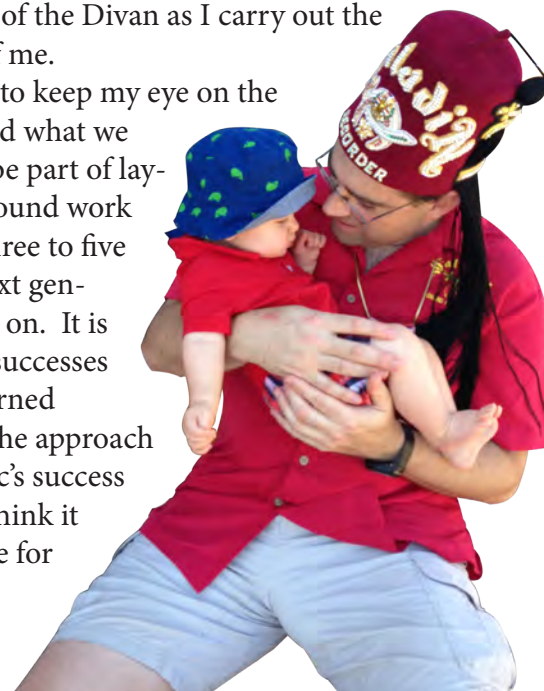
to five year Masonic generation. Their efforts beget the next three to five years where things start to become possible that never would have been in the prior generation.

It is difficult for Masons and Shriners to think like that because we are hard wired into thinking about 'our year' if we happen to be a presiding officer or in the process of becoming one. Plus we like to feel like we can make something happen right now.

I'm approaching this process as a Recorder by first trying to have a personal connection with each of you as a member and a fellow Shriner in our temple. Part of that connection is letting you how much I believe in you and your ability to bring about the changes we need. I also try to understand what you are thinking and feeling about the state of our Temple. I'm not a politician who lives or makes decisions simply by the way you are leaning, but I believe it is important to marry your thoughts and feelings with the efforts of the Divan as I carry out the tasks in front of me.

Finally, I try to keep my eye on the greater prize and what we can do now to be part of laying the solid ground work over the next three to five years for the next generation to build on. It is their potential successes I'm most concerned about. That is the approach that made Doric's success possible and I think it will do the same for Saladin.

-Rick



## Closing Notes from the Recorder...

### Building a Widows List

Our Masonic commitment to widows and orphans is something I take very seriously. Please help me as I try to build an accurate list of Saladin Shrine Widows. If your club maintains a list or you happen to maintain a personal friendship with a widow, please contact my office.

### Thinking of Lodge Secretaries

I've added Lodges and their non-Shriner secretaries in our jurisdiction to our mailing list for the Saladin News. I regularly communicate with several secretaries as I handle matters of deceased or lost brothers. This is a very important link to our Masonic base and I enjoy having regular contact with these hardworking and dedicated brothers.

### Deceased, sick, or shut-ins.

This will sound like a broken record

at some point. Please keep me up to date on any sick, shut-ins or deaths among our family of Nobles. I can't thank you enough for this in advance.

### Thank you from my Niece

She had some car trouble recently in the Berrien County area and was assisted by a Noble who had Shriner emblems on his truck (she recognized it later from my fez). Don't know who you are, but I would like to buy you a 'thank you' drink if you give me a call. Thank you for doing what Masons do!



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## Important Dates For Fall 2013

**Stated Meeting & Ceremonial**  
*October 5 - Saladin Shrine Center - Lunch 11:30, Stated 12:30*

**Costume Ball**  
*October 18 - Saladin Shrine Center - 5:00 pm*

**Cass County Turkey Shoot**  
*October 26-27, November 2-3 - Cass County Shrine Club*

**Saladin Awards Night**  
*December 14 - Time and Location TBD*

**Annual Meeting**  
*January 4, 2014- Time and Location TBD*