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Welcome to the new 2012 Saladin News!

I would like to thank everyone that attended the stated meeting, public installation and the dinner/dance on January 7th. I wish that everyone has a happy and prosperous 2012 year. Our circus dates and times are posted in this issue. Please attend as many shows as you can, we need your help for many jobs. I would like to thank the clubs/units that have already donated money for food and or bikes for the circus.

If you have not done it yet please consider

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**Illustrious Potentate
Jeff Higley Sr. and
First Lady Denise**

Welcome 2012 Divan!



**Our New Chief Aide
Doug Culp and Lady Dea**



**Our New 1st Ceremonial Master
Harold Orr and Lady Martha.**

Welcome 2012 Divan!



**Our New Captain of the Guard
Neil Perry and Lady Lana**



**Our New Assistant Rabban
Dan Soullier and Lady Tabitha**



**Our New High Priest and Prophet
Roger Dorn and Lady Pat**



**Our New Recorder
Dick Higgins and Lady Shirley**

Reminders:

Please consider placing a article about your club and or unit in the future Saladin News. This is always open to your articles.

Also please consider going to Imperial Session in Charlotte, N.C. the end of June and beginning of July. The cost is \$1,200.00 per couple. Please let me know if you are interested.

If anyone is interested in advertising in the Saladin News please contact me.

A fishing auction will be held on February 19th at the Cass County Shrine Club at noon. This event is open to anyone that is interested in fishing gear. Rods, reels, etc all new items.

The next Turkey Shoot is March 24, 25, 31 and April 1st at the Cass County Shrine Club. Mark your calendars for the above listed events and plan on attending.

- Potentate Jeff Higley, Sr.
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donating to the food (\$100.00 per day) and \$75.00 per bike that we give away at each show. As the donations come in you can pick the show or day to give them away if the show has not already been picked. If we have more bikes paid for we will give more than 1 per show. Remember that this is our main fundraiser for the Temple and if we make more \$\$ than we don't need the money from the clubs/units to operate the Temple and we can then send more \$\$ to the hospitals.

Remember that one person can make all the difference in the world. Our onion sales are coming up soon, please start to think about how many bags you would like to order. I recommend that you pre-sale as many as you can, then you will have less time sitting and selling them by the side of the road. Dale Lentz has agreed to be in charge of the onion sales again this year, he will be in contact with you in the near future for your orders. I would also like to thank the current elected Divan for taking the positions that they were elected to and look forward to a great year to work with them. Also I would like to thank Dale and Vi for the time that they put into their year and future years. Please help your clubs/units and the Temple as much as you can. If anyone is going to help at the Circus please let your club/unit President know so he can forward the # of people that will be at the shows by February 27, 2012. This will allow us to notify the Delta-Plex that we do not need any ushers and also that we have extra people to work the concessions. Also we are doing something new, the kids that attend the circus will be voting on the Saladin Shrine Clown of the year. Whoever is the winner will get a new Fez that will have shrine clown of the year 2012 on it.

Please all clowns we need to see as many of you at the circus to promote this and to see



Potentate with Grandson Jack (future Shriner)

the smiles on the kids faces. We are also going to have a yearbook done this year, you will be notified of when to have your pictures taken and the location.

2012 Potentate
Jeff Higley Sr.

2012 VIDALIA ONIONS

The Vidalia Onion Program is being handled by Dale Lentz again this year.

We have received great onions the past five years and the program is growing again, with more and more onions being ordered and sold by clubs and units. The Onion Farmer in Georgia that furnished those great onions to us will be our supplier again this year.

The Vidalia Onions are shipped from the supplier in 10# bags. The pricing will be the same as last year. We will get a quantity of 5# bags for those who wish to split the 10# bags for their senior or single customers. Also, the supplier will ship the Vidalia Onions in 5# bags; but, only in full pallet quantities.

CLUB & UNITS: Orders must be submitted by the first week in April.

Any Orders, Questions or Comments should be directed to:

Dale Lentz, 604 W. Franklin Ave., Reed City, MI 49677
e-mail: dalelentz@yahoo.com
Home Phone: 231-832-5411
Cell Phone: 231-250-8445

Shrine Yearbook



Nobles and Ladies: Have you ever seen someone at a Shrine event and not known their name? We want to help by creating a yearbook with all of the members of our Shrine. The yearbook will also include pictures of leadership, units, and various events. Summerfield Studios will be photographing our Nobles and Ladies and they will publish our yearbook. Call Summerfield Studios at 1-877-764-4535 ext. 210 to schedule your appointment. Please plan to participate. We want the yearbook to be as complete as possible.

Shrine Yearbook



Nobles and Ladies: We are going to be creating a shrine yearbook in the next few months. We need everyone's participation to make our yearbook complete! Please plan to participate. More information will be coming soon.

From the desk of the *Chief Rabban*

I would like to begin by thanking the Nobility for placing their confidence in me by electing me as your Chief Rabban for 2012. Carla and I look forward to working for the betterment of Saladin Temple and are willing to assist you in any manner that we can. With the circus coming soon, I encourage all of the Nobels of Saladin to come out and give as much support as you can for this critical fund raiser. Ill Sir Jeff has some new ideas for increasing our profit and it is essential that we have as much support from the Nobility as possible. If we are unable to man the necessary number of usher spots, we will be charged for ushers by the Delta-plex which will reduce our profits. The new mini 500 unit as well as the Berrien County Mini Bikers will have a few of their vehicles at the circus that the kids can pose with and have their pictures taken. Other units are encouraged to participate as well. We will have a membership table at the circus this year in order to provide information to prospective new members. If there are local Blue Lodge members that would like to be a part of this membership initiative and pass out Masonic information, you are welcome at our table as well. I am

Scott Sanford, Chief Rabban

From the desk of the *Asst. Rabban*

About one month ago, I was in church. My priest, Father David, talked of all of the things that our congregation had done for our community; the pride swelled in the church. He talked of our donations to needy families, the local food pantries, and the Community Christmas Project. He said that this was a good, maybe great thing we had done. Then he went quiet and looked out over us and said, "But what have you done for God today? Since all our service, all the good we do is for God; then what have you done for him today?"

The cause we Shriners have is good. Since all good service is the work of the Great Architect... it is his work through us.

Thus,

"What can I do as a Shriner today?"

"What can I do to make my temple a better place?"

"How can I aid the clubs and units in their endeavors?"

"How can I help my fellow Noble to have fun and be a better man?"

These are not questions for only me, but for all of us.

going to try to organize a Temple wide newspaper sale for the fall. This event is designed to do a number of things. First, we need to get donations from the general public for the trust. All of the money raised will go to the trust which we will then donate to Imperial per Imperial law. Second, by having the sale during one weekend all over our jurisdiction, it is hoped that we will get some free publicity for Saladin. The idea is to have the clubs and units contact local radio and newspapers letting them know that the Shriners will be out collecting donations and encouraging public support.

It is hoped that we will have some radio interviews explaining who we are and what we do. The newspaper that we will be distributing will provide contact information as well as dates and times for our clinics. The clubs and units are encouraged to add an "insert" to the papers identifying items of local interest, dates and times of local events and any other information that they would like. Finally, it is hoped that we can gain new members from the publicity that we will generate with the sale. We must begin to increase our ranks in order to survive. It is understood that we all have different things that take up our time. Please volunteer in any manner that you can. Many hands make for light work. I look forward to working with each and every Noble to make 2012 a GREAT year for Saladin!

Yes, we have all placed our best foot forward, but in a long journey such as the one we have chosen with the Shrine, each foot forward has to be better than the one before. Yes, we stumble or stop in this path, but it is up to us to keep striving on and continue moving. Yes, it is easy to become despondent or even satisfied with what we have done, and live for the memories, but it is also up to us to pick up those Nobles who have fallen or stopped and encourage them along the way, to keep our tomorrow alive.

So, what can you do for the Shrine today?

Many years ago I met a five time world martial arts grand champion. I was there the day he won his fifth title, and I asked him if he was proud of his accomplishment.

He said, while looking at his five foot high trophy, "this is a piece of metal and plastic that defines one moment in my life. This is a moment I can never live again. This is a moment that tells who I am now. Tomorrow I have to work harder to that next moment if I want to stay where I am...but that is all unimportant, because it is what I do today that matters. Since the past is the past and unobtainable, I will work for today."

Nobles, this man was 16 years old when he told me this. What can you do for the Shrine Today?

**Peace be with you all,
Dan Soullier, Assistant Rabban**



Dea, Denise and Diane



Ladies luncheon

2012 Shrine Circus Ticket Information

Tickets are available at www.etix.com and in the Delta Plex box office.

See below for a summary of the ticket prices:

Thursday, March 8, 2012 - 11:30AM performance

Bleachers (General Admission) \$10
Preferred and Outer seating (Reserved) \$13 / Seniors \$11

Thursday, March 8, 2012 - 7PM Performance

Bleachers (General Admission) \$10
Outer Seats (Reserved) \$14 / Seniors \$12
Preferred seating (Reserved) \$16 / Seniors \$14
4-Pack (pref only) \$48 - Buy 3 get 1 free

Friday, March 9, 2012 - 10:30AM Performance

Bleachers (General Admission) \$10
Preferred & Outer seating (Reserved) \$13 / Seniors \$11

Friday, March 9, 2012 - 4PM

Bleachers (General Admission) \$10
Preferred & Outer seating (Reserved) \$11 / Seniors \$9

Friday, March 9, 2012 - 7PM Performance

Bleachers (General Admission) \$10
Preferred Seating (Reserved) \$16 / Seniors \$14
4-Pack (Preferred seating only) \$48 - Buy 3 get 1 free
Outer seating (Reserved) \$14 / Seniors \$12

Saturday, March 10, 2012 - 10AM Performance

Bleachers (General Admission) \$10
Outer seating (Reserved) \$14 / Seniors \$12
Preferred seating (Reserved) \$16 / Seniors 14

Saturday, March 10, 2012 - 2:30PM Performance

Bleachers (General Admission) \$10
Outer seating (Reserved) \$14 / Seniors \$12
Preferred seating (Reserved) \$16 / Seniors 14

Saturday, March 10, 2012 - 7PM Performance

Bleachers (General Admission) \$10
Outer seating (Reserved) \$14 / Seniors \$12
Preferred seating (Reserved) \$16 / Seniors 14

Sunday, March 11, 2012 - 1:30PM

Bleachers (General Admission) \$10
Outer seating (Reserved) \$14 / Seniors \$12
Preferred seating (Reserved) \$16 / Seniors 14

Sunday, March 11, 2012 - 5:30PM

Bleachers (General Admission) \$10
Outer seating (Reserved) \$14 / Seniors \$12
Preferred seating (Reserved) \$16 / Seniors 14
4-Pack (Pref Seating only) \$48 - Buy 3 get 1 Free

International Shrine Events

East-West Shrine Game 2012

In front of a crowd of 18,000 fans, it was the West team that came out on top in the 2012 East-West Shrine Game at Tropicana Stadium in St. Petersburg, Fla. In addition to the fans in the stadium, many more fans tuned-in to the game on the NFL Network, via radio on the TuneIn Radio App, and online through a "listen live" link on the game's website. The game's website had more than 50,000 hits on game day and many fans sent updates via Twitter and Facebook.

The game capped-off a week of activities for the best college players in the U.S. and Canada, and included player practices, an awards banquet and a visit to Shriners Hospitals for Children in Tampa.

This year's Hall of Fame Inductees are Martin Gramatica and Joey Harrington. The Pat Tillman Award recipient is Tauren Poole of the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

Thank you to the fans, sponsors, coaches, players, staff, patients and families, Shriners, and the city of St. Petersburg for helping make this year's game a success!

International Sports Committee Meeting March 4-6

Do you have an athletic event sponsored or hosted by your temple? If so, we welcome a representative from your event to attend the upcoming Sports Seminar to be held in Tampa on March 4-6, 2012. This is a great opportunity to share ideas and learn new methods to help make your sports events more successful. If you would like more information, please contact:

Dale Stauss, Imperial Assistant Rabban, Chairman, Imperial Athletics

Cell: 218-779-3442

Email: dalestauss@hotmail.com

2012 OR and AG Seminar Registration and Info

The 2012 Oriental Guide Seminar will be held in Tampa, March 8-10.

Registration and additional information can be found in the Fraternity Education section of Shriners Village.

Shriners International Historic Preservation Project

Shriners International is in search of historic Shiner photographs, film and video to help promote our anniversary year in 2012. We encourage you to explore your temple's archives, storage room or even the attic of your home to see what treasures you might discover. Our greatest need is for photos from 1872 - 1962. We prefer that photographs be submitted electronically to aflenghi@shrinenet.org. If you have a large number of photos, please be sure to e-mail them in a compressed folder. If you choose to physically mail your photos or a photo CD, send them to Shriners International Headquarters, Attention: Amanda Flenghi, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607. Please note that we will not be able to return photos to you. By submitting photographs, you acknowledge that you or your temple are the owner and that you consent to the reproduction or use of the images by Shriners International Headquarters.

For film or video, please e-mail aflenghi@shrinenet.org.

In your e-mail please describe the content, the year it was recorded and the format of the film or video.

Be Burn Aware is Focus of 2012 Burn Education Effort

Be Burn Aware is the focus of this year's 2012 Burn Awareness campaign. While the campaign kick-off is during Burn Awareness Week (Feb. 5-11), this is a year-long effort.

This year, we are introducing two new characters, Boots and Brewster. In the activity books for kids ages 3-7 and 8-12, the pair lead readers through various rooms of the house, identifying dangers and teaching children how to avoid them. The new poster and tip sheet offer kids and adults safety advice.

Our educational materials are free and are great tools for firefighters, teachers, caregivers and families to share. Posters, tip sheets and activity books are available at www.bur-awareness.org. We also have materials for temples to help get the word out, including a one-sheet and sample press release.

We hope you will help us spread the word about this important effort!

Charlotte Welcomes Shriners

It's not too early to start planning your trip to the 138th Imperial Session in Charlotte, NC, July 1-5.

Oasis Shriners and Deputy Imperial Potentate Al Madsen look forward to hosting the 2012 Imperial Session in their home city. Please make your plans soon, and be a part of the fraternity's most significant week of the year.

David Kim Visits N. Cal Hospital

Philadelphia Orchestra concertmaster David Kim recently visited our Northern California hospital to perform for patients, families and staff.

Many of the children gathered for the performance were from other countries and spoke little or no English. But it was clear from their smiles that they understood the language of music. The ability to play music is a gift, Kim told the children. "But it's not just to play in a concert hall. I can bring beautiful music to people like you, too."

Select IHOP Locations Support Shriners Hospitals for Children

On Feb. 28, The International House of Pancakes (IHOP) will celebrate National Pancake Day by offering guests a free short stack of buttermilk pancakes and an invitation to make a donation to charity.

In select IHOP locations in Alabama, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Wyoming, patrons will be invited to make a donation to Shriners Hospitals for Children®.