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SALADIN NEWS

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Tall Ship Event Planned for August 15

Please join Saladin in Traverse City for this special social event.

Last year the weather did not cooperate with us and we were forced to cancel our tall ship cruise, but the interest was so high our High Priest & Prophet Jonathan Duley has organized another trip setting sail on the tall ship Manitou out of Traverse City on August 15th.

The cost will be \$40 per person and it will include a picnic dinner and drink tinctet. A cash bar will also be available. There are 59 tickets available and they will all go quickly so please do not delay in making your reservations. Ladies are invited.

RSVP to Sara at the Temple office at (616) 942-1570 or skopec@saladinshrine.com. Please let her know whether you prefer a turkey or vegetable wrap. Payment can be made directly to the High Priest the night of the event. 'No-shows' will be invoiced.



What: Grand Traverse Tall Ships Picnic Sail

When: Saturday, August 15th

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

Cost: \$40 per person

Address where we'll meet:

13258 S.W. Bayshore Dr., Traverse City, MI 49684

Please arrive no later than 6pm.

Fridays with Saladin



Enjoy a little after-work after-glow with Saladin Shriners. Every Friday night from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in room 624 of the Grand Rapids Masonic Temple.

*Dress is Casual
Ladies are Welcome*

We hope to see you Friday!

Temple Calendar for the Remainder of 2015

Saladin Stated Meeting - June 13
12:00 P.M. - Grand Rapids Masonic Temple

Imperial Session - July 5 to 9
Houston, TX

Tall Ship Sail - August 15
6:00 P.M. - Traverse City, MI

Saladin Stated Meeting - October 3
12:00 P.M. - Grand Rapids Masonic Temple

Saladin Ceremonial - November 14
10:00 A.M. - 4 P.M. Grand Rapids Masonic Temple

Saladin Stated Meeting - December 12
12:00 P.M. - Grand Rapids Masonic Temple

Saladin Annual Meeting - January 2
12:00 P.M. - Grand Rapids Masonic Temple

Friday Social Hour - Every Friday
5:30 P.M. - 6:30 pm Grand Rapids Masonic Temple

Shriners Hospitals for Children® provides specialty care for children up to age 18 with **orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate**, regardless of the families' ability to pay. All care and services are delivered in a family-centered environment.



For more information about our mission, or to refer a patient, visit shrinershospitalsforchildren.org to locate a hospital near you. Or call 800-237-5055 in the U.S., or 800-361-7256 in Canada.

Sale of East Paris property completed in March

Sale of 4200 Saladin Drive property completed 3/31/2015. Temple moves to temporary quarters in Grand Rapids Masonic Temple.

The sale of our Temple property at 4200 Saladin Drive was completed with a closing on 3/31/2015. The purchaser was Ada Bible Church, a multi-campus Christian church in the Grand Rapids area. The buyer has also obtained the former tennis club that was adjacent to our property. They are redeveloping our building for use in their ministry.

The sale itself was initiated with a \$1,100,000 purchase offer made from the church to the Divan in January. The Divan voted to accept the offer subject to the approval of the nobility per Imperial Law.

A special meeting of the nobility was called in February and a vote was taken in the affirmative to accept the offer. The results of the meeting were communicated to the buyer and it took another 30 days or so to complete various issues related to the sale including: (1) an unresolved title issue dating back to the original purchase of the land in the 70s; (2) assignment of the cell tower and billboard leases; and (3) various other items of due diligence related to sale of the property.

With everything resolved, a closing was set for April 31st. Total consideration for the sale was \$1,100,000. Taxes, Billboard and Cell tower leases were prorated as sellers charges totalling \$15,021.64. A \$66,000 sale commission was paid to Colliers International. Settlement costs and transfer taxes totalled \$11,860. Total cash paid to the Saladin Temple Holding Corporation after all sellers charges was \$1,007,188.36.

Proceeds of the sale have been placed on deposit with the Temple's bank. The Investment committee is forming plans to invest the money as part of the Temple's Invested Reserve Fund. The temple is working with its accounting firm to reduce any capital gains liability the Holding Corporation may have related to the sale. After this is resolved, the Holding Corporation will be dissolved and the sale proceeds will be invested with the remainder of the Temple Invested Reserve Fund.

Shortly after the offer was approved, the Divan met to consider possible nearby temporary locations for the Temple. Several sites were looked at using the same process established in Appendix 7 of the Saladin Shriners Building Study released at a meeting of the temple in Feb-

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The Shriner statue and the various temple contents kept by the temple are safely stored in a room on the 6th floor of our temporary quarters in Grand Rapids. Our Friday Temple receptions are held in the same room every week.



Saladin Shriners and Saladin Shriners Children's Trust are currently housed in temporary quarters in the Grand Rapids Masonic Temple at 233 East Fulton St. in Grand Rapids.

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bruary 2014. http://www.saladinshrine.com/Saladin_Building_Study_Feb20_2014.pdf

Through this process, the Divan arrived at the the decision that the Grand Rapids Masonic Temple on 233 East Fulton street presented the best nearby option meeting all of Saladin's immediate needs for temporary space for the office staff and storage of Temple contents. Also, the several dining and meeting rooms of the building provided space to conduct meals and Stated Meetings. Following a vote of the Divan and consultation with Shriners International, a temporary office site and storage space was secured in the building.

After the completion of the sale process and securing temporary space, arrangements were made with the buyer to remain in the 4200 Saladin Drive space for a few weeks in order to move the building contents the Temple wanted to retain and sell everything we did not intend to take with us to the temporary space. Powell Moving company was hired to assist in moving of a majority of the retained temple assets to the temporary space.

Following the move to the temporary space, the remaining temple assets were auctioned by Orbitbid.com, a division of Miedema Auctions. The auction netted \$20,362.82. After the auction items were picked up by their respective buyers, the Recorder spent the next four days cleaning out any remaining contents of the Temple and the outbuildings. He would like to thank Nobles Paul Goosmann, Dale Kramer, and Harry Jones for their assistance in cleaning

out the buildings. The entire process certainly had a negative effect on the mouse population of Kentwood.

The process of settling in at the temporary location has been ongoing. The move presented the opportunity for the Temple to make several repairs and upgrades to its computer system that were long overdue. Also, our phone system at the prior temple was no longer supported by the manufacturer and was prone to serious outages over the last year. The system was replaced in the new office with one that was graciously donated by Noble Ben Woolley's employer. Our temporary quarters in the Grand Rapids Masonic Temple are comprised of:

-Suite 102 - An 840 square foot commercial office housing the Temple Secretary (Sara), The Foundation Secretary (Judy), the Treasurer (Dave), and the Recorder (Rick).

-Suite 624 - 1,970 square feet of storage / multi-use space previously referred to as the "Red Room."

-full access to the building's ballroom, lodge rooms, dining rooms, and amphitheater at no extra cost per use.

-Additional 7th floor storage space as well as on site storage of our hospital van and trailer.

The temporary space is rented on a month to month basis pending a resolution of the Temple Charter location and a Temple needs assessment led by the Assistant Rabban.

Sellers Final Settlement from Sale of 4200 Saladin Property

| Charge Description | Seller Charge | Seller Credit |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Consideration: | | |
| Total Consideration | | 1,100,000.00 |
| Prorations: | | |
| 2015 Estimated Real Property Taxes 01/01/15 to 03/31/15 @\$53011.73/yr | 12,926.15 | |
| Sign Location Lease 3/31/2015 thru 4/30/2015 03/31/15 to 04/30/15 @\$708.34/mo | 731.19 | |
| Cell Tower Lease 3/31/2015 thru 4/30/2015 03/31/15 to 04/30/15 @\$1321.67/mo | 1,364.30 | |
| Commission: | | |
| Commission Paid at Settlement to Colliers International | 66,000.00 | |
| Title/Escrow Charges to: | | |
| Settlement/Closing Fee to First American Title Insurance Company | 300.00 | |
| Owners Premium to First American Title Insurance Company | 2,100.00 | |
| County Transfer Tax to Kent County Register of Deeds | 1,210.00 | |
| State Transfer Tax to Kent County Register of Deeds | 8,250.00 | |
| | | |
| Cash (X To) (From) Seller | 1,007,118.36 | |
| | | |
| Totals | 1,100,000.00 | 1,100,000.00 |

High Priest has a great experience at the East West Game



2015 High Priest & Propher Jon Duley snaps a selfie while enjoying himself parading with the Mini 500s at a recent parade.

About a year and a half ago, I was visiting Tampa, Florida with my mom and brother to spend Christmas with some family friends. We had a great time (although vegan Christmas dinner was a little strange) and I really enjoyed a little warm weather. I knew I'd probably be back in the area again soon, but I had no idea just how soon that was going to be.

On the flight home, I was extremely bored so I decided to spend the \$19.99 for incredibly slow in-flight internet access. I played around on Facebook for a bit and then decided to check to see how much plane tickets were for the weekend of the Shrine East West Game back in Tampa. Lucky for me, I searched for tickets during that famous two hour window when Delta was having some website glitches; I scored three round trip tickets from Grand Rapids to Tampa for \$35 each. Yep, you read that correctly... \$35 each. And so the planning began.

Saladin Recorder Rick Williams, my girlfriend Michele, and I all flew down to Tampa on the Friday morning of East

West weekend. Rick and I wore our fezzes on the plane (naturally) and had to explain ourselves to many people as they asked what we were doing. Once we landed in Tampa, we hopped in the convertible Mustang we rented, and headed for the hotel.

The hotel was in St. Petersburg, right on the beach, and when we arrived, we were met by hundreds of nobles walking around wearing their fezzes and fancy jewels. It was incredible to see how happy everyone was while meeting new people, talking up their own Shrine Temples, enjoying cocktails and cigars, and mingling with former East West players. There were even a couple NFL coach sightings that first day.

We met hundreds of people that evening at the hotel before heading to

the East West Hall of Fame Players' Banquet at Tropicana Field. Dinner was on the actual football field, and we even had a chance to talk to some of the players who would be playing

on Saturday. The most incredible part about the evening, though, was when five Shriners Hospitals for Children patients spoke about their individual experiences. There wasn't a dry eye on the field, and I could really see the strength of the international camaraderie of the Shrine.

The next day was the big game. We headed to Tropicana Field for the Imperial Tailgate where even more Shriners and their families had gathered to enjoy food, drinks, games, and fun. We met Nickels the clown, hung out with several Imperial officers, helped serve food at the tailgate line, spent about an hour at a tiki bar on wheels, and even got a chance to hang out with Imperial Am-

bassador Leigh Dittman and her family. Eventually, we headed inside to find our seats for the game.

It was a lot of fun to watch the game right up close. Our seats were pretty good, so we were able to see all the action. It was everything you would expect from world class athletes, and from an organization as great as the Shrine. After the game, we headed back to the hotel for a quick nap before going out for a night on the town in Tampa.

We had to leave on Sunday morning, but I felt the truest sense of the saying "Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again." We all talked about how much fun we had and how we couldn't wait to do it again next year. We had met some incredible people and made some great memories.

True to form, we went back to the East West game this year, too. We had just as good of a time, and it made me realize the great potential Saladin has to be a nationally known Temple for everything we do to help kids and have fun. It's events like the East West game that really re-energize

the social aspect of what it means to be a Shriner. We spend a lot of time focusing on the hospitals (as it should be), but sometimes we need to have some fun, too. If you haven't been to Tampa for the East West Shrine Game, I highly encourage you to make the trip in 2016. If we can get a group together, we can reserve a block of rooms and all travel together.

I can't wait to go next year (a third time) to meet even more people, rekindle friendships from the last two years, and put a little more fun in the fez with some football!

Chief Rabban looks to a bright future for the Temple

Hello Nobles and Ladies from Lady Connie and your Chief Rabban and thank you for having the confidence to allow me to serve you another year. 2014 was a year with many accomplishments in regards to adding to our membership and monies donated to the hospitals of which both of these we should consider as great accomplishments for our fraternity not seen in many years. We have lost some members along the way, whether it be due to health, philosophy and or priorities in life. Those are things we have little control over, other than making sure our members

feel they are contributing to a just and valid cause and that there is no place within our organization for alienation of the member and that all opinions are valued by one and all. As we know as Mason's we meet on the Level and Act by the Plumb and part upon the Square, we are brothers and while brothers do not always agree and sometime argue and fight, that when it comes to the bottom line we are always there for one another and for one cause and that is the Children of Shriners Hospital there is no place for personal agendas in this organization just the kids.

Last year we worked on updating the bylaws for Saladin, we have looked and continue to look at controlling expenses.

As always our objectives are to grow the membership and it is a plan that has been in place for the last two years courtesy of PP Scott Sanford who saw a definite need and to that I say in essence we are all membership directors when it comes to the shrine and we must share ideas with

each other and look at ideas we may be able to forage from other temples and even other organizations, what idea do you have that might bring in a new member, or what would work for fund raisers to bring no only funds to the trust but also to the Temple to assist in funding either building renovation or special parties within Saladin?

The other thing is the Ladies

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of the Shrine, understand this Nobles without our Ladies many of us might not be affiliated and or doing what we do today without their support, with that said though although some think otherwise our ladies are an intricate part of this organization, from the clubs all the way up to Shriners International. And thereby are also an important part of accomplishing what needs to be done. There are times when our Ladies may be called upon to help us in our endeavors and this has been a tradition that goes back to the beginning of Shrine. at times our Ladies may be the reason that we gain another Shriner.

As many of you know I along with Sarah Klaas have put together a booklet based on the Shriners Hospital for Children services that are offered, I have tried to get at least 25 per club so that can give these out to not only prospective members, Hospitals, Doctors and other Medical Professionals, the initial 25 per club is being paid for by the Trust fund, for those that have not received there may be some already at Saladin if not please feel free to get in touch with me and I will see that you receive them.

I am also inquiring about this



Bill Martindale & Lady Connie Chief Rabban 2015

should it happen which nothing in life is guaranteed in 2016 Lady Connie and I will be looking for a Chief Aide and Lady to assist in endeavors we are of the mind that since Saladin is located in the Grand Rapids area that we are in need of someone in the area that can help with events. So if you might know of anyone or even your self might be interested please feel free to talk to us we are more than willing to talk to anyone interested.

We look forward to working with one and all. I know I have told many of a little history I have with Saladin but thought I would pass on to all, in 1982 there was a Potentate out of Kalamazoo a doctor Jim Loynd. On August 11, 1957 Dr. Jim Loynd was the doctor that delivered me at the old Borgess Hospital in Kalamazoo, a few years later he would also accept the responsibility of being one of my God Parents. I did lose track of Dr. Loynd after we moved in 72 but how shocked I was to find out that I had a deeper connection to Saladin then I would ever have thought.

Fraternally yours,
Bill Martindale
Chief Rabban



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I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Master Mason in _____ Lodge

No. _____ Located at _____ (city) _____ (state)

which meets the recognition standards of the Conference of Grand Masters in North America, Interamerican Masonic Confederation or the World Conference of Grand Lodges. Furthermore, I have resided at my current address for not less than 6 months, as required by the Bylaws of Shriners International. I hereby make application to become a Noble of the Order and a member of your temple. If granted membership, I promise to conform to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of Shriners International and the Bylaws and Ceremonies of your temple.

Have you previously applied for admission to any temple of the Order? Yes No

If yes, what temple? _____ When? _____

Were you ever a DeMolay? Yes No

If yes, what Chapter? (name and location) _____

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Birthplace _____ Date of Birth _____

Residence _____
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Phone _____ Email _____

Business _____
Number and Street County City State Zip

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Name of Spouse / Lady _____

Date _____, 20____ Signature _____

PRINT FULL NAME _____

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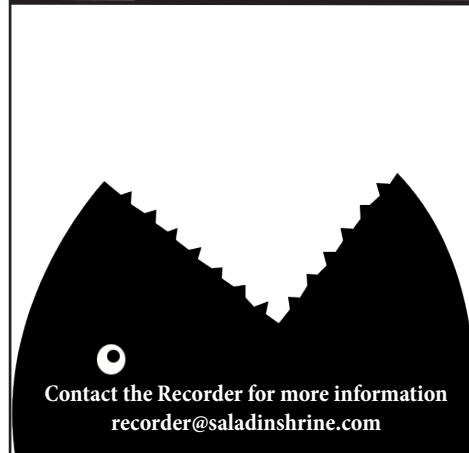
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