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### **Membership Statistics**

Membership As Of 01-01-2014	5473
Associate Members Start 2014	50
Total Membership 01-01-201	5523

	Current	Yr to Date
Creations	0	0
Affiliations	0	0
Restored	11	11
Assoc. Members	0	0

#### Total Additions YTD 11

	Current Y	r to Date
Demits	0	0
Suspensions	7	7
Deaths	8	8
Assoc. Dropped	0	0
Reversals	0	0
	<b>Total Deletions</b>	YTD 15
Membership As Of 1-31-2014		5519
Net Loss/Gain Y7	ΓD	-4

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### Potentate's Monthly Message

# The New Year Is Off and Running

The year 2014 is off and running; it began with an excellent Leadership Seminar and Installation. Lady Dixie and I want to thank all those who made the day special for us. A "tip of the fez" goes to Oriental Guide Todd Jones and Lady Jennifer and to Chief of Staff Aaron Dominey and Lady Judi for all their assistance. I also want to thank Ill. Sir Mike Clevenger and Ill. Sir Bill Selsam for the program they provided to the club and unit officers.

We will have another great opportunity to increase our membership this year. The Grand Master of Ohio is having a Masonic One-Day on April 5, 2014 in each Masonic District. Ill. Sir Calvin Smith will be contacting Shrine clubs within each district to solicit volunteers to hand out information to potential new Nobles. Aladdin Shrine will have two full-dress ceremonials this year; the first will be on June 14, 2014. The cost for the ceremonial in June is only \$90. The last ceremonial for 2014 will be on October 25, 2014 with a cost of \$194 which includes 2015's dues. Please read Ill. Sir Calvin Smith's article in the *Lamp* on membership.

The annual sled hockey event went very well. We had a nice turnout of Nobles and ladies to support the children in their hockey playing endeavors. This is one event everyone should try to see at least once.

The circus is coming to town on March 27–30. Circus Director John Morris has assured me that it is going to be another great circus (with elephants this year). We need your help to make this a successful circus; you can help by volunteering and through the sale of ads and banners.

With the upcoming Potentate's visitations to the clubs and units in full force, I look forward to meeting and talking to old friends and making new ones. Other events in the not-to-distant future are the Marietta Shrimp Feed (3/24), the Morgan County Wild Game feed (4/10), the Aladdin Audio Unit Easter Egg Hunt (4/19), the Santee Golf Outing (4/13-17), and the Kentucky Derby Party at Scioto Downs (5/3). Watch the *Lamp* for additional information on these and others.



W. Garol Rogers, Potentate

Remember, "We Do It All For KIDS."

### First Lady's Heritage Fund Project

by First Lady Dixie Rogers

The Potentate's lady sponsors a fundraising project each year. This year I am raising funds for the Heritage Fund Project which will support Aladdin Shriners who need a helping hand to pay their dues for membership.

I am selling a wood replica of the Aladdin Shrine Building known as a Cat's Meow Collector's Item for \$20.00 each. There is also a patriotic cat pin known as "Casper" that will be sold for \$5.00 each to those who want to wear a pin in support of the 2014 project.

Membership is a very important part of Aladdin Shrine and once a person becomes a member it is important that the member stays active. Hardships come to all ages, so this fund will be there to pay the way for those members who might be having a difficult time paying their dues. Members encounter job layoffs, medical bills, medical needs, prescriptions and many other things that no one expects to happen.

The Heritage Fund will be administered by the Recorder and Membership Committee. Any Aladdin member who needs a little help can contact one of these resources for assistance.

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### Stevenson Appointed to Board



Noble Robert Stevenson (left) has been appointed to represent the Aladdin Shriners on the Board of Governors at Shriners Hospitals for Children – Erie Ambulatory Surgery Center and Outpatient Specialty Care Center.

Board Chairman Jeff Stephenson (right) presents Noble Stevenson with his official certificate of Board membership.



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#### Stated Meetings

Regular meetings of the Aladdin Shriners are held the third Monday of each month except June, July and August at 6:30 PM. (Dinner at 5:30 PM) Aladdin Shrine Center, 3850 Stelzer Road, Columbus, Ohio

#### Elected Divan

Potentate: W. Garol Rogers Chief Rabban: David E. Wolfe Assistant Rabban: Ronald H. Leonard High Priest and Prophet: Jon M. Kinney Oriental Guide: Todd Jones Treasurer: Dennis D. Feyh Recorder: Donald G. Goodman, P.P. Appointed Divan 1st Ceremonial Master: Rodney L. Holdren 2<sup>nd</sup> Ceremonial Master: Zale A. Maxwell

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# Chaplain's Message

by William E. Estell, P.P.

In reading the book of Matthew, chapter 25:14-30, we find the parable of the talents. In this parable, Jesus describes the story of a wealthy man who was going on a journey and he summoned his servants. To one servant, he gave five talents, to the second, he gave two, and to the third, he gave one, each according to his abilities. The first servant took it upon himself to invest his talents and he gained five more. The second did likewise and gained two more, but the third took his talent and buried it in a field.

When the man returned from his journey, he again summoned his servants and was pleased that the first two had invested wisely and gained, and to these two he gave rewards. But to the third servant no reward was given; he was not pleased because that servant did nothing with his talent.

In your free time, read this parable to gain the details. The point of the story that Christ was making is that Father God isn't concerned with the amount of talent you possess, but rather what you are doing with that talent. What does this have to do with us as Shriners?

These are exciting times for Aladdin Shrine. We have sold our property for a good price and have an opportunity to solidify our future. There is much to do: new property to find, a building to design and construct, moving preparations that need to be made and much more. If you have talents in these areas, speak up and let the Potentate know. He will direct you to the proper committee. I'm sure all help would be appreciated. Don't wait to be asked, come forward and volunteer. By working together we can have something wonderful.

"For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance." Matt. 25:29



# Erie Hospital

by Bob Stevenson

2013 is now "in the book" and some of the performance areas are truly exceptional. Although numbers make for a really dull article, I hope your eyes don't glaze over and make you nod off. They will be short and I trust you'll find them worth noting.

For example, in 2013 we saw 2,433 new patients, since the new format for our hospital began in mid 2012, the new patient total is 5,012.

As you are aware, we now focus on Ambulatory Surgery and Outpatient Specialty Care. For 2013, we had 11,901 total outpatient encounters, and since our new beginning, 26,557!

We preformed 325 outpatient surgeries in 2013 and 738 since beginning. Also, we still do inpatient surgery, just not in our building. We have them done at Shriners Hospital for Children-Philadelphia, University of Pittsburg Children's Hospital and, locally, University Pittsburg-Hamot in Erie. In 2013 we performed 132 surgeries and 266 since beginning. By any measure, these are impressive numbers.

Now, for the monthly stumper (sort of). How many of you know Erie has a dietitian dedicated to working with families on nutrition issues leading to positive outcomes for our kids? Ok, raise your hands...Well, we do and in 2013 she had 873 visits and since beginning, a total of 1,781 visits.

The reason I bring up this last one is to update you on an ongoing issue between SHC-Erie and Tampa. Since our name changed from being a hospital there have been ongoing issues with keeping both our food service and our dietitian. The reasoning from Tampa was since we no longer have overnight patients, we probably do not need food service. Also, since we are now more an outpatient facility, we probably don't need a dietitian. I'm pleased to report that at a January 16 meeting with members of SHC-Erie staff, the Board of Governors members and the Joint Boards of Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children, it was decided both services will remain.

This is good news for our families, our kids and also for our RoadRunners. Nutrition is a key element in successful healing and growth. If a child is in overnight or outpatient has no bearing upon nutrition needs and guidance for parents and caregivers. It is still a vital need. Also, for our RoadRunners and those of other Temples, driving 500 or more miles round trip in a day, in all kinds of weather, it means a place for a warm meal. Nutritious food for our kids before heading home is truly important. Stopping at a McDonalds is not what we are about. We are pleased that we can continue to offer the very best of care to our kids-period.

Ok, enough numbers. While they may be boring, at the same time you have to be proud of the scope of work being done at Erie. We at Erie are also proud that we are the forerunner of things to come. In the next couple of years you will learn of more of our hospitals moving to this new model, working in conjunction with outstanding children's hospitals in their areas. This maximizes the resources available, bringing even better outcomes

In the coming year, SHC-ERIE will be adding to the list of medical conditions we will be able to treat. This will be a very positive result of our new model that will bring benefit to those of us in Aladdin territory and the other Temples who support SHC-ERIE.

Finally, we welcome Noble Tom McNeil of Steubenville Shrine Club as our new Associate member of the Board of Governors, SHC-Erie. We are pleased to be back at full strength in representing Aladdin Shriners.

We wish you all a belated Happy New Year, but then we Shriners will always have a Happy New Year helping more kids and their families through our hospitals.

# Masonic Night with The Shrine

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# Membership Memo

by Calvin Smith, P.P.

Aladdin is conducting a June 14, 2014 Ceremonial and the fee is \$90. Petitions are available from the office or from our website, aladdinshrine.org.

Ahead of this ceremonial, the Grand Master gave each Masonic District permission to conduct a One-Day class on Saturday, April 5, 2014. Each of us needs to get ready for this opportunity to grow all aspects of our fraternity.

Your lodge candidate must proceed through your lodge's processes for election. You need to move on this immediately and submit your petitions to your secretary without delay. Whatever your Lodge fees are for this event are the fees that apply.

So, let us all get off the sofa, fight off the cold and show a good man a future that includes the light of Masonry. Go with him as he finds his way through your lodge.

#### You can do this; just try!

Complete details regarding One-Day class sites and schedules will be contained in the March Lamp.

# Cincinnati Hospital

by Bob Lazenby and D. Dee Mowry, P.P.

The first meeting of the 2014 Board of Governors of the Cincinnati Hospital was held on (the VERY cold) January 22. The board welcomed three new members to the board, including P. P. D. Dee Mowry, Aladdin who joins Bob Lazenby, another Aladdin member on the board.

Your hospital continues to operate below budget while maintaining excellence of care. This has been a particularly busy time for your hospital as there have been an unusually high number of severe burn cases during the past month. Some burns are in the 85% (+) range, which involves very intensive care. Donations to the hospital continue to run ahead of last year, a good sign for the new year. There were 63 intakes during the past month representing 19 Shrine centers. The age of patients ranged from 4 months to 18 years.

A new committee, the Research Committee, has been formed under the leadership of immediate Past Chair Jerry Hardisty. Your hospital has a very active research program which helps keep the Shrine Hospital(s) in the forefront of treatment modalities. P P. Mowry serves on this committee. Noble Lazenby chairs the Credentials Committee which oversees the granting of privileges to healthcare professionals who practice in the facility.

Your hospital has been awarded MAGNET status which recognizes the excellence of the nursing division. Magnet status is a level of care achieved by few hospitals and is an indicator of the high quality of care given by the hospital. The Joint Commission, another crediting organization, is due to inspect the hospital at any time in the near future.

The February meeting will be the annual board retreat scheduled for February 21 - 22.

### **Proposed Resolution**

#### Notice of Voting on Resolution to Grant Line of Credit to Aladdin's Treasurer

To all Noble's of Aladdin Temple. There will be a resolution presented at the February 2014 Stated meeting that will request a majority approval vote to permit Aladdin's Treasurer the right and authority on a recurring annual basis, to enter into a working capital line of credit with Huntington National Bank or its successors, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000, and also authorize the entering into a credit card agreement in the amount not to exceed \$80,000.

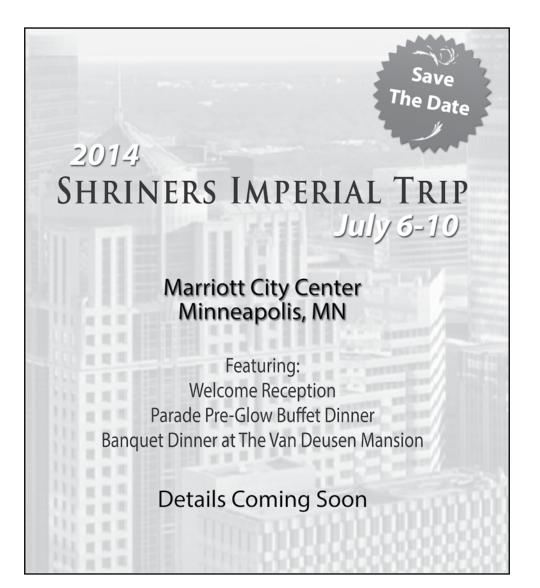
This is similar to the agreement we had in place in 2013 and is merely being renewed for succeeding years. This is recommended to facilitate transacting of daily business expeditiously. This resolution has the approval of Aladdin Temple's Board of Directors.

Should you have any questions, please contact Aladdin Temple office for clarification.

Attested:

W. Garol Rogers Donald G. Goodman P.P.

Illustrious Potentate Recorder



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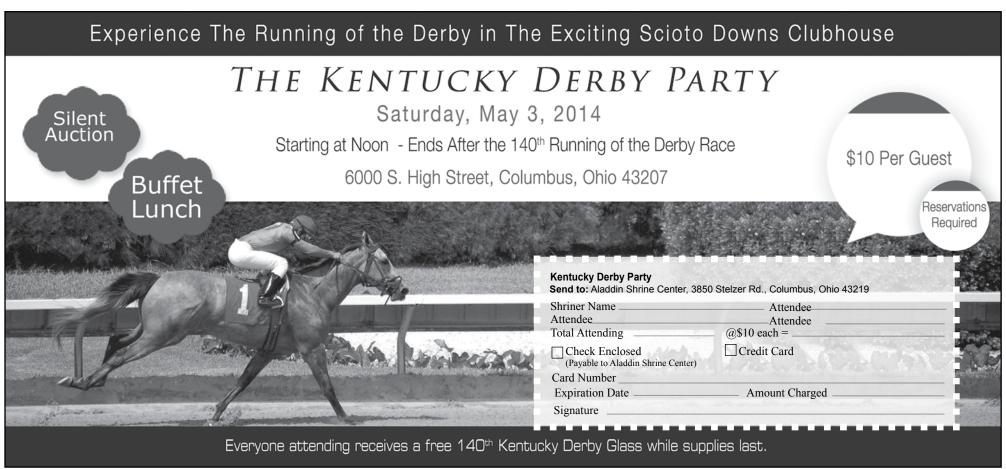
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# January Activities at Aladdin Potentate's Installation







### **Sled Hockey Tournament**















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### Provost

by John Rohal

Well, here we are starting a new year after a great New Year's Eve party at our Temple. The entertainment and the dinner were appreciated by those of us who were able to attend.

On January 11 we installed our Temple, unit, and club officers for 2014-the most important one being our new Illustrious Potentate W. Garol Rogers, who with his Lady Dixie have planned a great year. The Potentate's appointment as 2<sup>nd</sup> Ceremonial Master is Zale A. Maxwell, who is known for serving as the Temple Chaplain for a number of years.

Our Provost member, Jon M. Kinney, was installed as the High Priest and Prophet, and Provost member Donald G. Goodman was installed as the Temple Recorder for 2014. Other Provost members installed as Temple officers were Ron Hobensack, Mike Gray, and Ben Owings to the Trustee Board Advisory Committee; Ron Hobensack as President and Terry McLaughlin as 1st Vice President of ASHAC; Aaron Dominey as the Chief of Staff; Rich Aldridge and Bob Laird to the Potentate's Staff; Bob Cannon as Housing Chairman; Bill Selsam as Director and Dale Cline as Assistant Director of the Ritualistic; Harold Nairn to Special Activities; and Tom Rice as Tabloid Chairman.

Provost members elected to office in other clubs and units include the following: Charles Linek as Treasurer of Aladdin Arms; Jack VanGundy as President of Aladdin Car Club; Don Shartzer as President and Steve Hathaway as 1st Vice President of Flying Nobles; George D. Henderson as Treasurer of Gallipolis Shrine Club; Rich Aldridge as Treasurer and Jeff Falkenstein as Secretary of Hocking Hills Shrine Club; Dave Peters as President of Madison Shrine Club; Terry McLaughlin as Treasurer of Northeast Shrine Club; Art Wilson as Secretary of Photography Club; Rex Emrick as President and John Demjen as 1st Vice President of Pickaway Shrine Club; Aaron Dominey as President of Shriners on SEGS; James Light as Secretary of Utica Shrine Club; John R. Bivens as President of Washington Shrine Club; and Rich Aldridge, Bill Dountz, Jerame Dixon, and Bob Shaw to the Temple Membership Committee.

The January Provost meeting was opened by Director Gene Steineman on January 8 with his usual joke which actually got some laughs this time. The opening was preceded by a very good buffet dinner that included some great breaded and fried fish. The secretary and treasurer's reports were both given by Jim Rohal (Charles Linek is in Florida) and both reports were approved.

Director Gene announced that our 2014 dues were now due, 70% of the members have already paid, and he provided the dates of the ten parades in which we will participate this year.

Approved for apprentice membership was Roderick L. Basye of Reynoldsburg; he is retired as a line supervisor from the PepsiCo Company.

In attendance at this meeting were Jeff and Dan Rannebarger (father and son) who have been absent for some time. Dan announced that he has been named the Deputy Chief at the Genoa Township Police Department. Also at this meeting, Eric Leonard announced that he has been activated and will be leaving for a one-year assignment in Kuwait. Our unit suspended any payment of dues until he returns.

Presented with membership badges were Joey Brooks, Jeff Falkenstein, Dave Peters, Dave McDonald and Fred Goldstein. Quartermaster Barney Barnitz advised that a table will be set up to display all items the unit has for sale at future meetings.

Celebrating birthdays in February are Rich A. Aldridge, George D. Henderson, Lawrence P. Jones, Harold F. Nairn, Robert B. Radcliff, Larry N. Sanford, Marvin R. Stein, Gene F. Steineman and George T. Thornton.

Our ill and injured includes Bob Laird who was in attendance with his left foot in a cast-it was broken above the ankle after a fall out of his "new home," Steve Hathaway who will be having surgery on his foot and ankle after a fall on the ice, and Bob Madill with heart problems. The really good news is that Jon Kinney is now officially in remission.

Our sympathy goes to Alan S. Witherspoon and his family; his son died as a result of an automobile accident.

On January 19, the Provost and Divan colors were prominently displayed at the Sled Hockey Tournament as we were all entertained by the Dixieland Band. Each of us attending was presented with a hockey puck from the "Sled Wings" team of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Guess that's enuff for now; you Snowbirds enjoy while you can.

### Motorcycle Corps

We now can see the end of winter. Baseball is a month away so riding season is almost here, too. The motorcycle corps has been busy even in the cold weather. We had our Christmas party and I was told Warren Miller and his crew did another outstanding job. (This reporter was not able to attend.)

Charlie Callender was installed as this year's president. Tim Hederson is secretay/treasurer. President Charlie made a few appointments: Jerry Scott - Circus, Warren Miller- Muirfield and Warren Hall - Quartermaster.

President Charlie stated that he would like to see more rides this year - maybe more one-day rides or go places within a two-hour ride.

The next meeting will be March 13 at 7:30 p.m. at Aladdin.

### Aladdin Shrine Band

OK, you varmints, which one of you plumbers angered the snow god? OP went out of the house the other day when the wind chill was minus ten or something like that. The wind almost blew him back in the house. It was a very fast entrance at "warp" speed. Quick dash to the food dish and looking for a warm place to sleep the rest of the day. Not a bad idea when you think about it. Find the warmest place in the house, and there you will find the cat! I don't think my spouse would let me pull that one off. Too much to do, you know. It usually involves my getting on the working end of a snow shovel! Welcome to Siberia and Sevastopol. Why do we live here?

I did notice that the latest "snow and cold weather experiment" involves heating water in a pan until it boils and then going out in the very cold weather and throwing it into the air and watching it freeze. The emergency rooms at the hospitals say they had to treat some serious burns. You are not supposed to run on the slippery snow with a pan of boiling water! Does that make a lot of sense or what? OP says you gotta be kidding! What does that do?.

Well, one of the greater mentalities got out there and managed to throw the water, pan and all, through his neighbor's car window. I guess someone forgot to tell him that you are supposed to keep hold of the pan. In any event the pan and hot water hit the windshield and, due to the cold air and stuff like that, the windshield broke. (Exit, minus your pan, stage left, running all the way.) When the neighbor came out later (notice the perpetrator did not tell the neighbor what happened), the guy slipped on the ice that was on the ground from the water, fell down and broke his arm. Having witnessed this, the responsible party (a guy probably named "Stoop") decided he was coming to the rescue-but he fell also and broke his ankle. Now, I don't know about you, but if I had a neighbor like that I would be giving some serious thought to moving-far, far away! God only knows what would happen on the fourth of July. I would bet there would be celebratory gun fire and fireworks involved. (OP says that by the way, if you are a dog, man's best friend, you need to pick some better friends!)

Speaking of gunfire, it will be time to prepare your "plumbing" (the horn with all of the pipes and valves) for the upcoming rehearsals. No pans of boiling hot water are required, maybe some scotch, vodka or Jack Daniels. (Drink it, you big dummy, don't poor it down the horn).

#### Schedule Stuff:

Rehearsals - 2014: February 13 and 25. Rehearsals are at 7:00 p.m. in case you have forgotten or you hit yourself in the head with the pan of hot water.

Circus - March 27, 28, 29, 30. Details later.

Imperial - July 6 - July 10 in Minneapolis, Minnesota (as soon as they find and thaw it out).

- I signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose clothing. If I had any loose clothing I would not have signed up in the first place!
- Don't argue with an idiot; people watching may not be able to tell the difference!
- Why is it our children cannot read a Bible in school, but they can if they are in prison?

(Where is that pan of hot water?)

See you varmints next month!

# Licking County

by Franklin C. Boner

If you are into Chinese Lunar New Year's, it's February and reportedly the year of the horse. If you are going on the Potentate's Punta Cana Trip, we wish you safe travels and a great time. Many of us will be off to Reston, Virginia for Masonic week, a very busy week of Masonic fun, and a time of renewing old acquaintances and making new ones.

For all of our Licking County Brethren with young daughters, granddaughters, nieces, etc., the Rainbow Assembly in Newark was reinstituted February 8 and they will be accepting new member application. If you have youth in your life who may be interested in leadership and networking opportunities in either the Rainbow or DeMolay, please contact me.

We will resume our noon lunches with the ladies in attendance on March 6, 2014 at the Teheren Grotto Hall, Waterworks Road. We will have a speaker! March is also circus month and our circus chairman may be giving you a call for assistance.

Speaking of chairmen, the following have been appointed chairmen of the various committees that make the Licking County Shrine Club, a jewel in the Potentate's diadem: Sunshine - Nobles Fred Palmer and Sherwood Conner (Please notify them of illnesses etc.); Membership - Noble Jim Conrad and all members; Hartford Fair - Noble Danny Bounds; Circus, - Noble Mike Hammond; Mound City L. L. - Noble Terry Hill; Tabloid, Noble Bruce Thompson.

Secretary Noble Ed Roberts is still accepting 2014 dues. Finally, Officers and Trustees Meeting is Sunday, February 23, 6:30 p.m. at 10866 Butler Road.

Real friends are those who, when you have made a fool of yourself, don't feel you've done a permanent job.

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### Athens

by Fred Stanley

Weather or not - we've had weather with 10" of snow this morning here in the Ohio Valley and -23° one morning this past week.

Sorry, I didn't get an article out to the *Aladdin's Lamp* last month but our computer was broken. In fact, yesterday everything I touched broke; the brake on my chainsaw, the handle on the door of my truck, and even the zipper on my coat–and now I've been afraid to go to the restroom!

Our Athens Shrine Club had a wonderful Christmas Party in December with music by one of our own Noble's son, Steve Skidmore. Too bad Mark Abdella wasn't there to lead the singing - where is he when you need him?

On January 23, Gary Parks, Past Potentate, came down to install our slate of officers for 2014, along with our Divan Representative. This was held at The Plains United Methodist Church with a most delicious dinner prepared by the aides from the church. A variety of excellent homemade pies was served with leftovers for a second piece of pie - what a treat!

Charlie Adkins, our outgoing President, was given a "big hand" for a job well done in 2013! Charlie told Mark, our president for the fourth time, all gripes and questions from this moment on are yours.

The Divan will be down for their official visitation February 27. Let's have a big turn out and give them a hearty Athens County welcome.

### Ross County

by Randy Davis

**Greetings Nobles and Ladies!** 

The January 23 , 2014 meeting of the Ross County Shrine Club was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Noble President Dan Riddle. The invocation was given by Noble Terry Morris. Cooks for the evening were Bob Baranick, Jay Morgan and Brad Burns. They served up chicken and gravy, scalloped potatoes, rolls, pie and ice cream. We had 31 Nobles in attendance and one visitor, Mick Riley.

Chillicothe's own guest, 1<sup>st</sup> Ceremonial Master Rodney Holdren, was there to help us with our installation of officers . After the installation 1<sup>st</sup> Ceremonial Master Holdren talked of the selling of the Temple and that committees were formed to research properties and to design the new building. He spoke of the upcoming circus, March 27 - 30, and spoke of the One-Day Masonic class on April 5. He also made mention of the three new clubs which are the Aladdin Arms , S.O.S and the Photography Club. The benediction was given by Noble Terry Morris and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

# Hilltop

by Mark Miller

Our January meeting was held at the York Steak House. We had nine members plus ladies present. After dinner we had a very good and productive meeting.

Noble Ron Biltz stepped up to take the position of chaplain. Nobles, we still need a first and second vice president. Think about it and let President George Buttrick know if you are willing and able to take one of these positions.

The Black Camel visited again. We lost Nobles Gordon Volecor and Auston Hutt. Hold them and their families in your prayers.

Our Jug program, now \$1,957.57, is doing great with hard work from Nobles Duane Hivnor, Dave Minton and Al Williams.

At this writing Noble Ray Pendell is in Florida and Noble David Ray is in Texas getting out of this cold weather.

Our February meeting was at the York Steak House-and bring your lady.

If you have any questions, please contact Phil Miller at 614-878-8761, prpardm@ameritech.net.

### Thea Court

by B. J. Gischler, PHP

The February meeting is the most important stated meeting of the year. This is the meeting where the new officers for the next year will be selected. We all need to be there to participate in this and to support the newly elected. Also, there will be an in-meeting ceremonial to take in one or more new members. This is a special day for them and we need to show our happiness that they are joining Thea Court # 5. The meeting will be on February 28, the last day of the month, at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be at Old Town Buffet, Easton Square at 11:30 a.m.

March should be a little warmer and we will be looking at a new spring, but it will be the last meeting of the year for Jan's Explorers. Come out and say "thank you" for the service that the officers have given for the last 12 months. The meeting will also be the one where we pay special tribute to the members who have passed away during the past year. The meeting is on March 28 at 1:00 p.m. with lunch preceding at 11:30 a.m. at Old Town Buffet, Easton Square.

# Marching With The Legion

by Robert Spencer & Dick Luckay

FROM THE COMMANDER – The weather outside is frightful, but adding new members to the Legion of Honor is SO delightful. We welcome David Bowman and his lady Helen as well as Charles (Gary) Baker. During the past few months we have added five new members to our ranks, and as we get to know them, we will tell their military stories to the Shrine community.

During the cold months, we are taking the opportunity to complete our administrative duties and plan for the events that will be coming sooner than we think. Most Legionobles have paid their dues and the cards will be mailed shortly. For those who haven't, we encourage you to remit your dues as soon as possible. We will also be sending our "Posting of the Colors" schedule along with updated member information.

One of our more challenging opportunities this year will be to staff TWO Tabloid intersections that will increase our collections by at least \$1,000. In addition, we would like most units and clubs to have at least one Legionoble lead the Pledge of Allegiance at each of their meetings.

Something new-the Legion will be exploring the setting up of our own Facebook page. Several of our members have skills and experience in that field and we want to take advantage of yet another way to reach out to interested Nobles.

Finally, we want to hear and report on the lives of our members and their families. While we report on birthdays and anniversaries, we would like to share the accomplishments and notable events of our Nobles, spouses, children and grandchildren. (Bragging on our children's and grandchildren's accomplishments is expected.) Email your information to Robert/Betty at Spencer@yahoo.com.

SPECIAL DAYS FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE

LETTHOSE ANNIVERSARY WEDDING BELLS RING OUT – for Dave and Sandy Henderson (2/24), Guy and Sue White Sr. (3/2) and PC, PP Don and Bev Powell and Terry and Valerie Kitchen (3/7). May the year ahead just add more good memories to the ones you already treasure.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – to Valerie Kitchen (3/3), David Ozvat (3/17) and Linda Rock (3/23). We hope that new candle can help light the way to a wonderful year for each of you.

NEW ARRIVALS – Elizabeth (Ellie) Harper Kihm is the first granddaughter for Commander Robert and Betty Spencer and LN Chester and Janice Van Horn welcomed their new granddaughter Fiona Violet Levy in to their families recently. Daughters, parents and (especially) grandparents are all fine, healthy, and really happy. God Bless one and all.

PROUDLY WE SERVED – Dave Quinn, one of our newer members, signed up with the United States Navy in 1966 after he received his Associate Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Mountain Valley Technical Institute. During his initial four-and-a-half year active duty tour, he was trained as an engine mechanic working on the Navy's A-4 attack bomber.

When he was assigned to the Aircraft Carrier, *Bonhomme*, Richard (CVA 31) he continued his aircraft maintenance duties on the ship during three tours of duty at Yankee Station in the Gulf of Tonkin. He spent a total of 24 months off the coast of North Viet Nam and has many fascinating tales to tell regarding his experiences.

When he finished his active duty time, he signed up with the Naval Reserve and for twenty-two and a half years, he continued his engineering skills with other Navy aircraft. During Operation Desert Storm, somehow he found himself assigned to the Navy Hospital Ship, *Comfort*, for a short period of time. He never figured out how or why he got that duty but it certainly was different. He retired after twenty-seven years of service as a Chief Aviation Machinist Mate and wound up here in Ohio. Welcome aboard CAMM Dave Quinn, we're proud to have you as a member of Aladdin's Legion of Honor.

### Past Masters

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We welcome Chief Rabban David E. Wolfe as our 2014 Divan representative and look forward to working with him during the year.

Many thanks go to Don Lund who was instrumental in obtaining all of our secretary's records after the untimely and sudden death of Dennen Leach.

If any Masonic Lodge is interested in having our unit perform the Master Mason Degree in March or early April, please call Dick Bull (615 296-9267) or Phil Clouse (614 267-0186). This would be a tune-up for Masonic Night at the Shrine on Monday, April 28 at Aladdin Shrine Center. Also, we are on standby-by for a possible performance at the April 5 Grand Master's One-Day class at Northland Temple here in Columbus (the 14<sup>th</sup> Masonic District.)

Doug Hoover is in charge of arrangements for our annual March 24 dinner meeting which will be held at Ann and Tony's Restaurant in West Jefferson. More details will be in our February and March unit newsletters.

Past Potentate Gary Parks is our newsletter editor and is doing a great job. For those members with email addresses, he will be sending the newsletter by that medium; otherwise the others will receive it by first-class mail. We thank Gary for his willingness to take on this responsibility.

### Reception

by Don Owens

The Reception Unit began the year by participating in the installation of Aladdin Divan members on January 11, followed by the unit's first stated meeting on January 16. Meeting attendance was on the light side, counting ten members accompanied by six ladies. Not bad, considering that five active members and their ladies are known to have evacuated the area in favor of Florida or Arizona. Moreover, the threat of snow was intimidating enough to keep some of our members away. Those of us who did attend had a good meal featuring barbecued ribs.

Treasurer Mike Johnson's report, in addition to presenting the current state of our accounts, emphasized the need to replace lost and diminished sources of income for the unit. The discussion made it clear that the annual Vidalia Onion Sale will loom large in importance and expectations for generating revenue to finance our activities this year. The possibility of ordering a supply of onions in advance of sales is being actively considered—heretofore, orders were placed only to fill orders in hand. This expansion would require logistical measures to store and transport a perishable product with limited shelf life, in addition to new sales approaches. Stay tuned.

On January 17-19 we supported the annual Aladdin Shrine Sled Hockey Tournament at the Dispatch Ice Haus. Mike Johnson and Don Kindler led the effort to assist the Tournament participants, providing directions as needed and help participants bring in their equipment. As always, it was a rewarding job, watching these ostensibly challenged kids compete strongly at their sport and interact with one another in an altogether normal way. Columbus' own team, the Ohio Blades, won the Tournament with Mike Fenster scoring the winning goal. This is a great activity well deserving of our support. Ill. Sir George Kosbab would be proud.

We will be requesting volunteer commitments for ushers at the annual Aladdin Shrine Circus (March 27-30) over the next couple of weeks. Our pool of potential volunteers is shrinking, which means we must ask our active ushers to give a little more time. The participation of non-Shriners will also be considered, including Shrine wives and family members properly instructed and equipped.

Noble Tom Keller has successfully undergone heart surgery and is now recuperating in a rehab facility in Canal Winchester. If activity on Facebook is any measure, he is coming along famously and his sense of humor remains intact. Coincidentally, Tom Keller has a birthday coming up this month and it appears he will have a happy one.

#### **Aladdin Shrine Veterans**

### Call to Active Duty

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### Legion of Honor

That's right. The command goes out to all units and clubs far and wide. The Legion of Honor (Veteran's Unit) is looking for many good men.

It is our intent that whenever the Pledge of Allegiance is recited, it should be led by a Legion of Honor member within that unit or club no matter the distance from Central Ohio. We will make it easy for any veteran to become a member.

For local members, if you can march in one or two parades per year and perhaps present the Colors once or twice at the circus performances, you will have done your duty.

For members in outlying clubs, we are especially interested in you. We require you to attend no meetings, purchase no uniforms (wear dark pants with a white shirt) with the Legion of Honor Medallion and lead your club in the "Pledge" as often as it recited.

For more information call your commander, Robert W. Spencer, at 614-579-9371 or email Robert\_betty\_spencer@yahoo.com.

Don't be AWOL- CALL NOW!

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# Thebes Temple

by Terry Smith, Queen

February may be in the middle of winter, but "Love is in the air..." Valentine greetings were popular as far back as the Middle Ages. I remember preparing my valentine cards when I was in elementary school and then taking them to school to be put in the beautifully decorated box. Valentine's Day is still a special day for many of us. Did you know that 85 percent of all valentines are purchased by women? I hope that means that the men are purchasing other things...like flowers or jewelry.

Some new things are in the future for Thebes Temple. At the January session, we voted to start the development of an Internet website for Thebes Temple and also to explore the idea of starting a performing unit of interested members. Look for further information on both of these exciting projects in future articles.

Thebes ladies have been very busy making Valentine's Day related items and fleece wraps for the children at the Lexington Shriners Hospital. I recently read an article about Nile sewing that said, "We Make Smiles Happen." Sometimes, the smiles are on our faces, as well as those we sew for. It is so rewarding when a patient or his/her parent thanks us for an article we have sewn for the children. The small welcome fleece blankets, quilts and pillowcases have been a big hit as they get to take them home after their hospital stay.

At our sewing days, the members work on many different items for the hospitals. Different tasks are available for everyone that doesn't involve sewing. So, don't let the word "sewing" scare you off. As I said, we are currently making fleece wraps which involves only the cutting and tying of the strips around the edges. Our next sewing dates are Wednesday, April 9 and Wednesday, May 14. There will be no sewing session in March.

At the March Stated Session on March 5, we will be honoring our new members and remembering our members who have passed away this past year with a Memorial Service. We will be electing the officers for 2014–2015.

The Open Installation of Officers will be held the afternoon of Saturday, March 15 at the Luther B. Turner Masonic Lodge on Valleyview Drive. I hope that many of you will be able to attend.



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### Hardin County

by Ken Rossman

Our regular meeting was held on January 15 at Veterans Memorial Park Clubhouse. We had 33 Nobles in attendance. Noble Rossman opened our meeting with a prayer. Then President Mankey led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Mankey installed our new officers for 2014. They are President Kevin Ridgeway, Ist Vice President Greg Hinebaugh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Rowe Gannon, Secretary Wes Broseke Jr. and Treasurer Tim Jollift. Pressident Mankey turned our meeting over to President Ridgeway. We say "thank you" to Noble Mankey for a job well done.

Noble Jim Holmes gave us a "thank you" certificate from Dolly Parton Imagination Library for our donation. The library serves hundreds of children in our area.

Noble Don Doll reported that those who worked for the Mistletoe Ball turned the money they earned back to H.M.H.

A motion was made and carried to do an onion sale again this year. Don Doll will organize the sale. It was reported that Noble Bud James has cancer and is not doing too well – we wish him the very best. Noble Gary Fitzgerald has an ankle problem and cannot put any weight on his leg until later. We wish him the best for a speedy recovery. And Noble Lee Kellogg is doing okay at Blanchard House. We wish him a speedy recovery, also.

We gave a big hand to our kitchen crew: Nobles Garmon, Rice, Walden, Hinebaugh, Osborn, Cody Morris, Rob Wilson and Dennis Doll. Thank you, Nobles, for a job well done.

Noble Rossman closed our meeting with a prayer. We then dined on a good meal prepared and served by our kitchen crew.

And we say a big "thank you" to all those who restored the room to normal after our meeting.

### Kambri

by Dick Brixner

Your Kambri Shrine Club looks back at 2013 and then forward to the coming events for 2014. During 2013, your Shrine club and its Nobles made nine hospital trips; eight to Erie and one to Lexington. Thanks go to all those Nobles who made the trips and to Whiteside's for the vehicle. Be sure to thank Bill Gannon.

As your new officers met for the first time on January 9, 2014 to work on the year schedule, the following **calendar of events** was established:

Feb. 27 -Euchre party and bean soup dinner at the Elk's Club

Mar. 24 - Marietta Shrimp Fest at Marietta Shrine Club

May 3 - Chicken barbecue at County Coins

May 29 - Potentate's visit to our club, meet at the Cambridge Country Club

June 7 - Tabloid Day, beginning with breakfast; hitting the streets 9:00 - noon

June 14 - Our Annual Golf Scramble at Wildfire Golf Club

June 19 - Children's Health Fair at the Cambridge City Park

July (TBD) - Annual Fish Fry at Freeport Lodge

Oct. 9 - Annual Steak Fry at the Plumber's & Pipefitters Hall

Nov. 20 - Election of officers at Deep Cut

Dec. 11 - Annual Christmas Party at the Plumber's & Pipefitters Hall

Nobles, the final details, time of the event, and mailing will be forthcoming. Watch your mailbox for the information. You can mark these dates on your calendar, and start planning for fun, fellowship and food.

Be sure to read each issue of the *Lamp*, and keep posted on the sale and future location of the new Aladdin Temple. It is a work in progress, and feel free to offer any ideas and suggestions to Aladdin.

You can also read updates on our Shriners Hospitals in Erie, Cincinnati and Lexington. It is always very interesting to read about the research activities. We should all be proud of the Shrine and its endeavors to treat children. If you have not had the opportunity to visit one of the hospitals, sign up (contact Noble Ron LePage), and be one of the drivers.

#### Aladdin dates of interest:

March 27-30 - Aladdin Circus

April 26 - Tabloid Training Day at Aladdin

2014 Ceremonials: June 14 at Aladdin & October 25 at Aladdin (call Aladdin for details.)

June 8-9 - Walleye Fishing Stag

May 3 - Kentucky Derby Party

Nobles, this is the beginning of a new year, and I would encourage you to become more involved in our Kambri Shrine Club; come out and take part in all events. The more we have at the above club events, the more fun that can be had by all.

See you at the next event.

### Flying Nobles

by Lee McKelvey

All of the officers of the clubs and units of Aladdin were installed at the seminar at the Shrine Center in January. The Potentate and the Divan were installed and Zale Maxwell was appointed as 2<sup>nd</sup> Ceremonial Master. Zale was the Shrine Chaplain last year and is Director of the Pipes and Drums Unit. PC George Bell, Commander Don Shartzer and I were together for a very good dinner after the seminar.

Jim Patrick, who works the security desk at the Shrine, is a member of the Flying Nobles. Stop by and meet Jim sometime when you are at the Shrine. Jim is a fine gentleman whom I didn't know until recently.

I know of three of our past commanders who have moved to Florida to get to the warmer weather. George Motika, Jack Moore and Don LeFavour left Columbus for that beautiful Florida weather. After shoveling about ten inches of snow in the last two days, I wish I were there with them.

Our Commander in 1999, Dave Ackison, is not in the best of health at this time. We give him our best wishes. Dave was a corporate pilot flying a Navajo and a Citation after retiring from the phone company. I flew with Dave and he is a very good pilot.

The inspections are going on at the Lodges and these men do great work.

The Shrine Circus is March 27-30. Circus Director John Morris puts a lot of time in preparation for the circus, and I hope it is a success for us all.

Everybody stay well, and if you are under the weather, get well. Our meetings will be on March 8 and April 12 at the OSU airport at 10:00 a.m. Keep your airspeed up and I hope to see you next month.

# **Just Clowning Around**

#### The clowns are hibernating.

by Mike "BucketHead" Clark

This is BucketHead reporting in for the month of February. Well, I hope all have survived the crazy month of January. The Blackeyes (former Buckeyes) blundered in the Rotten Orange Bowl. The Freeze Bowl played by the weather and shifting of the Divan staff.

This month's news article is going to be short and fast. No clowns in the barrel, for the clowns are down for a winter's nap, hiding from the cold and snow, that is for most of the Clown unit.

Steve "Lil Mac" McKittrick, who works for Greenlawn R. V. Sales, invited a couple of clowns to come down to the R.V. show at the fairgrounds. Rodney "U-Hoo" "Holdren, Matt "Nutt" Knight and, of course, myself went camping doing balloons and having fun with the crowds.

Next month starts our Season of Clowning by starting off with I.S.C.A. In Fairview Height, Ill. **February Birthdays:** Charles "Punkin" Heine, 19<sup>th</sup>, Everett "Tex" Rainer, 20<sup>th</sup>, and Lloyd "Skippy"

Degonia, 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Sunshine Report:** Please keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers: Charles Heine, the Tootle family, the Denune family, the Shriver family, the Fultz family, the other folks in our world of brotherhood who may be sick or have troubles beyond our knowledge. Please emember those in service fighting for country and freedom!

That's it for this report, God Bless all. BucketHead is now signing off.

# Worthington

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Gads, winter...bah humbug! It's only January and already most all of us, save those snowbirds, are sick of all this and hoped for the best on February 2. (When you read this, we will know.) But, while some might have wished for Denver to prevail and some Seattle, most everyone hopes the furry critter in Pennsylvania called for an end to all this. We are all united in that.

Also by now, the visitation with Potentate III. Sir Garol Rogers, First Lady Dixie and Divan will be in the history books. I'll report details next month.

Things to look forward to are the March 6, 2014 dinner meeting. The program for the evening will be "Backyard Conservation". The program will be presented by the Franklin Soil and Water District. We can all use this information in conjunction with a future program with our own Noble Fred Hower, The Ohio Nurseryman. President Russ is working to firm that date for us, as Fred is always our favorite program of the year.

Remember the Memorial Tournament will be May 26 - June 1, 2014. We will be looking for workers for our gate 8; if you can help, please do.

Tabloid has been set as June 21, 2014. We would like to staff both downtown Dublin and downtown Worthington again this year. If at all possible, if you can participate, please keep three hours that day open to help. Remember, it's for our hospitals and kids. We will also be looking for business locations we can use. We have many Nobles who are able to cover a store, but not a street. We need any and all suggestions of locations, so we can try to line them up early. Call Bob Stevenson, 614-846-2523 with ideas.

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