



December 2012

POTENTATE: Wrapping it Up

by Michael D. Tyne 33° Potentate, Aladdin Temple

Each Potentate of Aladdin Shriners, at the onset of his term, has in mind certain goals that he hopes to achieve during the year. My goals included increasing temple membership, improving our finances, building support for our hospitals and simply having more fun. With your help and support we accomplished much this year. But, of course, there is always more work to do.



Potentate Michael D. Tyne
Arriving at The Beach Ball

We certainly had a lot of fun in 2012. To begin with, the Potentate's visitations to Aladdin's clubs and units were a big success. Whether the Divan was invited to a picnic or to a black tie event, your hospitality was greatly appreciated. I want to thank every Noble and lady who planned these visitations. There was always lots of warm fellowship, good food and fun. On occasion one might say that the fun went to extremes when, for example, one meal consisted of "road kill" (advertised as a wild game feast.) There were other occasions when yours truly was subjected to more than a fair amount of good-spirited harassment. My initiation as an honorary member of one club included allegedly being carried to and thrown into a nearby pond. I have to admit that I certainly gave the Nobility (especially the Divan) plenty of ammunition to have fun at my expense during the year. There were the frequently appearing spears of asparagus (ugh!); the return trip from the golf outing when Big Red departed the rest stop sans the Potentate; and my frequent reference to the "Chicken and Car Roast."

There were many special events throughout the year. We tried to plan something of interest for everyone. Thanks to Circus Director Noble John Morris, his committee and the scores of Nobles who worked the Circus. We indeed had one of the most successful circuses in many years.

The Potentate's cruise to the Baltic Sea, visiting the Scandinavian countries, Germany, Estonia and St. Petersburg, Russia, was a big hit with over 90 people in our party.

The Potentate's "Beach Ball" was a special treat for me. Many thanks go to Noble Mike and Lady Beth VanHuss for their hard work to make the Ball a very fun evening. Beth also coordinated the ladies trip to Colonial Williamsburg this fall.

In July we traveled to the annual Imperial meeting in Charlotte, N.C. The event was well attended by Aladdin folks. Housing Chairman Noble Bob Cannon proved once again his exemplary skills as a negotiator. His efforts resulted in excellent rates and service at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. For me, the highlight of the Imperial meeting was the ever popular roasting of the Potentate at our annual banquet. As they say, "a good time was had by all."

One of the most special events of the year occurred in August: the visit by Imperial Potentate Al Madsen and his lady Jan. They attended our Chicken and Corn Roast and Classic Car Show and attracted a capacity crowd. I was so grateful that this very special couple took time from their busy schedule to recognize the Aladdin Nobility and ladies. There were dozens of other special events throughout the year including golf outings, the fishing trip, visits to our hospitals, and parades, to name a few. I can't begin to acknowledge all of the individuals who worked so hard to make sure that there

were fun activities for the Nobility and their families...you and I know who the workers are in our fraternity and we owe them a big "tip of the fez." The Potentate's staff and special appointments certainly did their jobs effectively. They helped make this year's activities come off smoothly and efficiently. These Nobles deserve an individual "thank you" for their dedicated service. Special recognition goes to Chief of Staff Noble Art Wilson. Art was the glue that held everything together, saw to it that we got where we were supposed to be, when we were supposed to be, and that everything was well prepared when we arrived. I owe a huge debt of gratitude to Art (and his lady Kim) for their dedication and hard work.

Being Potentate also means assuming responsibility for the business side of the fraternity. But there are two Nobles who really get accolades for a very successful 2012: our Executive Director, Noble Gene Steineman and our Treasurer, Noble Denny Feyh. Even though we made many improvements and repairs to our Shrine Center and our vehicles, we are going to end up with a very positive year financially. I am also grateful to the clubs and units that made financial contributions to the "Potentates Fund" to help cover the cost of our operations. Staying financially viable is a particularly difficult task with our declining membership. Aladdin membership dipped below 6,000 this year. The Black Camel has taken its toll on our Nobility, with no end in sight.

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Imperial Potentate Al Madsen Attending The Chicken
and Corn Roast and Classic Car Show

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Potentate: Michael D. Tyne

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High Priest and Prophet: David E. Wolfe

Oriental Guide: Ronald Leonard

Treasurer: Dennis D. Feyh

Recorder: Donald G. Goodman

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1st Ceremonial Master: Jon M. Kinney

2nd Ceremonial Master: Todd Jones

Chaplain: David Dee Mowry

Chaplain's Chat

by Chaplain D. Dee Mowry, PP

This will be my last column as chaplain. My sincere thanks go to Ill. Sir Mike for his appointment allowing me to serve as your chaplain this year. It has been truly a pleasure to visit the clubs and units of Aladdin again after an absence of five years since serving as your Potentate. You have a fine Divan line and I feel sure Aladdin is in good hands for the coming years.

We have entered one of my favorite times of the year, the holiday season. For the Christian world it is a time of joy and celebration as we celebrate the birth of Christ. It appears that the word "Christmas" was derived from the old English "Cristesmaesse" which meant Christ's Mass. The exact date of the birth of Christ is placed at sometime between 7 and 2 B.C. and the day is celebrated on December 25 or January 6 or 7 or 19 depending on the various religions. In the book of the Prophet Malachi (the last book in the *Old Testament*) 4:2, we read these words. "But for you who fear my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings." Note the spelling of sun. The Book of Luke in the *New Testament* gives an indirect indication of the birth date. Santa Claus, or Saint Nicholas, or Father Christmas, or Christkind, etc. present the children with the gifts at Christmas time. As a result, the season has become one of the important, if not the most important, retail times of the year. That being said, let us not lose sight of the real meaning of Christmas, the birth of a Savior.

Speaking of gifts, one of the greatest gifts you may give a worthy and eligible young man is the gift of the introduction to the Masonic Brotherhood. While writing this column, I was thinking of all the great people Kathy and I have met through our trips through the Masonic families, that is, Blue Lodge, York Rite, Scottish Rite and, of course, the Shrine. This family also includes the Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters, Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile, Ladies Oriental Shrine and many more organizations. Think of all the ladies and gentlemen you would not have had the pleasure of meeting had it not been for your Masonic journey.

As my term as your chaplain comes to an end, Kathy and I send our very best wishes to you and to your family for the best holiday season ever. And even though it is not "politically correct" (which I have NEVER been), Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Our prayers will be with you in the future.

November Question: In what country did the Hebrews feed on cucumbers, melons, onion and garlic?

Answer: Egypt... Numbers 11:5 (And this was before breath fresheners!)

Lexington Hospital

by Jim Hackett

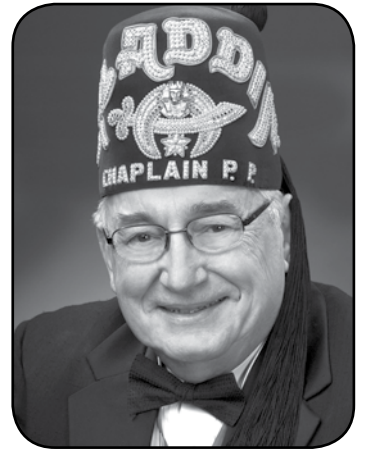
At the November board meeting, I had the honor of presenting the Aladdin Tabloid check of \$82,086.89 to the hospital. I want to thank all the Nobles who worked so hard and gave their time for this effort. The kids and I very much appreciate your passion.

Also, in July the Dr. Peter Armstrong, Vice-President of Medical Affairs, retired. The joint boards set out to decide if our past medical direction was the right path to go in the future. In the interim, the boards formed a "physician executive team" to assist our medical affairs department during the transition.

Dr. Kenneth Guidera, Chief of Staff of our Twin Cities Hospital, was chosen as the lead doctor.

His fellow team members are Dr. Chip Iwinski, Chief of Staff of Lexington, Dr. Kit Song, Chief of Staff of Los Angeles and Dr. Richard Kagan, Chief of Staff of Cincinnati. Congratulations go to Dr. Iwinski and Dr. Kagan.

The kids at Lexington, my family and I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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Potentate Michael D. Tyne introduces Divan members at the 2012 Aladdin Shrine Circus.

worked and traveled together. We worked hard together, played hard together, and pursued the common goal of making Aladdin Shriners pre-eminent amongst our peers. Aladdin is very fortunate to have this group of capable and dedicated men as future leaders of our fraternity.

My term as your Potentate is nearly over. This past year was a most memorable and happy experience. Now, as we enter the holiday season, there is no better time to express my love for the fraternity, the opportunity that you have given me to serve you and the life-long friendships that I have gained from this experience.

God Bless you all. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year! Yours in the Faith, Michael Tyne, Potentate.

Unfortunately, the average age of an Aladdin Shriner is increasing. We are not bringing in new members in adequate numbers in spite of the passionate pleas to you by our Membership Director, Illustrious Sir, Past Potentate Calvin Smith.

I want to offer a very warm-hearted and most sincere "thank you" to the divan and staff ladies. They supported me with unwavering and enthusiastic help and special friendships as we traveled through the year together. They also deserve recognition for their work to raise funds to sustain research at our Shrine Burns Hospital in Cincinnati. The "Dolphin Fund" was a successful project thanks to the clubs, units and individual donors who supported the cause.

I don't know if it is obvious to the Nobility but your current Divan, as a group, is one of the best ever. The team is so strong because of the friendships and mutual respect that has strengthened as we



Over 90 Shriners, ladies and friends cruised with Potentate Tyne in the Baltic Sea visiting the Scandinavian countries.

A Membership Memo

by Calvin Smith, PP

Very Important News - *A One-Day Class*

Our Grand Master has announced

A One-Day Masonic Class for the Grand Lodge of Ohio

This class will be conducted in

Columbus, Cambridge and Steubenville on Saturday May 11, 2013

and in

Gallipolis on April 20, 2013

Aladdin will conduct a Ceremonial at the Shrine Center on May 11, 2013 at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Additional Ceremonials are in the planning stages at Cambridge, McConnellsville, Marietta/Belpre and Gallipolis.

FEE FOR THESE CEREMONIALS IS \$80.00

All Masons will be welcomed at these Ceremonials for the \$80 fee regardless of the date they were raised. You should recruit new Masons through your Lodge and also ask those who are already Masons to take advantage of this opportunity.

Your Lodge is the source of all information regarding the rules and procedures for initial petitions for this event.

APRIL 20: Lodges must register candidates for the Gallipolis class with the Grand Secretary no later than March 1. No exceptions will be made.

MAY 11: Lodges must register candidates for Cambridge, Columbus, and Steubenville classes with the Grand Secretary no later than April 1. No exceptions will be made.

Shrine petitions are due at Aladdin by April 17 for Gallipolis, May 9 for Columbus and June 5 for the June 8 ceremonials, respective.

Here's A Sure-Fire Way

I want to give you a sure-fire way to wrap Christmas presents of any shape or size. Here it is.

Right after Thanksgiving Day, I pull out the box of last year's Xmas paper, bows, ribbons and package cards and foil sealers. I then check on the box supply for mailing packages to out-of-town relatives. I inventory each item after tossing out the stuff that is too damaged to use.

I go to WalMart and refill our stockpile of paper, etc. and scrounge extra boxes from wherever. I take these supplies home and tell my wife where they are. If you have not done this, you need to get on it. As you are read this, there are only two weeks left and the post office is already inundated.

You guessed it. Terry is a great gift wrapper. This process has worked well for me for 47 years.

By the way, don't throw away last month's Lamp. You could use my recipe for roasting a turkey again. Or, just substitute ham or a beef or pork roast for turkey in the recipe; it works just as well.

Welcome New Nobles

The following new Nobles were created on Saturday December 1, 2012 at Aladdin. Give them your kind attention and help them get started as Shriners.

NEW NOBLE	CITY	TOP-LINE SIGNER	LODGE
Gilbert Ray Ashbridge	Sunbury, OH	Benjamin T. Owings	York 0563
Roger Black	Kenton, OH	Charles VanDyne	Dunkirk 0549
Gregory David Boyer	Waverly, OH	Paul R. Hale	Orient 0321
Tyran Clarridge	Marysville, OH	William R. Bumgarner	Mt.Carmel 0303
Frank E. Cumpston	Mt. Vernon, OH	Jerry Robinson	Mt. Zion 0009
Christopher Diaz	Grove City, OH	Doug Moshier	Reynoldsburg 0340
Jarrold Golden	Columbus, OH	Dennis Feyh	Whitehall 0761
Steven Scott Gregory	Newark, OH	Garol Rogers	New Home 0338
Steven Douglas Groves	Galloway, OH	Arthur Groves	Westgate 0623
Jeffrey Allen Grubbs	Westerville, OH	Warren Miller	Capital City 0656
Daniel Hausman	Columbus, OH	Mark S. Froehlich	New England 0004
Philip Tad Hendershot	Chillicothe, OH	James E. Smith	Scioto 0006
Ronald L. Hollon	Albany, OH	Charlie Adkins,	Albany 0723
Daniel Wesley Howard	Lewis Center, OH	Donald Howard	Neocacia 0595
Harold David Kolsky	Gahanna, OH	Fred Henderson	Whitehall 0761
Daniel Martin Leesburg	Hilliard, OH	Jeffrey Robeano	New England 0004
Patrick B. Lewis	Orient, OH	Art Puetz	New England 0004
Michael Lincoln	Pickerington, OH	Aaron Wymer	Baltimore 0475
Bruce Allen Neely	Ada, OH	Charlies Vandine	Latham 0154
Bernard Noel	Columbus, OH	Stephen T. Noel	Blendon 0339
Randy Curtis Rubel	Lewisville, OH	Dana L. Carpenter	Stafford 0300
Spencer Jerome Samuel	Columbus, OH	Calvin M. Smith, Jr. PP	Goodale 0372
Michael M. Selby, Jr.	Dublin, OH	Aaron C. Dominey	University 0631
Charles W. Vandine, Jr.	Bloomingtondale, OH	Larry Sneathen	Steubenville 0045
Nicholas J. Vandine	Steubenville, OH	Larry Sneathen	Steubenville 0045
Timothy A. Ward	West Jefferson,OH	Ronald Leonard	Capital City 0656
Daniel M. Wehner	Columbus, OH	William E. Estell PP	Luther B. Turner 0732
Brian Edward Workman	Waverly, OH	Paul R. Hale	Orient 0321
Franklin Earl Wright	Waverly, OH	Paul R. Hale	Orient 0321
Charles Michael Wright	Hillsboro, OH	Phil Tong	Felicity 0102
David Mark Yocum	Steubenville, OH	Charles E. Morris	Toronto 0583



Fez Fact

The official headgear worn by members of the Shriners fraternity. It derives its name from the city where it was first manufactured – Fez, Morocco.

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103	Kim	614-269-0240	112	Maureen	614-269-0244
104	Potentate		113	Gail	614-269-0245
105	Recorder		114	Calvin	614-269-0246
106	Exec. Dir/Gene	614-475-2615	116	Maintenance	614-269-0247
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New Patient Referral Process Approved at Imperial Session

We have great news to share with you and would like you to share it with all of the Nobles in your temple. It is now easier than ever to refer a patient or care to Shriners Hospitals for Children. The attached information sheet discusses how the new process works. We know this is a big change for you and your Nobles, but Shriners' assistance is more important than ever. This half-page message was created so that you could share this information with all of the Nobles in your temples when you send your dues cards. We need your help in getting the message out, and attaching this information to your dues cards ensures that all Nobles are given the information they need to continue to assist Shriners Hospitals for Children in supporting our mission of helping children. –Yours in Faith, Alan W. Madsen, Imperial Potentate, Shriners International



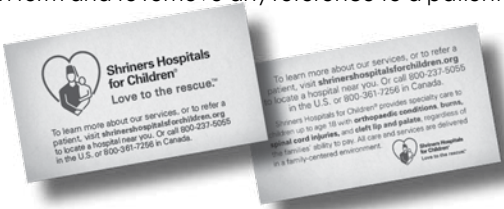
**Shriners Hospitals
for Children™**

Great news! It is now easier than ever to refer a patient to Shriners Hospitals for Children®! At the 138th Annual Session in July 2012, the attending delegates approved amendments to the Colorado Bylaws 509.2 and 509.3 which simplified the way for patients to access Shriners Hospitals. Patients/families no longer need to fill out a two-page application form that must be processed before being considered for treatment. While this is a big change for our system and YOU, we want to assure you that our Shriners are more important than ever in finding children who need our help; as well as informing the public about the noble mission of Shriners Hospitals for Children. We need your participation now, more than ever, to reach more patients. This new process makes it easier for our patients and will still allow for engagement with the nobility. Travel and transportation support should not change. Contact your Shrine temple or hospital if you have questions.

This new intake process continues to support your valuable referrals, without the added step

of completing a patient application. Instead, simply provide patients/families with the Shriners Hospitals for Children patient referral card, which may be obtained from your hospital or Shrine temple. In addition, a new Patient Referral Form will be forthcoming in the near future. However, the referral card is preferred, with the patient/family calling the hospital's referral intake line directly. Why? This is the quickest and most convenient way for patients to get the care they need. When did this start? In October 2012, Shriners Hospitals simplified the process for our new patients; allowing patients' immediate scheduling for an appointment if their clinical needs meet the hospital's scope of service. To avoid any confusion to our patients or the community, temple staff are asked to no longer use the application form and to remove any reference to a patient application process in temple materials or website. Thank you for your continued hard work in helping the children.

Please contact your local Shriners Hospitals facility if you have any questions.



Proclamations for Aladdin Nobles (December)

The Stated Meeting and Election of Officers of Aladdin Shriners will be held at the Shrine Center on Monday, December 17, 2012 starting with a light meal at 5:00 p.m. and the meeting immediately following at 6:00 p.m. The election of officers for the ensuing year and election of representatives to the Imperial Council and on boards for Aladdin Shriners Hospitals for Children and Aladdin Temple Trustee Advisory Board will be held.

Assisting in planning for this evening, Nobles are reminded that any Noble intending to be nominated should advise the Recorder or Executive Director of Aladdin of his intentions prior to the evening elections.

Nominations for all elective offices must be made from the floor. Nominators should ascertain in advance the availability of his nominee and that nominee's willingness to serve, if elected. In the interest of time and fairness to all, nominators are asked to be brief and should restrict their statements to the qualifications of the proposed candidate. Robert's Rules of Order do not require a seconding of these nominations.

Imperial By-laws pertaining to 325.11 Election Regulations

(a) **Electioneering.** A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine temple may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a resume' consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email or other devices, by a unit, club, Noble, or group of Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited.

(b) **Expenditures Prohibited.** The expenditure of money for gifts, favors, or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited.

(c) **Violation.** For any violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the officers void and order a new election. Amended 2011.

Attested: Michael D. Tyne, Illustrious Potentate Donald G. Goodman, Recorder

Kambri

by Dick Brixner

Your Kambri Shrine Club met on November 15 at King Pin Lanes for our annual election of officers for the coming year, 2013. Noble President Dave Mourer opened the meeting, extending a welcome to all. Our first order of business was the presentation of the proposed slate of officers:

President: Dick Bates	Treasurer: Tom Fisher
1 st Vice: Ted Calvert	Tabloid: Ron LePage, Buzzy Ferguson
2 nd Vice: Tim Oliver	Membership: Ron LePage
At Large: Dave Black	PR: Dick Brixner
Secretary: Don Huston	Immediate Past President: Dave Mourer

A motion was made to close nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for the above. Motion passed.

The next item of business was to enjoy the ham and bean soup and all the fixins' along with corn bread prepared by Noble Chef Ron LePage and Kennedy's Bakery. The 21 Nobles made short work of the food and gave numerous compliments to the chef.

Special thanks go to Noble Lew Smith for the use of his business for this election of officers. If you see Lew, thank him for all he does for Kambri.

Our Annual Christmas Party was Thursday, December 6, at the Plumbers and Pipefitters Hall. The scheduled program was "The Meaning of Christmas."

In November, the club making two trips to our Shriners Hospital in Erie with Nobles Ron LePage, Tom Fisher, Buzzy Ferguson and Frank Potts doing the driving. Thank you, Nobles, for your time.

If you would like to be one of the "roadrunners," see Noble Ron LePage for details.

Nobles, we installed our new officers at the Christmas party, so come out to the meetings and

show your support. If you have any ideas for new and different programs, let your officers know.

Does anyone know what happened to the Kambri "Tin Lizzie Patrol?" I am sure the parades in the area would like for them to return.

See you at the next Kambri Shrine event.

Pike County

Members of the Pike County Shrine Club recently collected donations for the victims of Hurricane Sandy. According to Pete Hale, he is working closely with the Shrine in New Jersey. A group from Pike County will be delivering the donations in their trailer. Pete has talked to several people in the stricken area who have tried to describe the devastation and the response from the residents is "Once you see it, you just can't believe it."

The items needed were non-perishable foods, such as canned or packaged foods, bottled water and cereal. Cleaning supplies of all types such as sponges, laundry detergent, bleach and dish detergent, dry or canned pet food and bathroom supplies such as toothpaste, soap, shampoo and toilet tissue were need. Diapers for children and adults were badly needed but no clothing was needed at that time. Monetary donations were being accepted.

Our pride in the Pike County Shrine Club is hard to put in words. The officers and members of the club are always first in line to help others in need. Thanks guys, you are the best!

What's New in Erie



Erie Movement Analysis Lab Assists with University Research

Research conducted in part at the Shriners Hospitals for Children® Erie facility Movement Analysis Lab (MAL) played a significant role in a Mercyhurst University study on managing spinal cord injuries in football. That study is under the direction of Bradley Jacobson, chairman of the Erie University's Sports Medicine Department, who is working with Sports Medicine Concepts and the National Football League (NFL).

Jacobson and graduate student Jacob Gdovin spent the summer presenting their research on proper protocols for managing the on-field care of football players with apparent cervical cord injuries to medical staffs of NFL teams. Working with Mike Cendoma, CEO of Sports Medicine Concepts of Livonia, N.Y., they presented to the New York Giants, Houston Texans, New York Jets, Dallas Cowboys and Indianapolis Colts.

The daylong sessions were directed at team neurosurgeons, orthopedic surgeons, athletic trainers and paramedics. Jacobson is also the lead author on an article recently accepted for publication in the *Journal of Athletic Training* titled "Cervical Spine Motion during American Football Equipment Removal Protocols: A Challenge to the All-or-Nothing Endeavor." The article is based on two years of research, completed, in part, at the Movement Analysis Lab of the Shriners Hospital for Children – Erie facility in collaboration with Kevin Cooney, PT, Dustin Bruening, Ph.D. and Cendoma.

New Erie Facility Video Posted on Shriners Website

The next time you go to the Shriners Hospitals for Children® website, check out the new Erie facility video that has been posted on the Erie page: (www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/erie). It can be viewed by "clicking" on the photo of the Erie building.

The video, which was filmed earlier this year, includes interviews with physicians, hospital staff, Shriners and parents. It talks about the services available at the facility, the patient care philosophies and the wonderful care patients receive in Erie.

This would be an excellent video to show at Shrine membership, club and unit meetings.

Outpatient Waiting Room Features New Game Unit

There is a new addition to the Outpatient Clinic waiting room at Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie! It is called the Touch2Play system and it features more than 75 games for kids of all ages.

The unit was purchased with monies donated to the Shriners Hospitals Erie facility from the Spirit of Children campaign from the Spirit of Halloween store sales in the community. This interactive game system looks like a television mounted on the wall, and there is a bench where kids can sit while playing the games. The unit is also positioned so that children in wheelchairs can wheel right up to the unit and play the games as well.

It has not taken long for the Erie patients to see the Touch2Play unit and learn how to use it. It has helped keep them relaxed while they are waiting to be seen by a health care providers at Erie.

Popular Silicone Wristbands Available at Shriners Erie

Silicone wristbands promoting all types of organizations and causes are all the rage with people of all ages! Now, Shriners Hospitals Erie now has its own popular silicone wristband! Show your support for our great facility by picking one up at the Erie's Reception Desk. The red silicone bands are just \$2 each and come in adult and youth sizes.

Aladdin Shriner Receives 50-Year Pin



Wayne Ulrey 50-year Aladdin Pin

Just Clowning Around

by Wayne "WAYNO" Shriver

Why we do what we do...

I have been asked, Wayno (yes, people call me Wayno all the time), why do you do what you do? Is it for the fame and glory? Is it for the money? To which I answer a resounding NO! There is no fame or glory, and no money comes into my pocket. I actually spend money on what I do. Then why do it at all, they ask.

The answer is very simple. I am part of something that is way bigger than me, or any one person. But as a group, the Aladdin Shrine Clown Unit is among the best in America if not the world. But again, they ask why? Why do we give up so much of our time and money, if we aren't going to gain from it. Oh, but we do gain from it, I tell them. And then I tell them about the time we went to the Shriners Hospital in Cincinnati, and as a group we performed for some kids and their parents.

To walk into a room the first time and see a group of children who are severely burned and in constant pain is heart wrenching. It is very hard not to break down and cry or even shy away from performing the show that you committed to do. But the show must go on. And as we perform for the kids, something amazing happens. They start to smile, and then they start to laugh. For a brief moment of time, they forget about their pain. For a brief moment of time, they get to be a kid again. And that is why we do what we do!

I would like to wish Z-Clown a speedy recovery. Z-clown had his appendix and gall bladder removed recently and is recovering nicely. Remember those who are under the weather, and those who are less fortunate than you, especially as we enter the Christmas season.



In Memorium

Robert L. Arehart
David K. Beebe
John W. Beveridge
William S. Graves
Jerry R. Hampson
Darrell T. Hervey
Robert J. Hudson
Robert N. Leas
Sterl O. Nicholas
Donald Poffenbaugh
Bernard W. Spence
John R. Spon
Richard R. Willis
Wayne R. Woodward

Aladdin's Membership Statistics

Membership as of 11/30/2012 **5893**
Net loss/gain YTD -73
Net loss/gain Monthly -11

	Current	Yr to Date
Creations	0	2
Affiliations	1	6
Restored	3	44
Associate Members	0	2
TOTAL MONTHLY ADD	4	72
TOTAL YEARLY with ADDS		6038
Demits	1	2
Suspensions	0	2
Deaths	14	141
Associates Dropped	0	0
Reversals	0	0
TOTAL MONTHLY DROP	15	145

Membership 01/01/2012 **5920**
Associate Membership 01/01/12 46
Total Membership 01-01-2012 **5966**

Views of The Ceremonial - 2012



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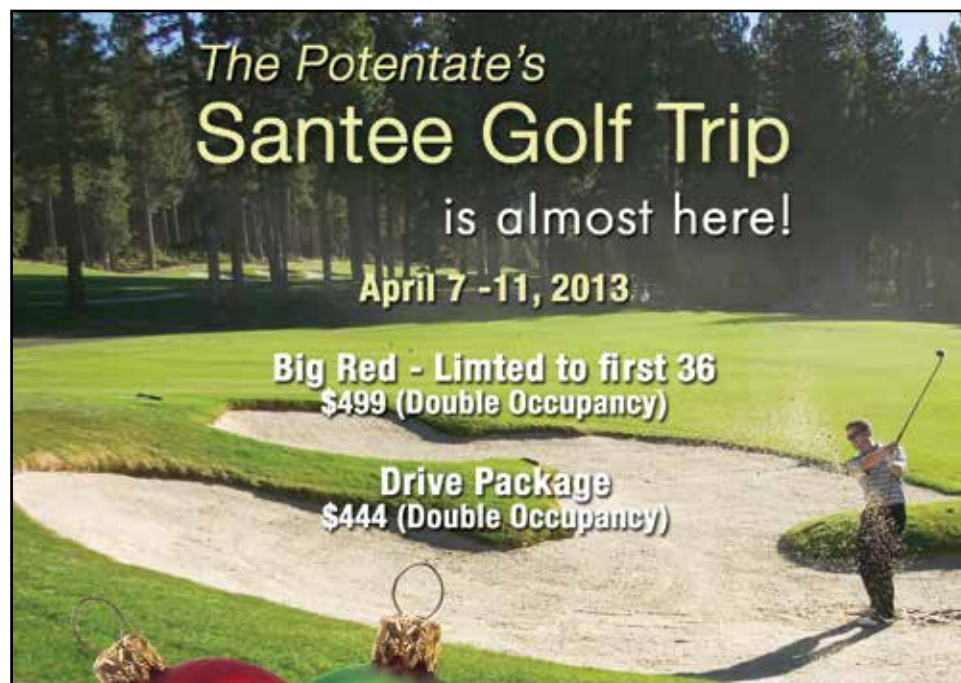
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Gallipolis

by Frank Petrie, Jr.

May the jolly old man in the red suit bring you and yours lots of good cheer right through the holidays, and may the Spirit of Christmas be with you all year long.

Thanks go to Nobles Bill Johnson, Steve Salisbury and Charlie Meadows for representing us in the Veterans Day Parade. They looked great and the little cars kept rolling. The old fire truck is still DOWN.

By the time you read this, we will have had our Christmas party on December 8. We know ahead of time what a great successful party it was. The new officers will be installed at that time. Congratulations and a "tip of the fez" go to new President Noble Bill Johnson; First VP Noble Wayne Bennett; Second VP Noble Jim Duke; Third VP Noble Doyle Saunders; Secretary Noble Steve Saunders; and Treasurer Noble Dan Henderson. Past President Noble Larry Betz is to be commended for his very successful year.

We, the officers and members of the Gallipolis Shrine Club, would like to thank all Shriners, our ladies, and all of those in the community who help to support us each year. Without this help we would be unable to continue to support the greatest philanthropy in the world—our Shriner Childrens Hospitals.

Merry Christmas, God Bless America, and remember, Nobles and Ladies, a true friend is one who overlooks our failures and tolerates our successes.

See you for supper, Thursday, at 6:30 p.m.

Ladies Program on Installation Day

Ladies, do you know that you are invited to Installation Day ?

The 2013 Annual Meeting and Installation will take place Saturday, January 12, 2013. There will be a seminar for the men and an interesting program for the ladies. These will take place in the afternoon. At their conclusion all will convene in Aladdin's Ballroom for the installation of officers. Dinner will be served immediately following the installation.

Ladies, do you know that dinner is FREE?

Every noble may make two reservations free of charge!

Our special ladies, the widows of Aladdin Nobles, may make one free reservation for themselves! Additional reservations will cost \$20.00 each.

It is a wonderful opportunity to start the year with fun and an informative day!

Please plan to join us! All you need to do is to email your reservation to: kluckeydoo@aladdinshrine.org

Reception

by Don Owens

The November meeting of the Reception Unit was well attended and featured discussion about parade participation and how to enhance it. While no firm conclusions were reached, a number of promising ideas were offered which would enable our membership to participate strongly and comfortably.

Members are urged to review their personal data and photos in the last unit directory, which we wish to update as soon as possible. Please send a note to, or phone, the unit secretary with any changes (614-310-5007).

Our December meeting will occur before this article is published and will consist of the unit Christmas Party on December 8.

Sales of Aladdin Shrine Circus ads and banners should be well underway since many firms conclude their advertising budgets in December for the following calendar year. Please get in touch with old customers and prospective new ones before the calendar puts them beyond reach.

Once again, Tom Keller will lead the unit in providing assistance to the annual Aladdin Shrine Invitational Sled Hockey Tournament, held at the Dispatch Ice Haus on January 19 - 20, Saturday and Sunday. Tom needs at least three volunteers for each of three shifts—two on Saturday (8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 12:30-5:00 p.m.) and one shift on Sunday (10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.). Call him at 740-862-8154 to sign up. For those who haven't participated in this activity, you really need to see these fine kids skillfully competing their hearts out. This year, our local representatives will be joined by teams from St. Louis, Chicago and Pittsburgh.

Ralph Vaughn, who has served the unit as Assistant Director for the last six years, has announced that he will give up that position as of January 1. Ralph will be joining the snowbird migration this winter and also needs more time to fulfill commitments to other projects, including his church. We owe our sincere thanks to Ralph for his conscientious service to the Reception Unit and to Aladdin Shrine.

Quartermaster Bill Compton tells us that ads are in the works for the annual sale of Vidalia onions next spring. It's not too early to line up sales of ten-pound bags at the same reasonable price of \$10 per bag.

In the good news department, Sharon Compton is recovering nicely from back surgery. We understand that Doris Davis is undergoing semiweekly rehab sessions which are helping her gradually recover from her back surgery, as well.

Congratulations to State Senator (and unit member) Jim Hughes on his re-election in November.

Finally, December birthdays: best wishes are in order for Bill Loomis and Bill Stelzer.

Leadership Seminar & Installation

Attention: Nobles and 2013 Club/Unit Officers
Saturday, January 12, 2013

Come for The Leadership Seminar - Stay for The Installation

1:30 PM - Registration
2:00 PM - Leadership Seminar
4:30 PM - Annual Meeting
5:30 PM - Installation of 2013 Officers
6:30 PM - Dinner

(Free - Up to 2 Reservations per Noble)

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:
Please send the form to: Aladdin Shriners, 3850 Stelzer Road, Columbus, Ohio 43219.
Or Email: Kim at kluckeydoo@aladdinshrine.org.
No phone reservations.

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____
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Number of Dinner Reservations Requested for Installation: _____
(Please enclose payment of \$20 for each reservation over two.)
If attending the Leadership Seminar, complete the following:
Unit/Club: _____
2013 Office: _____
Lady's Name (if attending): _____

Leadership Seminar/Installation

Hilltop

by Ron Craven

The Hilltop Shrine Club held its November 7 meeting at the York Steak House. There were 13 Nobles in attendance. The meeting was opened by President Ron Craven, who led the Nobles in prayer and the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by President Ron, and Noble David Ray presented the treasurer's report. Nobel Duane Hivnor gave his report on the Jug Program and Noble Ray Pendell gave one on those who are or were sick. Noble Irv Denune reported on his wife Jackie's progress.

The nominating committee presented a list of officers for the 2013 year: President Dave Minton, 1st Vice President Noble Dick Huff, 2nd Vice President and Chaplain Noble George Buttrick. A motion was made for this list of officers to be accepted and it was seconded. A vote was taken and passed.

Chief Rabban Bill Amspaugh and his lady Kathy were in attendance at the meeting. Noble Bill gave a report on upcoming activities at Aladdin and suggested as many Nobles as possible attend these activities.

Our club meeting will be January 2; the location to be announced later.

KENTUCKY COLONELS

by Ron Fraser

President Smith opened the meeting by asking Past Potentate Dee Mowry to give the invocation and to lead us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Twenty-eight members and guests enjoyed a wonderful meal. Following the meal, President Smith asked the officers of the club to stand and introduce themselves and their ladies. The past presidents of the club also stood and gave the year they were president. Potentate Mike Tyne and Past Potentates Dee Mowry and Cal Smith were also introduced. Secretary Joe Rike read the minutes from the previous meeting, and they were approved as read.

Under new business the following officers of the club were elected for 2013: President John Bivens, Vice President Joe Rike, Treasurer Neal McCleary, Secretary Ron Fraser, and Chaplain P.P. Dee Mowry.

Potentate Tyne spoke on the hard work that went into putting on the full Ceremonial and hoped for a good turnout by the Nobles. He also spoke on the End of the World party and the New Year's Eve celebration and encouraged everyone to participate.

Chaplain Dee Mowry closed the meeting with the benediction.

Marching with The Legion

by Dick Luckay

NEW OFFICERS FOR 2013 -- The votes have been cast. No recounts necessary. It's official with the swearing-in on December 10.

Commander -- DAVID OZVAT
1st Lt. Commander -- ROBERT SPENCER, PC
2nd Lt. Commander -- ROBERT KRIEGER
3rd Lt. Commander -- DAVID QUINN, SR.
Adjutant -- JAMES ROCK, PC
Finance Chairman -- FRED KREUTZ
Chaplain -- FRED KREUTZ
Officer of the Guard -- JEFFERY RADER
Quartermaster -- WILLIE FITCHETT, PC
Sunshine Chairman -- WILLIE FITCHETT, PC

That is a mighty fine officer-line and it insures the Legion will be in good hands for leadership in the coming year. A full report on the change-over ceremony will be in the January *Lamp*.

SPECIAL DAYS FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE -- Happy anniversary wishes go to PC Don McCoy and Marjorie on another New Year's Eve celebration (12/31). Let the memories of past years add to that 2012 gathering and begin 2013 with another year of loving togetherness. Another candle on the cake for Jeffery Rader (12/31) and PC Bob Ward (1/9). May 2013 be all you can wish for in the way of hope, love and happiness. God Bless you all.

BITS AND PIECES -- The Circleville Pumpkin Parade was a bit damp (to say the least), but it went on with Aladdin in full force. The Legion Jeep overdid itself during the parade and decided to rest awhile once the end of the parade route was reached. No amount of begging, pleading (and cursing) could entice that vehicle to roar (or even whimper) to life-- and it suffered the ignominious embarrassment of being towed all the way home. Hopefully, over the winter, it can find the "spark" necessary to bring it back to life for the 2013 parades. Commander Jim Rock and PC's Gary Bogart and Willie Fitchett rode the parade in style and had to bum a way home afterward. Nobody ever said military life was a breeze. Better luck next year.

Past Masters

by Dick Bull

Results of our annual meeting and election of officers were as follows:

President -- Clayton Weber
1st V.P. -- Roscoe Smith
2nd V.P. -- Doug Hoover
Secretary -- Dennen Leach

Trustees appointed were Bob Roof, Daun Knox, Jim Moser, Jim Stelzer and Gary Fortner.

Many thanks go to John Sanborn for his fine work as president this year. Also, we will miss Don Lund as secretary as he has retired after a number of years of doing a very commendable job. Jim Krinn has requested "Veteran" status and asked to be removed from the Board of Trustees for health reasons. He was a wealth of information and ideas during his many years on the Board. Thank you all.

These officers, plus an appointed chaplain, were installed by Ill. Past Potentate Bill Estell at our Christmas party at Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City on December 3. Clayton Weber was coordinator of this event.

The Past Masters Unit performed "Evolution of a Shriner" at the Ceremonial on December 1. We have several people working this presentation for the first time: John Wronsk, Roscoe Smith and Bruce Kinsey. We also provided 12 candidate escorts for the ceremonial.

Ruth Ann Bull installed the officers of the Ladies Auxiliary at its annual meeting on November 26: Judy Smith as president and Linda Weber as secretary/treasurer.

Congratulations to Glenn Hickman who is serving in 2013 as national vice commander of the Midwest Region of American Legion. He has been a very active member and officer for over 21 years in the Legion.

Also, congratulations to Whitey Lucas and John Jones who were elected Secretary and Tyler, respectively, of Sunrise Lodge #783, F. & A.M. and to Wor. Bro. Gary Shoemaker who was elected Junior Warden at Magnolia Lodge #20, F. & A.M. for the ensuing year.


The Unit will have no December meeting due to the holidays.

Linda Percival and Judy Dozer were in the hospital recently for surgeries, but they are recovering well. Jim Krinn will probably be married to his oxygen tank but is getting along as best as can be expected. Ken Sparks is trying to overcome swelling and numbness in a leg and continues on his oxygen needs. George Roloson is using a walker and is being evaluated on his heart; his wife, Jayne, is also getting help with a walker.

We wish everyone Happy Holidays.

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12 oz. Jalapeno Pepper Cheese (yellow) - \$4.50	12 oz. Ohio Lacey Baby Swiss -- \$4.75
12 oz. Ohio Co-Jack (Marble Yellow, White) -- \$4.50	12 oz. Horseradish Cheese - \$4.50
12 oz. Ohio Pepper Jack (white) - \$4.50	12 oz. Ohio Provolone -- \$4.50
12 oz. Smoked Cheddar - \$4.75	12 oz. Parmesan - \$6.00
10 oz. Cinnamon Pecans (Gift Bag) - \$7.00	12 oz. Salted Jumbo Cashews (Gift Bag) - \$8.00
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Provost

by John Rohal



On November 13, the Provost Unit hosted its annual Ladies Party and Potentate's visitation; all Divan members and their ladies were in attendance as were almost all of our members and their ladies.

Each of the ladies was presented with two exceptional gifts—an embroidered travel bag and the Potentate's ladies pin. The Potentate was presented with a monetary gift for the Temple.

Noticeably absent was Unit Director Gene Steineman who was recovering from recent open heart surgery; however, he was very well represented by his Lady Betty, who made sure all the ladies received their gifts.

Illustrious Potentate Michael Tyne informed us of the activities planned for the remainder of his year which included the December 1 Ceremonial and the New Year's Eve Celebration.

Chief Rabban William R. Amspaugh informed us of his plans for next year, including the installation of officers on January 12 and his Alaska Cruise on May 14 - 25, 2013.

Celebrating birthdays in December are Donald A. Bissett, John R. Bivens, Jacob A. Borror, Ronald W. Burke, Robert L. Cannon, Thomas P. Charles, David Conrad, Bill L. Dountz, Edgar A. Everhart, Jeffrey Falkenstein, H. A. Genders, Charles J. Linek Jr., Gary S. Mathias, Michael W. Pearch, Jeffery L. Rannebarger, and Douglas B. Turpening.

A quick recovery to our director Gene and to John Bivens who had recent back surgery.

We wish each and all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Flying Nobles

by Lee McKelvey

By the time you read this, our 2013 Flying Nobles officers will have been installed. New Commander Wayne Williams will be getting things off to a good start. This is Wayne's third time as commander, so he knows the flight path for us. Don Schartzer is the deputy commander, and Don is willing to do what he can to help the club. Don is a retired Columbus police officer and an experienced pilot.

David Ray is the operations officer and I will be the secretary/treasurer. Dave has been our secretary for the last 17 years and it won't be the same without him, but he deserves a break from the job. I thank him for all the time and work he has given our club.

Some of our members have headed south for the winter and I wish I were going with them. One member has his motor home to live in for the winter. Another has his winter home in the Villages, FL. PC Don LeFavour and Doris sold their home here and moved to the Villages, and they love it there. I'm sure Don had a rough time getting around here during the winter. He had two canes to help him walk and now he doesn't need to worry about the snow.

Our chaplain, Jim Paddock, is on oxygen and he had pneumonia. He is still determined to be with us when he gets well. Jim is a loyal member of the Flying Nobles and he has been our chaplain since he joined the club. We wish him all the best to get his good health back.

Our Potentate, Mike Tyne, will be ending his year and we thank him for his work for Aladdin. I met Mike several years ago when he visited our club and he was our Divan rep. Mike always treated me with respect and I always thought Mike was a great guy. That one year always goes fast when you are Potentate.

I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving, and I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Good health to everyone and I'll see you next time.

Athens

by Fred Stanley

The Black Camel has called another Noble from our club, Noble Lawrence White.

Football season is over, and over for the Buckeyes who had a perfect season. It doesn't seem fair to me to have to pay for someone else's mistake; but that is the way life is.

Our Athens Club was in two parades this past month, the Armed Forces Parade in Athens and the Winter/Christmas Parade in Pomeroy. There was a large turnout of both adults and children who lined up along the streets to watch! All of the Nobles had a wonderful time, especially when we hear the spectators say "We love you, Shriners!"

Again, our Shrine Basketball Preview Games were a great success. Our Nobles worked very hard to "pull this off" without any glitches! Thanks go to Noble Mark Abdella for attending the basketball meetings to get the names of the school rosters and the players number, name, grade and height. The Athens Club purchases tee shirts for all of the players. Mark and Noble President Steve Kane arranged to have some of the Divan come down from Aladdin to help sell hot dogs and pizza. A big "THANK YOU" goes to Bill Estell, PP and Gary Parks, PP for all the help you gave our club! Our Nobles did a great job selling ads for the programs. They appear to be about twice as large as they were five years ago.

Thank you, Nobles, for all that you do for our Athens Club and have a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Happy, Prosperous NEW YEAR!

Thebes Temple

by Terry Smith, Princess Royal

"I'm dreaming of a White Christmas... and children listen to hear sleigh bells in the snow." How many of you remember the time when you dreamed of those sleigh bells in the snow? This time of year has so many special memories.

The members of Thebes Temple feel so blessed to be a part of helping Shriners "make dreams come true" for the children. We will be helping make the holidays a little brighter for the children at Lexington Hospital. We have been able to purchase toys and games with a retail value of over \$6,000.00 for our annual Christmas donation to the hospital.

The Annual Games Party and Luncheon was held on November 14. A scarecrow greeted members and guests when they arrived. After perusing and making selections from the delicious, homemade bake sale items, they quickly found a table and began playing cards. Judging by the noise level in the room, everyone seemed to be having a good time. A luncheon was served at noon on tables with scarecrows and other fall decorations. This fundraiser was a huge success. The silent auction featured 15 beautifully prepared theme baskets assembled by our members. There was some furiously competitive bidding for several of the baskets and the winners went home very happy.

Our January stated session is January 2 and begins at 1:00 p.m. It will be preceded by a light lunch at 11:30 a.m. Sewing sessions are held on the second Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. You don't have to sew to help make things for the children at the Shriners Hospital in Lexington. There are several other tasks that will be very helpful—cutting out patterns, stuffing, etc. Items are being collected by Pr. Tirzah, Kate Brewster, such as box tops for education, magazines and tabs.

This time of year is filled with so much music. There are entire radio stations dedicated to holiday music. High school choirs and other chorale groups are singing everywhere. As the Christmas song goes, "Silver bells, silver bells, it's Christmas time in the city." I am wishing you and yours a very blessed and happy Holiday Season.

A black and white advertisement for a Vidalia Onion Sale. The background is a close-up of many onions. A white rectangular box with a thin black border contains the text. The text is centered and reads: "Vidalia Onion Sale" in a large, bold, serif font. Below it, in a smaller, italicized serif font, is "(Fundraiser for Reception Unit)". Then, in a large, bold, sans-serif font, is "10# for \$10.00". Below that, in a bold, sans-serif font, is "Order and Pay by April 15". Underneath, in a smaller, italicized sans-serif font, is "(Delivery to Shrine Center Near May 15)". At the bottom, in a bold, sans-serif font, is "Order from any Reception Unit member or call:". Below this, there are four lines of contact information in a bold, sans-serif font: "Bill Compton - 740-917-9261", "Don Kindler - 614-481-0017", "Don Owens - 614-310-5007", and "Jack Bonn - 614-876-6460".

Aladdin Shrine Band

by Dave Haney

OK, you varmints! I hope you all survived turkey day. I was in a food coma for the last four days. In keeping with the holiday spirit, I have to remind you it is time to wake up and get prepared for the greatest American holiday. A bow goes to those of you who have already participated in the annual "bell ringing" ceremonies and the Annual Band Party along with the Fall Ceremonial. Nelson, of course, has left for his winter sabbatical in the south—getting out of town before all the bills become due!

The stores actually started all of this right after Halloween, and it gained in momentum with the approach of Thanksgiving. We now have Black Friday and Cyber Monday. All of this is followed by the new holiday I have just created known as "Pain in the ____ Tuesday" or better yet "Hangover Wednesday."

The year would not be complete without the annual management review of the "To Do List" failures during the passing year. Actually, I have found it much easier to number the excuses that I have accumulated over the years: (1) I forgot. (2) I was going to say I forgot... but I forgot. (3) I was drunk. (4) I was sober. (5) You were drunk. (6) Both of us were drunk. (7) The cat ate the list. (8) Whatever it was I was supposed to use to do, it was broken. Or (9) Lost. Or (10) I thought you said you were going to do it. (11) It costs too much. Or (12) I've been sick. (13) I was going to say I've been sick but I didn't think you would believe me. (14) I didn't hear you. (15) You didn't hear me. (16) I wasn't listening. (17) You weren't listening. (18) Neither one of us was listening. (19) It wasn't me. (20) I wasn't there. And last, but not least, (21) I didn't want to. Be careful with

this last one, because the reasons you didn't want to are on another list and I forgot where it is!

A reminder: Skunk trapping season started on November 10, 2012 and runs to March 15, 2013. At the last auction held, Bucyrus in 2012, skunk pelts went for \$3.63 each. I don't know what in blazes that has to do with anything but I needed something to fill out the article!

For the Teachers in the Crowd: Why teacher's drink!

Q: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink.

A: Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.

Q: What is a seizure?

A: A Roman Emperor.

Q: What is a terminal illness?

A: When you are sick at the airport.

And my favorite:

Q: What does the word "benign" mean?

A: Benign is what you will be after you be eight.

A Word At the End From our journalism friends: (Thank God doesn't count, you big dummy!) "Puerto Rican Teen Named Mistress of the Universe" - Ever wonder what the talent skit would be?

Can't wait for next month... right?

Thea Court

by B. J. Gischler, PHP

The holidays are upon us and we are all busy right now. But, in a short time, it will be a new year, bringing with it the gloomy winter days.

Why not look forward to a lively visit with friends at the Thea Court #5 meeting of the Ladies Oriental Shrine on Friday, January 25. There is plenty of time to talk at lunch, which is served at 11:00 a.m., until the meeting starts at 1:00 p.m.

Gather some of your LOS friends and come out and join us.

Bucyrus

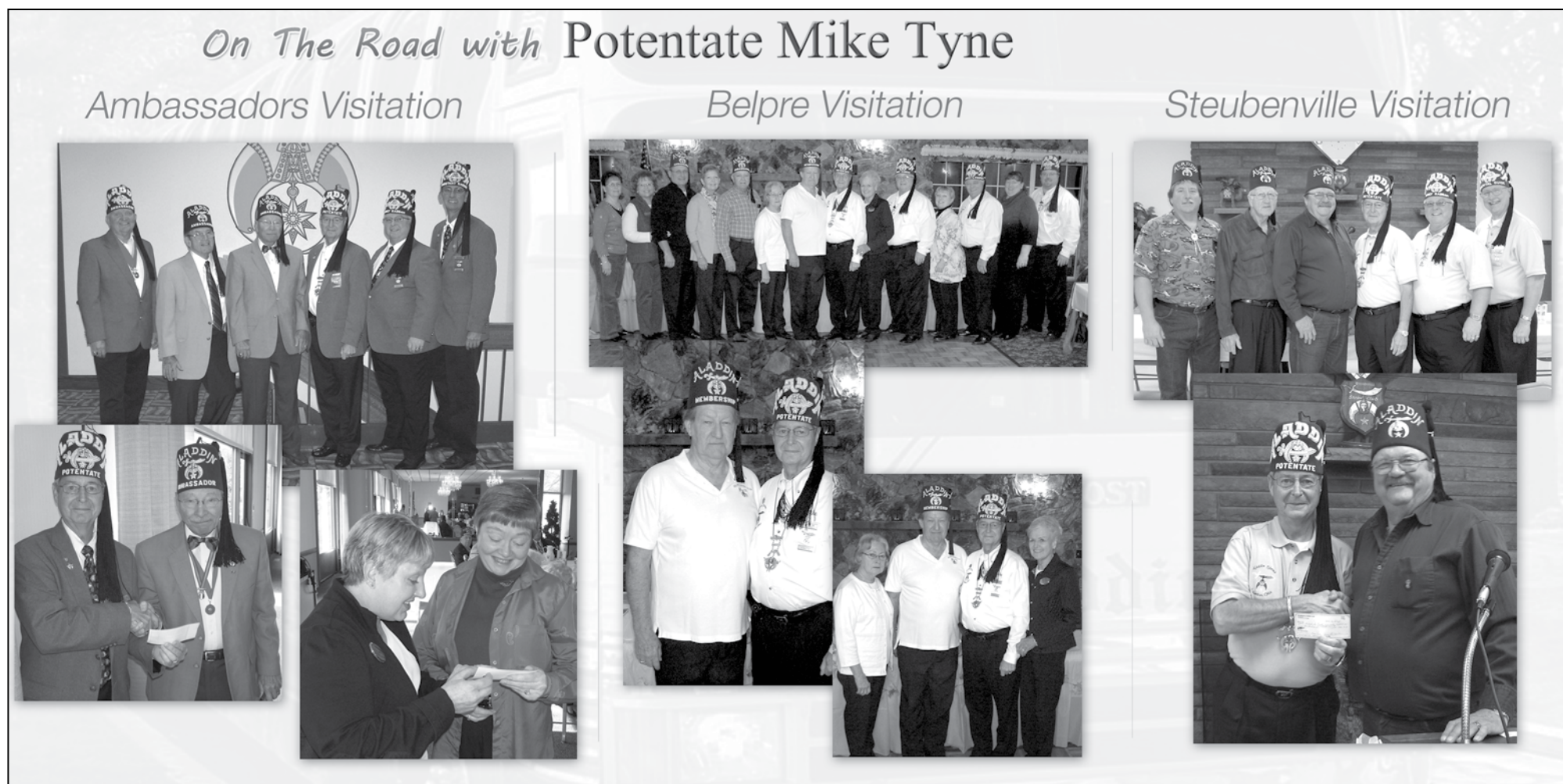
by Gene Diller

The Bucyrus Shrine Club opened the meeting with prayer led by Noble John Cline. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by President Tim Miller.

Gus's Grill and Grog Bucyrus catered the meal of cube steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad, vegetables, cake and pie.

The Bucyrus Shrine Club officers for 2013 are President Noble Dean White, Vice President Noble Wayne Erwin, Treasurer Noble David Crum and Secretary Noble Gene Diller.

The next meeting will be January 28, 2013.



Midnight Under The Sea

A NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Monday, December 31

Aladdin Shrine Center, 3850 Stelzer Road, Columbus

6:30 PM Social

7:30 PM Dinner

9:00 PM The Street Players

**SHRINERS &
GUESTS
\$140/COUPLE**

**PUBLIC
\$150/COUPLE**

**Formal Attire
or Dark Suit**

Includes:
Gourmet Dinner
Host Bar
Party Favors
Champagne Toast
Complimentary Childcare:
for children 18 months and up

Menu:

Medallion Filet with Demi Glaze
Grilled Raspberry Shrimp
Duo Potato
Brussels Sprouts with Bacon
Salad, Rolls
Cake

Hotel

Marriott - Columbus Airport
1375 N. Cassidy Ave.
Price: \$95.00
614-475-7551

SEND RESERVATION FORM TO: Aladdin Shriners, 3850 Stelzer Rd, Columbus, Ohio 43219-3044

NAME: _____ MEMBER#: _____ PHONE: _____ EMAIL*: _____

(*Email will be used for confirmation.)

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Payment Information

To guarantee seating at the same table, use one reservation form for your entire party.

NUMBER TICKETS: _____ X \$ _____ = _____ TOTAL DUE () Will Call () Mail (Last mail date 12/17/12)

Check Enclosed: () or Please charge my CREDIT CARD Card #: _____ EXP DATE: _____ Signature: _____ AMT CHARGED: \$ _____

TABLES ARE SET FOR 8. LIST NAMES OF GUESTS IN YOUR PARTY:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____
5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____

Childcare Reservations

Number of Children: _____

Ages of Children: _____

New Year's Eve Celebration