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Great News from Erie

An Open Letter of Congratulations

The new Erie “Ambulatory Surgery Center”

On June 3, Erie had its first Hospital Awareness Day as an Ambulatory Surgery Center. It was a beautiful day for Shriners Hospitals to begin our second 90 years. Please allow me to share with you my communication to them.

To the Board of Governors and Staff of our Shriners Hospitals for Children/ Erie:

A very whole-hearted Congratulations! I would like to congratulate all of you for being the first Shriners Hospitals for Children to move to a new “more efficient” model of Shriner's Medical Care.

You are “the pioneers!”

Most of us could not appreciate the monumental task it would become for you to move from a “full service” hospital of 85 years to a fully accredited “ambulatory surgical center” and “outpatient specialty care center” and to do this all of this without receiving any Joint Commission “negative citations” for the new model. That it took nearly 3 years of due diligence, study and hard work from every one to make this become a reality is testimony to your personal drive to accomplish this.

I would also like to give “special recognition” to your DPCS, Mary Jane Antoon and her team in their steadfastness in this accomplishment.

A job very “well done” on everyone's part.

And finally, a very large “thank you” to all of the Shriners who have supported this Erie SHC location for all of these years. Your vision and wisdom in taking the lead, in realizing that medical care in this 21st Century will take on new forms. This has helped lead our philanthropy to move in a new direction ensuring that the Shriners Hospitals can continue “to help the children who truly rely on us” for another 90 years.

Again, a very “well done” to all of you. Our Fezzes are off to you!

Pediatric Specialty Hospitals

Douglas E. Maxwell, *President and CEO*

Love to The Rescue

Shriners Hospitals for Children Launches National Campaign

Shriners Hospitals for Children®, a network of non-profit pediatric care facilities specializing in orthopaedics, burns, spinal cord injuries and cleft lip and palate, today introduced its new, integrated marketing campaign, Love to The rescue™.

The initiative is designed to raise awareness of Shriners Hospitals for Children and support their mission of caring for children by driving donations. Love to The Rescue highlights Shriners Hospitals for Children's outstanding medical care and its unique ingredient – love.

Every day at Shriners Hospitals for Children, love comes to the rescue through pediatric specialty care, innovative research and world-class medical education.



For nearly 90 years, Shriners Hospitals for Children has relied on self-funding and local fundraising efforts to care for nearly a million children with special medical needs, regardless of their ability to pay.

“Our wide range of healthcare providers deliver exceptional, compassionate and family-centered care for children, but until now, our story went untold. We are excited to embark on this marketing campaign to share our story with people across the nation. With continued public support, we can keep the Shriners Hospitals for Children mission alive for another 90 years,” said Michael G. Severe, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Shriners Hospitals for Children.

The integrated marketing campaign includes national television commercials featuring Shriners Hospitals for Children patients on more than 25 channels, including CNN, Fox News Channel, TBS and E!. The campaign also includes online advertising and direct mail marketing. Public relations efforts will help tell the Shriners Hospitals for Children story through national and regional media.

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Regular meetings of the Aladdin Shriners are held the third Monday of each month except June, July and August at 6:00 PM, Aladdin Shrine Center, 3850 Stelzer Road, Columbus, Ohio

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Recorder: Donald G. Goodman

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A Lesson From The Past

by Michael D. Tyne 33^o, Potentate

Prior to my Baltic cruise and trip to St. Petersburg, I read two books about the lives of Russian Tsars. One book was about Tsar Nicholas II, the last emperor of Russia. It seems that he and his family were very popular. But Nicholas had a problem: he couldn't make critical decisions. While he knew what needed to be done to save his country from chaos and revolution, he failed to act. The result was the 1918 Bolshevik Revolution and the tragic murder of the tsar and his entire family.

It is my opinion that all of our Masonic bodies, including the Shrine, need leaders at every level who can make critical decisions to strengthen the financial and membership aspects of the organizations. It appears to me that many good ideas for change are put forward but never see the light of day. They are stymied by a cumbersome voting process, by political divisiveness or by misplaced priorities. Allow me to cite a couple examples.

Grand Lodge of Ohio has a prohibition against any alcoholic beverages in any lodge for any reason. There is a similar prohibition against games of chance as a fundraising tool in lodges or any other subordinate Masonic body in Ohio, including the Shrine. Declining membership in virtually every Masonic and Shrine body is contributing to financial hardship. We are ignoring opportunities to partially address these financial issues. Specifically, we are losing rental income because we don't allow wedding parties to have champaign or wine in the lodge. A benign "50/50" fundraiser or a raffle conducted at a lodge or Shrine club brings the threat of severe consequences including possible expulsion of the offending parties. Proposals to eliminate these prohibitions have been offered to Grand Lodge in years past. But when presented to the voting delegates, the motions are defeated. In our current system of by-laws and regulations, Grand Lodge officers who want change are powerless to do anything about these two opportunities. The only solution for needed change is for a ground-swell of support to come from the membership ranks of each lodge, thereby instructing their delegates to vote for change in by-laws that govern these matters. Overturning the probitions against games-of-chance and limited availability of alcohol won't correct all of the problems that we are facing, but it might help pay utility bills or cover the cost of a maintenance issue.

Shrine membership is plummeting. Imperial has addressed the matter with programs such as "Be a Shriner Now," creating exposure for the fraternity in social networking channels (through the Internet) and, offering training to Shrine center officers and membership directors. However, at the risk of disagreeing with our Imperial leadership, they should be investing as much effort and resources into strengthening and rebuilding the fraternity as they are putting into strengthening our Shriners Hospitals. I think that the cart is rolling well in front of the horse. Where will the hospitals be if there are no Shriners? Our membership is powerless to influence change unless the hundreds of delegates to the annual Imperial Session come united with a message to the Imperial officers that the fraternity needs at least as much, if not more attention as our hospitals are receiving, or we will continue the decline in membership and suffer the inevitable loss of Shrine centers throughout North America.

Let's not behave like Tsar Nicholas. We need to adopt changes in the policies that affect the mission of our Masonic and Shrine bodies before it is too late. Be pro-active. Begin having dialogue with your Brothers and Nobles.



Chaplains Chat

by Chaplain D. Dee Mowry, PP

July is the month traditionally at or near the height of summer. It is also the month when we celebrate our national birthday on July 4. Our nation was born out of rebellion and this word has many Biblical references. The *Old Testament* is replete with stories of the people of God rebelling against God and then finding themselves in intractable situations. The result was to call on God to 'bail them out.' Joshua, Chapter 22 '...in rebellion or in a breach of faith toward the Lord...' 1st Samuel, Chapter 15 '... For rebellion is as the sin on divination... 1st Kings, Chapter 12 'So Israel has been in rebellion against the house of David to this day' plus many other stories regarding rebellion.

As mentioned above, our own country was born of rebellion, not against God but against the British Crown. This rebellion resulted in the Revolutionary War and Masonic literature details many instances of Masonic involvement in the movement. At the most recent meeting of the Ohio Council of Deliberation, attendees were treated to the 'Green Dragon' degree presented by the brethren of the Scottish Rite Valley of Canton. The degree was named after the Green Dragon Tavern, the second floor of which was the lodge room of the local Masons at this time in our history. The story depicts the events leading up to the famous Boston Tea Party. As an aside, about 30 of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were Presbyterians. So many so that the British referred to the movement as 'that damned Presbyterian rebellion.'

Freedom is also prominently mentioned in the *Bible*. Psalm 102 refers to the Lord looking down from his holy height '...to set free those who were doomed to die/ Exodus 21, 'When you buy a Hebrew slave, he shall serve six years, and in the seventh, he shall go out free, for nothing.'

Kathy and I recently returned from a boat trip on the Seine River from Paris to the Normandy beaches. The Normandy Beaches are a sobering reminder of the price of our freedom. It is beyond comprehension what and how our soldiers and Allied Forces ever accomplished this mission of that fateful day in June, 1944. It is hard to imagine such a feat against impossible odds especially the terrain with cliffs straight up from the ocean and the Nazi fortifications on the cliffs above. We visited the American cemetery nearby where 9,300 of our military personnel are buried. We must always remember that freedom is not free. Thank a member of our own Legion of Honor for his service.

Question from last month: Who gave the bride away at the first wedding? Answer: God. (Genesis 2:22-24)

July Question: What nation was Israel fighting when Moses' arms, held aloft, caused Israel to win?



A Membership Memo

by Calvin Smith, PP

Celebrating The Shrine Fraternity by Celebrating One Shriner

Nobles, when you receive this edition of the *Lamp*, our nation's Independence Day will have been celebrated in grand style. Among the memories of this day will be of those who risked everything they had for our victory over King George's rule. We will also remember that many gave their lives in this greatest of quests. No mistake, July 4, 1776 was a very big deal; one that would take nearly a decade to achieve.

The evolution of our Shrine fraternity did not require anyone to give up a life, but it required a risk of failure. Our foundation was based on creating an organization for Masonic fun. Thirteen Masons regularly met for lunch on the second floor of the Knickerbocker Cottage, a Manhattan Restaurant. Led by Walter Fleming, M.D. and Billy Florence, an actor, these Masons created the Shrine on September 26, 1872 in the New York City Masonic Hall. Aladdin, a Shrine Club of Syrian Temple in Cincinnati, Ohio, was chartered in 1894 and was led by John McClure who served as Potentate from 1894-1903. That had to be a personal sacrifice.

I am going to use this brief introduction to celebrate our Shrine fraternity and, in particular, one of its members, Ken Rossman of the Hardin County Shrine Club. I give you Ken as a representative of the hundreds, if not thousands, of Aladdin's Shrine Masons who have given their energy to the goals and aspirations of Shriners International.

Ken is a member of Latham Lodge #154 in Kenton, Ohio and was created a Shriner at Aladdin on December 6, 1980. He has spent 33 of his 83 years as a Shrine Mason. Ken received Aladdin's Meritorious Service Award from Illustrious Sir Mike Tyne on June 20, 2012. This is what his Shrine club said about Ken when they nominated him for this award.

Ken is a life member of Hardin County Shrine Club and has chaired Tabloid Day efforts for 20 years. He only missed 2011 because of surgery. He writes the club news for the *Lamp*. Provides the opening and closing prayers at every monthly meeting and constantly reminds all of us, "that Shriners are for the kids." He is truly a dedicated Shriner.

And Ken is just one of many, many Aladdin Shriners who have performed multiple services for multiple years. We need to thank them all, all the time.

We are more than halfway through the 2012 fraternal year and just five months remain before our Ceremonial on December 1. If we are to be successful and we must be successful, we all need to try very hard to recruit a candidate for the December 1 class. Select a good man who would make a good Shriner and work for our kids, talk with him, ask him to petition, then accompany him to the Ceremonial. Do not put this off; start right now identifying your newest Shriner.

Need a petition? Go to Aladdinshrine.org, Members Section, scroll to the bottom of the page and select "petitions." Or, call Kim at the office 614-475-2609 ext. 103 or call me at 614-580-1220 and never be afraid to leave a message.

Erie Hospital News

by David Hunt

I attended the June 26 Board of Governors Meeting and the new system is progressing as expected. There are challenges in the implementation of the new insurance policies, but everyone involved is confident it will all work out. UPMC Pittsburgh is all set to have its operations up and running on August 13. Listed are the pediatric sub-specialties they will offer in their clinic located on the second floor of the Erie facility: Endocrinology: 1 day/month; Gastroenterology: 2 days/month; Nephrology: 1 day/month; Neurology: 2 days/month; Pulmonary: 1 day/month.

UPMC is renting a portion of the available space on the second floor, but other doctors and clinics are showing interest in renting space to add their pediatric sub-specialty services. This will provide much needed medical services to the Erie area and enhances the image of the Shriners Hospital-Erie. I will keep you informed as these services come on line.

The board was shown a series of three new TV Commercials that will be shown on a nationwide basis. They are very powerful messages and will showcase the work Shriners are performing to help youngsters with medical needs.

We were asked to outline what we are to say when asked how the new insurance procedures will affect the treatment and financial responsibilities of the parents of those receiving medical services at Shriners Hospital for Children - Erie. The following is repeated from last month's report.

Questions you may receive:

- Will Shriners Hospital for Children bill me for an unpaid balance?
- What is my financial responsibility in regards to payments?
- What if I can't pay?
- What if I can't pay my previous balance? Can I bring my child to his or her next appointment?
- What are my financial assistance options? How do I get financial assistance?
- I am receiving services with another provider for similar services and I don't want to exhaust my coverage. Can the hospital NOT bill my insurance carrier for the services rendered at Shriners Hospitals for Children?

Please remind your families and patients that Shriners Hospitals for Children will care for your child regardless of your ability to pay. Inability to pay any amount will not affect your access to care at Shriners Hospitals for Children.



Aladdin's

Membership Statistics

Membership as of 6/30/2012 **5927**
Net loss/gain YTD -39
Net loss/gain Monthly -18

	Current	Yr to Date
Creations	0	16
Affiliations	1	3
Restored	0	28
Associate Members	0	1
TOTAL MONTHLY ADD	1	48
TOTAL YEARLY with ADDS		6013
Demits	0	1
Suspensions	0	0
Deaths	18	86
Associates Dropped	0	0
Reversals	0	0
TOTAL MONTHLY DROP	18	87

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

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2012 Tabloid Results

by Thomas W. Rice, Sr., Tabloid Chairman

An opportunity to support our philanthropy.

I want to personally thank every Noble who gave of time, talent and treasure to support this year's Tabloid campaign. I especially want to thank our brothers in Aladdin's outlying counties who, again, led the way for all of us with their outstanding efforts (many working throughout the entire year) to serve the children who so much need our help. We "tip our fez" to you, brothers!

As the books closed on this year's campaign, **we collected \$275,611.66**. We did not meet our goal of \$400,000.00 nor did we meet last year's goal of \$300,000.00.

Excuses are a sign of weakness and you will find none listed in this article. We all, and I say all, need to find a way to do better—to work harder and smarter! To be involved and not think someone else will carry your load on Tabloid.

Listed below, you will find our total contributions collected by club and unit for 2012.

Club/Unit	Total	Club/Unit	Total	Club/Unit	Total
Aladdin Ambassadors	25.00	Hospitality Unit	0	Pipes & Drums Unit	471.35
Aladdin Car Club	0	Jesters	0	Provost Unit	3,200.00
Athens County SC	13,516.25	Kambri SC	5,304.85	Reception Unit	0
Audio Unit	0	Kentucky Colonels	0	Registrars	0
Baldwin SC	10,294.97	Legion of Honor	1,850.00	Ross County SC	15,913.13
Band Unit	0	Licking County SC	30,393.00	Senior Shriners	0
Belpre SC	1,672.54	Lunch Bunch	451.90	Shiloh SC	3,337.24
Brutal Brothers	1,500.00	Madison County Sc	2,012.63	Southeast SC	5,148.23
Bucyrus SC	5,930.83	Marietta SC	6,922.44	Statehouse	0
Chanters Unit	0	Mariners SC	0	Steel Drum Band	0
Clinton County SC	5,000.00	Marion SC	838.34	Steubenville SC	3,700.00
Clown Unit	586.32	Medical Unit	0	Tarhe SC	4,402.75
Coshocton SC	2,500.00	Monroe SC	856.95	Union County SC	30,900.00
Dixiland Band Unit	0	Morgan SC	10,800.00	Utica SC	8,198.67
Flying Nobles	100.00	Motorcycle Corp	0	Voice of Aladdin	0
Gallion SC	2,617.75	Northeast SC	8,726.30	Washington SC	28,050.34
Gallipolis SC	18,713.29	Oasis Jug	0	Worthington SC	14,255.00
Hardin County SC	7,493.22	Past Master Unit	71.87	Zavi SC	3,000.00
Hilltop SC	12,856.50	Patrol Unit	0	Total Collected	275,611.66
Hocking Hills SC	4,000.00	Pickaway SC	0		
		Pike County SC	0	Sent to Hospitals	24,000.00
					251,611.66

Gallipolis

by Frank Petrie, Jr.

Sorry about the lack of news reporting for the last few issues. Ain't it funny how time just slips away? Things have been pretty hectic with family medical problems and pleasure travel, but the club has kept right on truckin'. Here are a few examples of our busy club:

- The old bus took a load of Shriners, wives and guests to the dog track for a fun filled evening.
- We held dinners and dances with good crowds in attendance. Hope you were there to share in the fun.
- A fundraiser was held to kick-off our Tabloid collections.
- Our annual Shrine Club Rio Valley Stables trail ride in memory of J.C. Glassburn was a great success and, of course, we had our annual rain storm to go with it.
- Noble Dave McQuaid has kept the old fire truck rollin' with the help of numerous Shriners for a variety of local parades.
- Our Tabloid weekend was well manned by lots of Shriners. Thanks go to each and every one of you who helped our children.

Thanks go to Noble Bob Donnett and his family and a multitude of Nobles for another great fishing derby. We had over 100 little anglers, their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. Well, you get the idea. We probably had over 300 people in attendance. The best part was that a lot of the little ones caught lots of fish this year. A big "tip of the fez" goes to Noble Eddie Fife, his wife, and all their helpers for feeding this hungry bunch. The hamburgers and hot dogs were flying off the grill in a mad rush and, of course, it was all free to the multitudes. Also, each little angler got a brand new rod and reel for their future fishing pleasure.

President Noble Larry Betz has kept the clown unit moving right along. They have made several visits to nursing homes and have been very well received and brought good cheer to the residents. We have three new clown pictures to add to our collection. They were beautifully framed by our resident carpenter, Noble John Nibert. Thank you, Noble John. One of the great things about Shriners is that they are people who are willing to help. Give them a task and it gets done.

I am afraid I will leave out some very good Nobles, but we want to thank a few special people:

- Our honorary Noble and friend, Barney Molnar, for donating the buns for our trail ride and the fishing derby
- Our mowing crew, Nobles Steve Salisbury, Carl Dewitt, Phil Baird, and others
- Our own roadrunners, Nobles Melvin Craft, Glen Ward, Chuck Easter, Jerry Scott, Jack Richards, and Guy Guinther

We wish to welcome our newest members, Noble Nathan King and Noble Doyle Saunders. May you have 10,000 wives, ride a fast camel, and find peace and refreshment here at our oasis.

Once again, the Black Camel has stolen through our tents. Noble Irvin Folden died on April 18, 2012. Noble Irvin was a past president and a very active member for many years. He was always a joy to talk to and a good friend. He will be sadly missed by friends and family.

Please note, wives and widows, we are planning a special evening for you on July 27 here at the club. Let's all make plans to attend.

Remember, Nobles and Ladies, if you can find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere.

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

Licking County

by Franklin C. Boner

The June club meeting was attended by 31 Nobles and featured a group photo shoot. The photo is available for \$10.00 each through President Noble Terry Hill.

The Licking County Shrine Tournament is history, and a "tip of the fez" goes to all of the Nobles who made it the success it was.

Looming on the horizon is the final fundraising event for the year—the Hartford Fair. This is another "all hands on deck" event and will require a lot of help. If you can assist, please make Nobel Gregory aware of the days and hours you prefer to work.

Noble Bob Thomas is making progress. He and his family need our thoughts and prayers.

Mark the first Thursday on your calendar and plan to attend our monthly, first Thursday, noon meeting at the Grotto.

Athens

by Fred Stanley

In the past month, the Black Camel called one of our well known Nobles, Brother Tom Kyle. Tom will be sadly missed.

As I write this, the temperature is 100°. This is the first time in my life (76 years) I have picked tomatoes from my garden in June.

Four members of the Divan came from Aladdin to help us celebrate our Tabloid success. They were William R. Amspaugh, Jr., Garol Rogers, Ronald Leonard and David Dee Mowry and were treated to a 22 oz. ribeye steak dinner! The dinner was planned by "Chef Boy-ar-Dee" Stanley and Charlie Adkins. Thanks go to Nobles Tim Norman and Skip (Charles) Robinette for grilling in the sweltering heat and to all Nobles who helped clean up afterward.

President Steve Kane presented a Tabloid check for approximately \$13,500.00 to Oriental Guide Ronald Leonard. Tabloid Chairman Charlie Adkins was instrumental in obtaining this donation, but was not present during this portion of the meeting. "Job well done, Charlie!"

Oriental Guide Ronald Leonard presented Fred "Fast Freddie" Stanley with a certificate of appreciation for working Tabloids while in much pain from recent hip replacement surgery. I want to thank Marvin Taylor for "shoving me" into the car and heading me toward home after a long Tabloid day!

Also, Oriental Guide Leonard read a letter from the Temperance Rescue Mission explaining how alcohol can affect a person's lifestyle. It was voted upon that Mark Abdella was a perfect example! Thus, another "joke" on Mark, compliments of Fred!

Remember, Athens Shrine Green Corn Dinner on Thursday, July 26, 6:30 p.m. and the Boat Cruise on the Ohio River on Thursday, September 13.

We are in the process of asking our Nobles for contributions to build a storage building to store our parade float. Several of our Nobles have spent a considerable amount of time making it a spectacular piece of "Shrine Art!"

Flying Nobles

by Lee McKelvey

We made our trip to the Air Force Museum with about 32 souls on board. We appreciated having everyone who made the trip with us. PC Wayne Williams and his Lady Cheryl accounted for 12 with nine family members on board. They had two of their sons and five grandchildren. PC George Bell got several from the lunch bunch interested in going with us. It was a nice trip and everything went perfectly, thanks to PP Steve Hathaway who was our driver of Big Red. Steve is a good and careful driver so he has to be a good pilot.

Before we departed on the trip we were honored to have the Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, Kevin Todd, visit us at the bus where he took time from his busy schedule to present the pilots who were there a pin that he designed especially for Masons. I was proud to receive mine from the Grand Master. The only way you receive the pin is when he pins it on you. GM Todd says he flies a Commanche at his home base. He is a very nice person. His Lady was with him and we also met her. PC George presented him with a gift from the Flying Nobles.

Another "thank you" goes to George for taking care of the announcements during the trip and for telling us what to expect when we got to the museum. I had company from out of state 10 days after the FN trip and they wanted to go to the museum, so I made the trip again. You need to love airplanes and flying to do that because there is a lot of walking.

Chaplain Jim Paddock is getting a little more strength every day but not enough to leave home. Jim is 94 years old and is determined to be with us. By the time you read this, the 2012 Shrine Imperial at Charlotte will be over and everyone should be back home.

The Chicken and Corn Roast will be held at the Shrine Center on Saturday, August 18 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. The Imperial Potentate is scheduled to be there, so come out and meet and greet him. I have tickets so get in touch with me if you want to go to this event. Children tickets (12 and under) are 1/2 price.

We don't have anything on our schedule until Tuesday, September 11 when we have Potentate Mike Tyne's visit to our club at the Shrine Center. Come out and meet the Potentate and the Divan. Mike is a fine gentleman and has done a good job for us this year along with the Divan and the aides.

Stay well and enjoy yourself every day you can.



Aladdin Steel Drum Band

by JR Harbarger

What kind of news would you hear about from a group of Shriners playing sticks on some special made, upside down, ash cans? Warm tropical kind of news! The band attended the Potentate's Beach Party playing island songs in the entryway and had a good time. Thank you, my fellow band members, for showing up and playing for this event.

So far, we have been in two parades and the Ice Cream Festival. By the way, Bill Stump knows how to get free ice cream when waiting to parade. Bill went over and the Velvet ice volunteers felt badly for him and he came back with a handful of ice cream. It was hot and the ice cream tasted just fine. Two days later, we helped honor the Vets in the Worthington Memorial Day parade.

We are still on the lookout for more Nobles to join a fun-playing group. We practice on the first and third Wednesday of the month and perform for the Potentate when requested, along with several parades throughout the warm months. We will be firing up the drums the first Wednesday in August in preparation for the Baltimore Parade on August 11. The next parade is in Bucyrus on August 17 where we normally see some of our veteran members from the old "Aladdin Drum & Bugle Corp."

Brutal Brothers

by Ron Martino and Brian Tabit



We are now in the dog days of summer and I don't go near any dogs since it is their day. Just seeing a wag of a tail sends me heading for my A/C and my back scratcher.

When I was a kid I never paid any attention to when dogs had their days as I didn't know how important it was to have your own days. All I can say now is "bow wow."

PICNIC WITH THE KIDS: On June 6, Past Chief Brian Tabit and Noble Bob Lazenby (Hospitality Unit) went to the Cincinnati Burns Center Summer Camp that is held for current patients and past burns patients. This camp is held at the YMCA Camp Kern and is called Ytiliba (Ability). They have activities that are suited for kids with special needs which can't be given by a regular camp. These patients are always fed by the hospital, but Brian and Bob thought they needed a taste of home cookin' i.e., a cookout.

Brian took his grill and deep fryer along with some 40 Hotdogs, 80 quarter pound hamburgers, 25 pounds of fries, along with all the fixins, and cookies for dessert. The kids really enjoyed their outdoor cookout, and Brian said he could vouch that they all knew how to eat. There were 48 kids attending with some as far away as Florida, Canada, and China. We think this speaks volumes about our hospitals. The kids thanked them with a song. Brian and Bob felt that everyone should visit this camp so they can see first-hand what our hospitals do. It was like they both were fulfilling what Shriners are all about. If you happen to see Brian or Bob, give them "thumbs up" for all their great service to our kids.

PARADES: The Baltimore Parade is coming up on August 11, and then the Bucyrus Parade is August 17. Please call Jake Sturgeon if you can drive and/or ride in either or both events. He will be happy for your support.

PARTY TIME: August 4 is the BB Steak Fry to be held at the Waller's Lake Resort and Shelter House. Great food and plenty of camel's milk served as always by Bo and Nancy Williams! It will start at 4:00 p.m. and run till all the milk is gone. I will be there so that is added incentive for everyone to attend. HA! The steaks will be grilled by Clay and Todd Jones with lots of assistance from Director Bob and Chief Aaron.

LATE NEWS: I just learned that Ralph Braun is in the Fairfield Medical Center in Lancaster. I do not know at this time what is wrong. I have no other news about the sick list, but I would hope to get word of any other illness early.

It is not too early to start thinking about getting new candidates for the fall ceremonial December 1. We all need to talk with our Blue Lodge Brethren and enlighten them on the wonderful world of Shrinedom.

Northeast

by Jeff Kopp

MEA CULPA! In the absence of our usual scribe, I was to write an article for the June *Lamp*. Well, here it is—better late than never. Although, after you read it, you may come to the conclusion that never would be better than late.

Northeast Shrine Club held its May meeting at the Shrine Center on May 11. A short business meeting followed the excellent buffet dinner. The usual introductions and reports were followed by a Tabloid update from 1st Vice President Jim Bodi, who has been working diligently to ensure a successful campaign.

Our speaker for the evening was Alan Wallace. He is a retired firefighter, who was on duty at the Pentagon the morning of 9/11/2001. Alan spoke for 45 minutes recounting his up-close-and-personal recollections of that historic day. He also told us of his efforts for Honor Flight, an organization that takes World War II veterans to Washington D.C. to see the WWII monument. All in all, it was a fascinating presentation.

As I am writing this, we have completed our Tabloid campaign. We are awaiting the final tally, but preliminary indications are that we had a very successful campaign. Final results will be reported when available. My thanks go to all the Nobles who hit the streets in support of the hospitals.

Our next event will be the annual picnic scheduled for August 5. Watch for further details.

Our next "formal" meeting will be September 21. We are planning a tailgate party, featuring the Buckeye Brass, to celebrate the "Urban Renewal" of Ohio State football. Get your Buckeye gear ready!

Have a great summer.

Bucyrus

by Gene Diller

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

Gus's Grill and Grog Restaurant Bucyrus catered the meal. The meal was fried chicken, cheese potatoes, salad, vegetable, dressing, cake and pie.

Ms. Darla Lewis spoke about starting neighborhood watch programs. The programs are to make our community safe one block at a time.

A moment silence was taken for the armed forces.

Secretary Noble Gene Diller read the secretary's report. Treasurer Noble David Crum reported the Bucyrus Shrine Club collected \$5,930.83 for the Tabloid. The Shrine Club ran into bad weather on Friday with low funds collected on the streets.

The Sunshine Committee reported that Noble Paul Leonhardt is having health problems.

The Bucyrus Shrine Club and Eastern Star's Ice cream Social is July 25 at the Crawford County Fair Youth Building.

If it is too good to be true, it probably is – unless you were on

The Potentate’s Baltic Cruise

by Dick Luckay

TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE – CRUISE PART 2

We arrived at Warnemunde, Germany, on day three of the cruise. Although there were ample trips into the country-side of this former East German city, most of the troops decided that Berlin would be their German destination. A three-hour train ride (that departed exactly on time) let us see a good bit of the country-side that was quite peaceful and well planted. The train was modern and comfortable and a modest lunch was provided. I never realized the true beauty and majesty of the color yellow, until we passed countless fields of the vivid blossoms of the rapeseed plants (that are processed into Canola oil). It was just a beautiful and memorable sight. The most disconcerting aspect of that trip was the profusion of graffiti on anything immovable, entering, passing through, or departing a town or small city. It was a shame – but it was nothing compared to what was visible once we started to enter Berlin. It was on anything and everything and the idea of German neatness and pride of hearth and home really took a beating.

Once we left the train it was not so apparent – except where the wall had come down and the Government had invited “artists” to showcase their talent and feelings on 8x10 foot panels that spread for over a mile down part of the former dividing line. I thought it looked cheap and tawdry. East Berlin has had a significant revival since I looked over the wall in 1979. But it is rather bland and subdued by comparison to the West. But, the Brandenburg Gate, the Government buildings and the Parliament, housing the elected leaders of the country, are indeed impressive.

The “Airlift Museum” was rather disappointing. It seemed to emphasize the part played by the British in that operation (including a display aircraft), with the American contribution merely acknowledged. I have a problem with that!

Though the country is now “united” – it will be several generations in the future before the old “East vs. West” German feelings are truly overcome. Since we were the first cruise ship of the season in the port, our departure was greeted by waving throngs on the shore, a flotilla of tooting boats in the harbor and a very impressive fireworks display as we glided slowly out to the Baltic Sea. Pretty neat.

“Three word description of Germany/Berlin -- graffiti -- evolving -- powerful”



The famous “Check Point Charlie” has been replaced by a cheap imitation that is nothing more than a scruffy photo op for tourists.

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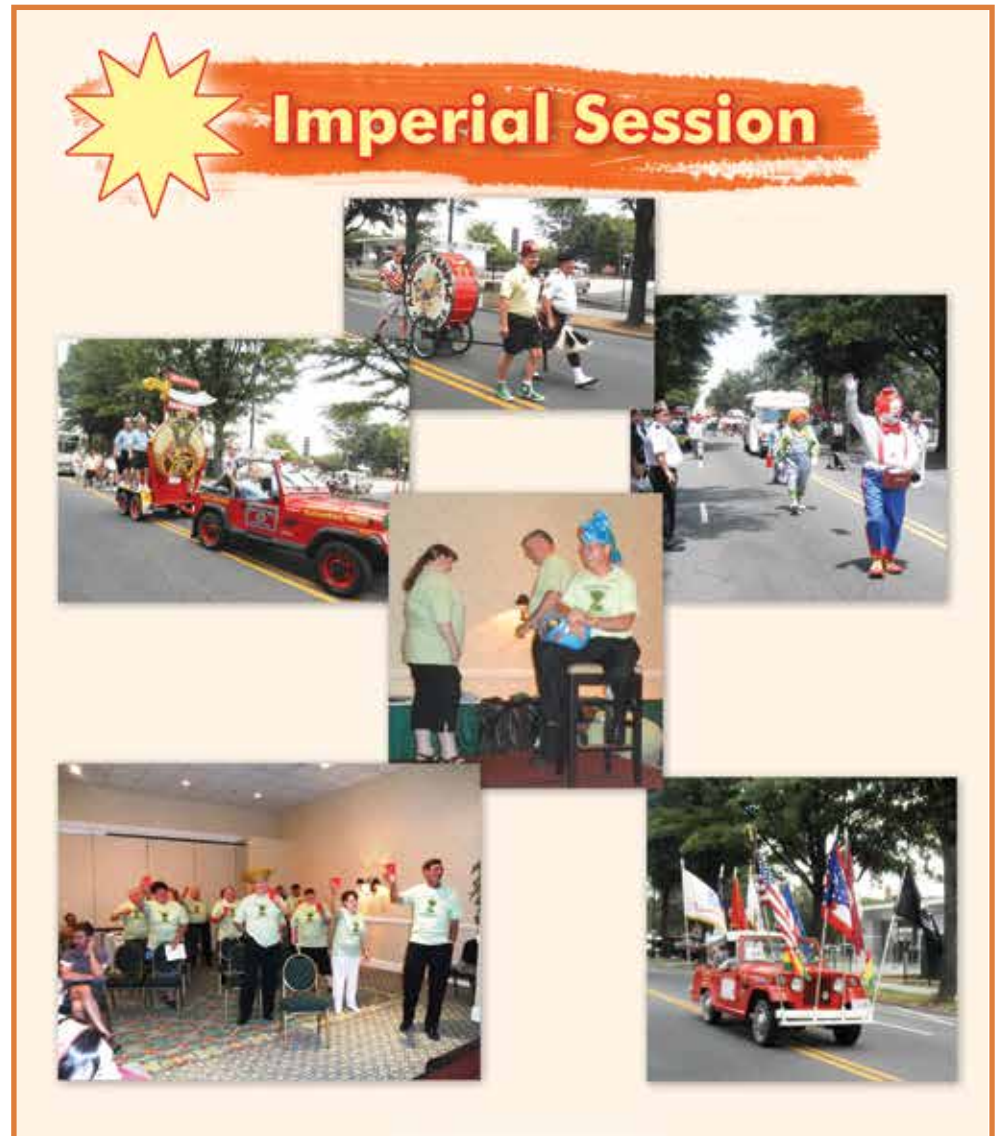
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Hardin County

by Ken Rossman

Our regular meeting was our annual Potentate's Visit and was held at the Community Building at Hardin County Fair Grounds on June 20. We had 49 guests from Aladdin and total attendance was 125. It was a long but happy day for our kitchen crew. It included Nobles Rice, Gannon, Walden, Michel, Wynegar, Doornbus, Tim Jolliff, Matteson, Osborn and Montgomery. Good job, Nobles, and thank you!

Noble Rossman opened the evening with a prayer. President Longbrake led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. We observed a moment of silence in honor of the death of Noble Justin Sherman.

Then we dined on a great meal prepared and served by our kitchen crew. The meal ended with Noble Jolliff's deep-dish pies and ice cream.

Potentate Tyne introduced many of our guests from Aladdin and a large number of them were Past Potentates and their ladies. Potentate Tyne gave a short talk reminding us of coming events at Aladdin. One date he stressed was August 18 for the Chicken and Corn Roast and Car Show at Aladdin. Our Imperial Potentate and his lady will be there for this event.

Potentate Tyne noted some new procedures at our Erie Hospital, and he also presented the 2012 Meritorious Service Award to Noble Ken Rossman for his many years of service for Tabloid Days and other services for the Hardin County Shrine Club. We offer Rossman congratulations.

The evening closed with Chaplain D. Dee Mowry, PP giving a short prayer. All in all it was a good and enjoyable evening for everyone.

We wish "happy birthday" to Nobles Ray Peterman (95) and Bill Clinger (84). We wish them the best.



Voice of Aladdin

by James Leonard

CQ CQ CQ de W8FEZ

Calling all amateur radio operators, as well as those interested in computers and radios in general. Saturday, August 11 from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., the Voice of Aladdin, an amateur radio club, will host the Columbus Hamfest at the Aladdin Shrine Center.

This year's event is being held in conjunction with the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL) State Convention and the Ohio Single Sideband Annual Meeting.

The highlight of the day will be an address by Kay Craigie, ARRL President. There will also be various forums covering such topics as traffic handling and the history of telegraphy, V.E. Amateur Radio Testing and a special Wouff Hong program. The outdoor flea market area will have the American Red Cross and Columbus Police command communications vehicles on display in addition to dozens of amateurs with "parts and pieces" for sale or trade.

The Voice of Aladdin encourages all amateur radio operators to join in this opportunity. Come and see some of the latest in amateur equipment and visit with several of the amateur related clubs and special interest groups. We would also like to encourage Shrine members, who are amateur radio operators, to consider joining the Voice of Aladdin. Those interested in further information about or becoming a part of our club, should contact Jim Morton at kb8kpj@arrl.net or 740-527-2156.

2012 ALADDIN PARADES

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OFFICIAL PARADES

	DATE	LINE-UP	STEP OFF
Baltimore Parade	8/11	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
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Provost

by John Rohal



The July issue usually begins with the Muirfield happenings which were somewhat limited this year. We did not have to wait for the final day for you-know-who (Ron "Crash" Hobensack) to damage one of the Muirfield cars; this year he did it early on the very first day in the van issued to Jim Rohal. He backed into one of Muirfield's maintainance trucks. Guess he thought that TV screen on the dash was for watching cartoons.

Changes this year included the closing of the Kinross gate which prevented Dale Cline from driving through there and being "attacked" by a table. One of our Provost ladies was working a gate cut at the home of a prominent OSU coach when asked if that was the coach's home. She replied, "I don't know, ask that police officer there." He was a short distance away and she heard the officer telling those who asked "that is the coach's home."

The June monthly meeting was very well attended, and the meal consisted of fried breaded fish and pork spareribs. Past Directors present were Bob Cannon and Terry McLaughlin; Past Potentates present were Dale Cline, Don Goodman, Steve Hathaway, John Rohal and Dan Stainbrook. Long, absent members in attendance included Russ Miller, Leo Genders, Mike VanHuss, and Jim Roberts who was presented with his Provost badge.

Director Gene Steineman opened the meeting with the requested approval of the secretary's and treasurer's reports which were approved even though Treasurer Charles Linek reported more expenses than income for the month. The Imperial stipend checks were issued to those going to the Imperial in Charlotte.

Gene discussed the Aladdin's Stag Picnic, Clippers Baseball Night, the upcoming parades,

Marching with The Legion

by Dick Luckay

HEADLINES THAT WILL NEVER BE WRITTEN -- Had he done it clearing the last high hurdle in the Olympic finals, it would have been headlines news in Aladdin's *Lamp*. As it was, PC Gary Bogart is merely relegated to a notice in this report. You see, while simply going up a staircase on the Emerald Princess, early in the cruise, he heard and felt a loud POP followed by significant pain and a useless leg. He had "popped," torn, mutilated and otherwise wiped out an Achilles tendon. A few pain pills later, he was on crutches and gallivanting around the ship as if nothing was really wrong with him. By the end of the cruise he was even going on some of the excursions -- but they were the ones without much walking. He maintained the most positive, upbeat attitude, imaginable. You couldn't help but admire his handling of a situation that would have had a down-right devastating effect on most anyone else. You're a good man Gary Bogart and you truly proved it on that cruise.

SPECIAL DAYS FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE -- The wedding bells are chiming again for Chester and Janice Van Horn (7/8) and for Fred and Gail Kreutz (8/28). May they ring throughout the year with more happy memories in store for you. Bring out the birthday cake again for Lucy Ozvat and Guy White, Sr. (8/5), Joann Bogart (8/9), Lil Woodworth (8/10), and Judy Ferrone (8/14). May it be a great day for you highlighted by that newest candle. God Bless and best wishes to you all.

POTENTATE'S BALL REPORT -- It was the most unusual Potentate's Ball on record. Beach clothes were the uniform of the day. A large crowd, outstanding food, a nosey floating fish and an eight-piece band (with two attractive lady gyrators) made everyone happy. The appearance of Potentate Mike Tyne in full scuba attire was a vision to remember and one he would just as soon forget. The dancing started with the first band number and continued long into the evening. This was a prime example of Aladdinites having fun! Great party, Mike. Doubt if there will ever be another Potentate's ball to match it.

Hilltop

by Ron Craven

What a great weekend we had for Tabloid Days. A big "tip of the fez" goes to everyone who helped make it a great day for the children and our Shriners Hospitals. Thanks go to the crews of Nobles Art Groves, Dick Hamm, Gene Dew and Duane Hivnor plus thanks for a generous donation from Dick Mowery. The **Hilltop Shrine Club collected over \$11,500.**

On Monday, June 4, the Hilltop Shrine Club visited Grove City Lodge; after a great meal, everyone went up to the Lodge room for the meeting. There were 15 club Nobles in attendance. After the meeting, some brothers stayed to play Euchre.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 18--that's the annual Chicken and Corn Roast and this year the Imperial Potentate will be here. If you are planning to be there, contact me for tickets (call 614-274-0748) at the prepaid price of \$10.00 each.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 5. Time and place will be announced later. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

and the Chicken, Corn Roast & Car Show which will be attended by the Imperial Potentate.

Dale Cline and Jim Rohal reported on the Memorial Golf Tournament and expressed appreciation to all the units, clubs, and lodges, as well as our own volunteers and the Provost ladies for all they did to make this year's tournament a success. We handled 38 gate cuts this year.

Mike VanHuss discussed the Potentate's Beach Ball, George Stowe reminded us of our family picnic on August 4, and Charles Linek discussed the Nationwide Golf Tour.

As an aside, a reliable source reported that Harold Nairn went on the Aladdin fishing trip and was able to scratch that off of his bucket list.

Approved for membership into the unit were Darren H. Harder of Columbus, retired from the Columbus Police Department and Joey Brooks of Kingston, retired from the LEADS section of the State Highway Patrol.

Celebrating birthdays in July are Robert C. Albright, Howard L. Beane, Donald L. Cox, John F. Demjen, Franklin D. Edwards, Christopher P. Fannin, Herber M. Fellure Jr., Dennis D. Feyh, Gary L. W. Hamre, Charles D. Law, Harry L. Lewis, James C. Light, Jon F. Rhoads, John W. Rohal, Malcolm C. Talbot, William W. VanGundy, and Arthur L. Wilson.

Bob Albright, of the Sunshine Committee, reported that Charles Dozer was supposed to attend this meeting, but his wife wouldn't let him attend.

Our sympathy to James E. Cooper whose mother passed away on June 3.

Our next monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, September 11; have a great summer!

Past Masters

by Dick Bull

"Thank you" goes to all who assisted in parking at the Memorial Tournament recently. Daun Knox, assisted by Gary Fortner, made it all happen. We had 29 people who worked either all 7 days or at least some days to help our cause. We thank the Provost Unit for allowing us to volunteer.

Our annual unit picnic is Sunday, August 5, at Liberty Park Shelter House #1. The park is located on Home Road at the southwest corner of Liberty and Home Roads in Delaware County. Shelter House #1 is the first shelter house in the park--more shade and closer restroom facilities than last year. Congregate around 1:00 p.m. with food being served at 2:00 p.m. Charlie Neff will be calling Bingo games in his inimitable way again this year and many prizes will be available. Bring your favorite food item. The unit will furnish meat and condiments along with liquid refreshments. Details are in our July unit newsletter. Roscoe Smith is coordinating arrangements.

The unit will be in attendance (with our van) for both the Baltimore parade on Saturday, August 11 and the Bucyrus Bratwurst Festival Parade on Friday, August 17.

Contact Dick Bull for tickets to the annual Shrine Chicken & Corn Roast at Aladdin Shrine Center on Saturday, August 18, from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Dick can be reached at 614 296-9267. This event is coordinated with the Annual Classic Car Show in the Shrine Center parking lot. Our Imperial Potentate and his lady will be attending as guests of Illustrious Potentate Mike Tyne.

Plan ahead for our Potentate's Visitation on Friday, September 7 at Brookside Golf and Country Club. Details and reservation forms will be in our August unit newsletter.

Two more members of our unit were elected officers for next year in Mt. Vernon Commandery #1, K. T.-- J. R. Wise and Roscoe Smith. Congratulations!

Bob Roof is doing well at home recovering from a knee joint replacement. Hap Holsinger is at home under the watchful care of Ginny. Ken Sparks is at home battling C.O.P.D. while Barb Davis is at home battling cancer with Pat as primary care-giver. Al and Stella Pittigrew are both at home mending from leg problems. Also, keep George Finch and John Canter in your thoughts and prayers as well as all of our ill and distressed.

Ron Leonard reportedly teed his ball up in the fairway "but only when I'm hitting with a wood." Where did that rule come from?



In Memoriam

Arnold Appel
Richard Babb
Darvin Banks
Lawrence Blair
Wade Blankenship
Barry Brown

William Bucy
James Cameron
Julian Currie
Donald Dover
Harold Fuller
Thomas Kyle

Donald Lawless
James McClain
Tiney McComb
Harlan Northup
Pete Scholten
Kenneth Wilson

Reception

by Don Owens

Seven stalwart members of the Reception Unit marched in the Worthington Memorial Day Parade this year, as evidenced by the accompanying photograph. Members who marched included, left to right, Ralph Vaughn, Don Kindler, Bill Compton, Jack Davis, Jack Bonn, Russ Evans and Bill Bickel.

Upcoming parades will occur on August 11 (Baltimore) and August 17 (Bucyrus), followed by the Chicken and Corn Roast and Car Show on August 18. The Shrine Imperial Potentate will attend the Corn Roast, so a good turnout is anticipated. Tickets for the event are available from Director Jack Bonn: \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children--a wild bargain for a good feed and good entertainment.

By the time this is printed, the Aladdin Stag Picnic of July 21 will be history. No doubt it was a memorable event.

Veteran member Bud Oldaker of Newark has not been feeling well lately. He and Barbara have recently moved, but still live in Newark.

A number of unit members are enduring birthdays this month: Bill Bickel, Jack Bonn, Charles Essex, Carl Riley, Richard Sheridan, Ed Smith, and Ralph Vaughn. Happy Birthday, guys.



Kambri

by Dick Brixner

Your Kambri Shrine Club hit the streets on Saturday, June 2 in the following communities: New Concord, Cambridge, Bylesville, Caldwell, and Senacaville. The weather was great, plenty of sunshine, and just a little wind. I will take credit for the day's weather. "Thanks" go to the 19 Shriners who worked the streets and to the 7 Shriners who counted the funds received that day.

Shriners, we did well on the amount of money received, but we could have done much better with more Shriners on the street. It is very important that our club helps raise funds for our 22 Shriners hospitals. The Aladdin goal for Tabloid Day was \$400,000.00. See page 4 for results.

"Special thanks" go to Noble Ron LePage for all his efforts in recruiting Nobles to work the streets, to count the funds, and for the delivery of water in Cambridge.

Nobles, if you did not donate monies to Tabloid, you can still send in checks to Noble Tom Fisher, or drop the same off to either the Masonic office or to Ron LePage. It is never too late to donate.

Your Kambri Shrine Club held its annual golf scramble on Saturday, June 16, at the Wildfire Golf Club. We had a total of nine teams (36 golfers) participate in this worthy event. Yours truly will once again take credit for the great weather for this golf scramble.

The scramble started with free coffee and Kennedy's doughnuts to provide nourishment for all the golfers and volunteers. At the end of the scramble, we had the awards ceremony, and a delicious steak dinner with baked potato, salad, rolls, and drinks. We were able to provide all golfers with at least one door prize, a great day with the weather and great fellowship. We awarded five skill prizes for closest to the pins (par 3s), and long drives in three categories. The winning team, Brown, Brown, Brown and Wilkinson, shot a 54, 17 under par, and they walked away with the prize money. Great job, guys.

We want to thank all for attending, the Nobles who assisted and a special "thank you" to Noble Ron LePage for finding the best buy on the rib eye steaks, for the prep and cooking of the steaks and the baked potatoes, to Noble John Plazchak for all his work in obtaining the hole sponsors for this event and to Noble Lew Smith for bringing out the propane cooker. Thanks go to all the Nobles who were behind the scenes, making this a success.

The success of this event is a credit to the community for hole sponsorships and door prizes, and for the golfers who come to play. Please plan to come back next year on June 15, 2013 at Wildfire Golf Club.

Kambri Shrine Club was part of the Southeast Ohio Regional Medical Center's Annual Health Fair. Our table was manned by Nobles Buzzy Ferguson, Ermal Shimp and Frank Potts. We had Shrine literature to share with the 400 plus attendees and we awarded two bicycles - a girl's and a boy's. We were well represented at the table and these Nobles did their best to sample the products on the adjacent tables. "Thanks" go to all who helped spread the Shrine story.

Nobles, watch your mailboxes for the next event, and please plan to attend. It is "your" club, make it grow. Have you read the *Lamp*? Check out the dates when Aladdin will be at local area parades. Have you called and made your reservations for the annual Aladdin Stag Picnic? Have you considered attending Shrine Night with the Columbus Clippers on July 24? Have you completed the Potentate's trip survey that was in the May *Lamp*? Did you read the updated information on our two closest Shriners Hospitals?

Nobles, those of you in a business setting, would you like the opportunity to bid on Shrine projects through Aladdin? You can call Aladdin at 614-475-2609 or 800- 4750-3050 for this and any of the above mentioned items.

Nobles, it is your club and we need you to get involved.

Ross County

by Dan Riddle



Here's a riddle from Noble Riddle. What do you get when you combine a Shrine club meeting and 100 degree temperatures? Give up? Low attendance and a VERY short meeting.

As I was driving to the June 28 meeting, I passed a bank sign that said the temperature

was 102 degrees. The smart Nobles stayed at home in the air conditioning. The not-so-smart ones were treated to another outstanding dinner prepared by Mike Haller and his kitchen crew: grilled chicken (prepared in Mike's award-winning, nationally published marinade), green beans, roasted potatoes with ice cream as a cool treat on a hot day.

Last month I included a picture of Illustrious Potentate Michael Tyne along with Noble President David Duckworth receiving a check from Chillicothe Eagles Aerie #6 Treasurer Tom Duckworth. The Eagles made the VERY generous donation to the Tabloids of \$5,000.00! They are often very kind to the Shrine Club and the Shrine Hospitals, and we can't tell them enough how much we appreciate it. And speaking of Tabloids, Co-chairmen Bobby Anderson and Dave Duckworth were happy to report that the club raised close to \$15,000.00 dollars for Tabloids this year. Nicely done, Nobles! As you may have heard me say before, "It's the reason why we wear the fez."

During the meeting, it was reported that the Black Camel had unfortunately visited the club again. Nobles William Donnell, Robert Drury and James Woods passed away since our last meeting. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

The Ross County Fair will be here before you know it. Noble Don Morris had his sign up sheets for the ice booth and Noble Steve Davis was passing around the sign up sheet for the melon booth. These are the main fundraisers for the club, so if you haven't had the chance to sign up for a spot yet, please do so.

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Aladdin Shrine Band

Well, it appears that the dog days of August have arrived a couple of months early. Who else would pick man as his best friend and drink from the toilet. Highly questionable according to Green Eyes. Dogs ain't too smart you know!

Imperial Stuff: The small but mighty have prevailed! By this time the Imperial in Charlotte is fading into the past. That is where I find most things (especially something I am trying to find that I had just a minute ago) end up! The ever popular summer celebration of the rights of survival will be here shortly. It's the picnic, you big dummy! Stay tuned for the sordid details.

Speaking of survival, my Cleveland Indians ain't doin' it. As I have predicted, the June Swoon (well known and greatly feared by all Cleveland Indian fans) has arrived and not a moment too soon. The last time I worked up the courage to look, they were 0-4. The bus is heading for the cliff! Maybe they will get there before the end of the Mayan Calendar when all of us will be on the bus—at least according to the Mayans. Just think, no more “I am...and I approved this message” junk to put up with! I can see it now—a bunch of ancient Indians sitting around and coming up with “years from now this will drive them crazy” and having a great laugh about the whole business! I think BC said that as he was drawing a Pepsi Cola sign on a cave wall!

The Educational Moment: Did any of you remember to look up what the old Mail Pouch barn advertisement said? (It was just below the larger words “Mail Pouch”). It said: “Treat Yourself to the Best.” Some of us who were working at playing baseball tried that once, but I think it might have been Redman Chewing Tobacco. I ain't never been that sick! Went back to chewing bubble gum instead. If you haven't seen the movie “Sandlot,” check it out!

Schedule Stuff:

August 11 - Baltimore Parade Dixie Band

August 17 - Bucyrus Parade

Pickaway

by Jim Willeford

It's real easy to get out of the habit of submitting articles to the *Lamp* and I've got to admit—I'm guilty, but I'm trying to reform. This is my first step back.

The Ladies Auxiliary and we “kinda” (I think they did most of the work) had several events. We had an Easter Egg Hunt, a rummage sale and we had some meetings.

The nine of us who participated in the annual Tabloid sale in Circleville brought in over \$1,300. That's right, NINE; that figures out to about \$166 each. You know there were a lot of locations in Circleville and other places in Pickaway County that could've been occupied by Shriners if they had showed up. Let's say if only nine more showed up, we might have doubled to \$2,600. I know there were graduations, weddings, and canine dentures that needed cleaning. (Remember, I've not written the articles I should have, so I'm open to all criticism myself.)

Come on guys! One morning for four or five hours is not too much to sacrifice for a cause so worthy and one that you believe in. If you don't believe in it, I've got an idea. You should have been to our April 23 meeting. Our newest member, Ralph Howard, and his son, Bryan, were there. Why was that an important meeting, you ask? The story begins with home movies of Bryan and his twin sister Shanna doing the things that youngsters do—enjoying Christmas, laughing and having fun. The twin's lives and that of those all around them changed after a basement fire at a relative's house. The video goes to the bandaged children in the hospital, and the story continues with Ralph telling what the Shrine Hospitals have meant to him. Bryan, now a grown young man (23 I think) adds his appreciation of what we do. After the members heard the story, I don't think there was a dry eye among all the grizzled old Shriners. Men, who aren't prone to showing emotion, were moved by the presentation of our newest member. If everyone could have been to this meeting, I can't help but imagine Pickaway Shrine participation in the Tabloid would have been greater, and those canine dentures would have been dirty one more day.

Coming up for our Shrine is the Pickaway County Fair, June 16. The booth will be open and some help would be appreciated. I'm sure we can find a place for more volunteers. It's time to give a great “big thanks” to Wes Riley for cleaning the booth.

All the scholarship applications are out to the area guidance counselors, and we're eager to help a young person. We'll be waiting to hear from some graduating senior with a family Masonic affiliation who can use some help with their education expenses.

Near the end now. Rex Emerick is back to work and back to the Shrine. Sure is good to see him doing so well. Brad Cline, son of Past Potentate, Dale Cline had a stroke and is in rehabilitation at Berger Hospital. John Monce had brain surgery to remove a mass, and is recovering at home. Glen McFarland is under the weather and Doc Phillips is at Brown Memorial.

Let's all do a little, after all, it's about the kids.

by Dave Haney

August 18 - Chicken and Corn Roast/Car Show. Imperial Potentate Visitation - Band? (I assume all ten of us?)

September 1 - Portsmouth River Days Dixie Band

September 4 - Band Rehearsal 8:00-9:00 p.m.

September 11 - Band concert First Community Village

September 18 - Dance Band 7:00-9:00 p.m.

September 25 - Exec. Board 7:00 p.m., Band Rehearsal 8:00-9:30 p.m.

Some Great Journalist Stuff: From time to time our journalistic brothers and sisters come up with some interesting, and very profound, stuff for headlines. Those things are supposed to get your attention and they usually do! Here are a few for the record:

- Homicide Victims Rarely Talk To Police
- Rally Against Apathy Draws Small Crowd
- Federal Agents Raid Gun Shop, Find Weapons

and my favorites:

- The Bra Celebrates A Pair Of Historical Milestones This Year
- Starvation Can Lead To Health Hazards

Really!

A Note at the End: A company was having some problems so the boss posted this memo: “We have not succeeded in solving all your problems. The solutions we found only serve to raise a whole new set of problems. We are as confused as ever, but we believe we are now confused on a higher level and about more important things!” ~Clayton Mullen

See you varmints next month!

Just Clowning Around

by Wayne “WAYNO” Shriver

I would like to thank Stephen King, Rob Zombie, Crusty the Clown, Homie the Clown, The Insane Clown Posse and, of course, Killer Clowns from Outer Space. Because of your wonderful works, you have portrayed clowns as being creepy, spooky and downright deadly. Even my favorite TV show, “Supernatural,” has portrayed clowns as being something other than being fun loving.

When I was growing up, clowns were actual role models for kids. How many remember Clarabell from the *Howdy Doody Show*? Well, I actually watched that show on reruns, and still watch the reruns. We also had Flippo, Bozo and even Ronald McDonald and every clown we saw at the circus or in parades. But my biggest clown role model has to be my dad. Yup, that's right—my dad was a rodeo and stockcar clown. He would have a souped up go-cart that looked fast and was even louder than thunder. But it would only putt around at 5 mph!

And now, we have a new generation of great role models. They go by the names of NUTT, CEE JAY, POZI, TUITT, TOOTS, HOB0 FREDDY, BUCKETHEAD and BOPE just to name a few. These clowns are everything a clown should aspire to be—hard working, fun loving and generous to a fault.

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Registrar Unit

by Art Puetz



With Muirfield but a memory now, all that lingers in our minds and bodies with those memories are the remnants of a few sunburns and the satisfaction of jobs well done. A big round of thanks goes to all who helped and especially to Assistant Director Noble Dick Ham who struggled to fill all the slots because of illnesses and last-minute job changes. The memories of renewed acquaintances with the neighbors at our various stations, the happy smiles and dispositions of the passing spectators and the overall sense of people enjoying themselves will remain with each of us who put in our time for many months to come.

Tabloid Days have come and gone and many of us contributed to the effort through our Shrine Clubs. Two Registrars also showed up downtown for the kickoff—Dick Huff and Art Puetz. As of the submission date for this article, no news has yet to surface dealing with the goal set by our Tabloid chairman, but we all hope it will have been met and exceeded.

The month of June saw our last meeting before we “go dark” in July and August, but this does not mean that we “Gold Coats” will be idle. There was, of course, the Aladdin Stag on July 21, parades for Baltimore and Bucyrus and most importantly, the Car Show and Corn Roast on at the Aladdin Shrine Center on August 18. It will include the first Imperial visitation in about 10 years. Per Director Andrew Baker, this event will be an “all hands on deck” event, so mark the date on your calendars and make sure you're there. More information regarding the uniform of the day will be in future communications.

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