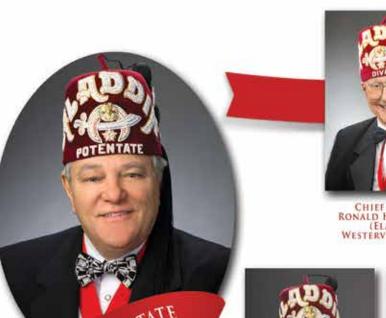


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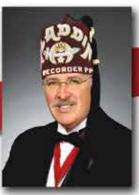
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### Potentate's Monthly Message

# Plunge "N" for Fun

If you missed the installation last Saturday evening (January 10), you missed my sincere "thank you" for electing me to be your Potentate for 2015. I am honored and humbled that such a position has been given charge to me. Let me give "glory to God" right now along with a prayer that He will give me the wisdom, knowledge and understanding to lead us into the future at Aladdin Shrine.

This year we are going to Plunge "N" for Fun as we address the many challenges and decisions facing us, not only for the fraternity of the Aladdin Shrine Nobility but for the many issues that we will have to address to move our home to the Grove City location.

It goes without saying that I will need input from all of you. It might be a phone call to me or maybe not. You may talk to your Divan representative or maybe you will drop a note to the office. However it is, let's keep the lines of communication open and Plunge "N" for Fun. You'll be glad you did and so will the kids we help every day.

I would like to mention the support that I have received from Lady Glenda. You know, Nobles, we don't get to go anywhere, have any fun, attend a meeting or disappear for a parade if we don't get a blessing from our wife or family and sometimes Aladdin can be very demanding and consuming. Thanks, "Baby Doll."

Do you remember why you joined the Aladdin Shrine? I'll bet in a lot of the answers you give, the word "fun" comes to mind. If it does, then Plunge "N" for Fun in 2015. Remember, you don't have to be a plumber to plunge in, go plunging or even own your own plunger.

As this article goes to press I want to thank you again for the honor of being your Potentate. Lady Glenda and I look forward to seeing you at the different functions of Aladdin as we move forward in 2015.



David E. Wolfe, Potentate

# Membership Memo

We are off and running.

It's 2015—the year of the big move to our new facility in Grove City, Ohio. It is also the year of continuing programs we all know and support: Sled Hockey Tournament in January, Aladdin Shrine Circus in March, Tabloid in June, trips to Tampa, Detroit, Houston and New York City. There are parties for kids: Easter Egg Hunt and the Kids Christmas Party with Santa. We'll go to Lake Erie to fish, to Scioto Downs Racino for the Kentucky Derby Party and to the August Chicken and Corn Roast Car Show.

by Calvin Smith, P.P.

We will do all this and more; we will pack and move and unpack.

We will also focus on growing our membership with a full blown, two-section Ceremonial on October 3, 2015. The fee will be \$194. The cost of a fez is in addition to this fee. This effort will be accompanied by a true push to restore former members who have been suspended. The fee will be \$50.

#### The Imperial Potentate asked each of our temples to place great emphasis on membership this year.

He has identified five areas that we should address.

- Determine Our Numbers Calculate how many new members and restored members will be required to overcome loses due to deaths, suspensions and demits. We have done this using five-year averages.
- Develop a Written Membership Plan We have completed this plan and it has been made available to each club and unit. The plan is designed to attain the growth. It assumes that we will suspend 135 members, grant seven demits and incur 200 deaths. It anticipates creating 250 new members, restoring 90 members and affiliating eight members. We will monitor each of these subsets of membership on a monthly basis and report them at our stated meetings and in the Lamp.
- Keep the Ladies in Mind Membership success depends on the degree to which we involve our Ladies in our fraternity. It is important that this involvement begins on Ceremonial Day and continues thereafter on a reliable basis. It must be impressive for her as well as for her Noble. Imperial has developed programs for these purposes. We will be investigating these programs for our use.
- Cultural Change This idea speaks to changing the way we engage each socially through clubs, units and temple get-togethers. Are we focused on what our members want? Do we do the things younger people like to do? Would our seniors enjoy different programs than we now provide? What are things all generations enjoy doing? Another way of looking at this is asking what is relevant in our society and how do we react to this in such a way that our members and their ladies think we are "with it" regardless of their age.
- Create a S.M.A.R.T. Team These letters stand for Shrine Membership Action Renewal Team. The Imperial Potentate has asked all temples to form such a team and has asked that we contact the Membership Development Office for more information on this concept. We will be making this contact

Each of us must try very hard to convince one Mason from our Lodge to become a Shriner in 2015. IT IS VERY CRITICAL THAT WE DO SO.

# Cincinnati Hospital

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

The December meeting of the Board of Governors was a bit different from the usual format as the ladies were invited to this meeting. Pre-meeting snacks were served prior to the shortened committee meetings. The full board met early in the afternoon while the ladies were on tour(s) of the hospital and attending their program. Your hospital saw 72 intakes this month ranging in age from birth to 20 years of age. This represented 13 different Shrines. Jerry Hardisty, Chair of the Research Committee, announced that the hospital researchers had been awarded \$2,753,000.00 in

The hospital has named a new administrator, Mark Sugarman, who will assume his duties early in February. A new chief of staff is in the offing as the current chief, Dr. Richard Kagan, has announced his retirement set for early in 2015.

We offer a "tip of the fez" to (Ky.) Col. Robert Mann who produces "Chili Butter" and sells his product. A portion of his sales is sent to the Shrine Hospitals. His check was presented at the December board meeting. We designated his check for the research department as it is a self-funded department. Col. Bob's efforts are MOST appreciated by all hospital personnel.

Your hospital board will resume the regular meeting schedule starting with the January meeting.

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## Chaplain's Corner

by William R. Stump

Here am I. Send me. Isaiah 6:8

Have you ever been in a situation similar to the following?

In a restaurant, a man (not a Mason) loudly used the Lord's name in vain multiple times during a brief conversation. He didn't seem to care who heard him—even women or children.

When Shriners are initiated in their Blue Lodge they are taught to revere God, not to blaspheme Him. God is hold ("set apart") and that man violated the Third Commandment: "Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD (YHWH) thy God in vein: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vein." (Deuteronomy 5.3 K IV.)

Did you notice the word "guiltless?" Therefore judged guilty! If Shrine Masons swear, think of the damage this would do to our public reputations. Not only would we disgust others but greatly

anger our Lord. Remember, when the Lord is blasphemed, we are doing this to the Creator of mankind and the universe and the One who will judge us after we die.

In the Gospel of John, chapter 10, verse 30, Jesus Christ, the Messiah says, "I and the Father are one." Later in John, Jesus says, "Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father." (14:9b NIV.)

This gets confusing, doesn't it? But the Apostle Paul, in writing to the church in Philippi, helps us to better understand the God, Christ, human relationship.

"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

"And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!" (Philippians 2:5-8 NIV.)

So, when we swear we are blaspheming our Savior. He personally died for our sins. Therefore, no one, including Shriners, must swear like the man I heard in the restaurant.

### **Erie ASC-OSCC**

by Bob Stevenson & Tom McNeil

If you have a girl or young woman you care about who plays sports, you should read this!

**Adolescent Female Sports Medicine Fills a Need** - Shriners Hospitals for Children®—Erie has launched a new program designed to treat and prevent sports injuries in girls and young women. The program known as FIERCE (Female Initiative: Evaluation and Rehabilitation Care Excellence) is led by Corinna Franklin, M.D. and features an all-female team.

FIERCE was developed to address a serious need in sports medicine. Emerging research reveals female athletes suffer from ACL injuries at a rate up to eight times higher than males and these injuries are usually non-contact. The increased injury rates are related to a combination of factors, including anatomic and biomechanical differences compared to male counterparts. ACL tear is just one of many diagnoses that separate the female athlete from men. However, many sports medicine programs continue to treat young women as though they were men.

The goal of this program is to ultimately reduce injuries by focusing on the unique issues female athletes face. This is achieved by building a team that includes a Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon, Pediatrician, Nurse Practitioner, Pediatric Registered Nurse, Clinical Dietitian, and Physical Therapist, all of whom are female. By having an all-female team a unique environment is created in which young female athletes are more likely to discuss issues they may face. Dr. Franklin added, "with our team we hope female athletes will be more comfortable to come to a place in which they can talk about their injuries, their plans and anything they might be concerned about."

Another unique facet of the program is Erie's cutting edge Movement Analysis Laboratory. The MAL will be utilized to study potential predisposing biomechanical factors that can lead to the distinctive injuries. With the feedback provided by biomechanical analyses, female athletes can better understand their mechanics and work with the team to develop a unique rehabilitation plan and/or injury prevention plan.

If you recall, a couple months ago we reported that you would be hearing more about our MAL, well this is an excellent example of the talents, skills and programs our MAL can bring to treating "Our Kids". If you have someone you think might benefit from FIERCE, please contact either SHC-Erie@ 814-875-8700, our Aladdin office or Bob Stevenson @ 614-306-3994.

We trust you had a great Christmas and we look forward to an excellent 2015 at SHC-Erie. Follow us on YouTube www.youtube.com/user/SHCErie or Facebook at Shriners Hospitals for Children – Erie Facility.

And, as always, if you meet an Aladdin RoadRunner, please say THANKS!

### **Tabloid Times**

by Bob Stevenson

Now, where was I before we had that brief interruption?

Yup, I'm back. Tom Rice, who has chaired Tabloid since 2010, has taken on new responsibilities with Homeland Security. As such, he will be traveling and did not feel he could continue. So, I was pleased to say "yes" when asked if I would return. We all owe Tom big "thanks" for his leadership over the past couple years.

In my other capacity as a member of the Board of Governors of our Erie Hospital, I have an even keener appreciation of what these Tabloid dollars mean each year. I will try not to bore you too much with that side of it, but then that is really where all Tabloid effort ends.

So, on to business. First, let's look at the important calendar dates:

- Tabloid Seminar is 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 11, 2015.
- Tabloid Day is set for Saturday, June 6, 2015.

As always, if your club or unit requires a different day, just email me at rfsworth@ameritech.net and go ahead. The advice to us of a different day is for our insurance; we want you all to be covered.

**Final day to deposit for Tabloid 2015** will be Friday, June 26, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. Monies are to be turned into Accountant Elizabeth Shoemaker, 614-475-2609, ext. 112. More information will be coming to you in the next couple of months.

Aladdin has always been one of the premier Temples in Shrine International when it comes to Tabloid (or paper crusade as Imperial calls it). But each year, as you know all too well, our Nobles get older and can't hit the streets. Our numbers diminish which gives us fewer hands to help with the task. Depending upon where you are, the economy is always a potential issue. To counter these head winds, we need to stay focused on keeping Tabloid a daily, year round event, not just a day. Many of you are consistently doing neat things to raise money for Tabloid. I will try to feature some of you in the coming months. I hope some of the ideas are things you could make work where you are

I'd like to set our goal for 2015 at \$250,000.00. Not real high but attainable if we set our minds to it. Also, I want you to consider how you can use one of our greatest assets in this effort—our ladies! Talk with them; see what ideas they have and how they can help reach our goal. I've found over the years that our ladies are just as interested in the work we do and the well being of "our kids" as we are (and sometimes, more so). Let's see how they can add to our effort. It goes to one of my favorite sayings "all of us is smarter than any of us!".

I hope you had a super holiday season, but now it's back to the job at hand. Let us commit to making Tabloid 2015 a most rewarding event!



Bob Stevenson, Member of the Board of Governors at Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie, presents a check for \$1,000 to Jeff Stephenson, Chairman of the Board of Governors, to be applied to the purchase of new radiology equipment.

# Erie's Feeding Clinic

When 12 year old Jay arrived at the Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie Feeding clinic he had already stopped eating solid foods for over nine months. His aunt, Marrion Durr, had been to several specialists without any success. By this point Jay had become a physical shell of himself. Nine months prior Jay had suffered a serious choking incident and due to an overwhelming fear of choking again, he was unable and unwilling to engage with solid food.

Julia Hawkins, OTR/L, began working with Jay to retrain him how to eat solid foods. One of the main challenges Hawkins faced is Jay had not used the muscles for chewing in nine months. Hawkins expected it to take six or seven months of work for Jay to be comfortable with food again and gain weight; Jay had other ideas.

By placing Jay in a therapeutic setting he felt safer to try foods. Jay demonstrated tremendous internal motivation to overcome some of his fears. "He had support from the team and his aunt" said Hawkins. She also gave him little assignments to work on to improve his eating skills. As Jay began

to eat he started to feel stronger and look bigger. This motivated him even further as a teenage boy who took an interest in athletics. Utilizing the feeding clinic's interdisciplinary approach the treating physician, Kerry Armet, M.D., was able to identify an underlying anxiety issue which could be worked on and addressed to allow the recovery of his feeding skills to continue moving in the right direction. With the hard work put in by Jay and the feeding clinic team, in only two short months he had made the progress Hawkins expected after seven.

Durr, Jay's aunt, was thrilled with his progress. "He bought into the wonderful environment at Shriners. Now his nose works overtime!" Durr said about his appetite. Jay is now eating steak, hamburgers, and most importantly chocolate. He is even going through the food line at school. With his new found strength and confidence Jay has taken up, and even fallen in love, with swimming. Durr has been overwhelmed with Jay's progress and how the staff at Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie treated them like family. "I tell everyone in Erie about Shriners" said Durr.





#### **Total Membership 01-01-2014** 5523 Yr to Date Current Creations 0 Affiliations Restored 5 59 Assoc. Members **Total Additions YTD 154**

Aladdin's

	Current	Yr to Date
Demits	0	6
Suspensions	122	146
Deaths	11	176
Assoc. Dropped	1	4
Reversals	0	2
Total Deletions YTD 330		

**Membership Statistics** 

5473

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Membership As Of 01-01-2014

Associate Members Start 2014

Membership As Of 12-31-2014	5347
Net Loss/Gain YTD	-176



### SHRINE INTERNATIONAL

## **PHOTO CONTEST**

### Who can enter the contest?

The photo contest is now open to Shriners and their ladies!

What should I photograph? (**Note:** *These are just suggestions. Be creative and have fun with this!*)

- · Shriners laughing and having fun
- Scenes depicting brotherhood/friendship
- Shriners in interesting costumes
- Shriners driving fun vehicles
- Temple, club or unit gatherings
- · Shriners in the community
- Fezzes, memorabilia, vehicles or other Shriner accessories

What are the qualities of a winning image? How will the winners be chosen? Technical quality, clarity and composition are all important, but what will set a photo apart from the rest is the ability to capture that "picture perfect" moment that expresses the true spirit of the Shriners.

A panel of impartial judges will choose ten winning photos. Winners will receive a plaque, pin and an Amazon.com gift card. Winning photos will be published in the 2015 Annual Report and in an issue of Shriner Magazine: Pride and Tradition. They will also be shown during the Public Relations report at the 2015 Imperial Session in Houston.

Best of luck! We can't wait to see how you have captured the essence of what it means to be a Shriner. For rules and entry form go to www.shrinersvillage.com, email shrinepr@shrinenet.org or call 813-281-8162. Entries must be received no later than March 31, 2015.



### In Memoriam



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### Kambri

by Dick Brixner

Your Kambri Shrine Club held its annual Christmas celebration on Thursday, December 11 at the Plumbers and Pipefitter's Hall with 46 Nobles and guests in attendance. Noble President Ted Calvert greeted everyone, extending the welcome to all. Noble Tom Fisher offered the prayer prior to enjoying an excellent meal.

Shirley Dolan prepared the "feast" consisting of baked steak, chicken, homemade noodles, green beans, salad, rolls, and desserts, and of course, there was an ample selection of drinks for all.

Following the meal, Noble President Ted took the podium and introduced the officers for Kambri Shrine Club for 2015: President Tim Oliver, First Vice-President Dave Black, Second Vice-president John Polascak, Trustee-at-Large Ted Calvert, Secretary Don Huston, Treasurer Tom Fisher, Tabloid Chair Buzzy Ferguson, Membership Chair Ron LePage, and Public Relations/*Lamp* Dick Brixner. A round of applause was given to those who stepped up to lead our club in 2015.

After a slight pause in activities, there was a sound of sleigh bells and who should enter the room but the jolly man with a white beard and a bright red suit. He came bearing gifts for all the ladies. Santa's "elf in waiting" (holding the bag of gifts) was Buzzy Ferguson. Following the distribution of the gifts, he headed for the door, shouting "Merry Christmas to all." Santa had stopped by Mosser Glass for the gifts.

Noble Tom Fisher took center stage to introduce our entertainment for the evening. The group, "Pure Heart" is comprised of Homer and Vickie Maple, Erin Curry, Dylan Daniels, and Mick Amicone. "Pure Heart brings a powerful, inspirational, and uplifting message to life through song, proving along the way that faith is fun." Nobles, if you missed this event you missed one of the best programs ever. This group was super. They offered a wide range of songs and made it a fun evening with a great message. They involved the audience and gave all some memorable moments. If you see Noble Buzzy Ferguson, ask him about his singing, dancing, and walking behind Vicki. By the way, there are several pictures floating around. You had to be there to really appreciate the performance.

Nobles, if you need entertainment for an event, I would highly recommend "Pure Heart." You can call/text 740-624-6045 or email them at pureheartpraise@gmail.com.

As the evening came to a close, Nobles Ron LePage and Tom Fisher awarded eight poinsettias which were a part of the table decorations. A "thank you" was also extended to Nobles LePage and Ferguson for all the table decorations, which included candy scattered along each table. (I am sure they had "excellent" help and guidance.) Ask Noble Lew Smith about all the candy wrappers on

the floor under his

Nobles, watch your mailbox for the coming events in 2015. Remember, come out and get involved, offer suggestions for activities, and take part. If you missed this event, vou missed one of the best, all-time, programs. You also missed all the great food, drinks, fun, and fellowship.



 $L-R: Nobles\ Ron\ Hickman,\ Curt\ Burris,\ Frank\ Potts,\ Lynn\ Weekly,\ Joel\ Weekly,\ And\ Gary\ Jones.$ 

Enjoy the photo of the "Kambri Tin Lizzie Patrol" above. If you would be interested in joining in the ranks, and if you would like to buy a vehicle, contact either Nobles Frank Potts or Lynn Weekly. There are a couple of cars for sale. Their most recent event was the Cambridge Christmas Parade.

Nobles, be sure to read each and every issue of the *Lamp*. Watch for the update on the big move to our new location in Grove City. Read about what is happening at our Shriners' Hospitals in Erie, Lexington, and Cincinnati.

Did you see the "summary of proposed bylaws" in the November issue of the *Lamp*? Have you paid your annual dues to Aladdin and Kambri for 2015? Also, be sure that both locations have your correct address. Nobles, here's hoping that you had a very merry Christmas and that the new year, 2015, will bring all wealth, health and prosperity. See you at our next Kambri Shrine activities.

# Hospitality Unit's 31st Kids Christmas Party









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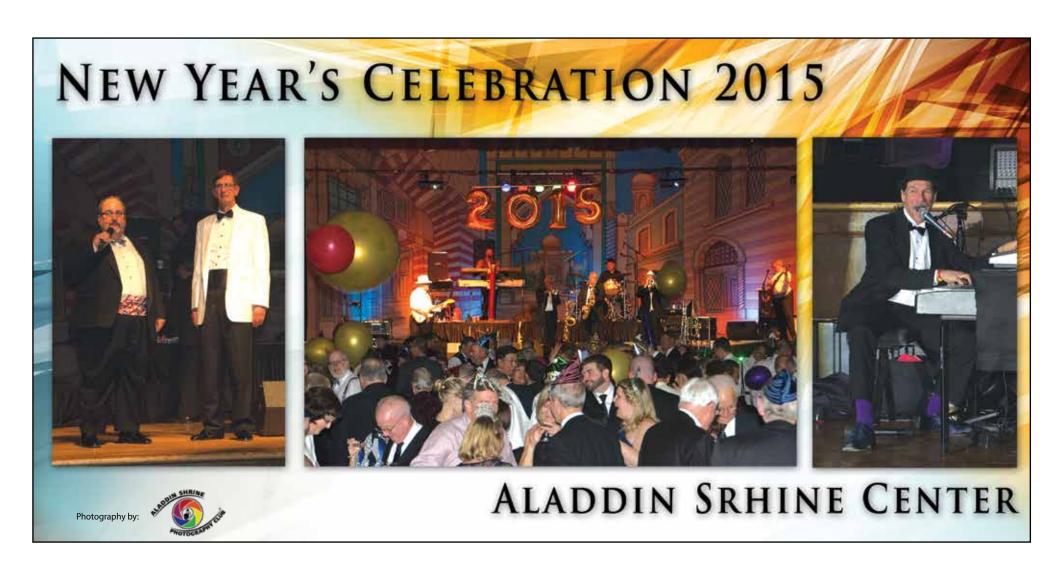
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### Registrar

we will either store or discard.

by Art Puetz

Now that the beginning of our last year in \ this fine old Shrine Center of ours is upon us, I'm reminded of how hard change can be sometimes. Almost before we know it, we will have to begin looking through all of our keepsakes while we try to pick and choose which of them we will take with us and which

The old saying that "junk fills the available space" has never been better exemplified than when one looks

through all the nooks and crannies of this venerable building of ours. Having moved from a house to an apartment some years ago, I can attest to the line that states "downsizing is hard to do." But we must move on to bigger and better things albeit from within smaller facilities.

Speaking of better things, the Registrars again "did our thing" checking in the Nobility for the annual meeting and election of our new Divan. I think I can speak for all of us when I say I'm looking forward to the new Shrine year.

By the time this article has been published, we have held the New Year's Eve Party to bring in 2015, a "last event" of its kind in this facility.

On December 1, 2014 members of the unit traveled to our Cincinnati Burns Hospital where we presented them with a check for two items on their wish list: a sleep diagnostic tool and a new microscope to assist in their efforts in taking care of the kids we work to help. The total amount of our donation, earned via our efforts at Muirfield and the Delaware Fair, totaled \$13,482.00.

# Pickaway by Roger Fausnaugh

Our regular monthly meeting was held December 22 and was called to order by President Rex  $Emrick \ at \ 7:00 \ p.m. \ Noble \ Mick \ Riley \ gave \ the \ opening \ prayer \ and \ led \ us \ in \ the \ Pledge \ of \ Allegiance.$ President Emrick thanked Nobel Bob Baranick for preparing a fine meal for all the Nobles before the meeting. The menu consisted of baked steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, and dessert.

The treasurer's report was read and approved. Business discussed during the meeting was possible replacement of our food trailer, repairing and replacing lighting in our building, and having the floor refinished.

President Emerick again thanked all the officers and committees for their support the past year. Everyone thanked President Emerick for his leadership for the past year.

Incoming President Noble John Demjen announced that the installation of new officers will be January 17. There will be a cocktail hour at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. The cost will be \$10.00 a person.

Officers for the coming year are President Noble John Demjen, First Vice President Noble Rock Arledge, Second Vice President Noble Jim Willeford, Secretary Noble Roger Fausnaugh, and Treasurer Noble Rusty Green.

If you are interested in renting the Shrine building, contact Mick Riley at 740-601-4511.

We had in attendance 11 members and 5 Past Presidents. We would like to improve our attendance of Nobles the coming year.

The closing prayer was given by Noble Riley and the meeting was closed at 7:45 by President

Our next regular meeting will be January 26, 2015 with a meal at 6:00 p.m. and meeting at 7:00 p.m. Remember our regular meetings are the fourth Monday of every month. Hope to see everyone there.

### Thea Court

Welcome 2015! This is the start of another new year and getting closer to the end of the year of the Graceful Swans. Since there is NO MEETING IN JANUARY because we had an extra meeting last August, there are only two meetings left before the next class takes charge.

You will want to attend the February 27 meeting. That is when the new officers will be elected, including the new 2<sup>nd</sup> Ceremonial Lady, who will start the line to High Priestess. Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. Please call Marty Reissig at 614-488-9930 for lunch reservations. The meeting starts at 1:00 p.m.

### Steubenville

by O. Wayne Fulmer

Greetings from sunny, warm Steubenville!

We held our Annual Installation of Shrine Officers on December 10. Of course, that was after a great meal provided by Noble Chuck Vandine.

After our dinner we opened the meeting with the pledge and prayer and went right to business. The Motor Patrol reported on seven parades that were in December. Thanks go to all the Nobles who came out to support them—especially Steubenville's parade that was in the rain.

The Christmas Party held on December 6 was a huge success. We had some 150 people in attendance. Thanks go to the committee for all of its hard work. The Masonic Temple held its children's party on December 13. There were some 240 children and big children out to see Santa. Kudos go to Noble Danny Davis and his committee.

A big thank you goes out to Noble Terry Mackey in the great job he did on our floors. You know they look good when the writer of this article can comb his hair with the reflection from the floors. Installation of officers was next. The installing officer was Noble Roger Watts.

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1st Vice President - Noble Charles Vandine

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Secretary - Noble Leonard Morris

Treasurer - Noble Jerry Williams

Let us all wish them a very successful year.

As the writer closes this article, he would like to wish a big Shriner congratulations to a fellow Linden-McKinley, class graduate of 1963, our new Chief Rabban Noble Ron Leonard and his lady. Happy New Year! God Bless.

### Past Masters

As a result of our annual meeting elections, the following will assume officer duties for 2015: President Doug Hoover, First Vice President Bruce Kinsey, Second Vice President Tim Ward, Secretary Clayton Weber, and Treasurer Ed Dressel. John Sanborn was appointed Chaplain and the following will continue on the Executive Board: Garry Fortner, Daun Knox, Jim Moser, Bob Roof and Jim Stelzer. Potentate Dave Wolfe (at that time it was incoming Potentate) reappointed Dick Bull as Unit Director and Phil Clouse and Neil Elam will continue as Assistant Directors. All were installed at the unit's Christmas party at Der Dutchman by Past Potentate Gary Parks.

We all look forward to another successful year and are anxious to be moving into our new Shrine Center at Grand Oaks in Grove City.

We welcome Marshal Thompson as the newest reserve member of our unit. He recently completed his term as Worshipful Master at York Lodge #563.

Our Ladies Group will have Kim Kinsey as President and Linda Weber as Secretary Treasurer for the new year.

Mark your calendars now for "Masonic Night at the Shrine" on Monday, April 27. This is been confirmed with the Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, our own Most Wor. Bro. Steve Cokonougher.

Pat Whittington's scheduled heart procedure for December 11 was postponed due to some pulmonary issues. Dee Beeman is moving into an assisted living facility, Alice Bontrager is taking chemo treatments, Suzy Stevens is still progressing slowly and Peg Byers has been reported with cancer issues. Jayne Roloson is recovering from a bad fall and, after being life-flighted to a hospital, she is now in a rehab facility. We are keeping all of our distressed in our prayers and hope for better days ahead.

Our wish for everyone is a prosperous 2015.

### Athens

by Fred Stanley

Another year has passed us by and now the days are five minutes longer!

Mark Abdella, you had a great year as President with the Nobles working hard, making 2014 a record year selling Basketball ads and supporting the Athens football team with a steak dinner during their record year.

We had a very good Christmas dinner prepared by one of our Masonic brothers. It consisted of all the smoked beef brisket you care to eat and homemade pie.

Nobles, let's get out and support our new officers for the coming year! They will be installed Thursday, January 22, 2015, 6:30 p.m. at The Plains United Methodist Church.

I know most of you Nobles have made New Year's resolutions concerning your weight, so be aware of the months with two full moons, because you tend to "eat more" when there is a full moon! Nobles, keep your tailgates up!

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## Hardin County

by Ken Rossman

Our regular meeting was held on December 17 at the Community Building at Hardin County Fairgrounds. It was our annual Christmas Party; total attendance was 130 including Nobles, ladies and children. Noble Rossman opened the evening with a prayer. We then dined on a great meal prepared and served by our kitchen crew of Nobles Don Doll, Hinebaugh, Garmon, Wagner, Donny Doll, Wes Broseke, Sr. and Renee Ridgeway. Thank you, Nobles, for a job well done.

For the entire evening two of our clowns, Smiley (Bernard Epling) and Happy (Dwight Frater), made all kinds of things with balloons for the children. Thank you, clowns, for your good work.

When we were done with our meal we had two visitors—Santa Clause aka Neil Hipsher and an Elf aka Earl Rice. Santa presented each child with a handpicked gift. Each child was called up front, sat on Santa's lap and was given his gift.

We owe a big thank you to all those who got the room ready for our evening; the tables were all decorated and there were lots of potted plants—enough for each lady to take one home after the evening was over. We also owe a big "thank you" to all those who helped restore the room to normal after the evening was over.

We had 49 children registered and each got a special hand-picked gift. Our shopping was done by a special group of people. "Thank you" goes to our shoppers for a job well done.

Luke Jackson a senior at Kenton High School and Lindsay Walden, a senior at Ada High School, were selected as the Hardin County Shriners 2014 scholarship recipients. They will both get their scholarships when they are in their first year of college. We congratulate both students and wish the best for them as they continue their education.

The evening ended with many people helping to restore the room to normal.

Our next meeting will be January 21, 2015 at the Clubhouse at Kenton's Golf Course.

We hope everyone had a good holiday.

# Flying Nobles

by Lee McKelvey

The Flying Nobles officers were installed at our December meeting at OSU Airport. P. P. Steve is our commander for 2015 and will do a good job for us. He is a helicopter pilot and a retired Sheriff's Deputy.

Our Chaplain, Jim Paddock, wanted to attend our meeting in December but went to the hospital early that morning. At this time Jim is in a nursing home and is hoping to get home soon. Our best wishes to Jim and Ginny.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and we hope you have a healthy and safe New Year.

Some of our members have gone south for the winter and left us here with the snow. I hope we don't get too much snow to shovel this year.

When I was first learning to fly, my instructor put skis on the Champ and I flew in the snow. No brakes so you better have your landing planned so you can stop. That was the only time I had the opportunity to fly with skis.

I got to visit the new Shrine in Grove City and it is a very nice place. They plan to add a new building to the property which will make it much more useful for everyone.

Our meeting for January will be held at the Shrine Center. Our February 14 meeting will be at OSU Airport. The March 14 meeting will be at OSU Airport. If I had your email address I could send you a reminder for the meeting. We meet at 10:00 a.m.

These are bad weather months, but maybe we will be lucky and get a good day.

Dues are due. Please send them to me if you can at 1454 Severn Road, Columbus, 43209.

Everybody stay well and we hope to see you sometime.

# Thebes Temple

by Terry Smith, Jr. Past Queen

It's a new year—time to renew those relationships with old friends and make some new ones. At our December stated session, we honored our Past Queens. The temple was decorated for Christmas, lighted tree and all. Queen Kate hand painted a star for each PQ in the colors from their year and decorated the tree with them.

We are so very fortunate to have 19 living Past Queens and many are still very active in the Temple. We have recently lost one of our very active Past Queens, Agnes Wolfe. She will be missed. We all wish to thank each of the PQs for all that they do for Thebes Temple, Daughters of the Nile, and the children in the Shriners Hospitals.

Upcoming dates to remember: Stated Session on February 4 and Sewing Session on February 11. Sessions begin at 1:00 p.m., preceded by a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Sewing begins at 10:00 a.m.; we break for lunch and end about 2:00 p.m. Remember, there are many things that do not involve "sewing" that can be done to help. It is a great time for fellowship and fun, while helping the Children at the Lexington Shriners Hospital. If you've never come, try it; I'm sure you'll like it.

In March, we will be honoring our new members and remembering our members who have passed away this past year. Hope to see you at one of our upcoming sessions.

Installation is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2015.

### **Provost**

by John Rohal

Here we go again. Another new year sees the installation of David E. Wolfe as our Illustrious Potentate and the Divan members move up to another office.

The December Provost meeting was exceptionally well attended with our ladies joining us for dinner. The program was presented by Mike Feister and his Lady Kellie. They are coach and manager from the Sled Hockey Tournaments. Their presentation about physically challenged children and veterans of military service was very well appreciated and informative. There are now about 60 teams competing nationally in tournaments.

The Sled Hockey teams will give a show at the All Star Tournament of the National Hockey League in Columbus in 2015.

After the presentation our business meeting was opened by Director Gene Steineman for his final time; Robbie Hartsell takes over in 2015.

During the meeting the members approved a motion to donate \$1,000.00 to the Sled Hockey Tournament in memory of Past Potentate George Kosbab.

Approved for membership was Bob Warner of Centerburg. Bob is a retired Staff Lieutenant from the State Highway Patrol. Donald Shartzer was finally presented with his membership badge.

We welcomed Eric Leonard back to our meetings; he recently returned from military duty in Afghanistan.

The unit approved the purchase of the Registrar Unit's trailer and to upgrade and make improvements on the trailer. In addition, a committee was appointed to research the purchase of a new van to replace our paddy wagon.

Robbie Hartsell presented his projected plans for 2015 and stressed the need for all members to participate in all activities.

The Sunshine Committee reported that Gary Hamre is now at home. He had blood platelet problems. Dob Campbell is home recovering from a shoulder replacement. Dan and Ann Stainbrook both suffered heart problems later in December.

Our sympathy goes to the families of Robert M. Chiaramonte and Robert M. Madill, both taken by the Black Camel on December 7.

Celebrating birthdays in January are David Conrad, Christopher D. Doomy, Richard E. Fogt, Donald G. Goodman, Robbie K. Hartsell, Ernest Howard, Harold J. McMahan, Dale E. Parish, John G. Price, William G. Selsam, and Richard G. Westinghouse.

Gene closed this meeting with his final joke (which he read).

Other news of interest: Potentate W. Garol Rogers presented the Meritorious Service Award to our Terry McLaughlin at the November meeting of the Northeast Shrine Club.

We hope y'all enjoyed the holidays and that it is not too frigid in Florida (or wherever) for you snowbirds.

### **Brutal Brothers**

by George Bell

Sound the alarms. Our new officers have taken the reins and we are off to many new adventures in 2015. The opportunity is now in control of our Director Robert "Bob" Beymer and the Chief Gene Cook. As always, Treasurer Jack Brand will hold back on all the new bills until Secretary Mark Froehlich can cover the volumes of detailed minutes to be added. Thanks go to all who have updated their addresses or telephone details for Duane Hays for the 2015 directory. Those moving to veteran status will have their snowbird address to add.

Our thanks go to Past Potentate Garol Rogers of the Audio Unit for an action-packed year. We are carefully bringing back equipment that was smoke

damaged and retaining the Willys Jeep to bring back memories for all our veterans who kept the treasure all these years. Some work on the scimitar will be done soon, new lights added and a new paint and finish, because it is soon to appear in the Dogwood parade.

We are facing the days for establishing new storage designed for all equipment to be inside again. The drive-through design in our original specs for new buildings at Grove City will require adjusting the procedures for backing floats into their spots. Be ready to help with this new method as Jim Badgley sets up easier access to all vehicles.

We are looking for added apprenticeships who are interested in learning and helping with circus assignments, the ceremonial wardrobes and finding the rigging required for our newest building. The work of new members is always shared among apprentices. The assistant director brings requests from the Divan for projects assigned to our unit. Your hidden talent may be called into quick discovery as we welcome new members into the Shrine.

Best of luck goes to our Nobility in Brutal Brothers. As always, the eyes of all Aladdin Masons are viewing your secrets, too. Come to our stated meetings and keep up with frequent changes. Just to cover the subject, happy birthday goes to all on your appropriate anniversary. Isn't it great to be so young! All new members start out to become one year-old in the Brutal Brothers unit. Some fade quickly thereafter.

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# Aladdin Shrine Band

y Steve Titus

Hello to all of our band members and others who read this article.

The new year is here and with it a new start to this adventure we call life. We are looking forward to a new Shrine building, a new and improved float and new opportunities to help those who need it.

The Annual Meeting is January 20. Cash bar opens at 6:30 p.m. Food is served 6:45 p.m. No charge.

The first practice of the new year is January 27 from 7-8:30 p.m. so bring anyone who is interested. Friends and wives are always welcome to attend our practices. We are always looking for new musicians.

Soon, we will need some volunteer help with our new float so keep that in mind.

We also need some new people to be Quartermasters for the band. Poor Frank is looking frazzled. Please approach someone who would like to be connected with the band and come and hear us play. You get to hear great music, go to parades and have dinners with the three music groups. Plus, we'll love you like a brother or sister.

I would like to thank the contribution of each officer this past year. Clyde Compton was

an amazing president. Our officers from last year will move up except for Frank Habeker who went back to Director because of other commitments. Dave Colburn stepped up to become President next year. Thank you, Dave. Ed Hinton moves up to 1st Vice President and I will be 2nd Vice President. I can feel the power going to my head already.

Many thanks go to Clyde Compton for his service this year. He dealt with several issues including our upcoming move and the fire and the subsequent finding of a new float and getting it ready for our parades. More thanks go to Lady Connie Compton for donating the gifts that were given out. She collected them from her various world travels. Thank you, once again, Connie.

Great big thanks go to all the people who volunteered to help at the Kroger bell ringing season. I know that some days are very cold and its hard to keep ringing that bell or to play your instrument but the Salvation Army is a fantastic cause and we are proud to be part of it. Thanks go to Frank Henderson for the opportunity to help with such a great cause.

See you at practice.

### Remembering Tommy Dale —



Photograph by The Aladdin Photography Club

We also have to move on without some of the ones we counted on the most. Our longtime friend and band leader, Tommy Dale, is gone from our ranks and has left a large hole that he filled for many years. His wife, Pat, and all of us celebrated his life on January 4 with a large gathering with the Dance Band he directed, the Shrine Trombone Band and Vaughn Weisters Band playing in Tommy's honor.

Tommy graduated High School at 16 years old and college at 20 when he became a teacher at Starling in Columbus. Believe it or not, he marched in the 1950 OSU Snow Bowl He was playing professionally at 15 years old as he was a good musician already and most adult men were involved in World War II. He was a member of the local Musicians Union and served as its secretary and president for many years. He also was in the Jazz Arts Group for 45 years!

Tommy tells of the time in 1949 when the band was marching in a parade at the Imperial in Minneapolis. Back then you really had to march. No riding! They were playing one song and then another and then back and forth like that until they got to the stadium. The director decided that the first song they played would be better to play as they entered the stadium even though it was time for the second. He called up the first song but only half heard him. The front half was playing the first song and the back half was playing the second song. The director hollered "your playing the wrong song" so as they all tried to correct themselves, they all switched to the other song that they weren't playing which improved nothing. Tommy says "sometimes you have to grin and bear it". I think we still have those problems once in a while.

# Gallipolis

by Frank Petrie, Jr.

Hang on to your fez because 2015 is going to be another great year! We wish to thank "out-going" President Noble Jim Duke and his lady, Brenda, for a spectacular 2014. At the annual Christmas Party, Noble Jim was presented with a plaque to commemorate his year. He was also gently "roasted" for some of the exciting events of the year. (You had to be there). President Noble Jim graciously thanked everyone in attendance and expressed appreciation for all the help during the year. He then presented plaques to Noble Phil Baird and Noble Frank Petrie for their continued outstanding support of our club.

Congratulations go to the 2015 officers who were installed: President Doyle Saunders, First VP Bob Ritterbeck, Second VP Terry Lucas, Third VP Clarence Hill, Secretary Carl DeWitt, and Treasurer Noble Dan Henderson.

Our Christmas party was a huge success with a large crowd in attendance. We all were in the Merry Christmas Spirit.

We wish to thank all the Nobles who turned out for the Mason, WV and the Gallipolis Christmas Parades. It was cold but lots of smiling, rosy cheeked spectators were on the sidelines. This makes it all worthwhile.

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and we wish you a very Happy New Year.

Remember, Nobles and Ladies, as we start the New Year, if your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you have succeeded in life.

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

# Kentucky Colonels

by Ron Fraser

President Rike opened the Christmas party meeting by asking Past Potentate Dee Mowry to give the invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Thirty-one members and guests then enjoyed a great stuffed pork chop dinner.

The officers and past presidents of the club were asked to stand and introduce themselves and their wives. Assistant Rabban Ron Leonard and his Lady Elaine were also recognized.

A motion to suspend the business report was made by Neal McCleary and seconded by Ron Fraser was approved.

Following the meal the Aladdin Dixieland Band was introduced and played a variety of tunes with explanations as to the way they originated.

If any of the units of Aladdin need entertainment for a meeting they should contact the Dixieland Band as their program was really enjoyable.

In closing, President Rike asked Assistant Rabban Leonard for some closing remarks. He spoke about the move to the new building and that the plan is to be moved by October, 2015. President Rike wished everyone A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He also reminded everyone to pick up their gift bag as they were leaving.

President Rike closed the meeting by asking Past Potentate Mowry to give the benediction. The meeting closed at 8:35 p.m.

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## Reception

by Don Owens

The unit's *Lamp* article for December, 2014 was not finished in time to permit publication. It was distributed online to those for whom we have email addresses, which means everybody didn't receive it. The parts of that article which are still relevant are repeated below.

#### December 2014

The November Unit meeting featured the introduction and swearing in of a new member, Michael Bolognone. Two other potential candidates joined us for the evening. Following a better-than-usual meal, some routine announcements were made and other business matters were discussed. Among the latter was some discussion, lead by Mike Johnson, of the future home for the pavers surrounding the statue of the Shriner in front of the Temple. Mike feels that the pavers should continue their close association with the statue, although there may be site conditions which limit that possibility according to others. In any case, the Reception Unit will support the building committee's efforts in moving the pavers to the new site. The occasion of the move will also create an opportunity to sell more pavers, as will be announced in an ad in the forthcoming Aladdin's Lamp. Steve Russo will join Tom Keller in leading us with the paver work.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Ann Smith, widow of long-time unit member Ed Smith. The Smiths resided in St. Louis, Missouri in recent years.

Speaking of former Reception Unit members, we understand that Clyde and Roberta Yarnell had dinner recently with Jim and Bobbie Finley in St. Louis. The Finleys are reported well and living in Springfield, Missouri.

Lowell Robinson reports that as soon as he arrived in Tucson for the winter, he suffered an attack of appendicitis and had to have surgery. We trust he is recovering nicely.

The annual Sled Hockey Tournament, which is sponsored by the Aladdin Shrine, will be held on the weekend of January 17 - 18 in the Ice Haus at Nationwide Arena. The Reception Unit will once again man the outside doors to provide assistance and directions to participants and their families. Talk to Mike Johnson or Don Kindler about when you can help out.

A bunch of Bills have December birthdays—Bill Estell, Bill Loomis and Bill Stelzer. Best wishes to all

# Marching With The Legion

by Dick Luckay

CHANGEOVER ACCOMPLISHED – It was a festive atmosphere as the Legion gathered to hold its official Changeover Ceremony in December. The holiday spirit was in full sway and the social hour was a matter of greeting—and re-greeting—friends old and new. The pizza buffet covered the table with a wide assortment of delicious entrees and the 38 attendees took full advantage of the offerings.

Then ILOH 4<sup>th</sup> Lt. Commander Ray Combs (a long-time friend of Aladdin's LOH) took charge of the program and in a full and proper military manner, proceeded to relieve Commander Robert Spencer and his staff from their assigned duties. He then called forth the elected Legion of Honor officers for 2015 and duly installed them to their proper positions. Once he handed the LOH charter and gavel to our new Commander David Quinn, all was in order and the Aladdin's Legion of Honor was under new command. Commander Quinn will be assisted by First Lt. Commander Jim Keenan, Second Lt. Commander PP Mike Tyne, Third Lt. Commander Robert Ferrell, Treasurer/Adjutant Robert Spencer, Chaplain PC Jim Rock and Sergeant-at-Arms Jeff Rader—a strong leadership team indeed.

To conclude the festivities, the Aladdin Chanters, thanks to Legionoble John Iben, provided a musical tribute to the holidays and the military services that was both inspiring and appropriate. Thanks go to all concerned for providing a memorable evening.

SPECIAL DAYS FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE – Wedding bells ring out again for Paul and Anne Nixon (2/4) and Keith and Karen Blosser (2/5). May it be a good year of health, happiness and love for all of you. Add a candle to the cakes of Nathan Dana (2/10), Chester Van Horn (2/17) and Ron Gary (2/18). May it light the way to another year of all the good things in life. Congratulations and God Bless to one and all.

WELLCOME ABOARD - It is with great pleasure we add two new members to Aladdin's Legion of Honor register. PP William Amspaugh (United States Army) and John Luft (United States Army) were sworn into the unit prior to the Change of Command Ceremony by Fourth Lt. Commander of the ILOH Ray Combs. We are proud to have them join our unit and look forward to their support in carrying out the Legion's high standard of excellence. Their military records will be included in future reports. Glad to have you with us as we PRESS ON!

TAPS – It is with regret and sorrow it is necessary to report the passing of Legionoble John F. Burton. John was a long time member of our unit and very active until he moved out of the immediate area and then suffered a series of health issues. He continued his membership and his love of Aladdin and our unit until the Black Camel carried him to his final resting place. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, "Corky," and family at this time of loss.

#### January 2015

The Reception Unit Christmas party was a memorable affair, thanks to the all-out efforts of Valerie and Frank Swiatek. Members and their Ladies were treated to hors d'oeuvres, so many and varied that they rose to the level of a full meal and drinks of all descriptions. The outside Christmas decorations on the Swiatek's home were extensive and interesting—very little of the display was static, with cascading and switching lights enhancing the unusual architectural beauty of the house. Inside, too, the decorations were dazzling in both attractiveness and scale. Summing up, it was a great evening and undoubtedly the highlight of the season for the Reception Unit.

Now that the Christmas season is past and the college football season is over, there's nothing left to do around Columbus but to look forward to spring. In the Reception Unit, that means Vidalia onions, among other things. To put us in the right frame of mind for selling onions, I recommend the *New York Times* article which appeared last April 9—here's an online link: http://www.nytimes.com/2014/04/09/dining/vidalia-onions-a-crop-with-an-image-to-uphold.html. By the way, our onion supplier has furnished an information packet for 2015, and states that his prices will NOT be increasing this year.

Mike Johnson points out that members can make their Circus Daddy purchases early and take advantage of lower Aladdin Shrine Circus ticket prices. Mike can deliver on Circus Daddy pins, too.

Tom Keller has been laid up with a heavy dose of the flu—not a good way to lose weight, Tom. Ken and Alice Beckholt took a month-long European vacation in September, as reported in their holiday newsletter. On the morning they left, Alice suffered a stress fracture and sore rib from a tumble over a curb. Having lived through much worse on their 2013 vacation, she brushed it off and made the trip in a "moonboot."

Don and Joyce Owens's on, Bill, was named CEO of the Year 2014 for small non-profit organizations by *Columbus CEO Magazine*. Bill is Director of the Clintonville-Beechwold Community Resource Center, a social service agency in north Columbus.

We have a full slate of birthdays in January. Celebrating are Bob Adams, Lowell Robinson, Bill Selsam, Keith Rinehart and Bernie Daugherty. Congratulations and best wishes to all!



# The Circus Is Coming!



March 26-29

Ohio Expo Center Celeste Center



#### PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

THUR March 26 3:00 & 7:30 PM FRI March 27 3:00 & 7:30 PM

SAT March 28 11:00 AM, 3:00 & 7:30 PM

SUN March 29 1:00 & 5:00 PM

#### **TICKET COSTS**

\$28.00, \$20.00, \$18.00, \$12.00 Children 12 and under are half price.

Discounted carnival ride wristbands are available in advance. (Wristbands DO NOT include animal rides.)

#### **TICKET SALES**

Tickets go on sale February 23 at all Central Ohio Ticketmaster locations.

To Order Tickets:

Call (800) 745-3000 or visit www.ticketmaster.com

Proceeds are for the benefit of the Aladdin Shrine Center and are not tax deductible.