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Oriental Guide: Steve Hathaway

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Rolling with The Pote

by Daniel E. Stainbrook II

Well, the first month just blew by and I barely got my office chair warm. I want to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who attended the leadership seminar and the installation. Your Oriental Guide, Steve Hathaway, did an outstanding job of keeping the leadership seminar on time and having an interesting speaker. I did not know Ohio had that many generals fighting for the south in the Civil War.

As for the Installation, we tried to do something a little different by having Ill. Sir George Simms, PP of Mocha Shriners, perform as a town crier. He does this, not only for his personal enjoyment, but also in competition. I also want to thank the Chanter Unit for singing two songs my Lady Ann and I requested. Great job by both!

January only had the Divan attending two visitations (Car Club and Dixieland Band). There was only one visitation in February with the Mariners Club. I don't believe many Nobles like going out in the cold weather. Me neither; I don't blame them.

There was a great event going on January 19- 20 at the Ice Haus in the Arena District called Sled Hockey. There were eight teams participating all weekend. Please read the article by our Public Relations Chairman Charles Linek in this issue, as these kids were a marvel on their sleds.

Many of us will have been to the Florida Reunion and back to renew friendships, as there is a large number of Aladdin Shriners in the south during these cold dark months in the north.

The Divan will be going to the business session of Great Lakes Shrine Association in Cincinnati on February 22 - 24.

When you get this issue of the *Lamp*, we will have completed the first fish fry, Valentine's Dinner and Movie, Potentate's trip briefing, and a Stated Meeting.

Gentlemen, please note that the Oasis Room will be open during the Ladies Magical Night Out. So, if your wife or significant other would like to attend the Ladies Night Out but doesn't want to go out at night alone, you can bring her and then stop in the Oasis Room for a social time with other Nobles. I am looking into having some food and maybe some type of entertainment while the ladies are enjoying their evening. Please read your *Lamp* as it is the best way to keep informed and up to date on the happenings in Aladdin Land. Let's Roll...

Hospital Recognized

by Gary Parks

The Cincinnati Hospital was notified they received Magnet™ Recognition from the American Nurses Credentialing Center. The pediatric burn hospital has been working towards Magnet™ designation for several years. We are the first within the Shriners Hospitals for Children healthcare system to receive this prestigious award and the first pediatric hospital in the greater Cincinnati area to receive the honor.

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MEMBERSHIP *ON THE MOVE*

Masonry Only Moves Through You

by Calvin Smith / Membership Marketing Director



My grandson and I were helping make cookies and, while getting eggs from the fridge, he dropped one on the floor; of course, it broke. After being told to be more careful and while cleaning up the mess he said, "The trouble with these things is that they are fragile." That is very true about a lot of things in our life. If not treated correctly, a lot of things break.

Don't change the oil in your car, lawn mower, or snow blower, they break and it costs more than an egg to "clean up." More seriously, if we don't pay attention to our Ladies, our relationships can break. [Usually this costs far more than an egg to fix.]

Well, the same is true of our fraternity. If Aladdin "breaks," the cost is enormous. We would be the first line victims; but, the first ripple of this tidal wave would be the children we said we would serve. Could Aladdin break? Yes,

it could.

If we fail to treat this great fraternity and its members with the proper care, Aladdin would surely break. Proper care includes paying our annual dues, treating our fellow Nobles as if they were more than eggheads, attending our Lodge meetings, and growing our membership.

We Need to Grow! To this end the Potentate has scheduled five regional ceremonials for 2008. They're in your back yard and only take a minimum amount of time.

Petitions are available on our website, Aladdinshrine.org, or from the office, 800-475-3850, ext. 10 or 27. The process is not all that hard. Ask a fellow Mason to consider us. Tell him why you are a Shriner and answer his questions. Explain why you think he has what it takes. Give him a petition. **Just Try It!**

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- II. It is very important that you only use the 2008 petition.
- III. You must also indicate on the back of the petition which ceremonial your candidate will attend.
- IV. Any candidate may attend any of the listed ceremonials.

2008 Ceremonials

| SITE | DATE | COUNTIES | TIME SCHEDULE |
|-------------|-------------------|--|--|
| Aladdin | Friday April 11 | Crawford, Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Hardin, Knox, Licking, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Perry, Wyandot, Union | Registration: 6:00 - 6:45 PM Ceremonial: 7:00 PM Hospitality: 8:00 PM |
| Chillicothe | Saturday April 19 | Clinton, Fayette, Highland, Hocking, Ross, Pickaway, Pike | Registration: 9:45 - 10:15 AM Ceremonial: 10:30 AM Hospitality: 11:30 AM |
| Cambridge | Tuesday April 29 | Belmont, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Jefferson, Muskingum | Registration: 6:15 - 6:45 PM Ceremonial: 7:00 PM Hospitality: 8:00 PM |
| Marietta | Saturday June 14 | Athens, Morgan, Monroe, Noble, Washington | Registration: 4:00 - 4:30 PM Ceremonial: 4:45 PM Hospitality: 5:15 PM |
| Gallipolis | Saturday May 24 | Gallia, Jackson, Meigs, Vinton | Registration: 2:15 - 2:45 PM Ceremonial: 3:00 PM Hospitality: 4:00 PM |



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| Reversals | 2 | 2 |
| | | 11 |
| | | 7565 |
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Aladdin's *Tabloid Times* by Bob Stevenson

Whether you think you can, or think you can't... you're right! ~ Henry Ford

Well, we are into our new Shrine year. Our new Potentate III, Sir Dan Stainbrook and Divan are duly and impressively, installed, and it's February. Ah, February! The great downer of a month! Still winter, not yet spring, and unless you're a snowbird you are really getting sick of gray and damp and cold days. So what to do?

Well, those who were in attendance at the Tabloid Seminar know that now is the time for planning this year's Tabloid Day (Year!). What a great seminar we had! Over 60 Nobles and 8 of their Ladies (yes, 8; up from 2 last year. THANKS LADIES!). heard from Ron Hitzler, administrator, and Donna Mertens, nurse manager of Outpatient-Telemedicine of our Cincinnati Burn Hospital. They gave us updates on significant achievements taking place, and we learned about the Telemedicine program which dramatically increases our ability to be outside of Cincinnati. We forget exactly how large an area they cover. Consider from Florida to the Dakotas to upstate New York and down the Eastern Seaboard. It's not just Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana etc. What an improvement in serving when you can reach that wide an area "live and in living color" as they'd say in television. All in all, more great stories to take back to our units, clubs and communities. We also heard from Guy Guinther, Tabloid chair of Gallipolis. We learned some the things that have made them successful. Consider, for example, simply passing the jug at each meeting. Its amazing how loose change can add up! Next time you see Guy or one of the Gallipolis Nobles, ask about the bean spoon. They use it for a money raiser and maybe you could as well. Guy also mentioned one other thing – passion! Having the passion to support the hospitals that help our kids. I hope you all have the passion, Guy has! My thanks to Ron, Donna, and Guy for making this a very special Tabloid Seminar.

We have much to be proud of. We also have a challenge to continue the excellence of our Tabloid program and increase the funds we distribute to our hospitals.

We look forward to several changes. First, our annual kick off will be moved to Marysville this coming June 6. After many years at the State House at mid-day on Friday, this year will be an evening event. The Union County SC has arranged for the closing of one of the streets around the Union County Court House from 5 - 8 p. m. There will be food, music, a proclamation or two, and an evening to enjoy. What a great time to bring Shrine and our hospitals to the attention of so many people. If you can make it, please plan to attend. We are excited to move out of downtown and into the areas where so much is done by our Shriners to raise funds for our hospitals. If this is as successful as we think it will be, we will look for other locations to host the kick off. Are you in an area where the "hometown atmosphere" would lend itself to such an event? If so, think about doing one. It's another great way to get our story out.

Second, is a change to awards. We have traditionally ordered all the awards when the final checks are turned in for Tabloid at the end of June. That worked well when we only did a one day event. Now, however, clubs and units are working all year long and getting great donations that deserve a quick acknowledgement. So, beginning April 1 of this year, we will have awards ordered on a quarterly basis. Turn in your funds received from various donors with your awards request form. We will have the awards for you within the month. This will make two things happen. First your donor will be recognized much quicker, leaving a positive impression. Second, it will smooth out the work required and give us a better idea of what we need to pre-order to meet your needs.

If you were not able to attend the seminar, let the Aladdin office know. We will mail you a Tabloid booklet. It contains the calendar for Tabloid pick up, and other important dates and information.

And speaking of dates, a few to keep in mind:

May 17 - Cincinnati Hospital open house

May 18 Lexington Hospital open house

June 6 - 7, 2008 Tabloid Weekend

June 27, 4 p.m. final date for 2008 receipt of donations

We truly do have much to do and many are counting upon us. But I know, like Henry Ford knew, that when we believe we can....we will!

Pickaway Shrine Club by John Sauner

This is our first attempt to let our members, plus all of Aladdin Shriners, know what is going on in Circleville at the Pickaway Shrine Club. On January 5, we were happy to have a great turnout for our installation of officers and our appreciation of our ladies' meeting and dinner. This was our first event in our new building for the year. After the social hour, President Glenn McFarland opened the proceedings by inviting our members and guest to proceed to the dinner line. The menu for tonight's meal was fried chicken, ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, cole slaw and cake for desert.

After dinner we were honored to have as our guests the Potentate David Dee Mowry, his Lady Kathy, Past Potentate Calvin Smith, his Lady Terry, Mike Tyne with his Lady Rebecca, and Patti Schuen, Gary Schuen's wife. After the introductions, President Glenn presented Charles Galloway's and Glenn's daughters with an award for their huge help with our food booth. Without their help, we would not have been so successful. Glenn also presented a "git-er-done" award to Freddie Tomlinson for his help with the building.

The ladies were given a candle for our appreciation gift. It wasn't enough to show our appreciation, but it came from our heart. We wish to thank our wives and ladies for their support of the Pickaway Shrine Club.

Next was the installation of officers which our now Past Potentate Dee Mowry performed very well. It was one of the best installs that I have seen here in Roundtown. We were also blessed by some wisdom from Past Potentate Calvin Smith.

All in all the evening went very well. We were very close on the food but I believe no one left hungry. There were about 60 members, wives, family, and guests present for this event. We hope in the future we have even more members with their wives and guests in attendance.

We have a very nice building where we can hold all of our meetings and special events. So, as we close this article, we want to thank all our members for making this happen.

Our next meeting with our new president, Larry Riffle, will be on February 24, social and food at 6:00 p.m., meeting to start at 7:00 p.m. See you there.

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CIRCUS TIMES

by John F. Morris, Aladdin Circus Director



The opening day of the 2008 Circus is fast approaching, the big day is March 27. I sure hope that everything is done by then and falls into place as scheduled. By now, the Circus Program is at the printer and now the really hard work begins.

We can use your help on several fronts, Nobles. First, we need help with setup day on March 26. If you have some spare time call me at 475-2609, ext. 24. We will be working most of the day at the Celeste Center and could sure you use your help. Show up anytime and I will find a job for you. We can also use some help on March 27 with getting ready for the special kids whom we invite as our guests. Again, call me at the office and I will give you all the details.

By now you have received the Circus Daddy letter and if you have not sent your check to the lock box in Cincinnati, now would be a good time to do it. Tickets to any of the public shows of the 2008 will go on sale February 27. You can call Kim at the

office at 475-2609, ext.23, and she will take your order now and print them as soon as Ticket Master is ready. This assures you the best choice of tickets. If your unit or club would like to sell novelties at the shows during the 2008 circus, please contact me or Kim at the circus office. We have several new things this year; stop by the novelty stands at the circus and take a look. I hope one of the big sellers will be the Circus Tee shirts for you, your wife, and children and grandchildren.

Again this year, as in the past, parking admission to the fairgrounds will be free by showing your Fez at the gate. Please be aware that only you, the Noble, can be the one with the Fez, not your Lady or your children or friends. Any question by the gate person will require your dues card.

We also need your help in selling tickets, without ticket sales; we will be in big trouble. Sell your friends, neighbors, anyone whom you might think would enjoy seeing the 2008 circus. Enough for now; see you at circus. Be a kid again, please come to the 2008 Aladdin Shrine Circus.

Hilltop Shrine News

by The Phantom

Good grief, Charlie Brown; here it is the middle of February and we hope everyone has taken his sweetheart to dinner. The dinner will be at the Grove City American Legion, that's north of Stringtown Road at 3363 McDowell Road.

Our March 5 meeting will be at the Hometown Buffet, 3670 Solano Boulevard. (Northwest corner of West Broad and Wilson Road.) If there are sufficient members remaining after the meeting, there will be a Euchre game. That reminds me, I believe the winners of the last Euchre tournament were none other than Duane Hivnor and Ray Pendell. Don't hold me to this, as I mislaid my note.

As you probably have guessed, your regular correspondent has flown the coop. Ray will be in the sunny south for the next two months and return about All Fools Day, April 1. He has informed us that his cell phone will be on "most of the time" and can be reached at 614-596-1540. Also, if you are in the vicinity of Port Richey, Florida, give him a call to make a reservation. He has an extra bed and bath and will provide a bed and breakfast.

Brutal Brothers

by Tom Ruggles



First, we want to acknowledge and thank our 2007 officers for serving our unit well throughout the last year, and welcome our new 2008 officers. At our last meeting, Oriental Guide Steve Hathaway officially installed our new officers which includes Chief Shawn Funk, Assistant Chief Don Williams, Secretary Dennis Feyh, Treasurer Jack Brand, Sergeant-at-Arms Brian Tabit, Quartermaster Bob Beymer, and new member of the screening committee, Bill Tier.

Also, at our last meeting, several important items of business were approved. An application from James Brian Wise was received and approved to become our newest apprentice of the Brutal Brothers Unit. Welcome aboard, Jim! We also voted unanimously to purchase and donate two bicycles as give-a-ways at the 2008 Aladdin Shrine Circus. Chief Shawn Funk reported that a Chief's Party will

be held in February but the time and place has not yet been established. More information will be sent out soon with reservation forms.

With regard to the possible new circus cleanup fundraiser discussed at our December meeting, the membership decided to NOT take on that job, but we will continue selling P-nuts and we will also continue selling circus novelties for commission.

Two other motions passed at our last meeting including: the Brutal Brothers Unit will purchase a banner for our unit which will be displayed at the circus, the past chiefs will purchase a full-page advertisement in the circus program.

We have also had a request from Mobile Equipment Chairman Jake Sturgeon that more of our members, especially apprentices, need to volunteer to come out and help clean and maintain the equipment between parades.

And we received a good report from the sunshine committee that no one was reported ill at the time of our last meeting. But since that time, we have learned from other sources that Bob Himler's Lady Jackie was scheduled for a knee replacement surgery in early January. We hope that the surgery and post-operative therapy went well. We also heard that Ron Martino's severe back problems have, at least temporarily, diminished sufficiently so that he and Lady Bev were able to make their annual move to their Florida wintering ground.

And then, the worst of news: I learned from an email that Brutal Brother Steven Knight passed away on Monday, January 14. Steve recently joined our unit and was a long time member of West Gate Lodge, Aladdin Shrine, and many other Masonic entities. He is survived by his wife, Sue, and we all need to keep Sue and all of Steve's family in our thoughts and prayers.

One last reminder for this month: we are only about seven weeks from the beginning of our springtime series of five Ceremonials. The Ceremonials will be held at Aladdin on April 11, Chillicothe on April 19, Cambridge on April 29, Gallipolis on May 24, and Marietta on June 14. How many candidates have YOU asked to join Aladdin?

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SENIOR SHRINE NEWS

by Charles Foster McLeod

The Senior Shriners met in the Oasis Room with Noble Don Pendell giving the blessing followed by a pledge to our nation's flag. All sat down for a delectable lunch of baked ham and a great dessert of a large brownie and whipped cream. Following lunch, Noble Don Lynne, president, opened the meeting recognizing all the past presidents and Distinguished Masons. The secretary, Noble Charles Foster McLeod, was noticeably absent as he was at the Whetstone Convalescent Center recuperating from hip surgery. The treasurer, Noble Gary Hilbinger, was also noticeably absent as he was just released from Riverside Hospital after receiving numerous tests. Prayers are being extended to these two dedicated Shriners.

Noble Don Lynne introduced the speaker, WB Edward Johnson (Past Master of Neoacacia Lodge No. 595) of API Security, who gave a program on identity theft. He stated that the average loss is about \$25,000 per person and can be accomplished within minutes by the perpetrator. He also stated that many times it takes 20 - 25 months to clear the loss through the bank or credit company and may take up to five years. He explained a new type of identity theft called PHISHING is when the perpetrator accesses your account through your computer with your e-mails. Noble Frank Lewis stated that he had an identity theft rider on his home owner's policy. Mr. Johnson stated that was a good investment. His warning to us was DON'T DOWNLOAD YOUR E-MAIL SENT FROM SOMEONE YOU DON'T KNOW. There were a number of questions asked by the Nobles about identity theft. WB Johnson is a retired police officer and certainly displayed his knowledge on identity theft.

President Don asked those Nobles present about purchasing an ad in the upcoming circus program. Noble OK Waters moved and seconded by Noble Kittrell to purchase a quarter ad in the circus program.

Ted McCord brought John Quigley as a guest.

The President presented a plaque to Noble Harold Kittrell for his tenure as president of the Senior Shriners last year. A program and menu for the year was passed to all those in attendance. Those Nobles who were absent will have one sent within a week.

Nobles who have diabetic problems are to let their caller know when called.

The finance committee is scheduled to meet at the Shrine Center on Wednesday, February 6 and eat with the "Lunch Bunch" prior to the meeting.

Chaplain Noble Don Pendell gave a parting prayer.

NEXGEN

CLUB FOR YOUNG SHRINERS

by Mike Gray

Greetings, all. I want to take this opportunity to let you all know about a trip NexGen has planned that is sure to appeal to everyone. We are taking a trip down to the Cincinnati Burns Hospital on April 5 via the one and only Big Red, where we will be given a tour of the facility.

As if that isn't enough, after the tour we will be going to the Great American Ball Park to catch a Cincinnati Reds game that afternoon. This trip is open to anyone who wants to attend – not just NexGen members. Any Shriner is welcome to attend and we encourage you to bring your lady. Also, consider bringing that friend who wants to get involved in the fraternity but hasn't made that jump yet. What better way to explain what being a Shriner is all about than by showing someone? I guarantee you that visiting one of our hospitals will make you proud to be a member of Aladdin. Check out this issue of the *Lamp* for more information on the trip.

Our meetings are still held on the third Wednesday each month in the Oasis. Social hour starts at 6:30 p.m. and we usually get the meeting going by 7:30 p.m. Don't forget that we welcome any and all Shriners who have an interest in our mission of bringing good men into the Shrine and encouraging them to be active members. We have the potential to be a good recruiting tool for the various units and clubs, so your input is truly valuable. Even if you can't make our meetings, contact any of us if you have ideas.

We are in the process of planning more events and also formalizing our status as a club. Membership is open to Shriners of all ages – not just the "young bucks." We look forward to seeing you all down the road.

PROVOST UNIT

by John Rohal

The January meeting witnessed something new – for the first time anyone could remember, our Secretary Howard Beane was required to read the minutes of the previous monthly meeting. Surprisingly, he does a good job of keeping the minutes – only one minor correction. Maybe we should let him read them all the time. The treasurer's report was presented by our Director Jon Kinney in the absence of Larry Mosley. Jon also stressed the importance of paying our 2008 dues.

We welcomed our newest member, George Stowe, and approved membership for Ronald Logsdon of the Columbus Police Department, and Rex Emrick of the Pickaway County Sheriff's Department.

Gene Steineman announced that Liberty Tax Service will again be collecting old cell phones which will be re-programmed and sent to our servicemen serving in Iraq.

The unit approved printing a colored unit photograph in the 2008 Circus directory and approved a life membership for our Past Potentate Donald G. Goodman. Jerame Dixon spoke about the NexGen, their goals, and activities. They welcome all young Masons, not just Shriners, who are age 45 or younger. Bob Cannon discussed the 2008 Imperial Council Session which will be in St. Louis, Missouri, June 29-July 3.

February birthday kudos to Frank E. Grennell, Michael J. Hanley, George D. Henderson, David H. Huston, Lawrence P. Jones, Angelo O. Marinelli, Harold F. Nairn, Robert B. Radcliff, Larry N. Sanford, Gene F. Steineman, and George T. Thornton.

The Black Camel visited our unit and took one of our long-time members, John M. Springer, who was retired from the Columbus Police Department. Our condolences go to his family and friends. Past Director Harry W. "Bill" Davey passed away on January 13. Our condolences are extended to his entire family and many good friends as he will be missed by all of us.

Let's hope our "snowbirds" aren't too cold; we look forward to welcoming them back. Best of all to everyone; see y'all at the next meeting.

Hospitality Unit

by John Rathburn

We are proud to announce that Jim Hoops is the new director of the Hospitality Unit. Assistant directors are Dan Schleppi, Don Shoffstal, and Randy Lintz. We are looking forward to a great 2008. We would like to thank Bob Lazenby for his many years of service to our unit and for his leadership these past years. We would also congratulate our new Potentate Dan Stainbrook and his Lady Ann. We are wishing the Divan the best for the ensuing year.



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Union County Shrine *by Bernie Vance*

Noble Brian Wade was honored by the Union County Shrine Club for his outstanding service as treasurer of the organization by President Jim Koltenbah. For the past decade, Brian Wade has been responsible for seeing that tens of thousands of dollars from Union County Shrine Club fundraisers have been donated to the Shriner Hospitals across the country. He has been responsible for handling grants and contributions to Union County Memorial Hospital for children of our community who need specialized equipment for rehabilitation or therapy. Noble Wade's service to the Shrine Club and to the community cannot be overstated.

Union County held their regular meeting on January 9 in Marysville and the following officers were installed for the coming year: president, Fred S. Kile; first vice president, H. Leland Walk; second vice president, Bill Franke; treasurer, Chris Davis; secretary, Everett Lowe; trustees, Fred Somerlot, Bernard E. Vance, Ken Corbin, and Jim Koltenbah.

The following committee chairmen have also been appointed: Tabloid, Bill Franke; Cans for Kids, Bruce Kensey; circus, H. Leland Walk; Tin Lizzy Patrol, H. Leland Walk; hospital, David Allen; and public relations, Bernard E. Vance.

Each year the Spanish classes from Marysville High School participate in a student exchange program with schools in Spain. In October of each year, students from Spain come to Marysville and are hosted by the families of our students in the Spanish classes. In return, our students go to Spain and are hosted by the families of the students who have come here. This can only be done through community support. In an effort to involve the community with this exchange program, a Celebrity Dinner is planned in February, the purpose of which is to help the Marysville students with the cost of their trip to Spain. Each year the Union County Shrine Club supports this program financially and this year is no exception. The Nobles voted to contribute \$100.00 to purchase a half page ad in the program for the Celebrity Dinner.

Northeast Shrine

by Aaron Dominey

WOW! We're still not sure if it's the mild central Ohio winter, but we had a tremendous turnout for our January Northeast Shrine Club Meeting. We had more than 50 Nobles and Ladies turn out for our first meeting of the year which is quite impressive. The 2008 officers and board of directors want to extend their sincere thanks for such a strong turnout, and we hope we continue to see more and more Nobles and Ladies as we move through our 2008 program.

The January meeting was business as usual with a final recap of the cheese fundraising report for 2007 and the treasurer's reports for November and December. Our cheese sales were

only slightly off pace from 2006 which, if you consider the economy and the loss of a few key players, is a very good effort. Congrats go out once again to Noble Roger Nelson for being top cheese salesman.

New Business: Nobles Jeff Kopp and Bill Loomis have been selected to audit the club's 2007 financial records.

We were very happy to have two new Nobles and Ladies join our membership at our first 2008 meeting: Noble Ron Leonard and his Lady Elaine and Assistant Rabban Bill Estell and his Lady Carol.

Our February meeting, Friday, February 29 will be held in the Multipurpose Room. Social hour starts at 6:15 p.m., and dinner is at 7:00 p.m. We have made

arrangements for a group ballroom dancing lesson at no extra cost for the members of the club so we can show off our moves at the Pote's ball in May. Please be sure to make your reservations with Club Secretary Frank Habeker by RSVPing to: 614-975-0433.



BALDWIN SHRINE *by Don Knouff*

Baldwin Shrine president, Noble Donald P. Weaver, presided over his January meeting which was held at the Alcove in downtown Mt. Vernon. Because of inclement weather, the attendance was not too good. But he has a good program planned for 2008 and is looking forward to seeing you at the meetings for the balance of the year. You can pick up a copy of the programs for 2008 when you come to the next meeting.

Noble Lawrence Bertiaux has been named Baldwin Shrine Tabloid chairman for 2008 and has promised to make this the best year for our club. He will be calling on you so let's give him a hand and make it happen.

As for the Baldwin Shrine "Road Runners," we have had one patient in Cincinnati for surgery and I am sorry to report that we lost a long-time patient, Crystal Maybrier. We send our sincere sympathy to Crystal's family. She was 25-years old.

The following Nobles will be celebrating birthdays during February: Jack Gordon, Carroll Huff, Frank Grennell, Kenneth Eakin, Kenneth "Moe" Wilson, Dennis Long, Elmer Newton, Ron Burson, John Lybarger, and Steve Berk. Best wishes to all.

The Colonial High Twelve Club of Knox County still has their meetings on the third Thursday of each month at the Ohio Eastern Star Home in Mount Vernon. You retired Masons, bring your Lady and enjoy a Thursday afternoon. Make your reservation by calling Noble John Price at 740-392-3438, or call the Home at 740-397-1706.

Ross County

by John Malone

We started the new year with a bang on January 24 with a great dinner followed by installation of new officers presided over by our new Oriental Guide Steve Hathaway. The newly installed officers are president, Barney Barnitz; vice president, John Malone; secretary, H.D. Miller; and treasurer, Rob Coolidge. Our new president, Barney Barnitz, and the club are busily preparing for the Tabloid Days. We are expecting to surpass the great showing that we had last year with a good start already collected.

We held a moment of silence for our recently departed brothers, Noble Woody Triplett and Noble Louis Clester.

Club members who are planning to attend our next meeting on Thursday February 28 are reminded to put their reservations in to our new secretary, H. D. Miller, at 740-773-2387 or e-mail him at millerhd@horizonview.net.

We are very pleased to report that the top club in membership for 2007 was our Ross County Shrine Club. A big "tip of the hat" to our Past President Mike Bell and to our Ambassadors and everyone who was a top signer. Let everyone of us try to match that or surpass it in the coming year. That's what keeps our club strong.



CINCINNATI HOSPITAL VISITATION / REDS GAME OUTING

April 5, 2008

NexGen is sponsoring a bus trip on April 5, 2008, to the Cincinnati Burns Hospital and to Great American Ball Park to watch the Reds play the Phillies. *(Great seats, too!)*

Illustrious Potentate Dan Stainbrook has given us the use of Big Red for the trip. We will leave Aladdin Shrine Center that morning at 8:30 a.m. and will go to the hospital for a tour. Afterward, we will go to the game, which starts at 1:10 p.m. All of this for the great price of only \$15 per person - talk about Christmas in April! Make a date of it with your lady!

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From The Shrine Band

by Robb Landon

I don't know about the rest of you, but I have missed the rehearsals. This break, during the last months, have left my Tuesday nights a little dull. Sure, I have been able to complete some projects I had claimed not to have time for. I have been able to catch up on scale practice. I have saved a little money on fuel without the drive to the Center. But, the wife and dog are ready for me to get back on the regular Tuesday night schedule.

I talked with Bill Arthurs by phone the other day. He wanted to say hi to all of you. Bill is still playing his guitar but has trouble driving at night. Bob Hills is still recovering from his injury. Ralph Geho is back playing his trumpet after recovering from a broken arm.

Schedule:

February

19 - 7 p.m. Dance Band Only

26 - 7 p.m. Executive Board Meeting

8 p.m. Concert Band Rehearsal

March

4 - 8 p.m. Refreshments in Aladdin Room

9 p.m. Concert Band Rehearsal

March

11 - 8 p.m. Concert Band Rehearsal

18 - 7 p.m. Dance Band Only

25 - 8 p.m. Concert Band Rehearsal

27 - 30 Circus Band Performances

27 - 6-6:45 p.m. 28 - 7-7:45 p.m.

29 - 6-6:45 p.m. 30 - 5-5:45 p.m.



Bell Ringing by The Dixie Land Band

The Fall Dance this year will be a Halloween party on October 31 with the Concert Band performing at 7:30 - 8:00 p.m. and the Dance Band starting at 8:00 p.m.

Hardin County

by Ken Rossman

Our regular meeting was held on January 16 at Veteran's Memorial Park Clubhouse with 48 Nobles in attendance. Noble Howard Watkins opened the evening with a prayer. We then dined on a great meal prepared and served by Nobles Doornbos, Clinger, Wagner, Bruce Michel, Rice, Gilbert, Tim Jolliff, Matteson and Williams. Good job, Nobles.

President Leeth led us in the pledge of allegiance and gave a short "thank you" for all the help given to him in his year as our president. He thanked us all for the good year we had. Then, he turned the meeting over to our new president, Jim Holmes. We gave a hand to the kitchen crew for a job well done.

Noble Wes Broseke Sr. installed our new officers for 2008. They are President Jim Holmes, 1st Vice President Dave Brutzer, 2nd Vice President Keith McKee, Treasurer Tim Jolliff, and Secretary Wes Broseke Jr. We hope to have another great year and hope we all will support our club and officers on all that we do.

Several "thank you" notes were read for our Christmas Party. We also got a "thank you" from Hardin Memorial Hospital for the Shrine Club members who tended bar at the Mistletoe Ball. The members were Nobles Don Doll, Bruce Michel, Bob Gilbert, and Cliff Wynegar. A total of \$ 1,700.00 was raised through donations. Thank you, Nobles, for a job well done.

President Holmes noted a couple of dates for us to remember - May 21 will be ladies night and June 25 will be our annual Potentate's visit to our club.

Noble Tim Jolliff noted that on the visit to the Burns Unit in November, it was mentioned that the hospital could use one or more of the bubble machines that are used to help the children as they are being treated. Tim suggested we check further on this and we can buy one for the hospital. President Holmes will get more information and we will discuss this more at our next meeting. The cost should be about \$5,000.00

We wish a happy birthday to Noble Burke Smith who is 83 years old.

We extend our sympathy to Noble Gary Fitzgerald and his family on the recent death of his son, John. We also extend our sympathy to Noble LeRoy Harder and his family in the recent death of his mother-in-law.

Noble Rossman closed our meeting with a prayer. We must always remember that Aladdin Lights the Way.

Gallipolis Shrine

by Franklin C. Petrie, Jr.

It was a dark and stormy night. Whoa! Whoa! I am sorry, that is Snoopy's line. Oh well, it's easy to get off track sometimes. Back to the facts. My son-in-law, Noble Gary Mount, is progressing very well. He and his Lady Brandy wish to thank everyone who helped in any way. Your contributions and prayers are sincerely appreciated. It makes me feel warm and fuzzy to know there are a lot of great people left in this world.

Congratulations go to Noble Bill Johnson on his PIT Award. He is noted for all the great steaks he has cooked over the years. He really knows Bar-B-Q pits. Thanks, Noble Bill, please keep up the good work. I wish to thank my Lady Carolyn for helping me get four more past presidents' pictures on the wall at the club. It is sometimes a little difficult to get everyone lined up.

A big "thank you" goes to Noble Fred Bryant and Noble Melvin Craft for being our local roadrunners. This was Noble Melvin's eighth trip to transport children and their parents to Shriners Hospitals.

On January 13, there was a fish fry dinner at the club and thanks to thank those who helped on the fair gates project. Thanks go to Noble Root Shenefield for cooking all those swimmers. On February 16, a Valentines Dinner and Dance is planned with entertainment. Also, on February 23, a bus trip is planned to the dog track. Be sure to make your reservations.

Remember, Nobles and Ladies too, draw a circle not a heart around the one you love because a heart can break but a circle goes on forever. See you for supper, 6:30 p.m., Thursdays.

RECEPTION UNIT

by Aaron Dominey

After a brief holiday break, it was business as usual at our first meeting of 2008. We had a good turnout - looks like some snowbirds may have taken a few extra weeks after the holidays before migrating south. One outcome of the meeting was the decision to raise the price of the monthly meal to more closely reflect the food cost. A big challenge in 2008 will be to bring our club's ledger balance higher. Our monthly expenditures outweigh our monthly income. We apologize for the inconvenience, but we need to consider the best interests of the unit.

The unit would like to extend its congratulations to the newly installed Divan and to the 2008 Potentate, Illustrious Sir Daniel E. Stainbrook, II. In addition, a new assistant director and quarter master were installed during the annual meeting. They are Nobles Ralph Vaughn and Bill Compton, respectively. We wish both Nobles best of luck in their new positions.

Notable Notes:

Noble John Manker was awarded his 25-year pin at New England #4.

Noble Ken Beckholt was re-elected as Treasurer of Aladdin for 2008.

Nobles Jack Davis and Aaron Dominey have been selected to serve on the 2008 Potentate's staff.

New Member Update:

We are pleased to welcome Noble Bob Adams to the unit. As much as Aladdin membership works through you, so does Reception Unit membership. Please make a resolution to recruit new members.

Sunshine Report:

Noble Jim Dyer is recovering from open heart surgery.

Noble Dean Russell is recovering at home.

Old Friends:

Noble Jim Finley returned to assist with and celebrate the installation of Aladdin's 2008 Potentate. Unfortunately, his Lady Bobbie was not able to make the trip; she is still recovering from recent surgery. We will definitely keep an eye out for both when we are in St. Louis for Imperial in July.

BUCYRUS SHRINE

by Gene Diller

Noble Rick Miller opened The Bucyrus Shrine Club meeting with a prayer. The pledge of allegiance to the flag followed, led by Noble President Mike Sand.

Noble Dave Crum's Palmer House catered the meal. The Shriners dined on mushroom steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, banana salad, corn and pie.

The new Noble officers for 2008 were installed: president, Stan Eusey; first vice president, Tim Miller; treasurer, Pete Roll; secretary, Gene Diller.

Secretary Noble Gene Diller read the secretary's report from November 27, 2007. Noble Pete Roll gave the Sunshine Report; Noble John Miller had shoulder surgery.

Noble President Stan Eusey reported on Aladdin events. The circus is coming up. It was mentioned that we could put a advertisement of our club in the circus program. Their was a motion made and seconded to put an advertisement in the circus program. Motion passed. During the discussion, it was brought up we would like better communication on the circus this year. Before, we had several local groups going down and last year none, due to the lack of communications.

The Tabloid Days are June 6 - 7. The Bucyrus Shrine Club Tabloid chairman is Noble Tim Miller. Noble President Eusey would like to take a group of Bucyrus Shriners to a Shriner hospital. The next meeting of Bucyrus Shrine Club is February 25. It will be a valentine party with the ladies.

Shiloh

by Tim Gillis

Hi, Shiloh Nobles, Turn out for our February meeting was average and we enjoyed baked steak. Thanks go to Bobby, our cook; it was good as usual. We had a very nice visit from Assistant Rabban, Bill Estell. Bill visits us periodically and we enjoy his presence.

Happy birthday to the following Nobles for February: Dewey Canada, Jerry Collins, Tom Delay, Jackie Jenkins, Jon McMillen and Tony Cox.

If you read my article last month I told you of our financial situation. President Bob Long appointed a committee to develop some ideas to boost our account and to keep up with the bills. Its getting close to the ribs and we have to act. The committee will be sending Shiloh members a letter with tickets included. We ask that all members please participate 100%. We know we can count on all of you. Even if you rarely attend, please put forth this small effort for the club. Our insurance and monthly utilities are due next month and we are barely hanging in there. The committee has a couple other ideas which we will consider this spring. We also noticed that we have a little roof patch work to do this spring.

If any one knows of one of our members who is sick, please contact us and if we miss a birthday let me know. As far as we know right now, our members are all doing well except for the old age thingy. Ha! For those who have not sent their dues please do so and try to attend our next meeting which will be March 6. Don't know yet what is on the menu but it will be good, believe me. Also, if you have an e-mail address please send it to me at tg56@verizon.net. Till next month Nobles, attend your blue lodge, take care, have fun and pray for our troops. ~Tim (The Drum Bum)

Thea Court #5

by Janice Sanders

Thea Court's monthly luncheon/meeting was held on December 21 The Potentate-Elect Dan Stainbrook and his Lady Ann happened to be at the Aladdin Shrine Center on business and stopped by our luncheon to wish all of us a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. It was a very pleasant surprise.

Thea Court's Open Installation of 2008-2009 Officers will be held at Aladdin Shrine Center on Saturday, April 12. By the time you read this, the Installation of the 2008 Aladdin Shriner Officers will have taken place. Thea Court wishes the new Potentate, Dan Stainbrook, and his Divan a great and successful year.



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Robert W. Obert
Raymond G. Plummer
Van A. Ross
John M. Springer

Franklyn Stoffel
David E. Tilton
Woodford Triplett

Some Clowns Are Moving Up

by Jeff "Cee-Jay" Carter

Big news, Nobles! Our own Assistant Director Bill "Steins" Amspaugh has taken the big leap. Yes, that's right. Bill has been appointed to the Divan. I know that Bill will do the same great job for the Divan that he has done for the Clowns. I just wonder if there is a job for junior Divan members. The clowns have the new apprentice clowns wash our bus from time to time. I don't know about the rest of you, but I would buy a ticket to see Bill wash Big Red. Good luck, Bill, we are all proud of you.

Now, as you all have figured out by now, Bill has vacated his position as assistant director of the clowns. This left Boss Clown Toots with a big problem. He had to find someone to fill Bill's large shoes. Well, Toots didn't really have to go far. He just looked to his right. There sat our humble, but lovable, Charles "Punkin" Heine. Charlie took over as secretary not too long ago. With a big smile, he gladly took the next step up. Really, Charlie, the gun wasn't loaded. Now, where was I? Oh yeah, now Toots had to set his sights on a new secretary. In comes unsuspecting Larry "Pockets" Middendorf. Larry takes on the role of unit secretary. We are all sure that both Charlie and Larry will do a fine job at their new positions.

With all of the changes in the ranks going on, we also have to get ready for the circus. There is a need to have no less than twelve (yes I said 12) clowns at every show. We need face painters, balloonist and clowns for the photo booth. So step up to the circus train; it's going to be a fun ride this year.

Toots is using the first meeting in February as a planning meeting for the year. Please, if you can make it, be there. We need to have a big year. The Sneaker Fund and our unit could use it.

In closing, I want to say "good luck" once again to Bill, Charlie, and Larry in their new positions.

Remember, to visit your Blue lodge. May God bless each and every one of us this year.

Trip Down Memory Lane

March 25, 2008
Aladdin Shrine Center



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Steubenville Shrine

by *Anthony Violi*

President Noble Robert Moffatt opened the January meeting of the Steubenville Shrine Club by leading the Nobility in the pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our great country. He requested that Ill. Noble Henri Albert offer prayer.

The Nobility was informed that Past President Ill. Noble Arthur "Bud" Michael is having back problems and will be under doctor's care for at least eight months. Also, reported ill is Noble Mike Mogan who is afflicted with cancer. The Nobility wish all a speedy recovery. Welcomed back was long-time member, Noble Cecil Holbrook.

The minutes of the December meeting and the treasurers report were presented and approved. President Robert Moffatt informed the Nobility that the Shrine Christmas party for children (and adults) was very successful and enjoyable. More than 100 children and adults, including 10 children from our local children's home, were in attendance. Each child received a gift from Santa. He thanked Noble Jerry Williams and his Lady JoAnn for chairing the event. Also thanked were Nobles Ken Gorney and Dan Davis for helping set up the hall and for leading the children in games and other activities.

At this point of the meeting Noble Henri Albert, assisted by Noble Roger Watts, prepared to install the new officers. Installed were Nobles Dan Moffatt, president; James Halstead, first vice president; Joe DeArdo, second vice president; Leonard Morris, secretary; and Jerry Williams, Treasurer. Motor Patrol officers installed are, Nobles Wes Darling, President, Russ Barker, V.P. Joe DeArdo, captain; Al Dubois, cocaptain; and Dave Hunt, secretary/treasurer. Noble Henri congratulated the new officers and charged them to carry out their responsibilities and duties for the good of the club. He also charged the Nobles to offer their services and assist in any way possible.

Following the installation, new president, Noble Dan Moffatt, son of retiring president, Robert Moffatt, assumed charge of the meeting. Noble Jim Halstead reported that the Patrol had a very successful year, participating in many parades, exposing the Shrine and our philanthropy to the public. He thanked those who participated and urged members to become active in the patrol. Transportation Chairman Noble B.J. Johnson reported that three children are scheduled for examination in January. Nobles B.J. and Gene Groves will transport the children to Erie. Our club ministered to 26 children in 2007. Nobles, be proud; this is what the Shrine is all about.

Noble Jim Halstead, assistant building chairman, reported that normal building maintenance is being done. He said that outside work is "shut down" due to the weather. Noble Dave Hunt is in the process of installing a new P.A. system. He also stated that he would donate the speakers. He was applauded for his offer.

Noble Jerry Williams reminded us that the Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's is scheduled for March 22. Volunteer your help. New President Noble Dan Moffatt informed the Nobility that 16 Nobles and their Ladies will be attending a seminar in Columbus.

A touching moment occurred, when the newly elected President Dan, presented his dad, outgoing President Robert Moffatt, a beautiful clock on behalf of his family for his dad's help and encouragement as his son progressed through Blue Lodge to being elected president of the Steubenville Shrine.

Noble Joe DeArdo will celebrate his birthday on February 19. Local Lodge reports were presented. Past Presidents and 50-year members were introduced. Distinguished Masons, Ill Roger Watts 33 °, Henri Albert 33 °, Jerry Williams KYCH, MSA, and Anthony Violi, VSA, MSA were recognized.

A closing prayer by the outgoing President Noble Robert Moffatt was offered. Delicious refreshments were available. Fellowship followed. GOD BLESS AMERICA

Marching WITH THE LEGION

by *Dick Luckay*

DATES TO REMEMBER - Mark your Calendars

Stated Meetings: March 10, April 14, May 12

Shrine Circus – March 27-30

Potentate's Visit – April 12

SPECIAL DAYS – (Cards and well wishes always appropriate.)

Anniversaries: February 4 – Paul and Anne Nixon; February 24 – Dave and Sandy Henderson; March 2 – Guy and Sue White, Sr.; March 7 – Don and Bev Powell.

Birthdays: February 2, Don McCoy; February 7 - Betty Casper and Rosalie Kasper; February 14 -, Durward Masters ; February 15 - Barbara Hysell; February 17 - Chester Van Horn; 24 - Darlene Harding and Harry Reynolds. February 28 - Angelo Marinelli; March 3 - Jean Wright; March 7 - Ruth Masters; March 12 - Fred Lewis; March 19 - Wilma Griffin. Congratulations to all on your special day and best wishes for many more to come.

Tarhe Shrine

by *Dan Meenach & G. Vaughn Doss*

The Tarhe Shrine Club Christmas Party was held at the Lancaster Inn with the Liberty Union High School Brass Quintet playing music during the social hour. We had ham and prime rib as entrees and during dinner, the Liberty Union High School Vocal Ensemble performed. Meritorious Service Awards were given by Illustrious Potentate David "Dee" Mowry to Zale Maxwell and Art Wilson. David Mowry and Walter Pool received a Potentate's Special Award with 97 people in attendance.

Scott, Crystal and Jonas Bradley reported that they are living in Idaho and will be going to the Sacramento, CA Hospital for Jonas' care. They are living about an hour between each of their respective families and are doing well.

Tarhe Shrine Club meeting for January was held at the Lancaster Inn with 18 Nobles in attendance, along with Past Potentate Dee Mowry and Immediate Past President Zale Maxwell. President Dan Meenach called the meeting to order. Items discussed were fund raising events that may be a Demo-Derby or a breakfast or lunch type event. Also discussed was the Tarhe Shrine Club sign that Noble E. C. Babbert is going to donate. It is to be placed going into Lancaster. We were fortunate to have Right Worshipful Brother Dennis Kessler for the speaker that evening. Dennis is Past District Deputy Grand Master of the 13th Masonic District, where he served from 2003-2005. He spoke about the 200th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio and the Bicentennial Paintings that were commissioned.

The February meeting will be Thursday, February 21 at the Lancaster Inn. Tarhe Shrine Club Members don't forget this is your article, if you have something to report or add, please give me a call at 614-861-5943.

Hocking Hills

by *Donald R. Farrow*

The Hocking Hills Shrine Club opened its new year with, SNOW - 20° - WIND; it was a terrible night but the attendance wasn't too bad. President Ron Cottrill called the group to order. Prayer was given by Rick Wallar, followed by the pledge and dinner. President Ronald Cottrill introduced his new officers for 2008: Jeff Dickerson, 2nd vice president; Donald R. Farrow, secretary; John Conn, treasurer; and Richard Wallar, chaplain. Unable to attend was Terry Woltz, 1st vice president. Also attending were past club presidents Don Farrow 90-91, Jim Stewart 98, John Hockingberry 03, Gene Garren 05, and Mike Downour 07.

President Cottrill said materials would be mailed to local schools and school transportation departments on the scheduled Aladdin Shrine Circus "Guest Day," which will be held on Thursday, March 27. He asked that anyone available to please sign the sheet for workers to help with this project. Last year, we had three bus loads and he pointed out that extra help is greatly appreciated. President Cottrill noted that Gene Garren and John Hockingberry have agreed to chair the "Muirfield Area Usage Team" again this year. Phil Grounds, Senior Deacon of Mingo Lodge, reminded Nobles of the coming inspection of Delta Lodge in McArthur on Friday night January 25. He said that the Grand Masters Reception for the 13th District will be at Lee's Party Haus, February 1.

George Dresher, representative from Aladdin's membership committee, advised that Aladdin would be holding several Cold Sands programs in the locations of Chillicothe, Cambridge, Marietta, Gallipolis, and Aladdin. Check with local clubs for dates, times, and fees. George said Athens County Shrine Club will have its summer corn roast on July 24; come on down in the hollow.

President Cottrill asked that we remember the two fellow Nobles who were lost in the past two months: Don Newton on 12-3-07 and Denver Joe Edgar 1-7-08. God rest them in Peace.

Those with birthdays in February are Gerald Buck Edgar 16th, Charles Hedges 21st, Paul Stivtson 21st, and Larry Walker 22nd, let's hear it for these Nobles. Also, we have two anniversaries: Rick and Sharon Wallar on the 1st, and Bill and Dorothy Miller on the 24th. Give a big cheer for the couples on this their day. See everyone on February 27 at the Valentine's Dinner.

Patrol Marches on...

by *G. Vaughn Doss, C.E.*

The Patrol had it's first meeting of 2008 on Monday, February 4. We discussed upcoming events for 2008. The Muirfield Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Monday, May 26 - June 1. This is a great time and a good fund-raiser for the Patrol. Information for the tournament will be mailed out late next month. Also, the June Potentate's visitation is in the works. Fall Ceremonial will be November 8; not to worry, that's an away game for OSU.

The SPANA Mid-Winter Meeting is being held in Dayton on March 13 - 16. This is a great way to meet some of your fellow Patrolmen and their Ladies from other Shrine Centers and, not to mention, a great time! Think about attending the weekend, I'm sure you won't be disappointed. The theme is "Almost St. Patty's Day!"

Several Aladdin Patrolmen attended the Florida Reunion; hopefully, they will give us a report on how it went. I'm sure the weather was better there than here.

Patrolmen, don't forget, this is your Patrol article and if you have news for the *Lamp*, please call or e-mail me. Until next month, see you on the Square.

THE CHANTERS

by Brent Wilson

It is the best of times; it is the worst of times. Winter is in full bloom; that's bad. The days are getting longer, that's good. The country is on the verge of recession; that's bad. Interest rates are dropping like a rock; that's good. I could go on and on but I won't. I don't like winter, so I count the days until spring and I just can't wait. GOLF!

By the time you read this, we will be almost two full months into the new year and most of us will have broken our New Year's resolutions. Don't feel too bad, everybody else broke theirs too.

The Chanters had their President's Dinner at Shades on the Canal, hosted by President Don Filmer. The Chanters were honored by Past Potentates, our own Tom Coulburn, Honorary Chanter Gary Parks, and The Illustrious Dan Stainbrook. It was a terrific night of fellowship, to be sure.

Our schedule was finalized by Director Gus Ruzicka and some dates to remember are:

March

03-03 (Mon) Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
03-11 (Tues) Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
03-17 (Mon) Stated Meeting
03-18 (Tues) Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
03-25 (Tues) Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
03-27 - 03-30 Shrine Circus

April

04-01 (Tues) Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
04-08 (Tues) Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
04-15 (Tues) Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
04-21 (Mon) Stated Meeting
04-22 (Tues) Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Ladies Night
04-28 (Mon) Oakleaf 7:00 p.m. Meet; 7:30 p.m. Sing

It is with great pleasure to let you know that Tom Colburn's back surgery was a great success. Lynn Boetcher's back surgery has been postponed (same surgeon as Tom's) until epidurals have been tried. Good luck, Lynn. Outside of the Chanter Unit, Don Penwell, who has been a tremendous supporter of our spaghetti dinner, had carotid artery surgery and is doing very well. Bob Larson continues to recover from knee replacement surgery; and, I say again, it still won't help his golf game.

Jack Harris, as you know, has been battling an infection for eight months and this saga continues. Just about the time things are going well, the darn thing kicks up it's ugly head and bugs Jack again. He is getting out of the house, off and on, but he is still feeling poorly. Jack Leeson had back surgery; what is it with bad backs for the Chanters? Must be standing too long at attention. He is doing well with his recovery. Though be it long term, we look forward to having Jack's booming bass voice back with us. Get well, quick.

Howard Porshinsky tells me that his Lady Gwen is back home and doing well. She had a very tough time of it and we wish her well. Please remember our Chanters who are ailing and those who bravely serve our country. God Bless them all! Am I allowed to say that? Might not be politically correct, oh well.

Have you just about had it with this presidential election? I, for one, have. Democrats, Republicans! Can't we just all get along? It's not about YOU! It's about us! We are what keeps you in office. Listen to us and do what we want, not what you think we want. LISTEN to us!

Okay, okay, I'm off the soap box! GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Motorcycle Corps

by Warren Miller

From the President's Corner:

The Motorcycle Corps was founded in 1992 by Ralph Allen, Bob Wachalec, and Ed Howard. Ralph was president for the first two years. We thank them for getting the Corps started as we now enter our 16th year.

Our committee chairs for 2008 are Tabloid chair, David Brandt; circus chair, Jerry Scott; ride chair, Steve Sidebottom; and Muirfield chair, Warren Miller.

Our member spotlight this month focuses on some Nobles who have helped with the Muirfield parking, Shrine Circus, and Tabloid. These members are Harry Miller, Harold Rogers, and the late Walter Brenneman, who will be deeply missed by all of us. Thank you for all of your help over these past years and your future help, too!

Even though the turnout was low at our meeting on January 10, we still accomplished a lot.

We have something special planned for our next meeting on February 14, so please try to attend.

It was voted that in honor of Ralph Allen and Walter Brenneman, the Motorcycle Corps will purchase bricks in memory of each Noble which will be placed at the *Editorial without Words* at the Shrine Center.

Finally, in last month's news, our secretary's name was misspelled and I would like to correct that error now; Roger Sparks is our secretary.

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Chaplain's Message

Behind Every Man

by Chaplain John Ash

You've heard the old saying that "behind every successful man, there is a good woman." Because of my experience, I have altered it a bit. Behind every man (good, bad, successful, unsuccessful) there are, at least, a couple good women. Of course, February brings us Valentine's Day which the modern version celebrates the ideal of romantic love and encourages us to find ways to say "I love You" to our wives and/or significant other. How much of our modern celebration we owe to Hallmark, the candy makers, the florists, and the jewelers is hard to tell, though all of these have some roots in the various stories and legends of St. Valentine's Day, if you want to Google it. If you take time to do that, you will soon discover that originally it had nothing to do with romantic love, but the faith of some ancient saints who were martyred for the faith and, over the years, it combined with some other cultural ideas to make it a tribute to romantic love.

Hopefully, even if no one had thought it up, we would still find ways to let our life mates know how special they are to us, and we would do so, not only in February, but all the year through.

Now back to my original premise that behind every man there are at least a couple good women. I don't know if the same is true in reverse, though, I hope my daughter has caught a few good things from my life and faith. Overall, it seems the natural order of things, despite the equality of sexes in our time which is fine with me. Men and Masons owe a special debt to our ladies who support us and encourage us as we serve and share together in this great undertaking and fellowship.

So, whether you have been married five or 50 years or more, take time to say "thank you" and "I love you" to those special ladies in your life. After all, it's surely taken more than one to get you where and who you are today.

God Bless and Keep You All



Flying Nobles

by Lee McKelvey

We had our first Flying Nobles meeting of 2008 at the OSU airport at Medflight. We had our regular members, plus a few new faces. Terry Kitchen, who is a photographer for Warbirds magazine, was there for his first time and he is active in aviation. Terry is a very personable man and you would enjoy meeting him.

Another long-time member, Phil Laughlin, was at the meeting, Phil has lived in Athens, Ohio and recently moved to Dublin. Phil has been a member of the Flying Nobles for many years but couldn't get to the meetings because of the long distance. It was good meeting, Phil, and we welcome both Terry and Phil to join us when they can.

Phil owns two L4 aircraft and a J3 Cub plus parts of two other planes – five in all. Do you know the civilian designation of the L4? It is also known as the Grasshopper.

On January 12 some of the Flying Nobles attended the installation of the Potentate, Divan, club, and unit officers. Potentate Dan Stainbrook will do a good job and he has his work cut out for him. We will help when we are needed. Dan has attended some of our meetings. High Priest and Prophet Mike Van Huss is our Divan representative. Mike is a Cherokee 180 pilot and is member of our club.

Cessna is having their Skycatcher 162 light sport aircraft sent to China to assemble and back to the USA for reassembly in 3 locations here. Cessna officials will be in Shenyang, China to advise during the manufacturing process. They expect to produce 700 aircraft a year. Do you believe that?

We haven't seen Walt McPherson for a while. Walt lives in Marysville and our members from there are not coming here like they did years ago but we can understand that. Everyone is getting older. For one thing, Bob Chapman kept them active and since Bob slowed down before he passed away, we didn't see them very often. Walt and his wife, Mercedes, were always a lot of fun at our gatherings and, it is a long story but Mercedes outsmarted the Flying Nobles at one of our weekend gatherings. Walt also gave us permission years ago to land on the inside area of the Honda Proving Grounds for our meeting a few times. We hope Walt and Mercedes are staying well.

We haven't seen PC Tom Ruggles for a while and we hope he is staying well. George Bell is still working at keeping the Wednesday lunch going on at the Shrine Center. They always have a good group there and if you can make it give it a try. It is 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. every Wednesday. Men, bring your Ladies.

Our next meeting is Saturday March 8 at Medflight. Time is 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. for the meeting. Our change in the February meeting was made after I wrote the article and it could not be changed in the Lamp. I hope everyone enjoyed the dinner and I thank Marty Mills for hosting the event.

Everyone stay warm, stay well, and I hope to see you next time.

Kambri Shrine by Dick Brixner

Our first Kambri Shrine activity for 2008 was a chilli dinner and euchre party on January 24. Noble President Frank Potts opened the meeting and welcomed the 24 Nobles in attendance. He thanked Noble Lew Smith for the use of King Pin Lanes for this event. He thanked his Lady Mary for the preparation of the chili, which was enjoyed by all.

The winners of the euchre tournament: first place went to Noble E. Wayne McCracken, second place to Sam Marteney, and third place to Joe Spilker.

A special note of thanks goes to Noble Ron LePage for providing the notes for this article.

Nobles, let us make Kambri a very active club this year. Come out and get involved. Watch your mailbox for a calendar of events for 2008.



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Shriners Participate in Sled Hockey for 5th Year

by **Andrew J. Mollica, President**, Ohio Sled Hockey, Inc.



Five wins in a row! ASHAC (Aladdin Shriners Hospital Association for Children) has sponsored the Aladdin Invitational for five years, and the Pittsburgh Mighty Penguins have won it every year. This year's tournament was held at the Columbus Dispatch Ice Haus January 19 - 20. The tournament is coordinated by Ohio Sled Hockey, Inc.

Sled hockey is for athletes unable to play stand-up hockey due to physical compromise. Typical players are amputees and those with spinal cord injury or disease. Players sit in a bucket atop two blades. They push themselves with sticks which have picks on one side to grab the ice. The other side of the sticks have traditional hockey stick blades which are used to move and shoot the puck. Otherwise, the game is essentially the same as able-bodied hockey.

This year's tournament featured teams from Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Grand Rapids, Cleveland, Chicago, and Columbus. Fourteen games were played over the course of two days. The tournament was tweaked to allow two divisions of play: novice for younger and inexperienced players and juniors for the seasoned veterans. There were approximately 80 players total, many of whom are Shriners' patients.

Many Shriners were present and had an opportunity to mingle with the kids. Additionally, the Shriners provided the trophies that Potentate Dan Stainbrook awarded to the teams. A good time was had by all.

ASHAC provided funding for the ice time, the two meals and other miscellaneous expenses. The backing was very much appreciated. Ohio Sled Hockey hopes to do it all over again next year. The tentative dates are January 17 -18, 2009.

Worthington Shrine

by **Bob Stevenson**

Let's start with the upcoming March meeting for Nobles only at Brookside. Our speaker, back by popular demand, will be our 1st VP Noble Darren Harder (we hope both guys who asked for him are there). He will talk on things related to work on the Columbus Police Department. Darren hosted a very popular visit to the new Police Academy last October and his past program on identity theft was well received. We expect nothing less this time, so Nobles join us on March 6.

The January meeting featured our incoming (now the real deal) Potentate Dan Stainbrook. We appreciated hearing from him and Lady Ann about their coming year. It will be a busy calendar for sure. We also heard from Noble Glenn Oury about the excellent experience and help that his daughter Maddy is receiving at our Lexington Hospital. It is good to know that one of our own is seeing, first hand, exactly how great our hospitals really are. (Writer's note: Marj and I visited Lexington the third week of January. Maddy had just had surgery, was doing very well and was looking forward to heading home in a couple of days. We offer a prayer of thanks on Maddy's behalf for the wonderful work they do there.)

We want to welcome new Nobles into Worthington Shrine Club: Eric Anderson, Chuck Johnson, Jr., David Ozvat, and Rob Hine. Welcome aboard.

And as new WSC Nobles, and everyone else for that matter, remember it's time to block out time for our two big events. First is Muirfield. Try to make time available to help us with a shift or two. You will be hearing from Noble Ken Sparks and his faithful helper, Noble Joe Simmons, about openings that need to be filled. It begins on Monday, May 26 with practice rounds and final round is Sunday June 1.

Our second major event is Tabloid Day, Saturday June 7. More details will come at the next couple of meetings and in your newsletter. But, block out three hours to help our hospitals help our kids that Saturday. See you at Brookside March 6. For more information about Worthington Shrine Club, call President Mike Bartley at 614/562-8006.

\$826 Million Budget for 2008 at Shriners Hospital for Children

Once again, Shriners Hospitals for Children's commitment to the health and care of children will have a larger price tag. The 2008 budget of \$826 million for Shriners Hospitals for Children reflects an increase of \$105 million over the 2007 figure. In 2008, our health care system will spend \$2.26 million every day to continue providing the best medical care possible. As has been true for 85 years, all treatment and services will be provided at no charge to our patients or their families. This impressive financial commitment is tangible evidence of Shriners Hospitals' continued dedication to the health and future of children.

The 2008 budget figures reflect an acute awareness of the continuing escalation of health care costs, the need to offer competitive salaries in order to attract and retain the best physicians, a commitment to excellent facilities and the importance of implementing the latest, most effective medical and information technologies.

"Despite the expense, Shriners Hospitals for Children remains completely confident we will continue to provide the best possible medical care to children, at no cost to them, far into the future," said Ralph Semb, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. "The 2008 budget reflects our total commitment to our mission of providing the highest quality care for our patients, providing educational opportunities for health care professionals

and conducting research to discover new knowledge to improve the quality of life for children around the world. In 2008, this commitment means we will spend \$26.19 every second of every minute of every hour of every day throughout the year."

The 22 Shriners Hospitals have a total budget of \$826 million for 2008. Of that amount, \$678 million is designated for the hospital operating budget, which includes patient care, teaching, administrative expenses, depreciation and the daily expenses for all the Shriners Hospitals. In addition, \$44 million has been earmarked for medical research, an increasingly important part of our mission.

The budget for building and equipment expenditures has been increased to \$104 million, representing a continued commitment to renovation and new construction, as well as electronic medical records and other technological improvements. Shriners Hospitals is also committed to efficiency and saving energy. The pilot energy improvement program for three hospitals was very successful. Staff is now in the process of creating bidding documents to add six more hospitals to the program and hope to have this completed early in 2009.

The major hospital projects included in this year's plans are Chicago, Galveston, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Portland, St. Louis, Shreveport, and Twin Cities.

PAST MASTERS

by **Dick Bull**

It is hoped that everyone had a great holiday season and is preparing for the many winter and spring activities. The Past Masters are looking forward to assisting with ushering at the circus on March 27 - 30. We will soon be gearing up for "Masonic Night at the Shrine" on Monday, April 28. Details for this annual event will be in the March issue of the *Lamp*.

We are saddened at the death of Bob Obert over the holidays. He was a faithful unit member and still made his presence known even though his eyesight failed. "Well done, good and faithful servant." Also,, Alice Wood, widow of charter member Wilbur Wood, passed away at age 100 on New Year's Day. She was a charter member and past president of our Ladies Auxiliary. She was a lovely lady.

Our March meeting will be with the ladies on March 24. Dennen Leach is making plans and details will be forthcoming.

George Finch, our treasurer emeritus, had a successful second bladder surgery and is now regaining his strength in order to spend the winter in Arizona. He will continue with treatments there.

Chuck McLeod, on of our board of trustees, had successful hip joint replacement in January and is undergoing rehab at this time. We wish both George and Chuck speedy recoveries.

Congratulations to two of our members, Bob Roof and Jim Bontrager, who were elected president and secretary/treasurer respectively, of the Shrine Campers Club.

Aladdin MARINERS

by **Frank Henderson**

The Mariners Club was well represented at the Leadership Seminar and the following installation program and dinner. Commodore Jim Bradham, Purser Wade Grosz, and Yeoman Frank Henderson were duly installed following the installation of our own Dan Stainbrook as the 2008 Potentate.

Many thanks go to Bob Kutschbach for all his hard work as Commodore the last few years.

The February meeting was held at the Aladdin Shrine Center. It was well attended by our Ladies and several members of the Divan.

Plans are being finalized for this year so keep on eye on the *Lamp* for more details.

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ALADDIN'S CAR CLUB

by James Allen

The Aladdin Car Club hosted the Potentate, our own Dan Stainbrook, and members of the Divan and their ladies at Tommy's Pizza on Dublin Road on January 28. We were also blessed with the attendance of Post Potentate Dee Mowry and his Lady Kathy "with whom he is still well pleased." We all assume she is still well pleased with him. The attendance was between 55-60. It was hard to get a count since everyone milled around and talked. In fact, we had to overflow into the regular dining room. I apologize to those of you who had to move to the annex. We are a victim of our own success.

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Brubaker. The chaplain, John Ash, opened the meeting with a prayer. The Potentate then introduced the members of the Divan and their ladies who were present. It was a very good representation. He made some remarks about activities of the coming year. His lady, Ann Stainbrook, gave a presentation of her activities to our ladies. President Ron made a contribution in the name of the club to both the Potentate's and Ann's projects. The gift to the Potentate was directed to the circus.



The high point of the evening was the presentation of the Meritorious Service Award to Chester Van Horn by Potentate Dan Stainbrook. Congratulations, Chester for your work in lining up our tours. We now have five MSAs in our club: George Buttrick, Ron Brubaker, Fred Coventry, Jim Allen, and now, Chester.

Larry Jarvis brought a very nice large picture of a 1931 Ford Model A Cabriolet with which we held a silent auction. The picture was very suitable for framing. The chief-of-staff, George Stowe, and his Lady Peggy tried to out-bid each other for the picture. The proceeds were added to our treasury. Enjoy the picture, George and Peggy.

Our club Divan representative for 2008 is William Amspaugh, Jr., 2nd ceremonial master, who was introduced. He and his lady have a condominium at Pigeon Forge which they have graciously donated to the car club to be auctioned at the Corn Roast and Car Show on August 16. Jim and Lois Allen will also offer their house in Maine to be auctioned again this year. It was purchased at last year's car show by Mike Campbell, who will be using it this coming summer.

Speaking of the car show, Fred Coventry had some samples of trophies that he has acquired on display. He made an appeal for any of you to solicit money to defray the expenses involved in this activity. Let's all get



busy and make the show bigger and better this year. Jim Loseth has volunteered to help Fred organize this activity. Jim has had experience in Connecticut operating car shows. His help will be welcome. All help will be welcome. Keep in touch with Fred and Jim.

Woody Combs gave a report on the proposed trip to Indianapolis on May 21 to drive our cars on the Indianapolis track. His enthusiasm was infectious and we had at least eight cars sign up. If anyone does not have a car and would like to ride along, we can make arrangements. Give Woody a call if you are interested, 614.397.0296. Remember, old car ownership is not a prerequisite for membership in our club.

Tom Stauch volunteered to be our parade marshal. He will be in charge of lining up the cars to participate in some of the upcoming parades this summer. Let's participate in several of these parades and get the name of the Aladdin Car Club in the public eye. We have some beautiful cars for people to admire. They are part of history. Let's not hide them. Let's let people know that all Shriners do not drive little, one-cylinder cars in circles.

Soon, you will be receiving an announcement of our plans to participate in the Valentine Dinner and Movie at the Shrine on February 14. You may call the Shrine at 614-475-3712, ext. 23 and ask for Kim to make a reservation. This will be in place of our February meeting. I realize it is not on our regular, last Monday meeting night, but since the weather is still unpredictable and our cars are still in winter storage, this seemed like a reasonable thing to do. I am sure our ladies will appreciate it, also.

The food was good, the conversations was animated, and the camaraderie was excellent. Thanks for the good turnout. Thanks go to the Potentate, the Divan, and their ladies for joining us. See you at the Valentine's Dinner on Thursday, February 14.

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Notes:

- You CANNOT ride Big Red if you are going on the Branson, Missouri trip.
- Marriott Airport Hotel is a non-smoking hotel.

TOTAL



Payment Options

Payment in Full OR \$150 Deposit Per Person with Balance extended.

Check Enclosed ()
Payment in full ()
Deposit Only ()

Credit card ()
Payment in full ()
Deposit Only ()
Credit Card
Number: _____
Expiration Date: _____
Credit card type: Visa () MC ()
AmEx () Discover ()

SPECIAL ROOM REQUEST:

Handicap Accessible ()
King Size Bed ()
2 Queen Size Beds ()

SEND FORM WITH PAYMENT TO: Aladdin Imperial Trip, 3850 Stelzer Road, Columbus, OH 43219-3044

Periodicals postage paid at Columbus, Ohio 43219-9001 and at additional mailing offices.

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