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Memberhip Statistics

Membership as of 4/30 Net loss/gain YTD Net loss/gain Monthly	0/2012	5952 -14 -23
	Current	Yr to Date
Creations	2	10
Affiliations	2	2
Restored	2	23
Associate Members	1	1
TOTAL MONTHLY ADD	7	36
TOTAL YEARLY with ADDS		6002
Demits	0	1
Suspensions	0	0
Deaths	30	49
Associates Dropped	0	0
Reversals	0	0
TOTAL MONTHLY DROP	30	50
Membership 01/01/2012	2	5920
Associate Membership	01/01/12	46
Total Membership 01-0		5966

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Don't Be Left Behind

These are busy and exciting times in Aladdin Land. We recently concluded one of our most successful circus productions in years. We had sell-out performances and great acts. Kudos go to Noble John Morris, Circus Director, his committee and all of the Nobles who worked to make this year's circus a very special event.

Aladdin's annual golf outing in Santee, NC, attracted 30 would-be golfers to three very nice courses and near-perfect weather. I had the honor of playing the first ball and launched a beautiful, high-arching shot right into the water. So went the week! Or so I thought. Our return trip to Columbus on "Big Red" resulted in an event that will probably be the hallmark of my year as Potentate. Two hours into the journey, we made a "comfort stop." While preparing to resume the journey home, several Nobles decided to harass one of their own, creating a commotion and compromising the mandatory pre-departure headcount. As Big Red approached the Interstate highway, someone realized that they were missing a passenger. Guess who? Me, the Potentate! Reverse gear, back up, no apologies, just endless laughter. In spite of this near disaster, the outing was great fun and credit goes, once again, to Noble Jack Davis and his committee of three would-be pro-golfers.

Congratulations go to Noble Dick Bull and members of the Past Masters Unit for their A+ performance of the Master Mason Degree. Aladdin's 20th Annual Masonic Night at the Shrine was a huge success, witnessed by the Grand Master, MW Brother Kevin Todd, several Grand Lodge officers and nearly 200 Masons. Lodge was opened by WM Ronald Blitz and officers of West Gate Lodge No. 623. I am deeply indebted to these brothers for their work and the honor of having my lodge represented at this annual event.



Potentate Michael D. Tyne

By the time you read this article, 91 weary travelers will have returned from my cruise to the Baltic Sea. We will have visited the Scandinavian countries, Germany, Estonia and have spent two exciting days in St. Petersburg, Russia. No doubt, thousands of photos were taken, ready to be shared with anyone willing to listen to the stories that they represent. I suspect that some of us, including Ill. Sir, P.P. Dee Mowry, would be happy to provide entertainment at a club or unit meeting with photos and stories of the trip.

Two very important activities will occur during the end of May: Tabloid Day and the Memorial Tournament at Murifield. Tabloid Day, of course, raises needed funds for our Shriners Hospitals while our work at the Memorial Tournament offers the opportunity to raise funds for our individual clubs and units. Noble Tom Rice will, once again, serve as chairman of Tabloid Day. Last year you helped him achieve his goal of raising \$300,000. This year he has raised the bar and has challenged us all to bring in \$400,000. One hundred percent of the net proceeds will go to our hospitals so that they may continue to provide medical care to children who need their specialized services.

Read on through the Lamp for details of other events that are coming up: the Annual Fishing Trip to Lake Erie; the Potentate's Beach Ball; the Imperial trip to Charlotte, NC; the Stag Picnic; Clippers Night; the Chicken and Corn Roast/Classic Car Show (with a visit by the Imperial Potentate and his lady). We have tried to provide activities that offer something for everyone. Participate! Get involved! Have fun! These activities are planned for YOU. And remember, don't be left behind!

TABLOID DAY

by Tom Rice

"Remember upon the conduct of each depends the fate of all." -Alexander the Great

The only thing missing from Nobel Calvin Smith's presentation at the annual Tabloid Training Day, was Alexander the Great's magnificent horse, Bucephalus. As Noble Calvin moved up and down the center isle of the Aladdin Room (sans Bucephalus), all 65 Nobles in attendance were virtually transported back in time to another day. This was so we could understand why Alexander, one of the world's greatest

generals, extolled the importance of unity within his ranks and that his army's success was so dependent on each soldier giving his very best effort in every battle.

Not only did Calvin inspire us with his knowledge of history, he encouraged us to think of who we are, what we do and whom we do it for. He challenged us to reflect on how others see us and, more importantly, how we see ourselves. He asked us to think about what our fez means to others and what it means to those of us who have the honor to wear it. Nobel Calvin reminded us that the Shriner's fez speaks volumes about who we are and has a special place in the hearts and minds of over 900,000 children and their parents who have received aid and comfort through the efforts of our philanthropy. We were challenged by Noble Calvin to think of what our symbols mean to us as we go into our "battle" of spreading the good news about Shriners Hospitals for Children.



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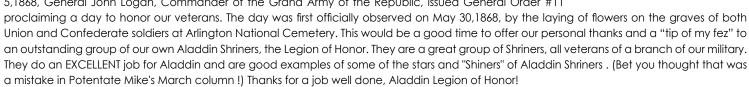
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CHAPLAIN'S CHAT by Chaplain D. Dee Mowry, PP

May brings us spring in earnest. Mother's Day this year was May 13. This day is celebrated in many parts of the world, usually in the month of March, April or May. This celebration can be traced to ancient festivals. It was celebrated by the ancient Greek Cult of Cybele and the Roman Festival of Hilaria. In more modern times, the Christian "Mothering" Day was observed on a Sunday, usually in May. In the United States, Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday of May. In 1870, Julia Ward Howe first issued a "Mother's Day" proclamation which was essentially a call for disarmament. The movement largely died out (with the exception of some of the southern states) until the early 1900s at which time Anna Jarvis of Grafton, West Virginia, (re)created the idea for the observance. The idea gained impetus when she enlisted the help of John Wannamaker, a prominent merchant in Philadelphia. (His store is still there and features an enormous pipe organ which is played frequently.) Finally, in 1914 President Woodrow Wilson made the observance official. Jarvis eventually opposed the holiday because she thought it got too commercialized, making the day "...as popular as Easter

and Christmas."

A second day we observe in May is Memorial Day, formerly called Decoration Day. The traditional day for the celebration is May 30, but in recent years it has been observed on the last Monday in May. On May 5,1868, General John Logan, Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, issued General Order #11



In Exodus, chapter 20, verse 12, I am sure you will recognize this verse, "Honor your Father and your Mother that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you." Let us honor our parents this month and always.

Last month's trivia question: What rebel was so magnetic in personality that the men of Israel couldn't help kissing him? Answer: Absalom (2 Samuel 15; 5-6), third son of David. He later tried to overthrow his Father, David, and fell out of favor. His tomb is in the Kidron Valley outside the walls of Jerusalem and even today people, especially little boys, throw stones at his monument.

Another question: What nation's army was destroyed in the Red Sea?

A Membership Memo by Calvin Smi I have but three items I would like to discuss: dues, contact information and petitions.

Have you paid your 2012 dues? Check your wallet. No Aladdin dues card? The second dues notice for 2012 has been mailed. Please do not just ignore it. Your membership is important to our efforts in your community and to our hospitals. Without resources we cannot do all we would like. Help us, help yourself, help your community; pay your dues.

Have you moved, changed your phone number or your e-mail? Let us know. Without the correct contact information your mail is returned and this costs us money. Worse, it costs us the opportunity to stay in touch when necessary. Give us a call or an email and allow us to bring your records up-to-date. Please do it soon.

Are you working on a new member? Got to do it! It is only through us that a Mason may become a Shriner. There is more light in Aladdin.

If you need a petition, contact us or go to the bottom of the home page of the Aladdin website. New members are always needed. You are the only source Aladdin has for these new Nobles. Let's all pick up the pace and turn in those petitions.

New members joined Aladdin on April 26.

Two new Nobles were created at the Morgan County wild-game dinner.

Larry D. Barr of Belpre was sponsored by Mike Wingrow and is a member of Belpre Lodge 0609. Larry's lady is Connie.

Matthew A. Fox of Stockport was sponsored by James McInturf and is a member of Valley Lodge 0145. Matt's lady is Jenny. Welcome to you both.

May is a very rich month in Aladdin. The calendar has many events: Tabloid Day, the cruise to the Baltic Sea, the stated meeting, the Utica and Worthington parades as well as the start of Muirfield.

Be happy, dear Nobles, don't hold back; be joyous! We are among the best; we are Shriners.

News From Erie

by David Hunt

I attended the April 18 Board of Governors meeting and have the following information to pass on to my fellow Nobles:

By the time you are reading this report, all the steps needed to transition from a full-service hospital to an ambulatory surgery hospital should have been completed. There is no way that I can convey in this report all of the hard work and dedication that has gone into this transition.

A point that I would like to make is that we, as Aladdin Shriners, are very lucky to have the people who were in charge of the implementation of this plan and the staff to cross the Ts and dot the Is. They have done an outstanding job. As a member of the Board of Governors for the last year and a half, I am also proud of the work the Board has done.

Barring any problems associated with the transition, the first ambulatory surgery patient was scheduled for May 1.

Another important and necessary step has been completed. The lease with UPMC of Pittsburgh has been signed and they are already in the process of installing the equipment necessary for their taking over the second floor. They are planning for July 1 as their opening day. As I stated in last month's report, this will provide necessary revenue for the operation of our facility.

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Athens Shrine Club Madison Shrine Club Senior Shriners Legion of Honor Worthington Shrine Club Stated Meeting

TABLOID DAY

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"Remember upon the conduct of each depends the fate of all."

We were honored on Saturday morning to have Ralph Howard share with us the tragic story of his two children, Shona and Brian, who were burned (over thirty percent of their bodies) in a fire caused by the combustion of a can of gasoline in a basement of a friend's home. After more than a decade of compassionate family-centered care, delicate operations and leading-edge skin grafting procedures, Shona and Brian are active, productive young adults who are so thankful to so many Shriners and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

In this year's *Tabloid*, our Potentate Michael Tyne can be seen kneeling beside a stroller holding a beautiful young three-year-old girl named Mira. Mira and her mother, Heather, were also our guests on training day and moved us all with Mira's story of how Shriners Hospitals for Children are treating the effects of arthrogryposis. As Heather spoke about Mira's recovery progress, she also expressed very eloquently about what Shriners Hospitals mean to her as a parent. She was so thankful for what we do and for whom we do it.

The day ended with a terrific lunch prepared by Brian Tabit and our Potentate inspiring us all to give our very best to meet this year's Tabloid goal of \$400,000.00.

Aladdin Shrine Endowment Fund

You may recall that in 2010 Aladdin Shrine reached out to the Nobility asking you consider a donation to the Aladdin Shrine Designated Endowment Fund. This fund was adopted by the membership in 1994 after Breta M. Arnold bequeathed 50% of her estate to the Aladdin Shrine in memory of Harry C. and Harold C. Arnold.

This endowment fund was put in place with the ultimate goal of supporting the general fund of the Aladdin day-to-day operations.

This is not a tax deductible fund, however, we would encourage you to consider a donation to the fund anytime, or possibly a \$100, \$500 or larger gift to the Endowment Fund be included in your will for the future.

For estate planning purposes or for more information, a brochure is available at the North entrance of the Aladdin Shrine or from the Business Office upon request.

Support

Burn Injury Research

in Cincinnati

The Potentate has chosen the Dolphin as the symbol of his fundraising efforts on behalf of Burn Injury Research at the Cincinnati Shrine Burn Hospital. The Shrine Burn Hospitals have contributed greatly to world-wide knowledge in the treatment of acute burns.

The introduction of pressure garments designed to reduce scarring, prevention of life-threatening infections and healing damaged lungs are just a few examples of the research outcomes in our hospitals.

To help continue these vital research efforts, we are selling this beautiful dolphin pin for only \$5.00. All the money raised will go directly to the Cincinnati Shrine Burn Hospital for burn injury research.

Please encourage your friends to purchase a pin so our research programs can continue to help our kids with new and even more effective therapies.

ERIE OPEN HOUSE

Plan to Attend Annual

The annual Shriners Erie Community Open House (formerly known as Hospital Day), will be held Sunday, June 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

As in past years, self-guided tours of the facility will be available. This will be an excellent opportunity to meet the staff and learn more about the new Ambulatory Surgery Center and Outpatient Specialty Care Center.

Back by popular demand will be the antique/classic car show on the grounds. Anyone with an antique/classic car is invited to participate.

There will also be a craft fair and musical entertainment.

The formal Shrine ceremony will begin at approximately 12:45 p.m.

The Community Open House will include a special recognition of the volunteer Shrine Drivers who transported patients to and from the Erie facility during the past year.

Additional details and information about the Shriners Erie Community Open House may be obtained by calling Bob Howden at (814) 875-8782.

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Ross County

Can you say "Tabloids?"

A better question might be, "How many times between now and June 1 will you say TABLOIDS?"

At the April meeting of the Ross County Shrine Club that was the main topic of discussion. Making plans, worker sign-ups and discussing where we will be set up dominated the conversations.

Last year Ross County was second in the amount raised out of all the clubs in the Aladdin district. Cochairmen David Duckworth and Bobby Anderson have their sights set on that number one spot. Let's do everything we can to make that happen and help the kids and hospitals.

At the April meeting we were treated to Bob Mossbarger's famous tenderloins for dinner. Noble Bob is aracious enough to fix these for the club twice a year and it is definitely worth the wait.

We welcome a new member, Zach Augustine, and one visitor, Pete Rinehart. Pete let it be known that he intends to join in the near future.

Nobles, start making plans now to attend the May meeting on Thursday, May 26. That will be our annual Potentate's Visit. Potentate Mike Tyne and the Divan will grace us with their presence. Bring your Ladies and let's have a great turn out for the event.

by Dan Riddle



Brutal Brothers

by Ron Martino

May is here and Muirfield Tournament is just around the corner. I hope all our members who are able have signed up to work. This has been a money maker for our unit for many years.

Tabloid Day: Tabloid Day is May 26 and Aladdin members try to collect many thousands of dollars to be turned over to our hospitals. This is one of our many ways for Shriners to keep our Cincinnati, Erie, and Lexington Hospitals alive and running.

Unit Business: There were 23 members present at the April meeting and I am sure there were more who attended the May fish fry meeting that was held at Wolfe Building on May 1.

Equipment: Jake Sturgeon needs at least six drivers for the trip to Imperial in Charlotte, NC. Our Potentate wants to take as much equipment as possible. If you are willing to drive, please call Jake.

SDA: Todd Jones gave a report on attending this year's SDA, and told about all the new stunts that were presented. All we need now is about 80 to 100 new members for the Ceremonial this fall and the Brutal Brothers will show just what they can do to entertain our newest Nobles.

Sunshine Committee: I hope that all members are keeping in their prayers Jim Carle and Harold Linebaugh in their recovery and return to attend our meetings. There are no other reports about members who are not feeling well.

Summer Time: We are about to go dark for June, July, and August. Be sure to remember our annual Fish Fry August 4 at Wallers Lake Resort where everyone gets to see yours truly. This annual event starts at 4 p.m. and has been a great time for all members and friends. A follow up letter will come in July.

Our condolences go out to Kim and Dave Williams on the passing of Kim's father, Donald Brown.

Aladdin Shriners Potentate's Trip Survey

Nobles, over the last several years, the Potentate's trips have taken you, the Nobility, all around the globe. We have been to Alaska, Mexico, the Caribbean, Europe, the British Isles and this year, the Baltic Sea and the Scandinavian countries.

As each member of the Divan begins his planning on what trip he would like to schedule during the year he serves as Potentate, many questions arise as to where the Nobility would like to go, etc. This survey is designed to solicit your input as to the type of trip you and your family would like to see considered.

Would you like to see 1 larger trip or 2 smaller trips per year?	8. Is weather or temperature a consideration in your decision?
2. What time of year would you like these trips?	9. Where would you NOT want to go?,,,,
3. Where would you like to go?,,,,	10. Have you gone on previous trips?, If yes, where?,
4. Would you like a trip within the continental US? Where?	
5. How many days for any trip being considered?	If not, why not?
6. What price range per person? \$0 to \$1,000 , \$1,000 to \$2,000	, What would it take to get you to consider a Potentate's Trip?
\$2,000 to \$3,000, Other \$ Is price a consideration?	11. Do you have a current passport or would you obtain one for a trip?
7. Please check the type of trip(s) you would consider:	12. How much advance notice of a trip would you like? (PLEASE NOTE-12 MONTHS IS THE
Sea Cruise, River Cruise, Amtrak train, Bus, Plane to destination	MOST WE CAN GENERALLY OBTAIN)
Luggage issues: Unpack once, Unpack daily, Does not matter	13. Is foreign travel, currency or language a concern for you?
Side trips at destination: Walking, Bus, Train	14. Do you like to travel with the Shrine (and its benefits) or prefer individual trips?
What type of side trips interest you?,,,	_
Do you like all-inclusive Resort-type trips?, Any favorite place?,	15. Do you have any other details or thoughts you want us to consider?
Thank you for your input. You may sign the survey if you wish or	just leave that blank. If you want us to contact you, please provide your
name and phone number or email address.	

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Kambri

by Dick Brixner

Your Kambri Shrine Club hosted its annual dinner for our Potentate Michael D. Tyne, on Thursday, May 3 at the Cambridge Country Club, with a total of 50 Nobles, their ladies, and guests in attendance. Kambri Noble President David Mourer opened the evening by welcoming all and thanked everyone for coming. Past Potentate David Dee Mowry gave the blessing, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The menu for this event



was a choice of chicken cordon bleu or roast beef, along with potatoes, green beans and a salad. The meal was topped off with a very tasty selection of desserts.

After the meal, President David introduced this year's Kambri officers and their ladies. He recognized all past Kambri presidents and asked them to stand and thanked them for their service.

Noble President David introduced our Potentate Michael D. Tyne, who in turn, introduced the members of his Divan and their ladies. All traveled to Cambridge on "Big Red." We were fortunate to have two past Potentates in attendance, William (Bill) Estell, PP and David (Dee) Mowry, PP.

Potentate Michael reminded us of the upcoming events at Aladdin, talked about membership, about the changes coming for our Shriners Hospitals, and encouraged all Shriners to get involved and participate at both the club level and at Aladdin.

President David presented a check in the amount of \$2,627.00 to our Aladdin Shriners Hospital Association for Children (ASHAC). Potentate Michael presented our president with a plaque recognizing his term as the Kambri president. We thank the Potentate and the Divan for coming to Cambridge, and thanked them for all they do for Shrindom.

Shriners, did you read in the *Lamp*, the articles on our Cincinnati and Erie Shriners Hospitals? Have you checked on all the special events being planned at Aladdin? Did you notice all the Aladdin parades being scheduled this year which includes parades in Baltimore, Bucyrus, and Circleville? What about the Walleye Fishing Stag in June or the Potentate's Beach Ball in June, or the Annual Aladdin Shrine Night at Clipper Stadium in July. All the above information is only a phone call away; call Aladdin and take part in these great events.

By this time next month, we will know the results of our chicken barbecue. I thank all who made it a big success.

Nobles, please remember and make plans to help Kambri on June 2, our Tabloid Day, a chance to hit the streets and raise much needed funds for our 22 Shriners Hospitals. We need all to help, both by giving of time on the street or in the office counting, and by donating much needed money. It will make you proud to be a Shriner.

Finally, we need everyone to get on board for our annual golf scramble, Saturday, June 16 at Wildfire Golf Club. We need volunteers, hole sponsors, door prizes, food donations, and drink donations. Let's plan to make this year's scramble one of the best.

Nobles, watch for the coming parade schedule for Kambri's Tin Lzzie Patrol. Plan to go to the parade and to support these Nobles. You have heard it before, and I will say it again, Nobles, this is your club. Get involved, come out, enjoy the food, fun and fellowship.

See you at the next event.

Northeast News

by Calvin Smith, PP



Our April meeting was a slam dunk. We had our opening by Chaplain "I forgot my money" Dick Westinghouse." Introductions of distinguished guests were by President Kopp followed by a delicious buffet dinner.

Our highlight was our "Brown Bag" auction led by our First Vice President Jim Bondi and ably assisted by his Lady Cathy. This annual event is conducted to kick-off the Tabloid season for our club. What a kick-off! We raised over \$650. The heated

bidding was only out-done by the high degree of laughter associated with each opened bag; just look at the picture of George Stow's newest set of boxers in the picture in this article.

There is so much that can be said. At times, the auctioneer could not be heard above the din when bags were opened. This anticipation was heralded by Bill and Kathy "I have house guests already" Amspaugh. Our Chief Rabban and his lady do love their auctions. I'm dying, if I'm lying, Bill has never seen a stapled bag he did not like.

We had fun and our children will benefit.

Tabloid is Saturday May 26. You are needed to help continue our momentum. Get your waiver turned in to our chairman, Jim Bondi, and get ready to serve. We will get the day started with breakfast at Blendon Lodge in downtown Westerville and go from there. BE LIKE NIKE! JUST DO IT! Our May meeting has occurred. More on that in the June Lamp.

Motorcycle Corps

by Larry Bell

The Motorcycle Corps had our meeting on April 12 at President Jerry Scott's home. Jerry had a cookout before the meeting. There were 10 members present with their wives and a great time was had by all.

The parades we will appear in were discussed and they will be Worthington, May 28,9:00 a.m., Grove City, Bucyrus on August 17 at 6:00 p.m., and Washington Court House.

May's meeting, held at Aladdin, summer rides were discussed.

June's meeting will be June 14 at Aladdin.

The Motorcycle Corps also meets for dinner the last Thursday of the month. We go different places each month.

The 2012 dues are also due.

If you ride, we wish you would think about joining the corp. If you ride anything from mini bike to full dresser, all are welcome.

Opportunity for Nobles to Bid on Shrine Projects

Aladdin is compiling a list of Nobles interested in being added to a bidders list for future projects.

When Aladdin has electrical, plumbing, roofing, photography, security/cameras, insurance, telephone or IT projects to be completed and you work, own, or have expertise in any of these areas, you will be able to bid or consult on these projects.

If interested, please complete and mail the form: Aladdin Shriners, 3850 Stelzer Road, Columbus, Ohio 43219

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Address:	Occupation or area of interest or expertise:
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Home Phone:Cell Phone:	Are you self employed?

Classic Car Cruise-In

Chicken & Corn Roast Saturday, August 18

Aladdin Shrine Center, 3850 Stelzer Road

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Car Registration - 11 - 3 PM Registration Fee \$10 Per Car (No Pre-Registration)

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Aladdin's CHANTERS

by Deron S. Ponn

For the second month in a row, I must report the loss of another fellow Chanter, Lou Snyder. When I joined the Chanters in 2009, Lou welcomed me and invited me to sit with him in the front row of the bass section. I will greatly miss his humor and friendship. Thank you goes to all of the Chanters who participated in the services which were held on April 9-10. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Vi and the rest of the family.

Our spaghetti dinner on April 20 was a big success. There were so many people who helped with precooking spaghetti, making meatballs, helping Gus with all the other prep



work, working the serving line, etc. It was great to see everyone working so well together. "Thank you" goes to all who had a part in making the event such a success.

A special "thank you" goes to the Dwayne R. Spence Funeral Homes in Pickerington and Canal Winchester for offering the use of one of the company vans to pick up all the supplies for the spaghetti dinner and for paying for their employees to attend dinner. Thanks again for your support!

Recently, we have been having some heated discussions at our meetings. As our unit struggles with financial and other issues, it is great that there are so many people who are passionate about our unit. It tells me that people are concerned and care about the future of the unit. Thank you goes to all for expressing your thoughts and opinions. Please feel free to contact me with any additional thoughts, ideas and concerns by calling me at 614-866-5068 or sending an email to dponn@netjets.com.

Hilltop

by Ron Craven

The Hilltop Shrine Club met on April 4 at the York Steak House. There were 11 Nobles present along with our Club Divan Representative, 1st Ceremonial Master Nobel Jon Kinney.

Noble Kinney reviewed upcoming Shrine activities and hoped everyone would support these activities. He also talked about the Tabloid days.

We can still use Nobles to help with the Tabloids. If you can spare a couple of hours on May 25-26 please contact Art Groves-614-879-8884, Dick Hamm-614-537-7138, or Gene Dew-614-734-9974. Aladdin's goal for this year is \$400,000, so join in helping the Shrine Hospitals and kids.

Again, mark your calender for Monday, June 4. The Hilltop Shrine Club will visit Grove City Lodge. We will have dinner at 6:00 p.m., attend Lodge with a short club meeting afterward. (Nobles only). There WILL NOT be a club meeting on Wednesday, June 6.



Robert E. Baldwin
John R. Bell
Washington Bowers, Jr.
Theodore E. Breidenbach
Boyce B. Brenot
Thomas Joe Byers
John J. Chester
Carl William Clime
W. Ray Creighton
Joseph B. Devennis

Ned B. Foght
Jack C. Grandstaff
Taylor Groff
Paul J. Kibler
Russell L. McCoy
Garnet E. Moore
David K. Morgan
William H. Nelson
Paul J. Plymale
William S. Rapp

William G. Rarick
Perry E. Rieder, Sr.
Robert L. Sayre, Sr.
Donald N. Schonhardt
Paul W. Shanks
Roy E. Shurtz
Louis H. Snyder
Raymond G. Waller
Tommy M. Wells
William H. Young, Jr.

PAST MASTERS

by Dick Bull

Congratulations go to Ken Sparks on receiving the Shrine Meritorious Service Award at the April meeting of Worthington Shrine Club. He is most deserving of this honor.

Also, congratulations go to Dick Bull for being named the honoree for this year's York Rite Festival held April 21 and 28.

Our unit performed the Master Mason Degree upon a candidate at Palestine Lodge #158 in Marysville on April 19. Bob Diehl and Joe Palmer, two of our walking wounded, both attended and looking good. Our own Bruce Kinsey, who is again Master of Palestine Lodge, was a great host and is doing well in recuperation from surgery to remove a benign tumor around his pituitary gland.

We participated in the Pike County Dogwood Festival Parade in Piketon on April 29. Gary Fortner drove our unit van.

"Masonic Night at the Shrine" was held on April 23 at Aladdin Shrine Center. Our unit raised one candidate from West Gate Lodge #623, home lodge of Ill. Potentate Mike Tyne.

George and Karen Finch are returning from Arizona at the end of April. George is doing well, but slow in his recuperation from pancreatic cancer surgery and rehab.

Our sympathy is extended to Bob Byers on the death of his brother, Tom, and to Bob Parsons on the death of his sister. Both losses were during the month of April.

We are gearing up for the parking details at the Memorial Tournament at Muirfield Golf and Country Club from May 28 - June 3. Daun Knox is in charge of arrangements and is assisted by Gary Fortner.

Dee Beeman is in rehab recuperating from a fall that resulted in a broken hip. We wish her well in her recovery. Barb Davis is undergoing treatment for a small brain tumor and also needs our thoughts and prayers.

Bob Anderson, one of our charter members, passed away in Marion recently and we extend sympathy to his family.

Provost

by Jim Rohal

It was nice to see some of our members back attending our April meeting.

This year's circus was a huge success and the Provost Unit was out in force. We had 55 members working this year, and 13 of those worked every performance. We averaged 27 members at every performance. Our circus chairman reported no issues, except for the kids who kept trying to pet the lions on the first day. Luckily Don had it under control and assigned extra men to keep the lions safe.

After setting the BAR so high for the circus, I can't wait to see the numbers from the Memorial Tournament.

The Imperial is coming up quickly and Bob Cannon is working tirelessly to ensure everyone has a good time. For you NASCAR fans there is a tour of the Charlotte Motor Speedway and four of the driver garages. Get your deposits in if you're attending.

Tabloid is coming up and, once again, Tom Rice is the chair. Again, he has set an expectation which requires all of us to work if the Temple is to achieve it. The goal is\$400,000; let's all show our support for Tom and reach this goal.

If you're wondering why our normal reporter is skipping his duties this time, he was home for this meeting complaining about a little head cold. I've never heard a grown man complain so much about the sniffles.

Thea Court

by B. J. Gischler, PHP

What a wonderful time of the year! Everything is new, beautiful and growing. It is a wonderful time at Thea Court #5 Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America. The new officers, Egyptian Ladies, are installed and already doing their duty in their new positions

Because most of the line officers and several of the past high priestesses went to Grand Council of the Ladies Oriental Shrine in Virginia the week of May 13, the stated meeting for Thea Court #5 was held on Friday, May 11. There will be no meeting on Friday, May 25.

There was no Fun Night on Aladdin's stated meeting on Tuesday, May 8 because of the date change for the Baltic Trip.

There will be no more monthly meetings until September and no Fun Nights until further notice. There are two activities in June and both are on the same day, Wednesday, June 27. At 10:00 a.m. the ladies will meet to sew for the Shrine Hospitals. There is a lunch break at which time the ladies join the Lunch Bunch. The cost is \$8.00. After lunch the sewing resumes until midafternoon. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the machine sewing, stuffing, threading elastic, hand sewing, and friendly chatter.

Later that day, many of the ladies from Thea Court will be traveling to Lancaster to eat dinner with the Tarhe Ladies Shrine Social Club.

Marching WITH THE LEGION by Dick Luckay

CIRCUS REPORT – It was a great circus. Any time you start with a trapeze performance followed by lions and tigers – that's a circus. The ringmaster was a real trooper and kept the crowds informed and excited throughout the show. The subsequent acts were definitely worth watching, and the Aladdin Clowns' skit was one of the best seen in several years. When you sell out of peanuts on Saturday and the programs are all gone before the Sunday evening performance – it indicates there were more than a few people in attendance—and there certainly were! There were better-than-average numbers of people in the seats during most of the regular performances and Saturday afternoon was a complete sell-out.

Looks like this was the best financial fundraising opportunity for Aladdin in a long time. Just wish there was more acknowledgement of those two performances for the physically and mentally challenged children and adults and the school children's morning shows. They are both well attended and exemplify the best in Aladdin's commitment to our Columbus area community. It breaks your heart to see those less fortunate children and adults at that first morning show, but your heart can swell with pride and happiness to see how they truly enjoy the show and the hospitality the Aladdinites provide them. Seems it's one of the best kept secrets regarding the circus – and it shouldn't be.

The Legion continued to present the colors at each performance and did so in proper military cadence. Dave Ozvat marched at eight performances; Dick Luckay and Bob Krieger carried the colors at six; PC Robert Spencer, PC Bob Faber and PC Gary Bogart were in the spotlight five times; Chester Van Horn marched three times; Commander Jim Rock and Ron Gary were part of the color guard once and twice respectively.

Legionoble John Iben carried on his fine tradition of performing the National Anthem at eight performances. When he sings, the audience is treated to a truly beautiful and meaningful rendition of the words and music of the song of our nation. Sincere thanks go to John for a job well done. And, it wouldn't be an Aladdin Circus Color Guard without the presence of PC Willie Fitchett. Willie presented the colors at all nine performances this year, just as he has at all the performances the previous year – and the year before that – and the year before that. I doubt if there are few – if any – Aladdinites who have been present at every circus performance for the past five years. Willie has. Thanks Willie, the Legion and Aladdin are proud of your efforts on their behalf.

SPECIAL DAYS FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE. – Ding, Dong! Those "memory" wedding bells are going to chime again for PC& GLSAPC Bob Wilson and Lady Judy (6/13) and John and Corky Burton (6/25). How sweet that sound and those memories. Happy birthday wishes go to Jack Woodward (5/19), Dick Luckay(5/20), Vi Snyder (5/27), Ron Leonard (6/3), PC Clyde Dames (6/6), Robert Purtee (6/10), Betty Jo Spencer (6/11), Roscoe Smith 6/20), Kate Potter (6/21) and Nancy Ollila (6/22). Hope that birthday wish ushers in another year of happiness to all concerned. Congratulations and God Bless.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT MUIRFIELD!

Athens

by Fred Stanley

Spring is here–summer is just down the street about two blocks! Buddy Brooks has the John Deere up and running and the Shrine grounds look great!

The Cooley Brothers (Bill and Royce), with the help of Buddy Brooks, have been working on the shelter house, painting and getting the roof ready for a new one.

Charlie Adkins hit a deer with his Harley and killed it on his way to work. Charlie says it was the biggest darn deer he had ever seen. However, when he got himself pulled together, it wasn't really that big!

I had a hip replaced in April. Since I am a large person, the doctor said he might need to use the hip joint from a moose! After the surgery, he said he found some parts on the shelf and was able to make them work.

Bill Cooley claims to be the champion checker player at Shorty Young's General Store in Lodi Township and I claim to be the champion at the Snowville General Store in Scipio Township. We plan to get together and have a game or two while I'm recuperating.

We had a good turnout for new member night with several potential new members and a great meal from Miller's Poultry.

I hope to be able to work on Tabloid Days which will be happening in May. All Nobles who can, please come out and help.

Our next meeting will be Veterans Appreciation Night on Thursday, May 24 and the dinner will be prepared by Jeff Linscott, serving S.O.S.

In a few months we will be having our Ohio River Cruise – come out and join us! The festivals and parades will be starting soon. Please, all Nobles come and join us and support our Shrine club. Sometimes we have fun!

Reception Unit

by Don Owens / Mike Johnson

The 2012 edition of the Shrine Circus was apparently a great success, in terms of attendance, with several sell-out or near sell-out crowds. While we don't have the numbers in hand, we understand the circus was a financial success as well. Reception Unit members responded well to the call for volunteer ushers. Everyone who was able and within range turned up for at least a few shows, and many for more. Moreover, the Past Masters turned out in force, as they always do, along with members of the Motorcycle Unit and individual members from other clubs and units. Kudos to Frank Swiatek, who led the ushers for the third time in 2012. Frank has not only mastered the process, but has improved upon it a lot. Bob Adams reported that sales of circus tickets for school days brought some 1,150 enthusiastic kids into the arena---it sounded like even more.

Our April Unit meeting was well attended by members and their wives with most of our snowbirds returned. At this meeting, Past Potentate Dee Mowry was made an honorary member of the unit in recognition of his support of the Reception Unit and his service to the Aladdin Shrine.

Quartermaster Bill Compton reported that Vidalia onion sales were a few short of last year (330 bags) but still at a respectable level. We expect to have received delivery and made distribution by the time this issue of the *Lamp* goes to press. Top salesmen were Bill Compton, Jack Bonn, Charlie Harger and Ray Crane.

Mike Johnson and Jack Davis represented the unit at the Santee Golf Tournament this year, and reportedly came home with their share of the prize money.

Looking forward, Tabloid Day, in support of the Shrine Hospitals, will take place this year on Saturday, May 26. While this event is not an official unit activity, our members participate to such a significant degree that it may be called a highpoint of our year, as it should be, for such an outstanding charity.

The Worthington Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday, May 28. Details regarding unit participation will follow in the monthly meeting announcement.

The Memorial Golf Tournament starts Thursday, May 28, with Clyde Yarnell again leading the unit's activities, manning gate cuts and similar assignments. Participation is not limited to members of the Shrine, so friends and family members are welcome to volunteer. Call Clyde for details (614-261-8808).

May birthdays will be celebrated by Bob Gilkerson, Charlie Harger, Ken Russell, Frank Swiatek, and Bob Tustin.

Earl Sullivan suffered a freak accident while exercising, breaking a femur and landing in Mt. Carmel East for surgery. Since then, he has been readmitted twice for the treatment of various infections, including pneumonia. The family hopes he will be discharged today (April 30) to the Laurels of Worthington.

Finally, we must report, sadly, the passing of Unit Past Director Don Schonhardt on April 20 in Ft. Myers, Florida. Our condolences to Helen and the family.

Bucyrus

by Gene Diller

The Bucyrus Shrine Club opened the meeting with prayer led by guest, Aladdin Shrine Membership Director Calvin Smith PP. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by President Tim Miller.

Gus's and Grog Restaurant Bucyrus catered the meal. It included meatballs, macaroni shells and sauce, salad and dessert.

A moment of silence was held for the armed forces.

Bucyrus Shrine Club had two guests from Aladdin Shrine – Noble Calvin Smith PP, Membership Director and Noble Frank Habeker. Noble Director Calvin Smith PP spoke on Shriners acquiring new members. The other guest speaker was Scott Kent. Mr. Kent is candidate for Crawford County Sheriff. He is also a member of Bucyrus Masonic Lodge#139. Mr. Kent spoke on keeping Crawford County safe and drug free.

The next meeting of Bucyrus Shrine Club will be May 21. The meeting is with Nobles, ladies and widows.

2012 ALADDIN PARADES

Aladdin Official Parades - The Potentate and the majority of the Divan will attend.
All units and clubs should attend.

Parade Marshall	Asst. Parade Marshall
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OFFICIAL PARADES	DATE	LINE-UP	STEP OFF
Worthington Memorial Day	5/28	9:00 AM	10:00 AM
Imperial Parade	7/4		2:30 PM
Baltimore Parade	8/11	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
Bucyrus Parade	8/17	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Circleville Pumpkin Parade	10/19	7:00 PM	8:00 PM

Tarhe Shrine

by David Mowry



Tarhe's April meeting was held at the Baltimore VFW. Dinner was provided by Sammi J's catering from Millersport. Our speaker was Larry Flowers, Fire Marshall for the state of Ohio. Mr. Flowers spoke to us regarding the functions of his office, as well as fire safety tips. He informed us that the Ohio Fire Academy will be hosting an open house in Reynoldsburg on June 3, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. All are welcome to attend, and families are encouraged as there will be plenty of activities for children.

Again, remember that Tabloid Day is rapidly approaching. This year it is on May 25 - 26. Tarhe has always had a strong showing and we would like to continue that tradition. If you would like to help or have questions, please contact the directors for your area. If you don't know who your director is or just want to talk to someone, please call me at 740-503-8958.

Our next meeting will be on May 17, again at the Baltimore VFW. Please make plans to attend. Social hour will be at 6 p.m., with dinner and programming beginning at 7 p.m. Any exceptions to this will be noted on the monthly reminder card. You should be getting reminder cards about all meetings in the mail. If you are not receiving your cards, please let us know so we can make sure we have an updated address for you.

Remember, if you have questions about meeting dates, you can check Aladdin's website to see club, contact information, and upcoming meeting dates. Please take a look at it at: http:// www.aladdinshrine.org/tarhe.htm. Keep in mind that wives and guests are always welcome to attend. If you know of someone who might be interested in joining Tarhe, please feel free to

Upcoming meetings: May 17, 2012- Reservations can be made by calling 740-215-6849 or by email at tarheshrineclub@gmail.com.

Hardin County by Ken Rossman

Our regular meeting was held on April 18 at Veteran's Memorial Park Clubhouse. Total attendance was 58 Nobles and 1 guest.

Noble Rossman opened our business meeting with a prayer. President Longbrake led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The president reminded us that our annual Potentate's visit will be on June 20 at the Hardin County Fairgrounds.

President Longbrake presented our annual cash donation to all the Blue Lodges of Hardin County. Donation was based on total membership of each lodge. Our guest was introduced-Adam Fletcher, Past Master of Latham Lodge in Kenton.

It was reported that Noble Justin Sherman fell and broke his hip; we wish him a speedy recovery. We observed a moment of silence in memory of Noble Lorenzo Guckes who died last week,

We offered a big "thank you" to our kitchen crew for a job well done. The crew included Nobles Michel, Mankey, Sorgen, Osborn, Matteson, Gilbert, Ridgeway, Doornbos and Hinebaugh. Good job, Nobles.

Noble Tim Jolliff closed our meeting with a prayer. We dined on our good meal from the kitchen crew.

Next month will be Ladies and Widows Night.

Noble Rossman had a sign-up sheet for Tabloid Days - May 25 and 26. If you want to sign up, call Rossman at 419-675-5134.

Registrar Unit

by Art Puetz

The 2012 Aladdin Shrine Circus is now in the history books and I'm sure a number of the guys felt their feet and legs by the time the final show was over. Special thanks go out to Ted McCord for another great job of scheduling and Jim Badgely, Sr. for overseeing and recording the counting of ticket stubs. Off course thanks go to all the "Gold Coats" who showed up to put in their time and assistance. (Did anyone hear Ted asking for a larger trailer?)

Sympathies go to Jim Badgely, Jr. for his car's hopefully temporary demise while on his way to work at the circus. The following Registrars worked every performance: Jim Badgely, Sr., Andrew Baker, Fred Henderson, Duane Hivnor, Dick Huff, Ted McCord, Russ Ward and Al Williams. A "tip of the fez" goes to each and everyone of these dedicated Nobles!

Now we're looking forward to Muirfield and beyond. There may still be a few slots open for our efforts there in the schedule maintained by Assistant Director Dick Ham, so be sure to check with him to see if your help is needed.

Spring is here, can summer be far behind? With the seasons in mind, efforts are underway by Co-chairs Rodney Dixon and Craig Lobdell to repair and resurrect the Lamp and Chariot for "Clarence" (the Big Shriner) to appear upon during the upcoming parade season. Duane Hivnor and Float Co-chair Al Williams are making sure our float is prepared and ready to go. Now, all we really need are a lot of guys to fill the float. Check the parade schedule against your own and make your plans accordingly so we can fill the float!

Want an easy way to gain more credits within the unit? Show up at an Aladdin stated meeting wearing a white Registrar shirt and Bolo, a gold polo shirt or in full Oriental with your fez and check in with Assistant Director Dick Hamm to make sure he knows you're present to help represent our unit. It's a great way to meet and get to know other fellow Shriners.

Until the sands grow cold and wet...

Flying Nobles

by Lee McKelvey

We give our best to our members who moved south to a warmer climate. We appreciate you still keeping your membership and interest with us. I know who you are and we miss seeing you at the meetings and other gatherings.

The Flying Nobles held their April meeting at Rickly Lodge and we had a good turnout. PC Del Johnson and Kay were there to have breakfast with us and it was good to see them. Del was our third commander in 1977, and he was one who helped get the Flying Nobles started. Del was always an active Shriner but we all slow down after a while.

PC Lacy Toothman made it to the breakfast and sometimes it's not easy getting Lacy out with us. He was always active in the past and it was good seeing him again.

There was a plaque in our showcase at the Shrine Center and some names and dates were wrong. We should have corrected the mistake long ago. We finally had it corrected! Thanks go to David Ray for taking it to an engraver who did a nice job on a new plaque. Thanks go to PC Tony Bachman for bringing this to our attention or it might have been there incorrect forever.

We still want to make the trip to the Air Force Museum at Dayton on June 9. Hopefully, we will have enough so we can take Big Red. To do this, we need about 35 people and we have about 15 at this time. If you want to go let us know. Your friends are welcome.

There are no meetings in July or August and the Potentate's visit is on September 11 at the Shrine Center. I returned from the golf trip to Santee, S.C., and as usual, it was a good trip but you have to love playing golf. Other Flying Nobles there were Divan members Garol Rogers and David Wolfe and they brought their good humor with them.

A few years ago on our Oshkosh trip, I met Charley Morris from Steubenville who is a pilot and owns a tri-pacer. Charley makes the golf trips, and if you ever get the chance to meet him you will enjoy his great sense of humor. He is a good man and loves to have fun. He and some other pilots in his area around Steubenville went together and bought their own airport. Charley isn't in the Flying Nobles, but if he lived closer to Columbus, he would be there with us.

The Potentate has several events planned for us, and a lot of men are working hard to make them a success. So, try to get to some of them. You'll enjoy being with your friends. The Stag Picnic is July 14, a week after the Imperial in Charlotte.

Chaplain Jim Paddock is doing his best to get back home from rehab and we wish him our best. Everybody, do your best to stay well and enjoy every day.

Just Clowning Around by Wayne "WAYNO" Shriver



Just about every month I use this article to pick on a fellow clown in the spirit of good humor and brotherly love. However, this month I want to bring your attention to something else.

I want you to stop reading for a moment and look at the photograph. Go ahead, I'll wait for you. So tell me Brother Nobles, what did you see? I mean besides Matt "NUTT" Knight and his granddaughter Olivia looking at something at the circus. Was "NUTT" pointing out the bright lights, an elephant or even a fellow clown?

The real question is what was Olivia seeing? Go ahead, stop reading for a moment and look at the picture again. Really, look at it - not just a glance. Go ahead, I'll wait for you. Did you see the twinkle in her eye? The look of amazement? The look of awe? Was she looking at what grandpa was pointing out or was she looking at something more wonderful that we adults have forgotten to look for?

I for one would like to believe that she was looking in awe at the face of God, as only a child can. Look at the picture again. Do you see it now? We, as adults, worry too much about traffic, money, our jobs and all kinds of stuff that is beyond our control. Maybe, just maybe, we should bring out our inner child and look at something in awe and amazement. Then, maybe we will remember what it is like to look in awe and see the face of God or the wonders he has placed before us.

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Aladdin Shrine Band

by Dave Haney

May has arrived and Green Eyes and I hope that you celebrated with the annual May Day May Pole Dance. If I recall correctly, we tried one of those things when I was a student at The Ohio State University. Things get interesting when you go around in circles when you are "in the bag," I don't think those sorority girls will ever forgive us. Somehow, it turned into an annual event known as the "bed race" around the oval. Running while "in the bag" is really fun, too! Another stupid human trick according to Green Eyes.

Speaking of stupid human tricks, my neighbor and I celebrated the arrival of May by managing to tear out a chain link fence across our back yard. Never, ever, ever do that! The next day, even my hair hurt. They put those posts down in the ground about 1,000 feet with cement and re-bar. Boy, that was fun!. Haven't dug holes like that since my military experience. Would rather dance around the May Pole. Probably should have been "in the bag" for fence removal, too! Things that are crazy make sense when you are in that condition.

My Cleveland Indians are winning, too! Hold on for the "June Swoon" Schedule Stuff:

June 5 - Imperial Band Rehearsal - Dance Band 6:30-8p.m., Concert Band 8-9:30 p.m.

June 12 - Rehearsal, same as for June 5.

June13 - Dixieland Band Dinner and Potentate Visitation, Aladdin Room 6 p.m. dinner 7 p.m., casual dress (you have to wear shoes and socks this time) Pay at the door. \$17.50 or \$35.00 if you bring Rita From Chicago!

June 19 - Another Imperial Practice. See above

June 24 - Imperial Departure Meeting. Stay tuned.

June 26 - One more "If you ain't got it now you never will" rehearsal for all plumbersanswered with a quip: "Well, you'd better and the musical drummers.

make them big enough that we can spell

From the Question of the Month Department: Any of you varmints come up with where the expression, "I'll be there with bells on" came from? Is wasn't from the May Pole Dance you big dummy! (However, I do think that Brothers Kopp and Fletcher had some bells on for some reason! I really don't remember!) Back in the day there were bells across the top of the draught team harness. If you got in trouble on the road you were expected to make a gift of your harness bells to the assisting party. That was before the driver was busy texting and ran over you when you were stopped on the road! If you arrived "with your bells on" it was sign that you had no difficulties on the road.

New Question of the Month: We all remember the "Mail Pouch" barns along the road. Who was the guy that painted most of those barns in Ohio? Ponder that one while you are dancing around the May Pole. Tune in next month.

For the Attorneys in the Crowd:

Attorney: How was your first marriage terminated?

Witness: By death.

Attorney: And by whose death was it terminated?

Witness: Take a guess.

KENTUCKY COLONELS

by Ron Fraser

President Smith opened the meeting by asking Past Potentate Dee Mowry to give the invocation and to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Fifty-one members and guests then enjoyed lunch. It was nice to see Col. Don Shoffstall back with us after some time off with health problems.

Following lunch, President Smith asked the officers of the club to stand to introduce themselves and their ladies. The past presidents of the club also stood and gave the year they were president.

A motion was made and approved to suspend the business of the club because of the official visitation of the Potentate.

President Smith talked about Kentucky Colonels attending the Kentucky Derby Party at Aladdin and asked colonels to attend if possible. He then asked Howard Schuenaman to come to the front where he and Potentate Tyne were presented with their commissions.

Dee Mowry, PP did the swearing in and gave the proclamation. President Smith presented Potentate Tyne with a life membership and a check for the Cincinnati Burns Unit.

Potentate Tyne called for an introduction of Divan Members and their wives. Potentate Tyne then asked for an explanation of what happened when Big Red left him at a "comfort stop" on a return trip. This was explained to a laughing audience. He also spoke of being glad to be a member of the club.

Then he had Cindy Kinney to come up to the mike and explain the idea about the dolphin pin that is being sold to help the Burn Injury Research Program at the Cincinnati Shrine Burns Hospital. Potentate Tyne expressed the hope that everyone should support our own units when they are holding events and emphasized the importance for the Imperial Potentate's visit. He spoke on better ways to improve our hospitals along with cost saving ideas. Potentate Tyne asked Past Kentucky Colonel President John Bivens to come forward to be presented with the Aladdin Meritorious Service Award and stressed that it is the members who are responsible for the award.

President Smith closed the meeting by asking Dee Mowry, PP to give the benediction.

One More for The West Coast: Attorney: The youngest son, the 20 year old, how old is he? Witness: He's 20, much like your IQ!

A Note at The End: I have always loved British humor so here are some classified ads in U.K. newspapers:

- Joining Nudist Colony. Must Sell Washer and Dryer. 100 pounds
- Wedding Dress For Sale. Worn Once By Mistake. Call Stephanie
- For Sale by Owner: Complete Set of Encyclopedia Britannica. 45 Volumes. Excellent condition. 200 pounds or best offer. No longer needed, Got married, Wife knows everything. See you guys next month.

Washington

After hatching an idea for the creation of a couple of new incentive awards, Aladdin Shrine tabloid chairman Tom Rice decided he'd better go shopping for the hardware. When the shopkeeper asked how large the plaques should be, Rice sanswered with a quip: "Well, you'd better make them big enough that we can spell out Washington Court House," the retired Ohio State Highway Patrol superintendent responded. Rice shared his story with the Washington Shrine Club at its April 25 meeting, which featured the annual pilgrimage by Aladdin's Potentate and his Divan in addition to festivities saluting the local club's past presidents.

The club raised a jaw-dropping \$37,222.05 in last year's Tabloid drive and captured the first-place award among Aladdin clubs and units. The funds

donated by the Washington Shrine Club helped Aladdin top its goal with a \$300,000 bonanza for the Shrine hospitals network.

As Washington Shrine members prepare to embark on the 2012 Tabloid crusade in early June, they are hoping that Rice's remark doesn't turn out to be just an easier-said-than-done statement, especially when considering Aladdin has issued a daunting challenge by increasing its fundraising milestone to an unprecedented \$400,000 this year.

Rice said in addition to honoring the club collecting the most funds, he has also established an award for the club raising the most per capita in an effort to give smaller clubs an opportunity to share the spotlight.

Aladdin Potentate Michael D. Tyne used his visit, held at the Mohan Building on the Fayette County Fairgrounds, as a backdrop to honor a half dozen Washington C.H. club members.

Benny Jamison, who founded the club's wildly successful trail ride 11 years ago and has been a tireless worker on just about every local project, was presented with Aladdin's prestigious Meritorious Service Award. Tyne dubbed Jamison as an incredibly hard worker who has supported the club at all levels."

Also honored were cooking crew members Doug Marine, Butch Witherspoon and W. Gene Elliott, who were singled out for volunteering at local get-togethers and at Aladdin's special events. Club members Donald Campbell and Brian Tabit were presented with awards for signing up at least 10 members in a ceremony conducted by Aladdin membership guru Calvin M. Smith.

The meeting's focus, however was to salute a dozen of the club's 25 living past presidents in the audience. Club President Tom Shields, who served as the program's toastmaster, introduced the honorees: John F. Morris (1972), Robert L. Cannon (1973), Elliott (1983), Richard Thornberry (1990), Campbell (1995), Steve Simpson (1998), Marine (2002), Brad Smith (2004), P.R. Marshall (2005), Witherspoon (2008), Jim Moser (2010) and David Hartley (2011). Also attending was Bill Marine, a past president of the Wilmington Shrine Club who helped his son, Doug, and other crew members in preparing a deep-fried seafood buffet for the more than 70 persons attending.

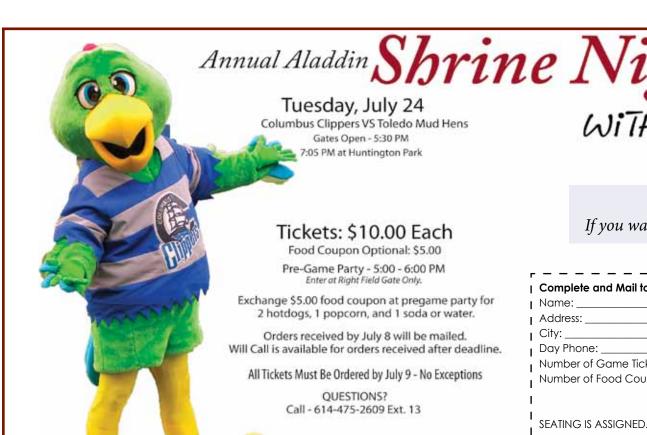
The 20-member contingent from Aladdin included some marquee names including four past potentates: Dale Cline (1997), Smith (2005), Donald Goodman (2006) and David "Dee" Mowry (2007).

"The success this club has enjoyed has become pretty daggone obvious and can be traced to its leadership" Tyne said. "There are so many other people in this room who deserve honors and I'm sure they will be recognized one day. We at Aladdin consider it an honor to have the Washington Court House Cub us a part of our organization," he concluded.

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