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### Membership Statistics

<b>Membership as of 11/30/2013</b>	<b>5749</b>
Net loss/gain YTD	45
Net loss/gain Monthly	0
	<b>Current Yr to Date</b>
Creations	0 213
Affiliations	0 6
Restored	1 47
Associate Members	0 3
<b>TOTAL MONTHLY ADD</b>	<b>0 269</b>
<b>TOTAL YEARLY with ADDS</b>	<b>5973</b>
Demits	1 4
Suspensions	0 2
Deaths	36 220
Associates Dropped	0 1
Reversals	0 3
<b>TOTAL MONTHLY DROP</b>	<b>0 224</b>
<b>Membership 01/01/2013</b>	<b>5656</b>
Associate Membership 01/01/13	48
<b>Total Membership 01-01-2013</b>	<b>5704</b>

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## 2013 – What A Great Year! Thank You

by William R. Amspaugh, Jr., Potentate

*The year 2013 started off with a winter getaway to Cancun in January. We hoped for 40 people to go with us – instead we had 54.*

A new menu welcomed Nobles to stated meetings. What a bargain – a really good meal for \$3. The 2013 Aladdin Circus saw record attendance. We had weather men from three TV stations report the weather from the circus. There were numerous guest Ring Masters. One more memorable than others, Monica, you know the traffic lady. Oh yes Monica Day. We also offered for the first time kids ID wrist band at the circus.



We traveled to Santee, South Carolina in April for the Aladdin golf trip. Forty-eight golfers enjoyed themselves although some spent a little more money for all those lost balls. On May 4 Aladdin held a Kentucky Derby Party at a new venue, Scioto Downs. Two hundred forty Nobles and friends enjoyed a great experience and saw many new ladies head apparel.

The month of May also found Aladdin Nobles along with 12 friends from Zenobia Shrine, traveling to Alaska. The four days we were on land it snowed. It was the real Alaska, beautiful and full of wild life. The cruise portion was outstanding, perfect weather, blue sky and fantastic excursions. Before we headed to Alaska there was the Masonic One-Day Class on May 11. Aladdin piggybacked on the One-Day with a Ceremonial. We petitioned 151 and obligated 134 new Nobles. To help increase our membership, the Divan set out on June 8 for the "Tour of Ohio" where we performed three regional cold sands Ceremonials. By the end of November we added 213 new Nobles to the ranks of Aladdin. June found Aladdin headed to Lake Erie for a walleye fishing trip.

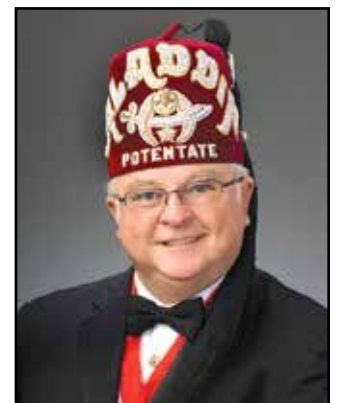
A short three hour drive to Indianapolis was all that was needed to get to Imperial. What a fantastic location, a beautiful hotel, all the museums, Scottish Rite Cathedral, zoo, Victory Field Baseball Park, restaurants, competition and of course the Imperial sessions. The end of July saw a record return to Aladdin Clippers night. The Potentate's Ball was in August. There were 350



Nobles and Ladies along with six of our counterparts and their Ladies in attendance. "A Night at The Sands" was our theme. Along with the "Rat Pack" and some fantastic lighting made it seemed like we were at the Sands. Families found a good time and plenty of food at the first Aladdin family picnic on August 25.

Aladdin participated in 11 official parades. September was our first time in the Jackson Apple Festival Parade. What a great parade! The spectators were 10 and 15 deep throughout the

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Regular meetings of the Aladdin Shriners are held  
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Aladdin Shrine Center, 3850 Stelzer  
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### Elected Divan

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# Chaplain's Chat

*by Chaplain Zale Maxwell*

This is my last article as your chaplain; so, let me open by saying it has been a blessing and a pleasure for me to serve you as your 2013 Chaplain. During this year, I have shared in many conversations with the Nobility on a wide variety of topics. One of the best things about being your Chaplain is the many friends I have made during my travels around Aladdin Land.

During the past two months, a lot of the conversations have involved the changes ahead for Aladdin Shriners and the sale of the building. Out of these conversations, I am reminded of Zerubbabel and his dream to rebuild Solomon's Temple. He worked hard to rebuild the temple as the whole city laid in ruins. The people were not in favor of his rebuild and went to the authorities and stopped him. For the next seventeen years, he walked by the foundations he had started and all the supplies stacked around and was unable to continue. Just when he was thinking the temple would never get rebuilt, he remembered that God never starts something that he cannot finish. One day the prophet Zachariah showed up and said he had been sent by God to give him two words: "Begin again." I believe that the Great Architect of the Universe is saying the same thing to all of us at the Aladdin Shrine: "Begin again." We have the opportunity to rebuild and we have the opportunity to restructure what it is we do at our center. As we begin again, I encourage you to play an active role in this rebuilding process by serving on committees or volunteering as things come up that need done or just being supportive of those who are "doing it" — rebuilding.

So the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of the whole remnant of the people. They came and began to work on the house of the Lord Almighty, their God, (Haggai 1:14 NIV)

"Be confident of this: that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:6, NIV)



# Cincinnati Hospital

*by Bob Lazenby and D. Dee Mowry, PP*

The November meeting of the Board of Governors was held a bit earlier this month because of the Thanksgiving holiday. A main feature of the meeting was the presentation of \$46,000.00 (+/-) to the hospital by the Emery Community Foundation. This foundation has been a strong supporter of the hospital historically with proceeds from their golf outings. They presented the hospital with a \$50,000.00 check earlier this year.

Your hospital is continually busy with a steady stream of patients. During this past month 66 intakes were approved representing 23 Shrine Centers with a patient age range from 3 weeks to 20 years.

Types of cases were quite varied with burns becoming less significant. Of interest to Aladdin would be the brachial plexus injuries with three cases this month. You will remember that First Lady Kathy has made this problem her project. Braces for this injury cost approximately \$3,000.00 each, and Kathy has presented the hospital with \$12,000.00 to date and hopes to close out the year with another \$3,000.00. Bracelets are no longer available!. Another area the hospital is working with is the cleft lip and palate cases. Six such cases were seen this month. A rather long discussion was presented describing the outreach program conducted by the hospital. These clinics are conducted in areas away from the Cincinnati site and seem to be successful. The telemedicine program is a very successful program although hampered by burdensome government red tape and "happy crap." With all the activities going on at the hospital, it is still operating under budget and efficiently.

# Erie Hospital

*by Bob Stevenson*

As we end another year at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Erie, we find much to look back upon with pride. We also find much to look forward to with excitement and expectation.

But for now, we just want to convey to the Nobles and Ladies of Aladdin that we truly appreciate all you do for us — our staff, our physicians and most importantly our kids and their families. So simply accept this heartfelt wish:

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A MOST WONDERFUL 2014 TO ALL!

## In Memorium



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# Membership Memo

by Calvin Smith, PP

Season's Greetings! Christmas and Chanukah are on us. Cards, presents, food and family abound. But we know that this is truly a time in which we rejoice for our every heart beat bears our Lord's name.

Reflect on those who want at this time of the year. Not all Masons will receive presents, have ample food, be surrounded by family or even receive more than a very few cards. These people are our family and deserve our prayerful thoughts, our uplifting actions. If asked to act on their behalf, please try to do something. It does not always require money. Call or visit an elderly person or couple. Phone them, if you can. Contribute food items. Send a card to those who would welcome it. Just reach out and do something positive. You will be the better for it and so will those you touch. Celebrate a genuine Holiday Season.

### A 2014 One-Day Class

Grand Master Mick has announced that Masonic Districts may conduct a One-Day Class on April 5, 2014. Each district will select a site and conduct the three degrees of Masonry. As a follow-up to these events, Aladdin will conduct a full ceremonial on June 14, 2014. **The fee for this ceremonial will be \$90.** Petitions are now available online at [www.aladdinshrine.org](http://www.aladdinshrine.org).

Each club and unit will receive a recruiting packet for this ceremonial at the January 11, 2014 Leadership Seminar. There will be much more information provided regarding the specifics of these one-day classes at that time.

### 2014 Restorations

As was the 2013 practice, the fee to restore one's membership in Aladdin will be \$50 from January 1, 2014 to September 30, 2014. Thereafter, the fee will rise to \$94 but will include 2015 dues of \$74.

Petitions are now also available on our website. Restoration packets will be made available at the Leadership Seminar for each club and unit.

This is enough for now. January's *Lamp* will lay out all the details of our June 14, 2014 membership campaign.

### Wrapping And Mailing Christmas Presents

Oh, I almost forgot, I have been asked to repeat my sure-fire technique to wrap Christmas presents of any shape or size. Here it is.

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

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

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

# Lexington Hospital

by Jim Hackett

## Lexington Hospital Patient Gets New Wheels

Nick Overbey, age 13, from London, Kentucky made a stop to Victory Lane before the start of the June 27 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series. The teen was there to attend his first NASCAR race and, through the outreach and teamwork of the NASCAR family, Shriners fraternity members and Shriners Hospitals for Children, he drove away with new wheels—an all-terrain power chair.

Innovation in Motion, of Angola, Indiana built the chair. It is customized to fit not only Nick's body, but also to match his school color—red, black and white. The chair will give Nick the freedom to go almost anywhere he wants to go. It is designed to move effortlessly over various surfaces from smooth indoor flooring to dirt and gravel trails in the woods.

NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Hauler Drivers and The Kyle Busch Foundation wanted to make a difference in a child's life. Their desire matched perfectly with the mission of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Nick has been treated by the experts at Shriners Hospital for Children—Lexington since 2009. When NASCAR and Innovation contacted the hospital to inquire if there was a child they could help, Nick had just been evaluated and measured for a new chair. His physical therapist had already determined that an all-terrain chair would benefit the active 13-year-old, but funding wasn't available. The timing was just right for Nick.

The only obstacle between Nick and a day at the track with new wheels was getting to Sparta. That's when members of the Shriners fraternity stepped in. Bill and Betty Frazer, of The Mountain Shrine Club in Whitesburg and both certified drivers for Oleika Shriners, provided transportation to Kentucky Speedway for Nick and his family. The Laurel County Shrine Club provided funding for Nick's family to stay at a hotel near the track.

"It's great to know so many people have worked together to make a desire a reality," said Terry Lynch, president of the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Hauler drivers.

# Proclamations for Aladdin Nobles (December)

The Stated Meeting and Election of Officers of Aladdin Shriners will be held at the Shrine Center on Monday, December 16, 2013 starting with a light meal at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting immediately following at 6:30 p.m. The election of officers for the ensuing year and election of representatives to the Imperial Council and on boards for Aladdin Shriners Hospitals for Children and Aladdin Temple Trustee Board Advisory will be held.

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

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

### Imperial By-laws pertaining to 325.11 Election Regulations

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

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

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

**Attested:** William R. Amspaugh, Jr., Illustrious Potentate Donald G. Goodman, Recorder

## Aladdin Arms Club

A NEW  
Aladdin  
Club

### The Aladdin Arms Gun Club announces guest speaker:

Mr. Jonathan R. Fulkerson,  
Ohio Attorney General's Office

**Topic:** Ohio's Concealed Carry Laws.  
(This event will be open to ALL Nobility within The Shrine.)

**Date:** January 16, 2014  
**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Additional Information:** Call Jeremy Clift - 740-504-6872

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# What’s New in Erie

## “Fezzy” Becomes National Shriners Hospitals Ambassador

Shriners Hospitals for Children® has introduced “Fezzy,” its first Love to the rescue® Ambassador. “Fezzy,” a 4-foot teddy bear who proudly wears the iconic Shriner red fez, has a mission to raise awareness and support for the innovative care available at Shriners Hospitals for Children.

To help “Fezzy” raise money to support Shriners Hospitals for Children, Vermont Teddy Bear is offering a 4-foot version of “Fezzy” for \$99.99 with 20 percent of the proceeds to benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children. To purchase your own “Fezzy,” visit: [www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/fezzy](http://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/fezzy).

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## Dr. Karl Frankovitch Honored By PA Medical Society

The Pennsylvania Medical Society has honored Karl Frankovitch, M.D. with an award for his 50 years in medicine. The award was presented to Dr. Frankovitch at the annual business meeting and dinner of the Erie County Medical Society held Nov. 13 at the Ambassador Conference Center in Erie. Dr. Frankovitch, orthopedic surgeon and emeritus Chief of Staff at Shriners Hospitals for Children—Erie facility, has dedicated his professional career to helping children. He has been affiliated with Shriners—Erie since the 1970s.

In her letter to Dr. Frankovitch, Janet Thompson, Executive Director of the Erie County Medical Society, said, “It is wonderful to have physicians who believe in the causes and actions of the Pennsylvania and Erie County Medical Societies. It is physicians like you who are the Society’s past, present and future.”

# Marching With The Legion *by Dick Luckay*

THE PASSING PARADES – The Legion kept “passing in-review”, to support the Potentate’s directive that Aladdin make itself known throughout the area by participating in as many local parades as possible. The CIRCLEVILLE PUMPKIN PARADE was cold and damp (to say the least), but the Legion made a good showing with PC Willie Fitchett driving the flag bedecked jeep and Commander Dave Ozvat, PC Dick Oillila, PC Robert Spencer and LN Jim Keenen smartly carrying the colors. It’s not easy looking sharp when the weather is lousy – but the troops came through like true champions. The VETERANS DAY PARADE in Athens, OH, required an early morning get-up to make the step-off time. But, all hands were on deck as the parade moved out. PC Willie Fitchett was at the wheel of the jeep with LN Jim Keenen riding shotgun. The colors were proudly carried by Commander Dave Ozvat, and PC’s Robert Spencer and Dick Oillila. The afterglo was a welcome dividend for the early risers and made the trip – and the day – a worthwhile and rewarding experience. The LANCASTER CHRISTMAS PARADE could be summed up in three words. Cold. Cold. Cold! But, PC Willie Fitchett was again behind the wheel of the Jeep with PC Dick Oillila and LN’s Bob Krieger, Jeff Rader Jim Keenen parading the colors despite the chill. The afterglo was really warm and welcoming and the

# Aladdin Shrine Band *by Dave Haney*

December is around the corner. Just in case you have been bitten by the Rip Van Winkle bug, it is time to wake up and get prepared for the greatest American holiday. By now, you have already participated in the annual “bell ringing” ceremonies and the annual Band Party and the Fall Ceremonial.

I am now spending my days looking for Christmas decorations. I spend a great deal of my time looking for something that I just had in my hand two minutes ago!

It is time to announce that Green Eyes has passed on. The end of an era! But we have now been adopted by a new cat. He is orange. He is called OP (Orange Puddy). OP started showing up in the spring and my spouse got him to come inside for food (what else is there for cats?). She had decided that he looked thin and needed food. I told my spouse that we were going to be adopted by the neighborhood bum and we were.

OP sleeps on my bass drum by the dining room window and the register. Spends the nights outside. I think he is looking for handouts from the neighbors! He returns early in the morning and sleeps on the drum the rest of the day. Tough night out with the guys!

However. OP is getting bigger!

Soooo I said to OP, “Look, it’s snowing!” I got the brief glance out of the window in the dining room, one eye blink and back to sleep on the drum... I don’t do snow! I told my spouse, “Cats do not belong to anybody, he just rooms with us!”

The holidays are going to be much more “busy.” The stores actually started all of this holiday stuff even before Halloween. There are so many “black” sale days that I don’t even know which one I am supposed to pay attention to! Clueless in Columbus!

## Sanet Vision Integrator

Helping patients increase success in their daily routines is one of the key goals of the therapists’ who work at Shriners Hospitals for Children. Now, the therapists at the Shriners Erie Outpatient Specialty Care Center have a new tool to help them with their efforts.

The new Sanet Vision Integrator (SVI) helps patients improve visual motor integration skills by focusing on such issues as attention span, handwriting, fine motor delays, visual motor and perceptual delays, balance skills, sports vision enhancement and other difficulties. The SVI unit was a 2013 Shriners Hospitals - Erie capital equipment item and was purchased with funds received from the A.J. and Sigismunda Palumbo Charitable Trust and the Glen and Ruth Mengle Foundation.

The SVI, which looks like a large-screen television, contains 13 vision training programs with adjustable variations to each program that translates into literally hundreds of procedures. It is portable and is used to treat multiple children weekly, primarily between the ages of 4 and 18.

“The equipment actually speaks to the patients, instructing them to respond to verbal commands which in turn improve their auditory-visual integration and memory,” said Julia Hawkins, occupational therapist at Shriners Hospitals - Erie. “The different programs and the available variations of each program can help our patients in so many ways. Some of the programs are similar to popular computer games so the children really enjoy using the SVI,” she added.

“The SVI equipment is used with children with a variety of diagnoses such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, fine motor/visual motor delays, developmental disabilities, sports injuries and many other conditions,” Hawkins said. “We receive patient referrals not only from Shriners’ physicians, but also from community primary care physicians, pediatricians, optometrists and others who work with children facing developmental challenges.”

camaraderie within the room made it all worthwhile. It concluded what was one of the longest parade schedules in Aladdin’s history – but it was worth the effort and the Legion was front-and-center for all of them. Good job LOH!

SPECIAL DAYS FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE – Happy first anniversary for LN &PP Mike Tyne and Lady Karen (1/13). My, how time flies. May the coming years be equally rewarding and memorable. Another birthday candle for PC Bob Ward (1/9) and Evelyn Kennen(1/12). Don’t worry about the number of candles – just enjoy the extra brightness they bring to the room. God Bless to one and all.

LEGION OFFICERS FOR 2014 – Results of the election at the November meeting are a follows: Commander Robert Spencer; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Dave Quinn; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander Jim Keenen; 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. Commander Robert Krieger; Finance Officer and Chaplain Fred Kreutz. Appointed officers: Officer of the Guard Jeff Rader; Quartermaster and Color Guard Commander Willie Fitchett; Tabloid Chairman Dick Oillila. They will took their oath at the stated meeting on December 8. This is an outstanding Command lineup and will ensure the Legion will remain one of Aladdin’s best units. PRESS ON LEGION – PRESS ON!

## Schedule Stuff

I have been advised that somewhere in November there was the annual departure of the bullet train, better known as elections. There was one more rehearsal on November 26. Hope you were there to defend yourself from some appointment. The annual Christmas party was December 7 (Pearl Harbor Day for you older guys).

There will be a gathering of eagles to decide the calendar for the coming year:

### January 2014:

- 11- Leadership Seminar and Installation
- 21- Annual Meeting 7:30 p.m. Oasis Room
- 26- First Band Rehearsal 7:00-8:30 p.m

## Some Thoughts At The End

I would be remiss if I did not tell you about the passing in November of Bill Carpenter. He was a trumpet player and a very good one. He was a member of TBDBITL and was elected to the Columbus, Ohio Musicians Hall of Fame and justly so. Bill, whenever I hear the tune “Around Midnight,” I know I will think of you. We shall miss you a lot!

## On A Lighter Note

I know that we all have seen the advertisements on trucks, etc. so here are some good ones:

**On a plumber’s truck:** “We repair what your husband fixed”

**On a septic tank truck:** “Caution-This Truck is Full of Political Promises”

**On an electrician’s truck:** “Let us Remove Your Shorts”

“Wisdom is the quality that keeps you from getting into situations where you need it.” ~ Doug Larson



# Just Clowning Around

by Mike "BucketHead" Clark

## Season's Greetings my fellow Nobles!

Well, it's that time of year when we go from serving and eating our Thanksgiving dinner on fine china to our other fine China wares that we use for the upcoming holiday in December—Christmas! Like our natural pine-smelling artificial Christmas tree—made in China; our ever-so-bright and colorful tree lights and garlands—made in China; our wonderful plastic ornaments and angels/stars—made in China; our stockings we hang with care—made in China. And, as well, our presents that are neatly wrapped with paper/foils under the Christmas tree—MADE IN CHINA!

## Clowns In The Barrel!

These following stories were not "Made in China," but were ever so made here in the good old U.S. of A.!

### Who's on Santa's Naughty List?

First on the list is **Bobby "Tuitt" Barton**—a very "short" story to say!

On our way home from the Circleville Pumpkin Parade, the clown bus had to stop at the Giant Eagle store parking lot on Hamilton Road to drop off Tuitt and a couple other clowns. Well, Greg "Pozi" Osborne, Steve "Lil Mac" McKittrick and Bill "BB" Baker gathered their stuff and off the bus they went. Tuitt, on the other hand, gathered his stuff and went to his car. Whoops! No keys! After about half an hour of searching the bus from front to back, dumping out his gym bag and make-up case on the ground of the parking lot and trying to look through the tinted windows of his car and in the dark, somebody asked Tuitt if he wore a jacket tonight. Tuitt at first said no, then changed his mind. For the jacket was rolled up into a ball and thrown in a corner of the very back seat of the bus and there, in one of the pockets, were his keys!

Next on the Naughty List is **Matt "Nutt" Knight**, Clown Unit Director, our faithful leader.



Four of our fine clowns, Fred "Hobo Freddy" Gischler, BucketHead, Lil Mac and, of course, Nutt went down to Marietta for the Shriners sponsored football game. All I wanted was to recreate the famous three Stooges football picture where Curly (me) is lying flat on the ground and Larry (Lil Mac) was kneeling next to me and holding the football with his finger on my leather helmet head while looking away. Now, I thought that I had explained very clearly to Nutt about his role in this simple project. As he will be Moe, (and nobody else there fit the persona of Moe better than Nutt!) all Nutt had to do was to SIMULATE kicking the ball! SIMPLE! Well, when the time came to snap the picture, all I heard was "SWISH" and then felt my head VIBRATE with a sound of a THUD! For Lil Mac heard the surprising THUD and then suddenly

his fingers felt like they were on fire! There were four older Shriners who were standing in front of us and taking pictures; they had to scramble quickly to get out the way of the low-flying and out-of-control missile coming toward them! So, after the fourth time Nutt finally understood what SIMULATE means! Hobo Freddy was being Hobo Freddy and just stood by sadly with his broom and watched without any emotions of the antics before him! Ah, have to say that naughty Mr. Fred White and his merry skirt -wearing Band of Pipers were there. They showed up in our clown bus that they stole for the long trip!

Two weeks later, Shriners had another sponsored football game in Cambridge in which Pozi and Nutt attended. They didn't dare ask Nutt to SIMULATE anything at all. The Shriners on the same day sponsored a basketball game back down in Marietta where Lil Mac and the ever-so-troublemaker, Hobo Freddy, attended. It was such a sad day when the cops were called about a "bum" selling "free" tickets to the game. Poor **Hobo**



**Freddy** was then arrested and was being hauled away in handcuffs! But to Hobo Freddy's surprise (even though he didn't show it), the Marietta cheerleaders came rushing out to rescue Hobo Freddy from the evil cops! Afterwards, when things once became quiet again, Hobo Freddy thought about the cheerleaders with their hugs and kisses they all at once smothered upon him! Then Hobo

Freddy sighed with a shrug of his shoulders and without a display of any emotion, sat back down in a chair and went back to being the ever-so-sad and lonely tramp that he is.

Last, but not least, on the Naughty list is **Tim "Timmers" Jones**.

The Clowns are hard at work as always. The things we are working on now are our circus acts/skits. One of the acts involves using the old aluminum-nylon web lawn chairs, not steel or titanium, but aluminum! One part of the act is to drop the chair in the so-called "locked open position" from above our heads to our lower backs, and the final movement is placing the chair on the floor and sitting in it all in one motion. Simple, right? Apparently Timmers didn't like or want a lawn chair, because when Timmers sat down in his chair, it quickly became what he wanted—a chaise lounge, a flat-out down-to-the-floor version to boot!

### What is happening in December before we settle down for a long winter's nap!

#### EVENTS

Our Clown Unit Christmas Party was December 5. The Fall Ceremonial was on the December 7. We had two Christmas parties for the kids on December 8, Aladdin's at 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. and Down Syndrome Christmas Party at 2:00 p.m..

#### BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays for the month are Irv "Fuzzy" Denune on December 7, BB on December 18 and Bill "Steins" Amspaugh December 30.

#### THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Please keep these clowns and family members who have medical conditions in your thoughts and prayers as well making visits during the holidays: Denune (Jackie), Tootle (Barbara), Babbert (E C), Shrivvers (Wayne, his son and daughter) and Fultzs (Dave and Lisa). If there is anybody I forgot or did not know about, please do the same for them and remember our men and women who are serving in the Armed Forces for our country both home and abroad.

### One last thing before I will shut up and leave you all in peace. . .

Congrats go to our Clown Potentate Wild Bill Amspaugh for taking the mighty bull by the horns in handling negotiations. Ill. Sir Amspaugh with his strong fortitude and vast knowledge, along with his Divan members and staff, has put Aladdin's future in the best of hopes that anybody can wish for. This was and forever to come, a major landmark in the history of Aladdin Shrine Temple — a job well done by our 2013 Aladdin Shrine Temple Divan!

From all Aladdin's Shrine Clowns: MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

# Pike County

by Gerald Remy

The summer is over and again we made our trip to Shriner Hospital for Children, Cincinnati on Big Red with 784.6 lbs. or 1,121,978 beverage tabs. It was down from last year's amount of 823 lbs. (We sure drink a lot of beverage.) Pike County Shrine would like to thank all the Nobles, family, friends and all of the social clubs in and around Waverly for helping collect all of the those beverage tabs. Special thanks go to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade of Western Elementary School with 80,127 donated tabs, C A C of Pike County 29,172 tabs making this donation one of our largest donations and Aladdin Shrine for the use of Big Red. Next year's goal is 1,000 lbs. With the help of all our nobles, friends and neighbors, we can and will meet this goal.

Pike County Shrine presented a \$3,000.00 donation check to the Shriner Hospital for Children, Cincinnati. Sinking Springs Community Church presented a \$1,800.00 donation from their congregation.

Our 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing fundraiser, held on September 14, was again one of the greats, grossing over \$21,000. Food was outstanding with a breakfast, lunch, steak dinner and all of the fixings beverages you possibly could drink throughout the day. We are already working on the 47<sup>th</sup> annual outing. Thanks go to all the Nobles and their ladies for their hard work with helping at this event. Job well done! The top three winners donated all their winnings back to the club to help the children.

Special thanks go to Noble Mike Corbin for allowing us to operate the concession stand at his Outstanding Auction at the Pike County Fairgrounds with all proceeds from the concession going to the first annual Pike County Shrine Club Christmas party for the children. Special thanks go to Nobles Turm Helton, Jim Cooper, Brad Burns, Pete Hale, Jim Minor and Gerald Remy who helped with the day's work. Thanks go to all who attended and supported the Pike Shine Club.

Special thanks are extended to Noble Greg Holdren for the afterglow party at his home after the Bainbridge Fall Festival of Leaves Parade. Thanks go to all Nobles who participated in all of our grand parades this year. We still have one to go this year – the Jingle Ball Parade on November 23 on the downtown streets of Waverly.

Installation of the 2014 officers will be held at the annual Christmas Dinner on December 14 at Waverly Marietta, Post 142 American Legion.



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# 2013 – What A Great Year! Thank You

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entire parade route. A first for me – a spectator asked for a petition to Aladdin! Art for the Fun of It was held on September 22. About 100 people attended and some left with a treasure or two. This was another first for Aladdin, an Art Auction.

October found Aladdin presenting checks to the Shrine Hospitals we sponsor. I was given the opportunity and honor of being the presenter to Erie and Cincinnati Hospitals. It made me feel incredible that Aladdin Nobles had worked so hard to raise so much money for the hospitals. On October 13 we had 157 people on a train ride in Nelsonville, Ohio. One of the

three new clubs formed this year made the train ride an event. The Aladdin Shrine Photography Club took pictures along the train route. The other two new clubs, Aladdin Arms (firearms) and SOS (Shriners on Segs), are progressing and growing.

November may be what 2013 is best known for. A friend of mine gave me a quote from Andrew Carnegie “Take away my people, but leave my factories, and soon grass will grow on the floors. Take away my factories but leave me my people, and soon we will have a new and better factory”. The Nobles of Aladdin will build a new and better facility.

The year 2013 was a fun year and a busy year. Yet what makes this year the best for me and my Lady Kathy are the Nobles and Ladies of Aladdin. You supported us in all of our events and



**Attention: Nobles and 2014 Unit/Club Officers**

## Leadership Seminar & INSTALLATION

*Saturday, January 11, 2014*  
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# Provost

by John Rohal



The Provost Unit celebrated its annual Potentate's visitation and ladies party on November 12 with an excellent turnout and a well prepared meal.

All Divan members with their ladies, as well as several Past Potentates and their ladies, were in attendance. The Potentate allowed High Priest and Prophet Ronald Leonard to introduce the Divan and Past Potentates, and believe it or not, he got them all correct.

Potentate William R. Amspaugh Jr. and his lady Kathy were presented with monetary gifts from the unit. All of the ladies in attendance were each presented with a gift which all appreciated.

Because of this special occasion, the usual business meeting reports were not given and even our Director Gene Steineman omitted his usual joke!

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

At the stated meeting on November 18, the Nobility of Aladdin Temple unanimously approved a proposal.

As we near the end of another year, let's hope you all have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

# Past Masters

by Dick Bull

The Black Camel took one of our hard-working and dedicated Shriners on November 15. Dennen Leach succumbed to brain tumors in less than a month after being diagnosed. He was currently serving as unit secretary and editor of our unit monthly newsletter. Dennen is a past president of the unit and worked first base when we portrayed the Master Mason degree. He will be deeply missed and our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and his significant other, Dee Hedges.

Many thanks go to those who have stepped forward to assist in a smooth transition of secretarial duties after Dennen's death: Carl Long and Bob Roof, Don Lund and an offer by Ill. Past Potentate Gary Parks to publish our newsletter. Don Lund is temporarily returning as secretary particularly to make sure our unit dues collections are taken care of. Carl Long was a big help particularly while Dennen was hospitalized. Roscoe Smith also assisted greatly.

Jim Krinn is scheduled to receive a new heart valve at Riverside Hospital on November 26. We wish him the best.

Congratulations to Jim Gaston who received the Special Merit Award from Valley of Columbus A.A.S.S.R. at its recent fall reunion.

Our unit participated in both the Athens Veterans Day Parade on November 11 and the Lancaster Christmas Parade on November 23.

Roscoe Smith was in charge of our annual unit Christmas Party and installation of officers at Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City on December 2. Gary Parks installed the officers in his own inimitable way. Results of the election held at our annual meeting on November 25 will be reported in January, 2014 issue of the *Lamp*.

The unit provided candidate escorts and performed "Evolution of a Shriner" at the Ceremonial on December 1.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

# Chanters

by Arnie Fuller

As I sit here about to update you on the latest news from the Chanters Unit, I feel it is best that I first report the black camel has visited one of our own this week. John Rankin died on November 9 in Florida where he has lived the last few years of his life here on earth. Many of you will remember John as the Chanter member who would have his music mailed to him in Florida, he would memorize it and then come to Imperial and sing with the choir. John was an organizer and worked on many of the reunions in Florida for the Nobles he was associated with there. He will be missed by many.

The Chanters Unit elected its new officers for 2014 at the November meeting. They are as follows: President William (Bill) Wirsching II, Vice President Andy Kalan, Secretary Arnie Fuller, Treasurer Donald (Don) Diurba, Librarian Jack Jones. The new officers were installed at the December 3 Christmas party.

Several Christmas programs were held at local nursing homes by the Chanters this season, bringing Joy and blessings to all the residents.

Happy birthday goes to the following Chanter members this month: Larry Wills, 12/16; William (Bill) Dubois, 12/24; and Edgar R. (Dick) Phelps.

When you receive this report just a few days before Christmas, please accept the wishes of the entire chanters group and have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us.

# Kambri

by Dick Brixner

Your Kambri Shrine Club took part in the presentation to our local hospital in October. Divan representative Ron Leonard from Aladdin and Kambri Shrine Club President Dick Bates presented a check for the purchase of a Litegait to the pediatric physical and occupational therapy department. It was covered in The Daily Jefferson on October 29. Shriner's have donated over \$97,675.00 to our local hospital over the years. Litegait is like a second set of hands to work with children. As Shriners, you need to be proud of the support we give to our hospital.

Special thanks go to Nobles Buzzy Ferguson and Frank Potts for another trip to our Shriners Hospital in Erie, Pennsylvania. Nobles, if you would be interested in making a trip to one of our hospitals, contact Noble Ron LePage. The trip will give you a much better appreciation of what we do as Shriners and will increase your pride in being a Shriner.

On October 21, we held our annual elections at Deep Cut Tavern with 16 nobles in attendance. We elected the following Nobles for year 2014:

Ted Calvert- President

Tim Oliver - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Dave Black - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Dave Moue - At Large

Secretary - Don Huston (& Debbie)

Treasurer - Tom Fisher

Membership - Ron LePage

Tabloid - Frank Potts, Ron LePage

*Lamp*/PR - Dick Brixner

A great time was had by all with good food, fellowship and liquid refreshments. Nobles, you missed an opportunity. Ask those who attended! Of the 16 in attendance, 8 were your new officers.

You can stay updated on the activities of our closest Shriners hospitals, Erie and Cincinnati. Upcoming events are always highlighted in the *Lamp* which include the Ceremonial on December 7, the New Year's Eve celebration, Under The Big Top, on December 31, and the Leadership Seminar and Installation on January 11, 2014.

Nobles, your Kambri Shrine Club has scheduled our Christmas party for December 12 at the Plumbers and Pipefitters Hall. You will be getting your flyer in the mailbox very soon. Please plan to come to this event and you might be able to talk to the jolly, bearded man in the red suit. See you there on December 12.

# Thea Court

by B. J. Gischler, PHP

Decorating, shopping, baking! All of us are very busy this month, but let's take time out and come to the December Thea Court #5 meeting on Friday, December 20 at 1:00 p.m. at Aladdin Shrine Center. Wear your holiday clothes and come enjoy the day with old and new friends. Lunch is at 11:30 a.m. at The Hometown Buffet in Easton Square.

At the ceremonial on November 16, 11 ladies became new members of Thea Court #5. Hopefully, some of them will attend this meeting and we can get to know them better. It should be a good time for all.

Friday, January 24, will be the January court meeting, with lunch preceding. The February meeting, which includes the election of officers and initiation of more new members, will be held on Friday, February 28, after the usual lunch. Friday, March 28, is the last meeting of the LOS year and will have the annual memorial service. Lunch is the same.

Saturday, April 12, will be the date for the installation of new officers for the 2014-2015 year.

# Athens

by Fred Stanley

Winter is here and the smoke is rolling from the chimneys! Deer season is in and I'm going to open the doors so the bullets will go on through the house!

Our Veterans Day Parade in Athens was a great success. Noble Bob Mingus, who was on our float, dressed in uniform with all of his decorations and badges he received in the " Battle of the Bulge." Bob, you are a true Noble and veteran. Here he was again, collecting money at our Shrine Basketball Game for the 48<sup>th</sup> time.

Also, it was great to see our Nobles collecting ads for the Shrine Game. A big "THANKS" to Emmett Davis who collected over \$1,200 from the Nelsonville area merchants and also to Charles " Chuck" Miller who got \$900 from the Albany area. I, myself worked the Meigs County area.

A special thanks goes out to all of the Nobles who worked at the Shrine Games and also to Past Potentate Gary Parks who came down from Aladdin to lend a helping hand.

It was great to participate in the Winter Parade at Pomeroy. There was a large turnout of spectators standing 5 - 6 persons deep watching.

We look forward to our new slate of officers to be installed in January. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



# Gallipolis

*by Frank Petrie, Jr.*

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year! May Santa Claus find you and yours healthy and happy. As much as we enjoy the Santa part, please keep in mind the true meaning of Christmas.

Our new officers were installed at our club Christmas Party on December 7. There will be more on the party next time.

I must thank our Lady Shrinettes for the nice donation to the project of First Lady Kathy Amspaugh. This was presented at the Potentate's visit on October 5, and I overlooked mentioning this in the last article. We certainly appreciate all the fine things our ladies do in support of our club.

Speaking of appreciation, we are very thankful for the 23 new members that we have inducted this year.

TO THE NEW MEMBERS: We want to make you feel welcome, but we need to "see you" to make you feel at home at our oasis. We have many projects and gatherings each year, and to get the most out of your membership, please jump right in and help.

We wish to thank all Nobles who turned out for our Veterans Day Parade on November 11. It was one of our better turnouts for a parade this year.

We are proud of the delegation that traveled to the Aladdin Temple on November 18. Like I always say; if you don't vote, you shouldn't complain. We are gratified that our Potentate Amspaugh has been keeping us informed on the status of the Temple.

Remember, Nobles and ladies, Christmas is for sharing. May you share joy, health, wisdom, peace, and have many others to share it with.

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

# Worthington

*by Bob Stevenson*

*New Officers and Change of Schedule Usher in 2014.*

There is a tradition in the Worthington Shrine Club. It started many years ago and rarely is missed. That tradition is we elect our new president for the coming year, then his first order of business is leaving town for Florida for 3 months. Well, we are pleased to announce that this tradition will not be followed this year. We have, once again, elected a president who has a job! So, he will be here for the winter months. HOWEVER, he did change our schedule. There will be no meeting in the month of January. I guess President Russ figured running two meetings in winter was plenty. He said we will resume, as normal, on Thursday, February 6 at Brookside.

Speaking of that, a new roster of officers will take charge of Worthington Shrine Club for 2014. President Russ Fish, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Bill Bell, Secretary Ed Badger and Treasurer Wayne Miller. Trustees for the coming year are Bob Nevel and Dave Ozvat.

We also bid a fond THANK YOU to outgoing President Dick Ollila. We appreciate the leadership he has given us.

As I write this, our Christmas dinner is a week away, but I'm confident in reporting, in advance, that it was a super event. Full details in next *Lamp*.

Nobles, there are many great things going on in Shrine, both Aladdin and Worthington. We need all of you to take part and also to bring prospective members to our club. If you know any Master Masons who would make good Shriners, bring him. If you know of Shriners who are not active in any club or unit, or who might enjoy our club, bring them.

Now, best wishes for a very merry Christmas and a happy and safe 2014!

# Marion

*by Howard Bard*

*Information Request from Marion*

**Here's one I bet you haven't heard before!**

The Marion Shrine Club needs a few new members. We have our yellow roadsters and the public loves them, but there are not enough owner/operators to maintain and drive them.

**That is the pitch, now here are the facts:**

- Meetings are on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., and open to all members.
- Meetings are held in our own building on White Oaks Road in Sawyer Ludwig Park on Marion's west side.
- Dues are one of the best deals in Masonry at \$6.00 per year.
- Any Shriner is eligible for membership. Come to a meeting, get to know us. Call the secretary, Howard Bard, at 740-360-9805 or the president, Jack Clark, at 740-361-3983.
- We need members to step up and become an officer.
- If being an officer isn't your cup of tea, how about being an activity chairman? Our members love to participate in activities, they just seem to be too busy to chair or plan them.

This plea goes out to any Shriner. However, we especially would like to invite those from neighboring counties.

Come join us for the fun of it!

# Kentucky Colonels

*by Ron Fraser*

President Bivens opened the meeting by asking Past Potentate Dee Mowry to give the Invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 23 members and guests attending and who enjoyed a great turkey dinner.

President Bivens asked the officers of the club to stand and introduce themselves and their ladies. He asked the past presidents to stand and give the year they were president. There were four past presidents.

The minutes for the October meeting were read by Secretary Fraser. Neal McCleary gave the financial balance of the club.

Secretary Fraser read notes from Colonels Bill Finch and Don Shoffstall. Colonel Homer Anderson was reported on the sick list and asked to be excused from being vice president of the club next year. Colonel Howard R. Schuenaman volunteered to assume this position.

Under further new business, a motion by P. P. Mowry and seconded by P. P. Estell to cast a unanimous vote for the slate of officers was approved. They are President Joe Rike, Vice President Howard Schuenaman, Treasurer Neal McCleary, and Secretary Ron Fraser.

Discussion followed about our January meeting. Because the Shrine Center is fully booked, we would have to find somewhere else. A motion by P. P. Mowry and seconded by P. P. Estell that the January meeting be cancelled was approved.

President Bivens asked Potentate Amspaugh to talk about the sale of the Shrine Center. Potentate Amspaugh spoke about some of the rumors going about and said that they were still looking at building sites.

There being no further business, President Bivens closed the meeting by asking P. P. Mowry to give the Benediction.

After the closing of the meeting, Colonel Bob Mann presented a jar of his home made pickles labeled "Made Especially for my Brother Colonels" to everyone. Thanks, Colonel Mann, it was very much appreciated!

# Licking County

*by Franklin C. Boner*

With Thanksgiving behind us, the Christmas and New Year holiday seasons are upon us! And how about winter? I don't care what our weather prognosticators say, I can still recall the tremendous 1940s snowfalls while a kid at Bellville with drifts as high as the barn overhang and as an adult the miserable 1970s at Newark. I think we are well overdue for a real old fashion winter!

If you weren't in attendance at the November noon lunch meeting, we elected the following officers to lead the club for the next year: President Franklin C. Boner, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Michael Hammond, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Bruce Thompson, Treasurer Robert B. Thomas, Secretary Ed Roberts, Sgt. at Arms Jim Conrad, Trustee Danny Bounds.

The officers will be installed December 20 at the Annual Potentate's Visit and Christmas Dinner. Potentate William R. Amspaugh, Jr. and several of the Divan and their ladies will be present for our annual Christmas dinner at Teheran Grotto. The Dinner will be proceeded by hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. The menu will consist of prime rib or chicken costing \$15.00 each. If you still need reservations, contact Nobel Danny Bounds, ASAP!

Secretary Nobel Ed Roberts notes that 2014 dues at \$5.00 are due and payable!

All new officers will be expected to attend the Leadership Seminar & Installation. The Aladdin officers will be installed at the event on January 11, 2014 at the Aladdin Shrine Center. The event schedule is as follows: Registration - 1:30 p.m., Leadership Seminar - 2:00 p.m., Annual Meeting - 4:30 p.m., Installation of Officers - 5:30 p.m., Dinner with Ladies - 6:30 p.m. (tickets required).

Finally, on behalf of Nobel Danny Bounds, Lady Nona, and the officers and members of the Licking County Shrine Club, have a Merry Christmas and Happy and Joyous New Year!

"Holding a grudge is like drinking a bottle of poison and waiting for the other person to die"

*Mark Twain*

# Hilltop

*by Ray Pendell*

Our Christmas Party on December 1 at Ann and Tony's Restaurant in West Jefferson was well attended. Scholarship awards were presented to four college students, new officers for 2014 were sworn in and we celebrated the coming season with fine food and fellowship.

Several of our members and their ladies are having major medical problems, and we need to keep them in our prayers and keep in touch so we can support them in their time of distress. Call any officer to report a sick or shut-in member.

We are saddened to report the death of another member--Noble Dennen Leach was taken by the Black Camel recently. Our sympathy and support goes to his family and friends.

Salvation Army bell ringing at the Kroger Store in New Rome involved many of our members. Thanks to all who participated and a "tip of the fez" goes to David Ray for organizing this event.

Mark your calendars now for 2014 meeting dates: January 8 and February 5 at the York Steak House with dinner at 6 p.m. and meeting at 7 p.m..

# Brutal Brothers

*by George Bell*



## Ladies Party--December 13

It was great as always, especially the enjoyable evening at Muirfield Country Club. We salute Director Beymer, Chief Aaron Langhirt and the entertainment committee. Next year the new officers shall find another special evening to entertain our unit ladies and welcome the Divan line to hear (as always) the banter of how we work so hard.

## Results - November 18 Decision

We have voted to look for a new facility during the few years ahead. The consensus was strong and improves the outlook for support and satisfaction among all the Nobility.

## New Year Ahead--December 31-January 1, 2014

You may be pushing the deadline, but join with others in our unit to celebrate at the New Year's Eve party under the aura of a whole new ballroom lighting system. We will also share a wonderful meal prepared right in our very own "made fresh" kitchen by Chef Dwight and his staff from AVI.

## Chief Mark Froehlich Party--March 8, 2014

The Chief's annual party will be Saturday, March 8, 2014 with new Brutal Brothers Chief Mark Froehlich and his Lady Patti hosting. Other officers for next year are Gene Cook, Assistant Chief; Nate Cotrill, Sergeant at Arms; and Bill Tier, Quartermaster. Outgoing Chief Aaron Langhirt is to be commended for his leadership as chief for the past two years with a big "thank you" to his Lady Mandy, as well!

## New Apprentice--Jim Badgley

Teaching an experienced Noble may be a real BRUTAL task of apprenticeship. We welcome the opportunity to display our unit hospitality the ole' fashioned way — new tricks for the next skit book.

## The 2014 Directory Updated

The newest information about members is published in the new directory. If you missed the editor's deadline, please come to a meeting to submit your update. We may find you are also behind in paying the 2014 dues. New Imperial guidelines say non-payment is valid reason for suspension.

## Next month is another new Potentate's plans for work

Prepare now to meet the attendance and work requirements of the new year. We are well acquainted with the past experience of leadership in the audio unit, and as Potentate, we expect more.

## February 4 may be your final chance for reinstatement.

Our secretary and our treasurer compile the up-to-date list of members who are in good standing. Check your pocket for the gift from Jack Brand of your 2014 dues card, or check the notice from our Secretary Denny Feyh — you may have a deadline you must meet.

# Hardin County

*by Ken Rossman*

Our regular meeting was held on November 20 at Veterans Memorial Park Clubhouse. We had a good crowd—62 Nobles, 1 guest and 3 visitors from Aladdin Temple. Nobel Larry Weaver opened our meeting with a prayer. President Mankey led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Nominating Committee nominated Noble Rowe Garmon to run for 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. for our 2014 Officers. President Mankey mentioned the details of the Kenton's annual Christmas Parade.

All current officers, except President Mankey and Rowe Garmon, were elected as our officers for 2014. Installation will be later.

It was noted that scholarships are available and need to be submitted by December 3 to Noble Walden. Noble Walden made a motion to raise the scholarship from \$500 to \$1,000. The motion passed.

Our next meeting will be our annual Christmas Party at the Community Building at the Hardin County Fairgrounds. We need lots of help early in the day on December 18 to get the room ready. It was noted that the sign up sheets need to be turned in as soon as possible.

One of our Aladdin Guests, Oriental Guide Jon Kinney, spoke about the proposal regarding Aladdin Temple. Kinney also noted some upcoming events: December 16, election of officers, New Year's Eve Party and January 11, Leadership Seminar.

Our other guests from Aladdin, P. P. Calvin Smith and P. P. Bill Estell, each gave a few minutes talk about Shriners.

We welcomed a new member Noble Bud McClees to our club.

And we gave a big hand to our kitchen crew: Nobles Lew Hanna, Rice, Garmon, Michel, Matteson, Gilbert, Rob Wilson, Ridgeway, Chad Wykes and Cody Morris. Well done, Nobles.

Noble Rossman closed our meeting with a prayer.

We then dined on a great meal prepared and served by our kitchen crew. Thank you, Nobles.

# Reception

*by Don Owens*

The Reception Unit meeting for November included the ladies and featured a full meal—very full. Because of scheduling difficulties this year, the meeting served as our annual Christmas gathering. Our next meeting is therefore scheduled for January 16, 2014, a few days before the annual Aladdin Shrine sponsored Sled Hockey Tournament.

The Sled Hockey Tournament is scheduled for January 18, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and January 19, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Don Kindler and Mike Johnson will lead the project this year, due to the unavailability of Tom Keller (see below) who has kept us organized for the last few years. The job is a fairly simple one of providing directions and assistance to tournament participants at the door to the Dispatch Ice Haus. Moreover, it's an inspiration to watch these youngsters compete like crazy at their sport. Volunteers please call Don or Mike.

Divan Representative Jon Kinney visited during our meeting and spoke briefly. Director Jack Bohn introduced Arthur E. Baz to the unit as its latest member. Ralph Vaughn rustled up a name tag, so it's official. Welcome, Art.

The annual Vidalia Onion sale still needs a replacement for Bill Compton. A co-chair arrangement could be the best solution for leadership of the activity. Ralph Vaughn has agreed to re-examine the possibility of selling onions at the Worthington Farm Market.

The Aladdin Shrine Circus is scheduled for March 27-30, 2014, with Frank Swiatek leading the ushers for the Reception Unit. We need to add some energy to our advertising sales efforts to recapture leadership in this activity. The Audio Unit nosed us out by \$37 this year.

Tom Keller is facing open heart surgery this month to correct a heart valve problem. All our best wishes go out to Tom. Doris Davis is feeling and looking better, as evidenced by a new picture posting to Facebook.

December birthdays are being celebrated by Bill Loomis, Bill Estell and Bill Stelzer. Happy birthday, Nobles.

**Vidalia Onion Sale**  
*(Fundraiser for Reception Unit)*

**10# for \$10.00**

**Order and Pay by April 15**  
*(Delivery to Shrine Center Near May 15)*

**Order from any Reception Unit member or call:**

**Mike Johnson - 614-895-0748**  
**Don Owens - 614-310-5007**  
**Jack Bonn - 614-876-6460**



# New Fraternal Magazine to Launch this December

Shriners International is pleased to announce the launch of a new magazine dedicated to the members of the Shriners fraternity. The publication will highlight important issues pertaining to Shriners International including membership initiatives, news from across our health care system and best practices for sustaining a strong future.

This magazine is for every noble, and the leadership of Shriners International would like the nobility to name this new publication. In addition to asking for name suggestions, we are encouraging input from the temples regarding content of future issues of the publication. If your temple has a unique membership event, mentoring program, standout Shriner, or other interesting and informative story – Shriners International wants to hear about it!

Here is a sneak peak from our inaugural issue:

- Imperial Chaplain Ronald Elliott discusses the importance of the Shriners Legacy Program
- Update on Imperial Sir Cinotto's Pace Program: Setting the Pace for a Strong Future
- Temple highlights on various topics

Please send suggested stories or completed text for consideration, along with photos and accompanying authorizations, to [shrinepr@shrinenet.org](mailto:shrinepr@shrinenet.org).



## Recent Events for Aladdin Shrine

### Historic Stated Meeting



### Ambassador's Visitation



### Lancaster Parade







Includes: Gourmet Dinner, Host Bar, Entertainment and a Champagne Toast at Midnight.

★ 6:30 Social  
7:30 Dinner  
9:00 The Street Players  
Midnight - Champagne Toast

★ **Menu:**  
Salad, Rolls, Roast Beef Tenderloin  
Twice-Baked Potato, Green Beans Almondine  
Miniature Pastries

★ Formal Attire or Dark Suit Required  
★ Must be 21 years of age to attend.  
★ Complimentary Babysitting for children 18 months and over.

- Hotel Information: Sheraton Four Points:**
- Book directly at hotel link and Shrine special prices will automatically apply - <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/aladdin>
  - Hospitality Room before and after event
  - Transportation to and from Shrine is included

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBER#: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
(\*Email will be used for confirmation.)

**Seating Request:** Unit/Club \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Information**

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

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

Check Enclosed: ( ) or Please charge my CREDIT CARD Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ EXP DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

AMT CHARGED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_

**Childcare Reservations**

Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ages of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

*New Year's Eve Celebration*