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### Potentate's Monthly Message

# Miles of Smiles for Every Child

by William R. Amspaugh, Jr., Potentate, Aladdin Temple

Let me say that I am most honored and proud to serve the Nobles of Aladdin Shrine. When Lioined the Shrine 18 years gao, I never ever thought of being the Potentate. Liust wanted to have fun with a bunch of great guys and help the hospitals.

I joined the Clown Unit and my life in the Shrine took a real change. I found myself making people smile at parades and at competitions, but what made everything worthwhile was when I went to Lexington Shrine Hospital. You see, I did not know what to expect. I am a nurse and I have dedicated my life to helping people get better. Now I was a clown going into a hospital with children – children who for whatever reason needed Shrine Hospital's help.

Some of these children were confined to bed; others were able to ambulate with the aid of crutches or walkers. So here I am, the Registered Nurse. NOW, today I am Steins the Clown hoping that I can take one small fraction of these children's pain and suffering go away.

What I learned that day and have used throughout my career is the power of a smile, a laugh, the medicine that needs no prescription.

If we, as individuals, can make one other person smile and that person another and another, think how much better we would be as a society. However young or old you are, there is an inner child in each of us; may you have "Miles of Smiles."

#### All on Notice

You have all heard how we need to increase our membership. Our hospitals depend on us and if we do not exist then neither will our hospitals. I am putting each of you on notice. What kind of notice – early notice of the opportunities to bring in new members. Starting on May 11, 2013, the Masonic One-Day is being held here at Aladdin Shrine. In conjunction with the Masonic portion is Scottish Rite Degree work, followed by an Aladdin Shrine Ceremonial. What a great opportunity to bring in a man you know who would make a great Mason and a great Shriner. Then, on June 8, 2013, we will be traveling around the state to put on three Ceremonials. The locations will be Cambridge, Marietta and Morgan County. Here is an important piece of the information – the Aladdin Shrine fee for these Ceremonials is \$80 and that does include their 2013 dues. We will also hold our Fall Ceremonial on December 7. 2013, here at Aladdin Shrine.

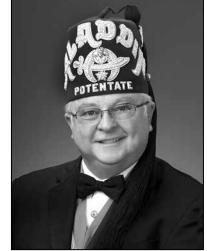
#### **Public Relations**

I want to tell you about my thought on public relations. The best, easiest and least expensive way is to put our face in front of as many people as possible. How can we do that? Parades - years ago we were in a lot of parades. This year we are going to do eleven parades with nine optional parades. We are adding the Balloon Festival Parade in Marysville, the Apple Festival parades in Jackson, the Veteran's Day Parade in Athens and another new parade, The Christmas Parade in

Lancaster. I would like to see as much participation as possible. I would also encourage any club or unit that does not have a summer uniform to find one.

#### **Activities**

Activities are a fun part of Shrinedom. However, if you don't attend, you will never know. We are bringing back The Derby Party; however, the location is changing to Scioto Downs Race Track. Ladies. wear your best bonnet. I think you will be very happy with what is planned.



Mark September 22, 2013, on

your calendar – that is the day of our Art Auction. Aladdin has not held an Art Auction before. Remember to invite your neighbors and friends. Let them in on what fun can be had through the Shrine. We are also working on a couple of new family events-- a family picnic and a fall train ride to see the changing foliage.

Imperial is in Indianapolis, Indiana on June 29 - July 4, 2013. What a great location! Aladdin is staying at the J. W. Marriott. Within a block or two is minor league baseball, three museums, river walk with bikes and paddle boats, an amphitheater and the Indianapolis Zoo. I think all children, young or old, will enjoy this location. If you need more things to do there will be tours available, also.

#### **Stated Meetings**

Look for some changes at stated meetings. First, you may notice some form of entertainment during our meal. After the stated meeting, we will have the camel's milk available for a few hours afterward. I have heard many requests for this, so let's try it. I have spent five years listening to the nobility and I am always willing to lend an attentive ear.

On the fiscal side, the budget we have worked out for this year is a positive budget. I will do my best to see that it stays that way. I hope to see that our fraternity and our business sides both grow and develop. I have made some new appointments this year. And I have a great chief, assistant chief and staff this year. I am looking forward to all the visitations and to spending time with the nobles and their families. Don't be surprised if I just show up at a club or unit meeting unannounced. I am here to serve the Nobility of Aladdin, so if you have an idea or need to talk, I am available.

Thank You for electing me as your Potentate of Aladdin Shrine for the year 2013. On behalf of my Lady Kathy and myself, Happy New Year and remember, "Miles of Smiles for Every Child."

# First Lady's Project

by First Lady Kathy Amspaugh

For the past several years, the Potentate's Lady has sponsored a fundraising project to benefit the children in our hospitals. This year I am raising funds for the Brachial Plexus Injury Program at the Cincinnati Shriners Hospital.

The brachial plexus is a group of nerves responsible for sensation and motor control of the shoulder, arm, and hand. Injury to these nerves can occur as a result of trauma during birth or an accident. The Brachial Plexus Injury Program is a new directed donation program at the Cincinnati Hospital. The children in this program need braces as part of their treatment. They don't have a fund set in place for that yet and want to build one to make the program solid.

For a donation of \$20.00, you will receive a sparkling bead bracelet and a lighthouse lapel pin. Your generous contribution will go a long way to help support this worthy project.

# A Membership Memo

by Calvin Smith, PP

We have a new Noble; Travis Brown joined on December 17. He is from Athens, OH and is a member of Paramuthia Lodge #25. Travis is in the line at Paramuthia and is 24 years-old. I sat with him at the stated meeting on December 17. He is most enjoyable to be ground.

For Emphasis - Repeated from December

### A One-Day Class

Our Grand Master has announced A One-Day Masonic Class for the Grand Lodge of Ohio

This class will be conducted in

Columbus, Cambridge and Steubenville on Saturday, May 11, 2013

and in Gallipolis on April 20, 2013

Aladdin will conduct a Ceremonial at the Shrine Center May 11, 2013 at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Additional Ceremonials are in the planning stages at Cambridge, McConnellsville, Marietta/Belpre and Gallipolis.

FEE FOR THESE SHRINE CEREMONIALS IS \$80.00

#### All Masons Welcome

All Masons will be welcomed at these Ceremonials for the \$80 fee regardless of the date they were raised. You should recruit new Masons through your Lodge and also ask those who are already Masons to take advantage of this opportunity.

Your Lodge is the source of all information regarding the rules and procedures for initial petitions for this event. But you must be sure to get the ball rolling for your Masonic candidates NOW!

Lodges must have registered their candidates with the Grand Lodge no later than March 1 for the April 20 Gallipolis class. No exceptions will be made by the Grand Secretary.

Lodges must register candidates for May 11 classes at Cambridge, Columbus, and Steubenville classes with the Grand Secretary by April 1. Again, no exceptions will be made by the Grand Secretary.

Shrine petitions are due at Aladdin by April 17 for Gallipolis, May 9 for Columbus and June 5 for the June 8 ceremonials, respectively.

A NEW RESTORATION PROGRAM

Effective January 1, 2013 and remaining in effect until September 30, 2013, a Noble may be restored to Aladdin for \$50. This is a real opportunity to return to the fraternity. Restore early and participate in more 2013 programs. The fee after September 30 returns to \$94.

# Chaplain's Chat

by Chaplain Zale Maxwell

It is a pleasure for me, once again this year, to serve as your Aladdin Shrine Chaplain. I would like to give a "tip of the fez" to Ill. Past Potentate David "Dee" Mowry for serving you during this past year. It is always good to see past Potentates continuing to serve the Aladdin Shrine and its Nobles. As many of you know, Dee is a Presbyterian and I am a United Methodist, which reminds me that the Shrine is made up of many faiths. We have Roman Catholics, Presbyterians, Lutherans, United Methodists, Jews, just to name a few. We also have Nobles well trained in theology and lay people, such as myself. Although I am not a theologian or even a scholar, I have learned much by attending my church, reading the Bible and trying to be a good person. One thing that I have learned is the power of prayer.



We all approach prayer in different ways and our different faiths teach us these lessons. For example, as a United Methodist, I have been taught that one should first thank GOD for what He has given us and then continue with my prayer. I have also been taught that my prayers should end with a statement like "I ask this or pray this in Jesus's name." You see, my Bible, which includes the New Testament, indicates in no less than three places that Christians should pray in Jesus, the Christ's name. However, for those Shriners who are Jewish or one of the other religions whose Bible does not include the New Testament, they pray directly to GOD.

One thing that I have tried to do as your Chaplain, both in the past and again now, is not to offend or exclude anyone when I lead you in prayer. In order to become a Mason, you must have a belief in a "Supreme Being" and whether you call that being the Great Architect of the Universe, God, the Trinity or one of the other names, all religions have this Being and at some point use the word Father in reference to this Supreme Being. Conscious of the differences in religions among Shriners, I will open prayers this year using the following, "Great Architect of the Universe" or "Father" and end them in, "We ask this in your name,"-- leaving it to each individual's interpretation based on his faith in the all knowing and all seeing Grand Architect.

Pray without ceasing. In every thing, give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. I Thessalonians 5: 17 – 18 (King James)

For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee. Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications. In the day of my trouble, I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me. Psalm 86:5 - 7 (King James)

## Erie Hospital News

by David Hunt

I attended the November Erie Board of Governors Meeting but there wasn't anything I could write about from that meeting - just regular business. Now that the changes in the hospital are in place, it is hard to find anything interesting to report on. I will continue to try in the upcoming meetings.

I did not attend the December meeting because my band was booked to play for a Christmas party the night prior to the meeting, and I could not get enough sleep to be able to go in the

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### Just Look at Me Now - I Am A Miracle







Juelita Miracle can claim being a miracle in more ways than one. Her last name is Miracle and her family has seen "a miracle" in her life over the last thirteen years.

Born with severe idiopathic scoliosis, parents, Kim and Cleston Miracle, were informed that she probably would have difficulties breathing, walking and even eating. They were also told her lungs would eventually not work properly unless the scoliosis was

When she was five years old, the family heard about Shriners Hospitals for Children - Lexington. At that point, Juelita's spine was at an 86-degree curvature and her ribs were badly sticking out. She was seen by Dr. Vish Talwalker, pediatric orthopaedic surgeon, who has been practicing at Shriners Hospitals and the University of Kentucky since 1999. His expertise is in all aspects of pediatric orthopaedics and complex spinal deformity and he is certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery. "He is the best thing that has ever happened to us," said Kim.

Now Juelita is an active thirteen-year-old and has undergone 15 surgeries in her young life. "We always try to give her a normal life," said Kim, "We have never found a set of brakes to fit her. She is able to roller skate, ride her bike, ice skate and loves to dance. When she was born, her doctors told us she would never be able to do any of those things."

"Thanks to Shriners Hospital, we definitely have a "Miracle!"

# Sisters Celebrate Birthdays to

### Give Back for Help from Shriners Hospital



While most kids look forward to all the presents they will receive at their birthday party, two sisters decided to have birthdays their way.

Ten-year-old Madyson Lawson has been a patient at Shriners Hospitals for Children – Lexington since she was a year old. She first had a cast on her leg and then a brace which she called her "boot". Madyson's mother, Carla Lawson, said, "The care she received at Shriners Hospital has impacted her life in many ways and she decided she wanted to give back to help other patients."

Madyson's birthday is on Halloween and her sister, Ashton, 8, has a Thanksgiving birthday. This year, both decided to have a joint "Special Birthday Party" to benefit Shriners Hospital patients. They contacted the hospital, received suggestions for items the patients could use and the party started to take shape. Invitations contained a list of suggested items to bring to the party. Madyson and Ashton decided to have a dance at their church for the party goers. They added a bon fire and Barbourville, KY Shrine Club offered golf cart rides for all who brought presents. The party grew into a community event. Several local businesses donated items and a Silent Auction was planned. Madyson and Aston were stunned when the "Special Birthday Party" presents totaled over 3,200 items and were thrilled when the Silent Auction raised \$250.00.

They arranged a visit to the hospital to deliver the presents and a check. Madyson said, "I just wanted to get things for the patients. My sister, Ashton, wanted the same. We are so proud that our birthdays were all about the kids at Shriners Hospital."

# Lexington Hospital

by Jim Hackett

I would like to tell you about some of the history of the Shriners Hospitals. We all know the Shriners Hospitals take care of many different conditions. In the upcoming months I will have a series of reports on some of the conditions the hospitals treat and the treatment options.

The Shriners Fraternity opened the first Shriners Hospital for Children in Shreveport, LA on September 16, 1922. What began as one hospital primarily caring for children who had been affected by the polio epidemic, is now a world renowned pediatric health care system with 22 facilities in three countries, offering care for pediatric orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries and cleft lip and palate, regardless of the families' ability to pay. In addition, the system is recognized worldwide for both its research efforts and educational programs for medical professionals.

The year 2012 was the 140th anniversary of the fraternity that founded Shriners Hospitals for Children and the 90th anniversary of the health care system. In addition to providing expert care, Shriners Hospitals for Children is committed to conducting high-quality, innovative research in order to improve the care and quality of life of children.

The health care system also shares its expertise with the medical professionals of tomorrow by maintaining relationships with more than 60 medical teaching facilities. Shriners Hospitals for Children foster an academic environment committed to providing high-quality education for its medical staff and expert care for all patients.

### **Brutal Brothers**

by George Bell

The January 8 meeting was held with a chili warm up and the full installation of officers by Divan member, Todd Jones.

Our memory of the recent visit of the Black Camel sends sympathy to all the family of Frank Healy–especially to Bev his lovely wife and sweetheart of our Unit. A full compliment of members joined the Local Lodge in a Masonic Service.

Our New leaders now are installed and on the move to have another full year of activity and more parades.

Our very best wishes go to Potentate Amspaugh and his fine Divan. May each of us fulfill our wishes for the circus, parades and work ahead.

News items are needed for the next issue. Please send them along to Chief Aaron Langhirt or Director Bob Beymer.

We are now constructing our Lamp news to keep everyone informed of the hard work done by the Aladdin Brutal Brothers Unit.

### Kambri

#### by Dick Brixner

The Kambri Shrine Club held its annual Christmas party on December 6, 2012 at the Plumbers and Pipefitters Hall, with 50 Nobles and guests in attendance.

The evening was opened with Noble Tom Fisher welcoming all Nobles and their guests, followed by the opening prayer.

The menu for the evening included chicken, steak, mashed potatoes, noodles, green beans, salad, breads, dessert, and drinks. The food was prepared by Shirley Dolan and her staff, and, as usual, it was very delicious.

Following the fine meal, Noble Ron LePage opened the evening with the introduction of the officers for 2013, asking all present to come forward, and Noble Dave Jacobs led the installation

Noble President Dick Bates took over the podium and called on Dan and Jen Navicky for a few words on the Masonic Dyslexia Operation. Jen introduced the annual golf outing chairs: Noble Jerry Ables and Noble Jack McCoy. They gave special recognition to the cooks, Nobles Ron LePage, Buzzy Ferguson and Dave Black (in absentia). All were presented personalized black aprons. A round of applause was given to all for their continued support of the dyslexia students.

Following the presentation, there was noise on the roof, followed by the ringing of bells, and Santa entered the room with a hearty "ho, ho," and wishing all a very Merry Christmas. Santa and his helper, Noble Buzzy, spread Christmas cheer by presenting all the ladies a Mosser glass bowl. He departed and headed back to the North Pole.

Noble Dick Brixner took the podium and introduced our program for the evening, Pastor Max R. T. Beery, and his lady friend, Carol. Pastor Max is with First United Methodist, and has been there since, July, 2011. He is a graduate of Mt. Vernon Nazarene, with a major in percussion performance. He completed his masters in divinity from the Methodist Theological Seminary

in Delaware, in 1989. He has served churches in St. Clairsville, Geen Springs, Rocky River, and Akron Firestone for the last 13 years. He has three grown children: Sara (a student at Mt. Vernon Nazarene University), David (stationed with the army in Germany) and Steven (a grad student in Canada). He enjoys golf, is a Buckeye fan, and roots for both the Browns and Bengals. Our church is blessed to have Pastor Max lead this congregation.

Pastor Max started the evening by selecting six individuals to lead their table with the selection of and singing a Christmas carol. He did observe the troubled group, and made them go last. They even requested a drummer accompaniment. It put everyone in the Christmas spirit, leading to his talk on Christmas reflections, remembering our childhood traditions, and thinking about all our memories. He shared the Christmas story and talked about looking for the sign that Jesus is always present, just like the star that enabled the wisemen and shephards to find the manger. We all need to enjoy Christmas and be constantly reminded of the true meaning of Christmas. Pastor Max also provided a small booklet, In Search of The Perfect Christmas, and a list of 10 ways to simplify Christmas. He ended his presentation with a prayer, ending with all present saying amen.

Pastor Max did an excellent job of putting Christmas in perspective and making all of us remember the true meaning of Christmas.

Noble President Dick Bates thanked all for coming, announced a scheduled board meeting for January, invited all Nobles to offer suggestions for new programs, and wished all a very merry Christmas and safe travels.

Nobles, you missed a great evening of fun, food, and fellowship. Please make a new year's resolution to come out to Kambri events in 2013. The more Nobles we have, the more good we can do, and the better the fellowship.

We wish all a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

## Motorcycle Corps

The Motorcycle Corps hopes all had a Merry Christmas and will have a very good year. We had our December meeting and Christmas party on December 13. There was a very large turnout; thanks go to all of you who came and a special "thank you" goes to Warren Miller, his wife and daughter, Robin, for their hard work on the party.

I want to welcome our two new members to the corps. We installed our new officers for the coming year. They follow: President Larry Bell, Vice President Charles Callender, Secretary/ Treasurer Tim Henderson, Muirfield Chairman Warren Miller, Circus/Tabloid Chairman Jerry Scott.

The Corps meets on the second Thursday of the month; most meetings will be at Aladdin Temple. We will be starting our monthly dinners on the fourth Thursday of the month.

# Registrar Unit

With the fall 2012 Ceremonial behind us, we now have installed our new Potentate and Divan. In this reporter's humble opinion, the 2012 Ceremonial was one of the best in recent years in both sections.

The Reaistrar has been busy with the 16 Nobles working the registration tables for the Ceremonial or participating in the cast for the first or second sections and with a number of Nobles. They also helped the Scottish Rite Brethren in various ways at the Valley of Columbus Scottish Rite Fall Reunion.

We have had our unit's election and our new vice president for 2013 is Noble Craig Lobdell with Noble Dick Huff assuming the presidency.

Sadly, we were also called on to represent our unit during the Masonic Services for two of our brethren who have laid down their working tools for the last time – Nobles Lowell Boggs and Duane Baker, Sr., father of our Director Andrew Baker. They will both be sorely missed.

That's all for now, folks.

### SHRINE YEARBOOK



Nobles and Ladies:

We are going to be creating a Shrine yearbook in the next few months. We need everyone's participation to make our yearbook complete. Please plan to participate.

Call 877-764-4535, ext. 210 or ext. 211 for an appointment.

# . In Memorium

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#### Aladdin's

#### **Membership Statistics**

Membership as of 12/31/2012

Membership as of 12/	5/04	
Net loss/gain YTD	-262	
Net loss/gain Monthly	-189	
	Current	Yr to Date
Creations	32	52
Affiliations	0	6
Restored	4	48
Associate Members	0	2
TOTAL MONTHLY ADD	36	108
TOTAL YEARLY with ADDS	6074	
Demits	9	11
Suspensions	184	186
Deaths	32	173
Associates Dropped	0	0
Reversals	0	0
TOTAL MONTHLY DROP	225	370
Membership 01/01/201	5920	
Associate Membership	46	
Total Membership 01-0	5966	

# FLORIDA REUNION

Saturday, February 9, 2013

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The van is available for inspection during normal business hours; please contact Gail for an appointment at 614-475-2609 x 113 or 800-475-3850 x 113 or ghinshaw@aladdinshrine.org. Sealed bids, [minimum \$2,000.00] will be accepted by Executive Director, Gene Steineman. Complete and return the coupon in a sealed envelope.

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The bids will be opened and the bid awarded that afternoon.

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# Gallipolis

by Frank Petrie, Jr.



**L-R:** Outgoing President Larry Betz, Secretary Steve Saunders, 2<sup>nd</sup>Vice President Jim Duke, 2013 President Bill Johnson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Doyle Sanders, Treasurer Dan Henderson, Installing Officer Frank Petrie

Hear Yee! Hear Yee! Happy New Year!

Let's let the good times roll! If 2012 was rough on you and yours, just dust it under the rug and get ready for better times. We always have a great time here at the Gallipolis Shrine Club, so come on out and join us every Thursday night for dinner and fellowship.

Our annual Christmas Party and Installation of Officers was a great success with our officers being installed by yours truly. Congratulations go to outgoing President Noble Larry Betz. He was presented a plaque and received a standing ovation for his great year. Noble Larry wished to thank Lady Peg Napper, President, and all the Lady Shriners for their decorations during his presidency. He also thanked all the membership and ladies for their outstanding support throughout the year. Receiving a plaque for his last three years was our refreshment tender, Noble Phil Baird. Congratulations, Noble Phil.

We are looking forward to a great year as 2013 will be our 70<sup>th</sup> year as a Shrine club. Many of our old timers are gone. In fact, since our last group picture, 14 are no longer with us and that was only the ones in the picture. I am trying to put together a history of our club. If anyone has any stories and/or photos, please contact me at 740-245-5371 or see me at the club on Thursdays.

The Black Camel has passed through our oasis once again. Noble Jerry Hall passed away on December 9, 2012. He will be sadly missed by family and friends.

Please don't forget to pay your 2013 dues.

Remember, Nobles and ladies, three cheers to the new year and another chance to get it right. See you for supper, Thursdays, at 6:30 p.m..

### Past Masters

by Dick Bull

Our unit had a good turnout of 85 Nobles and ladies for our December 3 Christmas party at Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City. Our own III. Past Potentate Bill Estell installed the officers in his usual fine manner.

My apologies go to Gary Shoemaker for reporting last month that he was elected Junior Warden of Magnolia Lodge #20 – actually it was Neoacacia Lodge #595. I report news in error on purpose to see who is reading the articles in the *Lamp*. John Quigley wins the prize for being the first to let me know that I goofed. Also, Phil Clouse and Larry Cunningham are officers again in Neoacacia. Some people never have learned to say "no."

An Executive Board meeting was held recently, and plans and committees were established for 2013. We look forward to a good year with Clayton Weber as president. Many thanks go to John Sanborn for serving as our 2012 president. It was great working with him.

If any lodge members or officers within the jurisdiction of Aladdin Shrine are interested in having the Past Masters Unit present the Master Mason Degree on a candidate, please contact Dick Bull (614 296-9267) or Phil Clouse (614 267-0186). Allow at least a month's notice ahead of your proposed date. Preferably, we would like a date in early April so as to be fine-tuned for "Masonic Night at the Shrine," which will be on Monday, April 22.

Please keep our sick and distressed in your thoughts and prayers, including Jim Krinn, Ken Sparks, Al Pettigrew, George and Jayne Roloson.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to All!

# Hospitality

by Gary Harding

Happy New Year! This goes out to all my Shrine brothers, but especially to my Hospitality Unit members.

We had another good year and we raised a lot of money for the kids and managed to have some fun along the way. We worked weddings, dances, concerts, fundraisers, award banquets and many more. If there is a function at the Aladdin Shrine Center that requires libations, we are there. This year's Christmas party for the kids was a huge success. We host the party with the tips collected throughout the year. The look on the kids's faces makes you understand our motto, "never has a man stood so tall as when he stoops to help a child."

Special thanks go to all our members who take time out of their busy schedules to work a shift or two or twenty. We would like to see more participation from our membership list. Many hands make light work. We welcome you back with open arms.

Also, it is time to pay your 2013 dues. The amount is \$10.00. I have the new cards made up by Brother Dave Rathburn. Come to our dinner meeting the first Wednesday of the month in the Oasis Room at 6:00 p.m. You can also send your money to me, Gary Harding at 4201 Zuber Road, Orient, Ohio 43146, and I will mail your 2013 card to you.

Brother Bob Laird gave us a year of leadership and direction; now Brother John Luft has taken the reign of directorship. Let's all pitch in and help John have a great year or years.

Hope to see ya' soon.

# Worthington

by Bob Stevenson

Christmas at Worthington Shrine Club was a great success again this year. Forty-four Nobles and their ladies gathered at Brookside Golf and Country Club on December 6, 2012 for dinner and good fellowship. In addition to very good food and conversation, we again arrived bearing many gifts for the kids in our hospitals at Cincinnati, Lexington and Erie. This is an annual part of our year, and the presents always look so festive under the large Christmas tree. Our entertainment was our very own Shrine Chanters. A great program of music helped get us in the mood, but sadly, no snow to make it feel even better.

Illustrious Sir Mike Clevenger installed the officers for 2013:

President Dick Ollila 1st Vice President Russ Fish 2nd Vice President Bill Bell Secretary Ed Badger Treasurer Wayne Miller Chaplain Don Pendell We look forward to a great year under our new leadership.

We also said a BIG THANKS to our newest "Past President" Wayne Grosz and his lady Lucy. What a great job they did and we appreciate it! Enjoy the rest, Wayne, it won't be long before we have things for you to do!

President Ollila has announced the speakers for the first half of the year:

2/7/13 - Our Potentate and Divan visit

3/7/13 - Wayne Miller "Western Pennsylvanian Slang"

4/4/13 - Fred Hower, The Ohio Nursery Man "How does your garden grow?"

5/2/13 - Dale Karweik "Shawnee Indian Story Telling Traditions"

6/6/13 - Russ Fish "Alternative Investments to cd's and money markets"

5/27 to 6/2/13 - Memorial Tournament – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

There is much to take advantage of in 2013–read the *Lamp* and join us each month. We meet the first Thursday, except July and August, at Brookside Golf and Country Club.

We look forward to seeing you.

## Hilltop

by Ron Craven

The Hilltop Shrine Club held its annual Christmas Party, Installation of the 2013 Officers and Scholarship Awards on Sunday, December 2 at Ann and Tony's Restaurant in West Jefferson.

The new 2013 officers were sworn in by then Chief Rabban Noble Bill Amspaugh, assisted by Divan Representative Noble Jon Kinny. Those officers present to be sworn in were President Dave Minton, First Vice President Dick Huff, and Corresponding Secretary Noble Ray Pendell

Two \$500.00 scholarships were awarded by the club this year. Those receiving the scholarships were Phillip Dunnavant, great grandson of Bob Phillips, and the second was Elizabeth LaFavor, the granddaughter of Don LeFavor.

Our Salvation Army Bell Ringing program went very well this year. Thanks go to our 22 bell ringers for participating in a terrific and rewarding effort.

Many of our members have gone south for the winter. Some of them will be attending the Aladdin Snowbird party in February at Fort Meyer. If you need to contact Noble Ray Pendell or Noble David Ray, use their cell phone numbers. Noble David will keep everyone informed of club news via email if he gets the information.

Our February club meeting will be February 6 at York Steak House. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m., meeting at 7:00 p.m.

# Just Clowning Around

by Rodney "U-HOO" Holdren

Over the many years, the Shriners have helped more children than anyone can imagine. The one thing that a senior Shriner told me was "Young man, you're a Shriner now! If you see a child who you think needs help, you're obligated to approach the parents of that child and offer our help."

There are many children, many stories, many challenges fought and won, but there happens to be one child in particular. Her name is Dana, and her parents brought her to one of our Shriners and asked, "Is there anything you can do to help my little girl walk?" You see, Dana was three years old and suffered from severe scoliosis.

Our surgeons inserted a metal rod to straighten her spine. Over the next three years, Dana required many more surgeries and therapy. As Shriners, we don't always see the progress that a child makes, but I am very lucky to actually see Dana on a regular basis.

One beautiful afternoon, our club had an "afterglow" following a parade. Dana and her mom came and enjoyed the afternoon with us. Dana was not in a wheelchair, not with a walker, not even on crutches. She was actually running around and playing with a couple other children who were at our function. She was simply being the little girl that she was meant to be. Dana's mom hugged every single Shriner and said that we "saved her little angel's life."

I am fortunate to see Dana regularly because her mother and grandmother bring her to every parade that in which our Shriners participate.

I quickly realized that Dana was terrified of clowns. I know this because I showed up as a clown and Dana began screaming and took off running.

It is the same thing at every parade. When not in makeup and wearing my fez, I get hugs. When in makeup, I get screams. So, as a clown, I try to avoid her because our job as a clown is to cheer people up and make them forget the unpleasant things in their lives, not make them scream.

### Thea Court by B

by B. J. Gischler, PHP

The Ladies Oriental Shrine meeting will be Friday, January 25 . Try to make it out to Aladdin Shrine Center and join the ladies for lunch at 11:00 a.m. and meeting at 1:00 p.m. You can visit with old friends and make some new ones.

You really need to come to the February meeting, as February is the month for the annual election of officers. On Friday, February 22, you have an opportunity to cast your votes. Also, at this time, you can greet new members who will be initiated during the meeting. Again, lunch will be at 11:00 a.m. and the meeting at 1:00 p.m. Come and make it a memorable afternoon for the you and the candidates.

# Marching with The Legion

by Dick Li

CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY -- The weather was cool, the gathering was warm and cordial, the libations were plentiful and the food was outstanding.

It was a good start for the 2013 Aladdin Legion of Honor Change of Command held in the Aladdin Room of the Shrine Center December 10. Thirty-five nobles, ladies and guests were in attendance for the proceedings and they were properly impressed by the change-over ritual.

A moment of silence was observed to honor the passing of Ray Combs who was to lead the Great Lakes Legions of Honor for the coming year. Ray Combs, 6<sup>th</sup> Lt. Commander of the International Legions of Honor, was the presiding officer for the change-over, and did a commendable job to insure proper military protocol was maintained with or without charter and gavel.

The new leadership lineup, duly installed, consists of:

Commander -- Dave Ozvat

1st Lt. Commander -- Robert Spencer
2nd Lt. Commander -- Bob Kreiger

3rd Lt. Commander -- Dave Quinn

Adjutant -- James Rock

Chaplain -- Fred Kreutz

Guartermaster -- Willie Fitchett

That is a powerful listing of leadership. The Legion will be in good hands to continue its recognized work of excellence for Aladdin

SPECIAL DAYS FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE -- Those wedding bell memories will be chiming again as Paul and Anne Nixon remember the years of their togetherness on February 4. Light up the birthday candles for PC Don McCoy (2/2), Nathan Dana (2/10), Durward Masters (2/14). Chester Van Horn (2/17) and Ron Gary (2/18). May the coming year be a good one for one and all. God Bless.

TAPS: It is with regret we must report the passing of long-time member Bill Gatton. Illness had forced him to be inactive for a number of years, but he continued to recognize and be a part of the Legion. We send our condolences to Lady Gretchen. Sleep well, Legionoble Gatton, you have served you nation and Aladdin with honor and devotion.

WELLNESS REPORT -- It is with a great deal of pleasure we are able to report on the recovery of Chaplain/Finance Officer Fred Kreutz. He was really under the weather for a considerable period of time but has returned to his same old crusty self – much to the satisfaction and pleasure of all those fortunate enough to know him. Good to have you back in full form, Fred.

### Northeast

by Calvin Smith, PP

When you end a year that was fun and busy and positive in every way, you pray hard you do not miss any pointed experience. Our December meeting captured all of this.

We had good attendance, our food was very tasty and our fellowship and friendship was in keeping with our holiday spirit – or was it spirits. Sometimes I get confused. President Kopp thanked all those who assisted him during 2012: Jim Bodi for our stellar Tabloid effort, Charlie Linek for our most successful cheese sale ever, Frank Habeker for a host of things, John Iben for the August Picnic, and all the officers for their performance.

Past Potentate Calvin Smith installed the 2013 officers:

President - Jim Bodi At-I
1st Vice President - John Iben Cha
2nd Vice President - Tom Jones Ger
Treasurer - Terry McLaughlin Dic
Secretary - Frank Habeker Pas

At-Large Board Members: Charlie Linek George Stowe Dick Westinghouse Past President - Jeff Kopp

We were entertained by the Chanters who sang a collection of Christmas music and we got to "sing along." It was very enjoyable. Jeff Kopp then bid us adieu until 2013.

Watch for Frank Habeker's email message regarding future 2013 meetings.

# Licking County

by Franklin C. Boner

Our local TV weather man remarked once that Mother Nature always evens out weather events. With the absence of snow last year, it appears at this date she is evening things out! You know our snowbirds watch the Weather Channel every day, smile and subconsciously fortify and perhaps try to justify their southern warm weather living arrangements.

December saw a lot of activity at your club. At our Thursday, December 5 meeting at the Grotto, a new core of officers was elected and final plans were laid for the Potentate and Divan's visit. The 2013 elected officers for the club are President Dan Bounds, 1st Vice President Franklin C. Boner, 2nd Vice President Mike Hammond, Treasurer Robert B. Thomas, Secretary Ed Roberts, Sergeant-at-Arms Ben Thomas, Trustee Terry C. Hill. The February Lamp will include appointed officers and committees

On Friday, December 9, 2012, 118 Nobles, ladies and guests assembled at the Teheran Grotto for the Annual Licking County Potentate's Visit. Illustrious Sir, Michael D. Tyne, his lady and many members of the Divan and their ladies and club guests joined the Licking County members for ample hors d'oeuvres, a great dinner and lots of camaraderie. Following dinner, the club presented checks for \$24,000 for the hospitals, \$1,000.00 to the Potentate's project and \$500.00 to the dolphin project. The final event of the evening was the installation of the elected officers by Potentate Tyne.

As a reminder, there will be no first Thursday lunch at the Grotto during February. We will resume lunch meetings at noon, March 7, 2013. On behalf of the president, officers and members of the Licking County Shrine Club, we wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

# Hardin County

by Ken Rossman

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Our regular meeting was held on December 19 and was our annual Christmas Party. It was held at the Community Building at Hardin County Fairgrounds. Total attendance was 200 including 70 children and guests P. P. Calvin Smith and his lady, Terry, from Aladdin Temple in Columbus. Noble Larry Weaver opened the evening with a prayer and President Longbrake led us in *The Pledge of Allegiance*.

We enjoyed a good meal prepared and served by our kitchen crew. It was a long day for the kitchen crew – Nobles Hinebaugh, Gilbert, Wes Broseke, Tom Jolliff, Matteson, Garmon, Wynegar and Doombus. Thank you, Nobles.

As we finished eating, Santa showed up and we gave him a big hand. He had hand-picked a gift for each child.

President Longbrake and his lady, Shari, helped Santa by calling the names of the Nobles and children to come forward for the gifts. Many parents took pictures of the children with Santa. When all the gifts were given out, a check was made – no child was missed for a gift.

We gave a big hand to Santa as he left the stage and the evening was over. We owe a big "thank you" to all who helped set up the area for our party and also a big "thank you" to all who helped return the room to order after the party was over.

It was a good evening for all who were present and the children enjoyed the evening.

Before we ate, two of our Clown Unit members, Smiley (Brad Epling) and Happy (Dwight Frater), made all kinds of shapes using balloons. There was a steady line of children waiting to get a balloon. Thank you, Clowns, for helping make the evening a success. We hope everyone had a good, happy Christmas and a good start to 2013.

### **Provost**

by John Rohal

The December meeting of the Provost Unit was well attended and the dinner was the usual excellent choices.

It was good to have our Director Gene Steineman return from his heart surgery, although Assistant Director Gary Hamre did an admirable job in Gene's absence (his jokes weren't any better). For those who were unable to attend. Gene lost forty pounds, and Betty's comment was that she was glad to have her younger 63-year-old husband back.

Gene read a card he received from our Potentate Michael Tyne thanking the unit for the gifts received at our ladies' party and Potentate's visitation. As a note, Barney Barnitz reported that any leftover ladies gifts would be for sale.

Gene opened the meeting and thanked Gary for all that he had done during the past month or so. The secretary and treasurer's reports were approved as submitted.

Gary Hamre reported on the excellent income the unit had for the past year and reminded us that our 2013 dues are now due. He also reminded us of the need for volunteers to work at the 2013 Circus.

Gene reminded us of the January 12 Leadership Seminar and Installation of all the 2013 officers at the Temple. Also, the 2013 roster updates should be returned in order that the 2013 rosters can be distributed at our January meeting.

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

Celebrating birthdays in January are Christopher P. Doomy, Richard E. Fogt, Donald G. Goodman, Robbie K. Hartsell, Ernest Howard, Robert R. Madill, Dale E. Parish, John G. Price, William G. Selsam, and Richard G. Westinghouse.

A number of our members have noted that Robert Madill has been absent from our meetings and has not participated in our activities. Bob and his wife Margaret have had some health issues and participate as much as they are able.

It is with sympathy that I report the visits of the Black Camel in November - Roger Albright, brother of Robert C. Albright on November 6; Evelyn Knisley, sister of Don Campbell on November 23; former Provost and Clown Unit member Michael J. Hanley on November 24 (Mike was a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and former U.S. Marine Corps pilot.); and on November 27 Helen Russell Overly who was the widow of our Provost Unit's first director, Robert Russell, and after Bob's death she married Provost member Edwin Overly who also preceded her in death.

Oh, boy! The December 15 End of the World Party was very well attended and was enjoyed by all, and this article is being submitted on 12/21/12, the last day of the Mayan calendar, so "Hang on Sloopy, Hang on."

# Flying Nobles

The Flying Nobles officers were installed at the December meeting at the Shrine Center by PP Steve Hathaway. Wayne Williams is our commander and he has plans for the coming year. Deputy Commander Don Shartzer will be there to do what he can for the club.

Roy McGrew was presented the Meritorious Service Award by PP Steve Hathaway.

The award is always presented by the Potentate but he was attending to other duties, so Steve did the presentation to Roy. Roy is a loyal member of the Flying Nobles and travels from Granville to be with us. Roy also built a miniature jet that he puts in the parades when he can. The jet is powered by a lawn mower engine.

There could be a trip to Oshkosh this year, but plans are not definite at this time. We need about 38 people to fill the bus if we do make the trip or we can't go. Now that Christmas and New Year's are past, we need to get through the winter snow and ice. There will be very little flying during the next few months, but there are better days ahead. At least that is what I was

Some club dues have been sent to me, but there are more out there that could be paid when you can get time to send them to me. David Ray isn't taking the dues this year because, after 17 years he needed a much deserved rest from the job. Send your dues to me at 1454 Severn Road, Columbus, OH 43209.

Our roster is getting smaller every year so your dues are important to keep the club active. All our lodges and clubs are experiencing the same problem with membership.

Our next meeting will be at OSU Airport on February 9 at 10:00 a.m. We meet at the white building south of the old tower. If the weather is bad, stay home - as if I need to tell you that. March might not be that great either. One of our past commanders said he doesn't feel like getting out to our meetings because he isn't flying anymore. We just enjoy seeing him and enjoy his presence with us, so come on out.

Everybody stay well and stay out of trouble. I hope to see you next month.

### Athens

by Fred Stanley

We have come to the end of another year and I suppose all of you Nobles have made your New Year's resolution-to lose weight in the coming year. Maybe you will be like me and gain five pounds! I have clothes that have been hanging in the closet for 25 years, and now they look like kids' clothes. Jim Brown of the Cleveland Browns and I were the same age, height and weight. After 50 years, we are still the same size. Good food is the problem!

Our club had a wonderful Christmas party with turkey, ham and all of the trimmings-even a great selection of homemade pies to choose from.

Everyone enjoyed the musical entertainment of Steve Skidmore. He is the son of Glendale "Butch" Skidmore, one of our Nobles. Also, Mark Abdella did his rendition of "There's a frog on a log in the bottom of the sea." He had a little help from "Mr. Daniels!" Ty Smathers also assisted him!

Over 50 Nobles and their ladies and widows attended!

There hasn't been much going on this month, but I'm sure the new officers are looking forward to being sworn in for the coming year. Our installation of officers will be January 24, 2013 at The Plains United Methodist Church with dinner preceding the installation.

### KENTUCKY COLONELS

by Ron Fraser

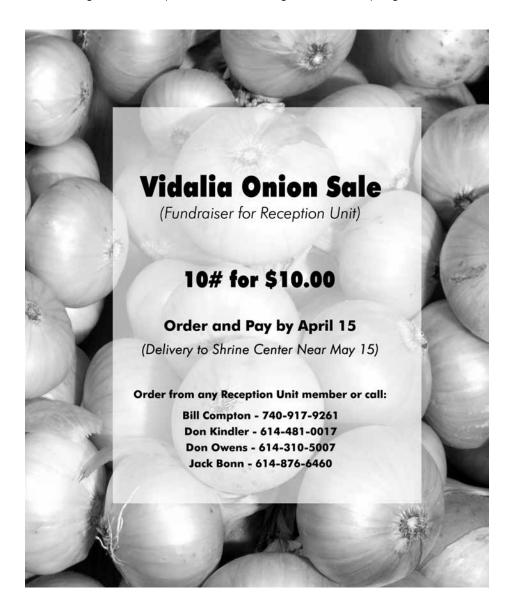
President Smith opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the Annual Kentucky Colonels Christmas Party. He asked Past Potentate Dee Mowry to give the invocation. P. P. Mowry led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Forty-seven members and guests enjoyed a wonderful stuffed pork chop meal. Following the meal, a motion was made and approved to dispense with the business section of the club.

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

President Smith awarded the table decorations to selected members.

Don Basham provided the entertainment for the evening and ended the musical part by having twelve "willing" volunteers sing "The Twelve Days of Christmas." A rather unusual rendition followed to say the least, but a fun time was had by all!

The meeting was closed by President Smith asking P. P. Dee Mowry to give the benediction.





L-R: Potentate Michael D. Tyne, Donnie Miller, Ken Powell (President)

It has been quite a while since I wrote about the Belpre Shrine Club. We just celebrated the Potentate's visit and Ladies Night. We were delighted to have several of our past Nobles' widows with us.

Along with the visit, President Ken Powell and the Potentate presented a watch and Lifetime Membership to the club to Ambassador Donnie Miller. The surprised Noble said he was proud to be a member and he had started his journey in the Marietta Club until the Belpre Club was started. Donnie has served as president more than once.

Cody Venham, along with his mother Tonya, presented the club a certificate thanking the club for its support of the youth Rodeo Club. It was noted that Cody has helped in the club projects along with his Dad, Noble Dave Venham, since he was a toddler.

Bill Bedillion was presented a plaque as Past President and for his service to the club.

Special thanks go to Nobles Bob Kirk, John Cornell and Dan Justice for their leadership with onion sales. With the weather change, it was time for our annual Christmas tree sales.

A Bluegrass evening will be held April 20 and has been a sellout every time.

And you all are invited to attend our meetings – third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

### Thebes Temple

by Terry Smith, Princess Royal

I hope the winter blahs have not gotten to you. The house always looks so "normal" after we take the Christmas tree down and put the inflatable snowmen away from our front yard. The young children across the street looked forward to the snowmen "coming to life" each night, but maybe they will get to build their own snowman this month. At least someone will like the snow we may receive.

Daughters of the Nile will be celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013. Thebes Temple is planning some special activities during the coming months. Watch for details beginning next month.

Election of officers for 2013-2014 will be held during the March Stated Session. The Open Installation of officers will be held on Saturday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Luther B. Turner Lodge.

Our February Stated Session is February 6 and begins at 1:00 p.m. It will be preceded by a light lunch at 11:30 a.m.

Sewing sessions are held on the second Wednesday from 10 a.m-2 p.m. You don't have to sew to help make things for the children at the Shriner's Hospital in Lexington. There are several other tasks that will be very helpful – cutting out patterns, stuffing, etc. Items are also being collected by Pr. Tirzah Kate Brewster such as Box Tops for Education, magazines and tabs.

# Reception

by Don Owens

By the time this is published, the New Year's Eve party, the installation of the new Potentate and his Divan, and the annual Aladdin Shrine Sled Hockey tournament, among other things, will all have taken place. The next event on the Reception Unit's agenda will be the now-annual Vidalia Onion Sale, well led by Bill Compton, where we will endeavor to educate the public on the many qualities of our official unit vegetable.

The money-making potential for this activity is really excellent, and it could easily make up for the anticipated loss of income from other sources this year. The limit is, first and foremost, how much effort we can muster to sell the 10-pound bags of onions. The second limitation is logistical, involving a few able bodies to schlep the onions from a truck to temporary storage and then distribute them to the customers, all in a short timeframe. It's not hard and we have a few years of experience under our belts now, but we could take it to a new level with a little more effort. If every member committed to selling (or buying) a dozen bags of onions, with the usual sprinkling of overachievers selling more than that, we would have a very good year indeed.

A new unit directory is in the works---probably not in time for the next meeting, but soon thereafter. Any late changes should be communicated to the unit secretary very soon.

We urge you to attend the monthly meetings. We've cited this quotation before, but it's applicable enough to be worth repeating. Woody Allen said "Eighty percent of success is just showing up." You get the idea—your ideas and your input are needed to keep our unit healthy. So attend meetings.

January birthdays will be celebrated by Lowell Robinson, D.K. Rinehart, Bernard Daugherty, and Bob Adams. Best wishes to all.

Finally, we must extend our condolences to member Ken Russell on the loss of his wife, Dean.



by Dave Haney

OK you varmints! It is now the New Year 2013! For those of you who had great plans for the end of the Mayan calendar, sorry about your luck. We all got to be here and listen to all of that stuff about the fiscal cliff...AGAIN!

Green Eyes and I are sitting in the garret freezing our tails off. I think it is about 15° out there and we have snow. I, of course, had to get ready for the snow and tried to startup the Toro snowblower. Technology to the rescue! No more of that shoveling stuff! Alas, there was no success to be had in that venture. I had to shovel my driveway so I could load up the snow blower to take it to the repair shop! Something is wrong with that picture. Not to be outdone, the City of Upper Arlington, being ever vigilant, waited until I was done shoveling before they came by with the giant snowplow and plowed my driveway shut. All before I could back out the truck containing the recalcitrant snow blower. I said a few incantations at that point–some words I learned in the service to our country courtesy of the U.S. Army. (I had forgotten what some of those were so I had to look them up.)

For those of you who have escaped to the warmer climates for the duration and for those contemplating doing the same, I did have a conversation with the Brass Monkey. He is still in Brazil awaiting the Carnival season. That should tell us something! Of course, the global warming nuts, headed up by Uncle Al Gore, say we will all be drowned by the rising oceans. (Did I just see a killer whale swimming in my back yard?) We have a choice. We drown in the ocean or under the trillions of dollars in debt after the fiscal cliff! Take your pick!

Speaking of fiscal cliffs, the following are the suspects who will be heading up the band efforts for the next year. If you are listed here but did not want to be, you should have been there to defend yourself! Officers will be President Dave Colburn, 1st Vice President Clyde Thompson, 2nd Vice President Frank Habeker, Treasurer Doug Ballantyne, Secretary Jin Shackson.

#### Schedule Stuff:

January 22 - Annual meeting in the Oasis Room 7:30 p.m. Last chance to defend yourself before you get appointed to something!

January 29 - Exec Board at 7:00 p.m. Rehearsal at 8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

#### Winter Fashion Warning:

I did see that the "look" for this coming year will be textured, layered and drawn. Heather Taupe says that will be the "in thing" this year! Hopefully you can get at least two of the three done this year. Somehow being "drawn" sounds suspicious to me. I have never been "drawn" before. At least not while I was still sober. I was textured once, I think, and layered once. I am not really too sure. It was part of my sordid past! Rita, from Chicago?

#### From the Department of Stupid People:

The Darwin Awards are now out for last year. The award goes to those who do something so stupid they take themselves out and improve the gene pool. The winner: When his 38-caliber pistol failed to fire at his intended victim during a hold-up in Long Beach, California, James Elliot managed to peer down the barrel and pulled the trigger again. This time the gun worked.

A five-star stupidity award winner: A man attempted to siphon gasoline from a motor home in Seattle, Washington. The police arrived on the scene to discover that a very sick man curled up on the street had plugged his siphon hose into the motor homes sewage tank by mistake. The owner of the vehicle declined to press charges saying it was the best laugh he'd ever had.

Remember! They walk among us and they reproduce!

See you plumbers in February!

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### THE KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

Saturday, May 4, 2013

Starting at Noon - Ends After the 139th Running of the Derby Race

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SEND FORM TO: Aladdin Derby Party, 3850 Stelzer Road, Columbus, OH 43219-3044 Name of Shriner

kluckevdoo@aladdinshrine.ora

How many will be attending?

Names of those attending:

Everyone attending receives a free 139th Kentucky Derby Glass while supplies last.

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- Includes: 4 Nights Lodging at JW Marriott

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Mail to - Aladdin Imperial Trip, 3850 Stelzer Road, Columbus, OH 43219-3044

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- Daily Hospitality Room

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	Noble Lady	Address —		
Phone Unit/Club		Membership NumberChildren's Names and Ages, if attending		
l i	Please Mark Selections Below	-Payment in Full OR \$150 Deposit Per Person	Aladdin Imperial Trip	
l i	Price Per Person Number Attending Total Cost	, ,	3850 Stelzer Road	
l i	SINGLE OCCUPANCY \$ 835.00	-Deposit Deadline: April 15, 2013	Columbus, OH 43219-3044	
ı.	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY \$ 475.00	-Balance must be paid in full by May 30, 2013		
ı.	[ ] 1 King Bed [ ] 2 Double Beds		QUESTIONS:	
i	Arrival Date* Departure Date*	Check Enclosed ( )	Contact:	
i	*If left blank, we will assume you are arriving June 30 and leaving July 4. We will make reservations on your behalf for additional days but you will be responsible for payment at hotel.	Payment in full ( ) Deposit Only ( )	Gail Hinshaw	
i	we will make reservations on your behalf for daantonal days but you will be responsible for payment at notel.		614-475-2609.ext. 113	
	BIG RED \$25.00		800-475-3850, ext. 113	
1	Big Red will be limited to the first 32 reservations.	Credit card ( )	ghinshaw@aladdinshrine.org	
	INDIVIDUAL EVENT TICKETS	Payment in full ( )	Kim Luckeydoo	
!	Parade Afferglow \$40.00	Deposit Only ( )	614-475-2609,ext. 103	
1	Banauet \$70.00	Deposit Crity ( )	800-475-3850, ext. 103	