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#### **Membership Statistics**

Membership As Of 01-01-2015 5297 **Associate Members Start 2015** 50 5347 Total Membership 01-01-2015

	<b>Current Yr to Date</b>		
Creations	0	54	
Affiliations	0	3	
Restored	0	39	
Assoc. Members	0	2	

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	Total Do	eletions YTD 198
Reversals	0	0
Assoc. Dropped	0	3
Deaths	15	175
Suspensions	0	10
Demits	1	10

Membership As Of 11-30-2015 **Net Loss/Gain YTD** -100

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#### A Message from The Potentate-Elect

## Remember, Our Journeys Began at Our Mother Lodges

Nobles all, I cannot begin to tell you how much I appreciated your vote of confidence at the Stated Meeting and Annual Elections on December 21, 2015. As I stated at that time, when I crossed the hot sands in the Spring Class - 1976 I certainly did not think I would ever be selected to serve you as the Potentate of Aladdin Shriners, the third largest Shrine Center in the world. I will forever be indebted to III. Sir William "Bill" Estell for asking me to be his appointment to start this journey. To the Past Potentates with whom I have served, as well as those I have had the pleasure of knowing over the years, thanks for your wise counsel. To those who have been elected or appointed to the 2016 Divan, we have much to accomplish this year as we begin the first full year of operation of our new home.

Nobles, many of you know that I have been totally involved over the years with all facets of our Masonic Fraternity and the Blue Lodge has been, and always will be, at the forefront of my involvement. All of you began your journey when you knelt at Hiram's altar and your first allegiance is to your Mother Lodge. So it should not be a surprise to you that I intend to make that a key part of the 2016 year. The Masonic Fraternity is our source of members. I challenge each of you to go back to Lodge, take part in the degree work, and talk about Shrinedom and our wonderful philanthropy —the 22 Shrine Hospitals and the work they do to help our Shrine kids. Nobles, it has been said that if we do not grow our membership and continue our contributions to the Endowment Fund, someday the hospitals will still potentially be there BUT without the name "Shriners." So we need to increase our membership and continue our efforts to



Ronald "Ron" H. Leonard Potentate-Elect

maintain the hospitals. We have a new Membership Director, Noble Mark Froehlich. Please work with him as we tackle our membership program. Speaking of new members, we have two Ceremonials planned this year: June 11 and December 3. We will continue to do "cold sands" as necessary to get new members into our events.

I look forward to meeting with all of you this year in our travels. Our trips are still available. We have a full schedule of activities planned in your new home so come out and check it out. If you did not make a reservation for lunch or dinner for January 9, please check to see if there are any seats available. Remember, NO TICKET, NO MEAL. We can only accommodate a certain number of people in the building by code and capacity. ABOVE ALL ELSE, LET US CONTINUE TO HAVE FUN!

## New Changes for *Lamp*

Nobles, with the increasing costs for printing and postage, we are looking at emailing the Lamp to those who have email addresses.

#### The advantages are many:

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#### For this possibility to happen, we need your email address.

If we have it on file, we need you to verify that it is current. If your email address is not current and we send the Lamp to that address, you will lose out on the information.

To those of you who do not have an email address or even a computer, try going to a family member or the public library and go to Aladdin's website (www.aladdinshrine.org) to view the Lamp.

This process will happen starting with the February issue which is a month away. So please get your email information into the office.

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#### Calender of Events

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(west of Blue Jackets)

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FEBRUARY 15 Stated Meeting 6:30

Dinner at 5:30

FEBRUARY 23 **Directors Meeting** 

MARCH 5 Movie Night

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MARCH 17-20

Aladdin Shrine Circus

MARCH 26

Easter Egg Hunt Kids - Morning Adults - Evening

(More Information to follow)

APRIL 9

First Lady's Quilt Show

APRIL 10-14

Santee golf outing

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#### Stated Meetings

Regular meetings of the Aladdin Shriners are held on the third Monday of each month except June, July and August at 6:30 PM. (Dinner at 5:30 PM). 1801 Gateway Circle, Grove, City, OH 43123

#### (614) 475-2609 Elected Divan

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#### 2016 Aladdin Election Results

Below is the list of the 2016 officers elected and appointed from the Paying Your Dues voting at the Aladdin Stated Meeting on December 21.

Potentate - Ronald "Ron" H. Leonard (Elaine) Chief Rabban - Jon M. Kinney (Cindy) Assistant Rabban - C. Todd Jones (Jennifer) High Priest & Prophet - Rodney L. Holdren (Lisa) Oriental Guide - Zale A. Maxwell (Susan)

Treasurer - W. Garol Rogers, PP (Dixie) Recorder - Donald G. Goodman, PP (Kris) 1st Ceremonial Master - Arthur L. Wilson (Kim) 2nd Ceremonial Master - Roscoe R. Smith (Judy) Chaplain - David "Dee" Mowry, PP (Kathy)

## 2016 Circus Update

by C. J. Carter

Happy New Year to all. I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas.

Now it's time to shift into high gear. The circus is just over two months away and we still need help from all of you. Advertising is still a major issue. If you know of any businesses that may want to advertise in our circus program or display a banner please contact them. There is still time to bring in some new ad contracts.

Are you on Facebook? Did you know the Aladdin Shrine Circus has a Facebook page? I hope all of you who are on Facebook will log in and "Like" the circus page. Share the page with your friends as well. We have over 550 likes at this time and it would be great to be over 1,000 by the circus. It's a great place to find out what is going on with the circus.

The Circus Daddy letters will be arriving in your mailbox soon. Please take a moment to send in a check to help cover the guest day tickets. I am asking all of you to donate just twenty dollars to the program. What do you get for this donation? You get to help make our kids coming to guest day smile. That's what we do. Also, you can buy or sell as many circus tickets as you wish for the Circus Daddy price of \$9 dollars each.

If you have any questions about the circus, you can call the center or just email me at circus@ aladdinshrine.org

Thank you, Nobles, for all of your hard work. We need all of you on board to make the circus work.

## Calling All Clubs and Units

Opportunites for Naming Rights

Nobles, now that we have moved into the new Shrine Center, we are getting everything settled to make the facility feel like your home.

The members lounge, affectionately known as the "Oasis," and the conference room/board room/meeting room, known as the "Aladdin Room," are both in need of TVs to provide for sports programs, video presentations, etc. Consequently, it has been determined that we will buy nine TVs, all the same model and size. They will be 55-inch, HD Smart TVs and mounted on articulating arms that will allow the TV to be tilted for the best viewing position. There will be five TVs in the Oasis and four in the Aladdin Room. Each TV/articulating arm combination will not exceed \$900.00.

We are asking any clubs and units that would like to purchase all or a portion of each TV to forward their proposal to Executive Director Chad Dennewitz. For example, six donations of \$150.00 each or three donations of \$300.00 each will provide for a TV. All donations will be acknowledged with an engraved plate or plaque on each TV. After the clubs and units provide their proposals, if there are still segments available, we will open it up to individuals for "In Memory of" or "In honor of."

Nobles, this is an excellent way for your club or unit to have "naming rights" for a piece of your new home. Please consider this as a possibility. We extend our thanks in advance.



## 2016

#### **READ CAREFULLY!**

Your 2016 dues notice have been mailed from Shriners International headquarters in Tampa, Florida. This is being done at their request. It's

- For most of us our dues will increase by \$15. This is a HEADQUARTER'S increase, NOT ALADDIN'S.
- The move to Grove City is completed, it is suggested the dues payment be mailed to 1801 Gateway Circle, Grove City, Ohio 43123 to return your dues payment. If payment has already been sent, the mail will be forwarded. You may, of course, still pay your dues via a credit card by calling Aladdin's office.
- Beginning December 1, 2015, Shrine Headquarters will mail Aladdin dues payers their 2016 dues card. It will be plastic; Aladdin will mail you a thin paper one to use until your more durable one
- · · > You cannot personally pay your dues at Aladdin.
- You must pay your dues using the provided return envelope or by phone and then only for use of a credit card.

#### In Memoriam



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#### Erie ASC-OSCC

by Bob Stevenson & Tom McNeil

Whew! We made it! 2016! Wow! Uh oh! Oh, no! Yep, here it comes again!

Have you ever noticed we first look forward to something coming, like a new year, and then begin to think about what that might mean? At your Erie ASC-OSCC we have been looking at just that. What does a new year bring? Actually, we are looking out over the next five years and what we think we see is going to be great and exciting and wonderful for our kids and their families.

You have heard the old saying that "things, they are a changing." Well, in pediatric medicine that is really true. At Erie we have been ahead of the curve in our partnering with other providers and extending our reach to make our services available



This handsome young man is Lucas. He came to SHC-Erie as a three-year-old to be treated for infantile scoliosis. This recent picture shows Lucas with his collection of the body casts he has had since his first operation here. He is sure looking good and standing tall now!

to more kids in need. Doing what has been done for decades really no longer works. The costs, availability of skilled medical providers and the research needed to stay among the very best at what we do gets harder to deal with each year. So we spend time looking forward to anticipate, as best we can, what we will need in coming years and it's more than just when and how to replace the roof (I picked that because we will have to do that sometime soon). We saw, for example, the need for new state of art low- dosage radiology equipment. We could not continue to bombard our kids with x-rays each time they came for follow-up visits. Through the generosity of Nobles and our fellow citizens who support our efforts, we raised one huge amount of money to purchase the equipment. It is now up and running each and every day.

We will shortly have our year's end numbers which we will share with you, and we will discuss a bit of what they mean in families served and kid's lives changed. In the years to come, this will happen in more and different ways, some of which we don't recognize

today. A milestone was recently reached. Shriners Hospitals for Children-Erie Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval for Ambulatory Health Care Accreditation by demonstrating continuous compliance with its nationally-recognized standards. The Gold Seal of Approval is a symbol of quality that reflects an organization's commitment to providing safe and effective patient care. We are very proud of our Erie staff; this accreditation is a big deal and is not easy to attain. Well done to all!

For the coming year I'm going to suggest, if you use Facebook, that you follow your hospitals in Erie, Cincinnati and Lexington. So much is going on at each location you will find a renewed excitement about this philanthropy of ours. If you are not sure how to get on Facebook, find some fourth graders...they'll get you there.

As always, if you meet an Aladdin Roadrunner, please say THANKS!

#### **Tabloid**

by Bob Stevenson, Tabloid Chair

"We are confronted with insurmountable opportunities!" Pogo — aka Walt Kelly

In the 1950s one of the great philosophers was Pogo, a comic strip penned by Walt Kelly. Pogo was credited with the quote "we has met the enemy and they is us!". The above is another that I like. If you remember Pogo, Google it and be reminded of what a great strip it was. If you don't remember Pogo, do the same and see what you missed. Anyone remember "I go Pogo?"

I hope you all had great holidays and time with family and friends and maybe fellow Nobles. But now we are on to 2016 and we truly are facing insurmountable opportunities. We need to take advantage of them. One area where this is happening is at your Shrine Hospitals. Today we deliver positive medical outcomes in areas a few years ago were not even thought of. Today Aladdin has a new home, new outlook and new future with our return to fraternity first. As for Tabloid, well we need to look at various ways to raise funds for our hospitals in addition to hitting the streets one day a year. Look around and see what others are doing, not just Shriners but other service organizations as well. We have so many ways we can work, we need to just pick a couple and go with them.

We are running the Dollar-A-Day Program again this year. In the past we have asked you to write a check for \$365.00. This year, if you wish, you can contact Amber or Kim in the office and put the contribution on a credit card. We are looking at other ways to make this program reachable for more Nobles and Ladies. It's just one more way to take advantage of opportunity.

For your advance planning Tabloid Seminar will be on Saturday, May 14, 2016 and Tabloid Day will be on June 4, 2016.

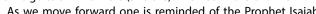
Let's agree upon a goal for 2016 of \$250,000. Let's agree to meet or beat it!

## Chaplain's Chat

Lady Kathy and I are most pleased that III. Sir Ron has asked me to serve as your Aladdin Chaplain for the coming year.

The first order of business is offer a BIG tip of the fez to soonto-be Past Potentate Dave Wolfe and the entire Divan of 2015. It would be a major understatement to conclude that the past year has been uneventful. The last major move for Aladdin was in the 1970s when Aladdin left the 34 North Fourth Street location.

Being a Divan member is a major undertaking (speaking as one who has BTDT (Been there! Done that!) without a major move in the offing; so when you see a Divan member a little thanks would be appropriate. Divan members and their ladies devote countless hours on behalf of the Nobility. From this Past Potentate, my sincere thanks go to all who were (and are) involved in the 'BIG MOVE.'



As we move forward one is reminded of the Prophet Isaiah. Isaiah (Hebrew, Yeshayahu) was one of the major prophets born around 760 B.C. His time spanned the reign of four kings: Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah. His language indicates that he probably acquired a royal education. The prophets were a major influence especially during Old Testament times. They were God's men for the moment appearing at particular times and places and were best understood as messengers. Quite often their message(s) began with the words, "Thus says the Lord..." In Isaiah, the 43rd chapter, verses 18-19, we find the words, "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" This is certainly apropos to our new home. The older home(s) are no longer but 'a new thing has sprung forth' which is located on Gateway Circle.

We are looking forward to a great year under the guidance and direction of III. Sir (and III. Bro.) Ron and Lady Elaine.

## Cincinnati Hospital by Bob Lazenby & D. Dee Mowry, P.P.

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by D. Dee Mowry, PP

The December meeting of the Board of Governors of the Shriners Hospital for Children of Cincinnati was held one week earlier than usual due to the Christmas holiday. It was a departure from our usual meeting as the ladies of the board members were invited. The ladies heard a presentation on the subject of the "Healing Touch Program" and also packed Christmas bags for the patients and their families who are currently in the hospital.

The board members attended their usual committee meetings with the full board meeting at 1:30 p.m. As of November 30, 2015 your hospital has seen 895 patients from 25 states plus four international patients. It is an increase over 2014.

Dr. Petra Warner, who has just been named Chief of Staff replacing the retired Dr. Richard Kagan, presented an educational report which featured a child who was injured in an ATV accident. The ATV upset on the young man with the muffler wedged on his abdomen. The hot muffler burned through his abdominal region and reached the bony crest of the ileum. It appears from the research done by Dr. Warner that ATV accidents involving children are of major proportions resulting in abrasions, cuts, bruises, broken bones, etc.

Your hospital has been recognized as a Research Center of Excellence and has a new Director of Research, Dr. John van Aalst. Dr. van Aalst comes to Shriners with a great amount of experience and background as a plastic surgeon. He will also hold appointments at the University of Cincinnati Medical School and with Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

A check was presented to the hospital from Aladdin member, Col. Bob Mann, of St. Louisville, Ohio. Col. Bob makes a pepper butter which he sells and gives a portion of the proceeds to the Shrine Hospital. He has done this for some time and his contributions are much appreciated. Thanks a million, Noble Bob. A meal was served to the group at 3:00 p.m. after the board meeting. Board members were late because the meeting ran over time—imagine that!

#### **Event Information**

If you are a member of the Valley of Columbus, AASR, you undoubtedly noticed the advance schedule of events in the Valley are listed on page one.

We are going to "borrow" that concept and do the same. You will notice the new format with this edition. It is hoped that you will be able to better plan for the various events we plan to have this year.

Articles or advertisements for each will be listed elsewhere in the Lamp as they are submitted.



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## **Show Times**

Thursday, March 17 3 PM & 7:30 PM Friday, March 18 3 PM & 7:30 PM Saturday, March 19 11 AM, 3 PM & 7:30 PM Sunday, March 20 1 PM & 5 PM



Aladdín Shríne Clowns Fuzzy & Toots

## **Ticket Sales**

#### Tickets on Sale February 1

Aladdin Shrine Center 1801 Gateway Circle, Grove City, Ohio 614-475-2609 or 800-475-3850

VIP - \$25

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for Children 12 & Under

Carnival Ride Wristbands Only at Door - \$20

(Animal rides not included in wristband price.)

Questions:

circus@aladdinshrine.org 614-475-2609 800-475-3850 March 17-20, 2016

Ohio Expo Center - Celeste Center

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Attention: Nobles and 2016 Unit/Club Leaders

# Leadership Seminar & INSTALLATION

Saturday, January 9, 2016

At The NEW Aladdin Shrine Center 1801 Gateway Circle, Grove, City, OH 43123

9:30 AM - Registration

10:00 AM - Leadership Seminar

11:45 AM - Lunch (Reservation Required\*)

If you made a reservation, you either received an email or a postcard confirmation. Please bring confirmation to claim seating at will call.

4:00 PM - Annual Meeting

5:30 PM - Installation of 2015 Officers

6:30 PM - Dinner (Ticket Required)

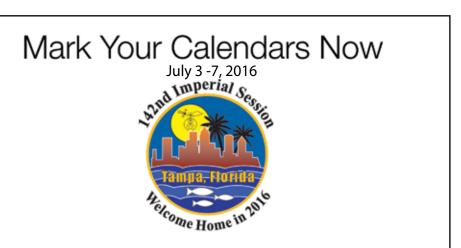


**Registrations Are Required for Lunch & Dinner** 

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package in Munich, Germany. You'll visit Budapest, Vienna, Durnstein, Passau, Regensburg, Nuremberg, Oberammergau and the exquisite Neuschwanstein Castle!

This inclusive vacation includes shore excursions in each port, wine & beer with dinner, spacious accommodations, all meals onboard and breakfast daily in Munich.

Prices from \$3,899 per person\*



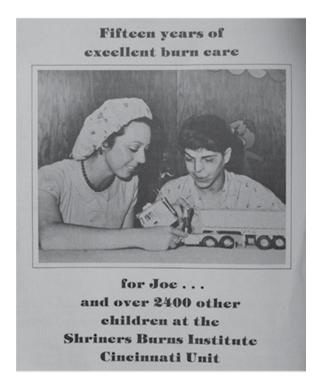
For more information or to book your vacation, call 614 847 5551



\* Based on double occupancy and availability. Airfare and taxes additional.

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#### Cincinnati Shriners Patient #65 Fulfills His Dreams



On May 20, 1965 William Joe Culp bit into an electrical cord causing massive destruction of his upper lip, mouth, and nose, parts of his face and around his left eye. At 1-1/2 years old, his parents rushed him to the local hospital emergency room.

Thankfully for Culp, the Aladdin Shrine Temple from his home town in Steubenville, Ohio heard about the accident and stepped in to help. They sponsored Culp as a patient to get treatment at Shriners Hospitals for Children®–Cincinnati, a new hospital specializing in pediatric burn care.

In 1965, Shriners Hospitals for Children–Cincinnati was located in a small area in University Hospital, while plans to build a freestanding hospital dedicated to pediatric burn care were underway.

Culp's patient number was 65, which made him the 65<sup>th</sup> patient in Cincinnati Shriners Hospital history.

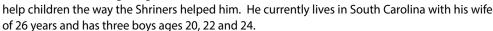
He spent the next 14 years returning to visiting Shriners Hospitals for Children–Cincinnati for care. Culp had more than 30 different surgeries over that time to correct the function and cosmetic

defects on his face as a result of his severe burn injuries.

"I still remember how wonderful everyone was in my time at Shriners," said Culp. "One particular nurse I will never forget is Gayle Mahler. She had a huge impact on my life and how I dealt with my appearance and injuries."

At age 11, Culp remembers having two goals in life; obtain a mechanical engineering degree and to one day become a Shriner. He finished college and became a mechanical engineer in his early 20's.

Culp is now 52 and recently became a Shriner at Omar Temple. He said the main reason for fulfilling this goal was to



Once he became a Shriner, he had a strong urge to visit Shriners Hospitals for Children–Cincinnati. He wanted to see what the hospital was like today and relive some of the positive memories he had held onto all of these years.

Culp was happily surprised with how different the facility is today. Luckily for Culp, one of his tour guides, Vicki Keehnan, remembers Gayle and several other employees who were there when Culp was a patient. Vicki has worked for Shriners 37 years and was very gracious to take the time to show Culp around and reminisce with him.



## Pike County

by Gerald Remy



Through the year the Pike County Shrine Club raises funds and presents an annual donation to the Shriners Hospital for Children—Cincinnati and Shrine Hospital for Children—Lexington.

Earlier this summer Backhills Bunch 4-H Club gathered together to host a bake sale raising over \$400. They opted to donate the funds to Pike County Shrine Club. In recognition of their generous spirit, the Pike County Shriners decided to invite the children to attend the Board of Governors Meeting at the Shriners Hospitals for Children in Cincinnati on November 18.

Backhills Bunch 4-H Club consists of 23 members and three advisors, Pam Renner, Jenny Renner and Kristy Alderman. "Each year the kids in the club decide where they want to donate the money. In the past, they have given to the Make-a-Wish Foundation and Children's Hospital. This year, they decided that they wanted to give to the Pike County Shrine Club. Today, they got to see where their money is going. They got to see and experience the true joy of giving back." said Jenny Renner

In addition to the donation from the Backhills Bunch 4-H Club, Sinking Spring Community

Church made the annual donation of \$1,800 to Shriners Hospital for Children—Cincinnati. Noble Phil Tong member, Sinking Spring Community Church and Past President Pike County Shrine made this presentation.

Pike County Shrine also presented the Board of Governors a check in the amount of \$5,000. Presented by Noble Turman Helton, Treasurer. This annual donation that the Pike County Shrine Club presents to the Shriners Hospital—Cincinnati is used to fund a special room set aside for families of children who are receiving treatment at Cincinnati. Shriners Hospital—Lexington will also be receiving a donation in the amount of \$5,000. Pete Hale said, "We feel that Pike County Shrine Club is one of the most active Shrine Clubs in the state". Nobles attending the presentation were Paul "Pete" Hale, Gerald Remy, Phil Tong and Turm Helton.

Pike County Shrine Club held its Third Annual Kids Meet Santa on December 5 with 92 children in attendance. Hotdogs and all the fixings were served to the children and parents. Santa arrived and his elves presented gifts to all. A very special thanks goes to Santa Clause for taking time out of his busy schedule to make a stop at our Third Annual Kids Meets Santa. Thanks go to all the elves who helped with this special event. It was an outstanding afternoon for the children in and around Pike County. Again, many thanks go to all the elves who helped make the Third Annual Kids Meet Santa the best children's Christmas party yet. Pike County Shrine Onion Sales provided four bicycles and two tricycles to be given to a lucky boy and girl in three age groups.

One Hundred and one Nobles, ladies and distinguished guest were in attendance for the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Dinner and Installation of Officers. The meeting was opened by American Legion Post 142 posting the colors, President Greg Nartker with Pledge of Allegiance. Invocation was giving by Noble Jim Cooper. Noble Pete Hale and Noble Todd Nathan gave the memorial service for our departed brothers.

Pike County Shrine Nobles and their ladies thank Illustrious Sir Daniel Stainbrook, Past Potentate Aladdin Shrine, for installing the following Nobles to their prospective 2016 offices: Charlies "Mike" Wright, President Ronald Bixler Jr., 1st Vice President Scott Martin, 2nd Vice President Turman "Turm" Helton, Treasurer Gerald Remy, Secretary.

Ribber Steak House catered an outstanding dinner which consisted of ribs, chicken, green beans, baked potato and dessert.

Noble Pete Hale presented several gift cards to the children present who are patients of the Shriners Hospital for Children. Gift cards were provided by the Pike County Shrine Club.

Everyone had a very enjoyable evening with old and new Nobles and their ladies. Pike Shrine Club wishes all a safe, prosperous and Happy New Year.

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#### Aladdin Car Club

by Gary Parks, PP

Aladdin Car Club - for the young at heart!



Well, winter is fast closing in and by now most of the classic cars have been or will be stored for the winter. In case you haven't, here are some tips:

- Select a dry, dark location for storage preferably with limited access. Concrete flooring is best at keeping away moisture. If you must store your car on a dirt floor, place a plastic barrier under the vehicle, and place carpet pieces or plywood under the tires.
- Give the vehicle a good wash/wax. Putting on and removing a vehicle cover will lead to unwanted scratches if the car is dirty.
- Fill the fuel tank (preferably with premium) and add fuel stabilizer. Be sure to run the vehicle a
  few minutes after adding the stabilizer. The fuller the tank, the less room there will be for air,
  which carriers moisture that can lead to fuel contamination and possibly rust within the tank.
- Change the oil and filter right before putting away the vehicle. The clean oil will reduce the
  risk of harmful contaminants working away at your engine during hibernation—and you'll
  be ready to go in the spring.
- · Check the antifreeze.
- Add air to the tires.
- Place baking soda refrigerator packages in the interior and trunk areas.
- To keep insects and vermin out of the car, put a plastic bag over the air cleaner/air inlet and exhaust pipe(s).
- Place the vehicle on jack stands. This step avoids tire flat spots and adds longevity to the suspension because it is not supporting the vehicle's weight during storage.
- Remove the battery and store it separately. Recommend putting it on a battery tender.

Details concerning the club events for 2016 were be distributed at the holiday party.

The Aladdin Car Club is open to any Shriner who has an interest in classic cars. You don't have to have a classic car to be a member. For additional information on the club, call Gary Parks at 614-216-4449 or email at biwgp@hotmail.com.

Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### Licking County

by Mike Hammond

Nobles, I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. As the new year starts, I will continue to write in the *Lamp* until the new President, Jim Conrad, tells me to stop.

While January and February will be dark, the club still has a full slate of projects coming up this year to keep everyone busy. Circus, Tabloid Days, baseball tournament and the Hartford Fair will again give us plenty of work to do for another successful year.

Jim will be meeting with the fair board to get a new contract for the 2016 year. More on that later. Noble John Ricket has set the date for Tabloid Days in May. Many of our fellow Nobles will be traveling to the south for the winter months, so have a safe travel and sunny weather.

That's all for now.

#### **Provost**

by John Rohal

Well, here we are at the beginning of a New Year. I want to thank Robbie for letting me write this article so I could thank everyone for the "get well cards" and telephone calls to help me get through the end of 2015. My health is improving and all is going well. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays with families and friends.

I didn't realize that others than Provost members read my Lamp articles until I

received a telephone call from Winnie Pierce wanting to know why I hadn't written any *Lamp* articles. She and Bob always read them. Bob was one of our first volunteer supervisors to work at Muirfield.

But now it's time to let someone else have the fun and serve as the Provost Unit's reporter, but I will keep my "Barney pen." We now look forward to our 2016 Temple officers as well as some new unit and club officers.

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

Guess that's enough for now; hope to see y'all at our monthly meetings and everyone have a Happy New Year.

#### Southeast

by Cecil Moore

Our annual Christmas Party was held on December 17. Fred and Gail Kreutz hosted the party at their home; it turned out great and there were 31 in attendance. The food and games were great and the fellowship was terrific. All enjoyed it. Thanks go to Fred and Gail; it was a great get together.

We elected officers for the coming year, they are President- Cecil Moore, Vice-president - Donald Schoffstall and Secretary/Treasurer - Pete Ransburg

Each member of the group has been the president several times in the past.

The club had approved \$700.00 to be given to the Ohio Sled Hockey Club. Mike and Kelly Fenster, part of the staff for the club, were at the party along with their son, Mike, to receive our donation. Mike, the son who is one of the competitors of a sled hockey team, endured a seven hour urologicial surgery in August. It has allowed him to continue to be more independent. Since then he has recovered and is playing the best sled hockey of his life. The sled hockey has changed its name from Aladdin Sled Hockey to Spida Sled Hockey.

We still have some members sick and unable to attend our meetings. We hope they are doing better and will be back with us very soon; we miss you.

All for now; will return next time!

## Pickaway

by Roger Fausnaugh

Our regular monthly meeting was held November 23 and was called to order by President John Demjen at 7:00 p.m. Noble Mick Riley gave the opening prayer and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Thanks again go to Noble Chef Bob Baranick for another fine meal served of chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, and rolls before the meeting.

The minutes of the October meeting were read by Noble Roger Fausnaugh and the financial report was read by Treasurer Rusty Green; motions were made and seconded and all Nobles voted in favor.

During the business meeting there were no reports on any new illnesses. Reports on standing committees were given.

Noble Mick reported on the rental of the building and that he would like to have a cleaning party Tuesday, December 1 at 10 a.m. to clean the floors;

Noble Bill Dountz gave a report on nominations for new officers next year. Nominations are President Noble Rock Arledge, Vice President Noble Larry Jeffers Sr., Secretary Noble Roger Fausnaugh, Three-Year Trustees Nobles Rick Blankenship and Greg Shires. At this time we have no one to step up take the office of treasurer.

Noble Mick also reported that he would like for someone new to take over the duties of rental of the building.

Noble Roger reported that he would be preparing 2016 dues notices within the next month. We are also allowing the DeMolay to have free rental of the building for a dance.

We had the pleasure of having Past Potentate Noble Bill Amspaugh visit. During his visit he gave us a report on the progress of the new Aladdin Temple and also presented Noble Rex with his Meritorious Service Award. Congratulations go to Noble Rex. We also made Noble Bill an Honorary Member.

There were a total of 20 Nobles at the meeting. Meeting was closed at 7:45 p.m. by President John and closing prayer given by Noble Mick.

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Our regular meeting was held December 28.

#### Marietta

by Larry Coler

Marietta Shrine Club Acting President Joe Stacy stands with Marietta College football team and cheerleaders after their victory in the annual Shrine Game

The Marietta Shrine Club partnered with Marietta College to host two annual events in November. First there was the Marietta football game with Muskingum University and then there was the Shriners weekend basketball tournament featuring four regional teams. The Marietta Shrine Club worked the gates and



concession stands while the Aladdin Clowns entertained the crowds. Good times for all! Special thanks go to Marietta College for sharing the proceeds of those events.

The Marietta Shrine Club has also been busy this fall by participating in five parades in Washington County.

## Hardin County

by Ken Rossman

Our regular meeting was held on December 16 at the Hardin County Fairgrounds. It was our Annual Christmas Party. Attendance for the evening was 125 including children, parents and Nobles.

Noble Rossman opened the evening with a prayer. We then dined on another great meal prepared and served by our kitchen crew of Nobles Garmon, Hinebaugh, Musselman, Williams, Don Doll and Wynegar. Good job and thank you, Nobles.

As we finished eating we had two guests—Santa, aka Neil Hipshire, and the elf, aka Earl Rice. Each child had the chance to sit on Santa's knee and talk to Santa. Santa presented each child with a handpicked gift and the elf gave each child a bag of candy from the Hardin County Shrine Club. After the gift giving, a quick check by President Hinebaugh showed that each registered child had received the special gift. After wishing us all Merry Christmas and a good New Year, Santa and his elf were done for the evening.

We say a big thank you to Smiley (Brad Epling) and Happy (Dwight Frater) as they did their usual with balloons for the kids. There was a continual line of children waiting for the balloons. Thank you, Nobles, for a job well done. All Ladies were reminded to take a potted plant home with them. There were enough for each lady to have one.

It was announced that our Annual Scholarships were awarded to Dustin Howard, grandson of Cliff Wynegar, and to Andrew Latham, grandson of Noble Clair Latham. We wish them both the best as they continue their education.

We congratulate Noble Gene Longbrake and his Lady Shari. Recently they celebrated their 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We wish them the very best in the future.

As noted in our last meeting, our officers for 2016 are as follows: President - Rowe Garmon, First Vice President - Chap Heydinger, Second Vice President - Bud James, Secretary - Wes Broseke, Jr., Treasurer - Kevin Ridgeway, Membership Officer - Don Doll.

We hope all show up at our meetings to support our officers. Our next meeting will be on January 20 at the Golf Course Clubhouse.

We hope everyone has a good Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you in January.

#### Tarhe

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by D. Dee Mowry

The Lancaster Country Club was the site of the annual Tarhe Shrine Club Christmas Party and Annual Potentate's Visitation. Traditionally, this is the last visitation of the current Potentate and the installation of the Tarhe Shrine Club officers for the coming year.

After entertainment by the Hocking Valley Bluegrass Boys and a great meal, the Divan and Past Potentates in attendance were introduced by the Tarhe Divan representative, Todd Jones. Past Potentates and Ladies in attendance were Bill Amspaugh and Lady Kathy, Garol Rogers and Lady Dixie and D. Dee Mowry and Lady

Kathy. All divan members, with the exception of one, were in attendance.

It was good to see E. C. and Bonnie as well as Hobie and June in attendance; both families have had their share of health related problems.

The business meeting aspect of the gathering was deleted in order to allow time for the installation of the 2016 Tarhe officers. Potentate David Wolfe installed the following 2016 Tarhe officers: President Danny Meenach, Vice President Hank Kauffman, Secretary David E. Mowry and Treasurer Richard "Dick" Clark.

Members and guests present were reminded of the upcoming Aladdin Shrine Leadership Seminar (under the direction of our own Zale Maxwell, 1<sup>st</sup> Ceremonial Master) and the installation of the 2016 Aladdin Officers on January 9, 2016. Lunch and dinner reservations are a MUST because in the new Grove City location we no longer have the Aladdin food service. Meals are catered. Therefore an accurate count is a MUST.

#### Past Masters

by Dick Bull

Our annual unit Christmas Dinner and Installation of Officers was held December 7 at Brookside Golf and Country Club. Our own Ill. Past Potentate Gary Parks installed the officers and executive board members in his usual fine fashion. Many thanks go to Bruce Kinsey for making arrangements for this fine outing.

Results of our election held on November 24 were President Bruce E. Kinsey, First Vice President Timothy A. Ward, Second Vice President Paul F. (Pete) Hammond, Jr., Treasurer W. Edward Dressel and Secretary Clayton E. Weber. James E. Stelzer was appointed Chaplain. Returning Trustees of the Executive Board are Daun R. Knox, James E. Moser, Garry L. Fortner and James E. Stelzer. Also, John L. Sanborn replaces our recently deceased Robert Roof.

Congratulations go to Cal Bozeman, who at age 90, is again being Worshipful Master of Groveport Lodge #240. He was previously Master in 1972.

As of this writing, the unit is preparing to perform the Master Mason Degree on December 19 at Bremen Lodge #608, home Lodge of III. Past Potentate Dee Mowry. We are looking forward to working with a candidate currently located in Texas and home for the holidays. We sadly report that the Black Camel took another of our long-time members, John. R. Price, Past Master of Grove City Lodge #689 in 1991. He was 91 years old. Our sympathy goes to Regina and family.

The Past Masters members are expected to take an active part during the January 9 Installation of Shrine Officers assuming that our own Ron Leonard will be installed as Illustrious Potentate.

Suzy Stevens continues to improve. Rebecca Cokenougher had a rod replaced in her leg recently. Charlene McLeod continues to have severe back pains. We wish the best for all of our ill and distressed.

We wish everyone a prosperous 2016 with good health.

## Reception

by Don Owens

So a new year begins in a beautiful new facility. It will be interesting to see whether the change in our physical location will have impact on attendance, retention, recruitment and demographic makeup of our fraternity and our unit. In the meantime, the Potentate's visitation came off well in the new Aladdin Temple. While it's clear that a lot remains to be done to make the Temple truly habitable, the facility worked well enough for us. The caterer did a good job of feeding us, too. Perhaps the food was even better than we are accustomed. Moreover, if our event was not the first in the new Aladdin Temple, it was certainly among the first. What made the meeting especially nice, however, was the presence of six "sweethearts," widows of departed members, including Pat Keller. Pat was given the green shovel used to initiate the paver project on which Tom worked so long, hard and successfully.

Congratulations go to R-Unit member Jim Hughes on his impressive 33° Ceremony held November 22 at the Northland Masonic Temple. Jim earned this honor by performing outstanding service in public life as well as the Rite.

Our unit's Christmas party was held at the magnificently decorated home of our gracious hosts, Frank and Valerie Swiatek. It was an event all enjoyed as we did last year.

Our immediate future will involve providing support for the Sled Hockey tournament on January 16-17. Having volunteered for this activity a few years myself, I can confirm that this is a worthwhile and enjoyable experience. If you haven't tried it yet, I recommend you do so.

The Reception Unit's next monthly meeting is scheduled for January 15 at the new location. Hope to see you there.

## Registrar

by Art Puetz

Now cautiously and carefully moved into our new "digs" in Grove City, the Gold Coats happily performed our usual duties making sure all of the Nobility in attendance at Aladdin's Annual Stated Meeting and Election were properly signed in so an accurate count of those present was available for the Recorder.

While I count myself among the many Nobles who will miss our old facility on Stelzer Road, I also count myself among those of us who look forward with anticipation and an open mind to all that lies ahead for us at our new location. It may take us six months or more to feel fully settled in as we seek the best locations for our possessions in a facility one third the size of what we had. "Stuff" has been stuffed into rooms on a temporary basis as the moving crew has sought to bring as much in from temporary storage in the garage as possible before it got too cold. Accordingly, we're able to use some of the rooms while others will need a major dose of organization before we can count them in the "up and running" column.

As I write this article, we've not yet had the annual Leadership Seminar and Installation of Officers; it is right around the corner. I'm thinking that maybe by February or so we'll be back on track and holding our regular unit meetings and it will be just in time, too, as we start making preparations for the circus. Then parade season will have arrived. And so the sands march on... a new building, a new year, a new Potentate all while we continue doing what we do best, helping the kids.

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#### Kambri

by Dick Brixner

Kambri Shrine Club held its last official event of 2015 by having our annual Christmas party on December 10 at the Plumbers and Pipefitters Hall with 68 Nobles, their ladies and guests in attendance.

Noble President Tim Oliver opened the evening welcoming all who took the time out of their busy schedule to join us for fun, fellowship and great food. Past Potentate Bill Estell offered the invocation and we took a break to enjoy dinner. The evening meal was prepared by Shirley Dolan and her staff. The menu included chicken, baked steak, noodles, green beans, mashed potatoes, salad, desserts, bread and butter, and of course, an ample supply of liquid refreshments.

Following dinner, Noble Tim introduced Debbie Stillion and her husband Terry. Debbie is our "go to gal" at the hospital who helps with our club mailings. Thank you, Debbie. Our special guests from Aladdin: Past Potentate Calvin Smith and his Lady Terry; Past Potentate Bill Estell and his Lady Carol and then almost Potentate, Ron Leonard and his Lady Elaine. Noble Ron shared some information on upcoming dates and the status of Shrine's new home in Grove City. The Installation and Leadership Seminar will be January 9. Check the *Lamp* for more details (page 4.)

Noble Ron encouraged all to visit the new location and emphasized the Grove City location belongs to all and it is there to be used. Since the new site is smaller, reservations are required and the maximum capacity must adhere to the regulations. Watch the *Lamp* for additional details. Additional dates to mark on your calendar:

January 23 - Annual Shrine sponsored East-West Football Game

February 13- Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance

March 17-20 - Annual Shrine Circus

April 10-14 - Annual Santee Golf Outing

June 13-24 - European River Cruise

September 10-18 - Trains And Parks Of Colorado

#### Thebes Temple

by Terry Smith, Past Queen

It's a new year and time to set some new goals. I hope you have made your New Year's Resolutions for 2016—let's resolve to be more tolerant of others and if you find someone in sorrow or distress, take part of their load and bear it for them. Let peace and harmony prevail and love endure.

We have all been saddened by the death of our Past Queen, Nancy DeFranco. Nancy was a very active member of our Temple and will be missed. She left us much too soon.

As you know, we have elected to not have a January Stated Session at Thebes this year, but we will have a "crafting session" on January 13 at Luther B. Turner Lodge beginning at 10 a.m. We recently were able to purchase 9 bolts of fleece to make throws for Lexington Hospital's children. We will be working on those at the January crafting session. We touch many lives with our work, but also we enjoy the fun and fellowship of each other during these crafting sessions.

Thebes Temple, with the help of Mary Jo Daughtery, was able to purchase Christmas gifts for

Following the announcements, there was some noise "up on the housetop" along with hoofbeats, sleigh bells and who should appear but the jolly old fellow in a red suit and pure white beard. He was accompanied by Noble Elf Buzzy and Noble Elf Tim, bearing gifts for all the ladies present. The gift was a Mosser glass colored basket in a nice Christmas bag. As Santa passed out the gifts, he was commenting on the who had been good and those who had been bad; after all, Santa knows all. Once his gifts were distributed, he headed for the doors saying, "Merry Christmas to all and to all a good-night." Then you could hear the sleigh leaving the roof to return to the north pole.

Since we had three installing officers from Aladdin and not enough of the Kambri officers for 2016, the official installation was put on hold. However, the new officers are President Joel Weekly; First Vice Dave Black; Second Vice John Polascak; At Large Tim Oliver; Secretary Don Huston; Treasurer Tom Fisher; Tabloid Chair Buzzy Ferguson; Membership Chair Ron LePage, and PR Chair Dick Brixner. These are your officers for 2016.

Our entertainment for the evening was One-A-Cord. This a cappella quartet is from Barnesville and they performed many of the best do-wop classics of the 50s and 60s. You could see many in the audience singing along. This group sang over 25 songs and ended the evening with several Christmas songs. Following a standing ovation at the end, they sang one more song.

Noble President Tim then pulled ten tickets for the ladies to take home a poinsettia. He thanked all for coming and for bringing all the toys for Secret Santa. We filled two, six foot tables with toys. Special thanks go to Noble Ron Hickman for taking the toys to Secret Santa Central. Noble Tim called on Past Potentate Bill Estell to dismiss us with prayer, and Tim wished all a very Merry Christmas.

Watch the *Lamp* for important dates and your mailbox for your Kambri Shrine Club activities. Nobles, make your new year's resolution now to get more involved in "your" Kambri Shrine Club. We offer fun, fellowship, liquid refreshments and great food. See you next year.

Lexington with a total value of over \$650.00. In addition, during the visit of our Supreme Queen, Sharon St. John, we made a donation of \$500.00 to the Convalescent Relief Account of Daughters of the Nile. A gift to the Convalescent Relief Account, or CRA, is pooled with all other contributions and is distributed to Shriners Hospitals for Children. CRA is what we refer to as the NOW fund, as it provides money for a specific fiscal year.

We are happy to welcome three new Princesses to Thebes Temple. Debbie Mower, Judy Smith, and Martha Holt were initiated into Daughters of the Nile during the ceremonial held on November 10 when the Supreme Queen visited Thebes.

The next Stated Session of Thebes Temple will be Wednesday, February 3 at Luther B. Turner Lodge. A luncheon will be served at 11:30 a.m. followed by the session at 1:00 p.m.



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6:30 - 11:00 PM

6:30 PM - Social Hour

7:15 PM - Dinner

8:30 PM - Dancing

Cash Bar Available

Dress - Business Casual

#### Dinner

Your Choice of

Chicken Parmesean or Beef Brisket

Aladdin Shrine Center 1801 Gateway Circle Grove City, OH 43123 with the Potentate and His Lady

\$45 / Couple

Music by

#### Aladdin Dance Combo

