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## Membership Totals

Membership 01/01/08	7554
Associate Membership 01/01/08	54
<b>Total</b>	<b>7608</b>

	Current	Yr to Date
Creations	48	90
Affiliations	1	11
Restored	4	60
Associate Members	0	1
<b>TOTAL MONTHLY ADD</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>162</b>
<b>TOTAL YEARLY with ADDS</b>		<b>7770</b>

Demits	7	9
Suspensions	0	44
Deaths	34	235
Associates Dropped	0	5
Reversals	1	7
<b>TOTAL MONTHLY DROP</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>286</b>

<b>Membership as of 11/30/2008</b>	<b>7484</b>
Net loss/gain YTD	-124
Net loss/gain Month	-13



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## Aladdin's 2008 Fall Ceremonial *Aladdin Gains 48 New Shriners*



Aladdin continues to add new members. There were 48 new Nobles created at our November 8 Ceremonial. Their names, community, and top line signers are listed on page 3.

**May I Have The Envelope Please** - The 2008 Membership Winners are: Top Line Signer of 2008 - James O. Badgley; Top Club - Ross County; Top Unit - Past Masters. There

are others worth mentioning: Top Line Signers - Bill Bell, George Dresher, Darren Fogle, and Randy Lintz; Clubs - Hardin County, Marietta, and Athens County; Units - Registrars, Provost, Band.

A hearty "tip of the fez" goes to each and everyone for their hard work in 2008. (New members listed on page 3 in "Membership On The Move," by Calvin Smith, PP)

## Students Collecting 1,000,000 Tabs for Hospitals

*by Gary Parks, Vice Chairman*

Shriners Hospitals for Children saved his life; now, Daniel Happy and his school are collecting 1,000,000 pop tabs for the pediatric burn hospital.

The fifth grader at St. Dominic School in Cincinnati survived a burn injury of over 90% after a NASCAR owned plane crashed into his home last year. He was treated for seven months at the Cincinnati Shriners Hospital and is still an outpatient at the facility.

When Daniel enrolled at St. Dominic, Principal Al Grote spoke with Daniel's mother about the school helping Shriners Hospital in honor of Daniel. "We learned about the pop-tab program for the hospital and combined understanding the concept of what a million looks like with helping a great cause," said Grote. The school named the program, "Happy Tabs for Shriners Hospitals."

More than 400,000 tabs have been collected. The collected tabs are recycled and the proceeds are used to buy items for patients and families at the hospital.

Cincinnati hospital volunteer, Evelyn Jordan, formed the Evelyn Jordan Tab Fund in 2007 to collect and recycle pop tabs for the hospital. Since she began collecting tabs in 1997, she estimates more than \$70,000 has been spent on items for the patients and families at the hospital. "I know there are items that are needed that are never planned for in the budget," notes Jordan. "But, I really do it because I love children and volunteering my time." The tab fund has funded items such as lounge furniture, bingo prizes, craft supplies, and refrigerators for the family care unit rooms.





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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 the Aladdin Shrine Center, 3850 Stelzer Road, Columbus, Ohio  
November 17 - December 15 - Annual Election  
Stated Dinner at 5:15 p.m.  
Stated Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

### Elected Divan

**Potentate:** Daniel E. Stainbrook, II

**Acting Chief Rabban:** Thomas J. Colburn, PP

**Assistant Rabban:** William E. Estell

**High Priest and Prophet:** Michael D. VanHuss

**Oriental Guide:** Steve Hathaway

**Treasurer:** Kenneth Beckholt

**Recorder:** P. Daniel Martin

### Appointed Divan

**1st Ceremonial Master:** Michael D. Tyne

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# Rolling with The Pote

by Daniel E. Stainbrook II

## Reflecting on a Great Year of Hospital Contributions

Writing this final article for 2008 as Potentate of Aladdin Shrine, I think about all the Nobles and their Ladies we met during our travels throughout Aladdin Land. We have renewed old friendships and made many new friends.

Being in the Divan for nine years has been one of the greatest times for my Lady Ann and my lives. Being your Potentate this year has been an experience that I will never forget.

By the time everyone receives this *Lamp*, the only two things left in the year will be Christmas and New Year's Eve Ball. Elections of Aladdin's Divan officers, Trustee's Board Advisory Committee, ASHAC (Aladdin Shriners Hospital Association for Children) Officers and Representatives to the Imperial Council will have been history.

Once again, checks were delivered to Lexington Hospital by Noble Jim Hackett and me on November 10. On November 19, Noble Harold Nairn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ceremonial Master Bill Amspaugh, and I presented the last of the checks to the Cincinnati Hospital. The total amount received by the hospitals for Tabloid was \$355,626 – for ASHAC was \$422,151, a personal check from Harold Nairn was \$7,500 and from Hillbilly Clan #7 was \$1,000. The grand total given to our three hospitals in 2008 is \$786,277. What a fantastic endeavor from everyone in helping to support our hospitals which in turn heal our children!

Thank you for allowing me to be you Potentate in 2008 which is something that I never believed could happen me.

Let's Keep Rolling for Aladdin and the Shrine!



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# MEMBERSHIP *ON THE MOVE*

by Calvin Smith / Membership Marketing Director



Seasons Greetings!

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

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

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### Correction to Dues Notice

The dues notices have been sent out and please note that the date states dues for 2008 but the notice is the 2009 dues. It is simply a typographical error.

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# Aladdin's *Tabloid Times* by Bob Stevenson

## *Tell me, Spirit, will Tiny Time live?~ Ebenezer Scrooge*

For me it's not Christmas until I take out my DVD of *A Christmas Carol*, head for the family room, and watch it. I prefer the 1951 version with Alastair Sims as Scrooge. It's in black and white and conveys the bleakness of Scrooge's existence. I probably saw it the first time in the early 50's while still in grade school, and have not missed many years since. So far, I've not convinced my grandkids that it's worth watching, I think they prefer the cartoon version. Oh, well.

But think a minute about the pained question that Scrooge asked the Spirit. Now, can't you hear parents asking that same pained question of the doctors and nurses at our hospitals? Think of a child severely burned and in life threatening condition. It is probably the first question the parents would ask, and for some period of time, would be the only question that mattered.

As you'll recall, the story ends with Scrooge being a good man who "knew how to keep Christmas and became an uncle to Tiny Tim." What Dickens was trying to tell us, among a lot of things in this great story, was to have a giving heart and help those who are in need. How well we do determines how we will be remembered.

Well, I think we Nobles and Ladies stand pretty tall and are well regarded, not just when we're gone, but in the here and now. And through our own giving, Tabloid work, and hospital support, our doctors and nurses have a better chance of answering that pained question with a firm "yes!"

As we move through this most wonderful and blessed season, let's remember those kids and parents. Let's commit to making Tabloid a key part of each club and unit program year.

There are a few calendar changes coming this next year. So, please note the following changes.

- The 2009 Memorial Tournament has moved a week further out, so the final round is Sunday, June 7. Given the number of Nobles who work at this event, we have moved Tabloid 2009 to the second weekend of May – that means Friday and Saturday, May 8-9, 2009. We will adjust the print schedule for our Tabloids accordingly. We also know, that for a variety of reasons, some clubs will need to keep the dates closer to what has been our tradition. Just let me know if you need to do this so we can get Potentate approval. We hope most will be able to adjust their schedule accordingly but know some cannot, and that is OK.
- Another change will be the date for Tabloid Seminar – 2009. We have moved this to Saturday, January 31, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon at Aladdin. Our featured hospital this year is Lexington. Tony Lewgood, administrator for Lexington, will update us on what is new, neat, and gee-whiz at Lexington.

This is a great time for those Nobles who are involved in Tabloid, those who would like to become involved, and our Ladies to attend. We will still feature some of the nuts and bolts stuff, but most of all, I want as many of you as possible to understand some of the impressive work being done by Lexington and our other hospitals to improve the care and positive results we have with the kids committed to our care. Please put the dates down; they are important.

Nobles of Aladdin and Ladies too, over the past couple of years, you and Aladdin Shrine have become leaders in the Tabloid effort with such incredible results. We must keep it going, for lots of reasons you already know; here's the best reason I can determine.

Remember when Scrooge asks the Spirit if Tiny Tim will live? He didn't get a positive or negative answer, for then it was unclear what would happen. When the Spirit of Christmas yet to come arrives, Scrooge asks if the shadows he's been shown are of things that will be or might be. We know from the ending of the story, Scrooge was able to change the outcome for Tiny Tim. Perhaps at this very minute, as you read this, your own personal Tiny Tim might be waiting in those shadows of things yet to come. What a joy it will be to help reply to that pained question, "Will Tiny Tim live?" a resounding YES!

God Bless us, everyone!

From all the Stevensons, we wish you and yours the most blessed Christmas and most prosperous New Year ever.

### **Coming Events:**

Tabloid Seminar at Aladdin Shrine - January 31, 2009, 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Tabloid 2009 - May 8 - 9, 2009

## Hilltop

*by Ray Pendell*

Our last meeting was at the York Steak House on West Broad Street and we had a good meal, fine fellowship, and elected new officers for next year. Noble Irv Denune was elected president. Noble Al Williams was elected first vice president; and Noble Gary Jones was elected second vice president.

Other officers were reelected to their respective positions for "just one more year." They are Noble Gene Dew, recording secretary; Noble Ray Pendell, recording secretary; and Noble Bill Hartman, treasurer. They will be installed at the Christmas Party on December 7 at Ann and Tony's Restaurant in West Jefferson. Three college scholarships will be awarded to children or grandchildren of our members at this Christmas party. It should be a grand event.

Looking forward to January 2009, our meeting will again be at the York Steak House on West Broad Street at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, January 7. Watch for details in your December newsletter.

Have a very blessed Christmas with your family and a prosperous and healthy new year. Plan to be active at Aladdin Shrine, your Lodge, and The Hilltop Shrine Club. We all need your support and participation. It would be nice if you could enlist a friend, neighbor, or relative to join in the fun and fellowship.

See you all next year.

## Flying Nobles

*by Lee McKelvey*

When you read this, the new Flying Nobles 2009 officers will have been installed and will be planning new activities.

Bob Beymer will do a good job as commander. He has a beautiful Cessna 182 and he flies out of Delaware Airport. He is also an active member of the Brutal Brothers.

Del Kopp is our deputy commander and has a Piper Cherokee. He also flies out of Delaware Airport and is in the Reception Unit.

Terry Kitchen is our operations officer. He is a photographer for *Warbirds Magazine*. Terry got a lot of his flight instruction with PC Ralph Bryson at Fairfield County Airport.

David Ray is our secretary/treasurer again this year. He has held the job for many years and we all appreciate his service to our club. A lot of the work falls into Dave's hands and he always handles it without a problem.

Did you hear about Cessna's new SkyCatcher 162 light sport aircraft? The test pilot was flying at 10,000 feet when he got it into an unrecoverable spin. He tried to activate the plane's parachute and it failed to open so the pilot bailed and landed safely. Nobody was hurt on the ground when the plane crashed. Cessna has about 1,000 orders for the SkyCatcher and it is still being tested.

I saw Roy McGrew on TV in the Veterans Day Parade. Roy built a scale model of the F-16 and gets it into several parades during the year. He has a throttle in the jet to control whatever speed he needs for the parades.

Roy used to travel with the Ford Tri-motor team and helped keep the Tin Goose in flying condition. Roy has been a loyal member of the Flying Nobles for many years.

I want to thank everyone for their help this year. We had a few years when things weren't like the good old days, but we are coming back and our new officers will keep us going. I really miss the days when we had 30 or more at the meetings.

Our first meeting on January 10 is the same date as the seminar at the Shrine Center. I don't know how Commander Beymer will change our meeting time, but you will be notified.

The New Year's Eve Ball is always a lot of fun, so if you are going, get your reservation in now.

Everyone have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



### *In Memoriam*

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# Union County

by **Bernie Vance**

The Union County Shrine Club met at Sandy's Bar & Grill, Marysville on November 5 with 26 members present.

After a nice dinner and a short business meeting, the election of officers for the coming year was held under the leadership of President Fred S. Kile. Several programs and issues were discussed.

Tabloid Chairman Bill Franke recognized the members who attended the Stag Picnic and received the first place award for contributions to Aladdin Shrine for the hospitals. Union County's donation this year exceeded \$72,000.

Elections were held and officers for 2009 will be as follows: president, Leland Walk; first vice president, Bill Franke; second vice president, Jim Strayton; treasurer, Chris Davis; secretary, Gary Parks; and trustee, Fred Kile.

President Kile announced he had received a check from ASHAC in the amount of \$31,000 to purchase Broselow/Hinkle Pediatric Emergency Resuscitation Systems for the eight fire departments belonging to the Union County Fire Department Association. The check will be presented at a later date. The resuscitation units retail for \$1,950 each and the grant from ASHAC allowed for 18 units to be purchased and distributed to the members. The fire departments involved are Allen Township, Jerome, Leesburg, Liberty, Northern Union County, Pleasant Valley, Union Township, and Marysville.

A press conference and formal check presentation was held on November 20 at the Marysville Fire Department with representatives from each member fire department; the local radio station, 107.9 FM; Mayor Chris Schmenk, Marysville; Assistant Rabban Bill Estell, Aladdin Shrine; members of the Union County Shrine Club; and other dignitaries.



L-R: Fred Kile, president of Union County Shrine Club; Chief Johnson, Marysville Fire Department; and Assistant Rabban William Estell

# Provost

by **John Rohal**

Oh, boy! What some people will do to gain mention in a Provost article! I understand Jeff Kopp coaxed the Potentate into letting him be master of ceremonies at the November Ceremonial so he could "deliberately" fail to introduce one of the Provost Unit Past Potentates. Guess Who! (Damn tuba player!)

The unit had also taken an active part in the ritualistic cast of this Ceremonial besides our Divan members. Jerame Dixon and Michael Gray worked parts on the floor.

There were about 150 of our Nobles and their Ladies present for our November meeting and Potentate's visitation. Besides Potentate Dan Stainbrook and his lady Ann, other Divan members and their Ladies who were attended included William E. Estell, Steve Hathaway, Michael D. Tyne, William R. Amspaugh Jr., and Thomas L. Colburn who was introduced as the Chief Rabban. Past Potentates and their Ladies present included Donald G. Goodman, George Kosbab, Dale R. Cline, and John Rohal.

The meal was excellent, as usual, and each of the Ladies was given a gift of a Provost Ladies golf shirt with their names embroidered on the front. Thanks go to Kris Goodman.

The Potentate was presented with a monetary gift for the Aladdin Shrine and Lady Ann was given a monetary gift for her favorite charity.

The Potentate discussed the upcoming events and reminded us to attend the stated meeting and election of officers on December 15.

Celebrating birthdays in December are Donald A. Bissett, John R. Bivens, Jacob A. Borrer, Robert L. Cannon, Thomas P. Charles, Bill L. Dountz, Edgar A. Everhart, H. A. (Leo) Genders, Charles J. Linek Jr., Michael W. Pearch, Jeffery L. Rannebarger, Robert S. Steele, Douglas B. Turpening, Michael L. Wears, and Ronald L. Williams.

On the road to recovery at his home in Leesburg, Florida is Wendel W. Webb who recently underwent successful surgery to remove a cancerous colon tumor. Let's keep him in our prayers.

I'll close by wishing all of our snowbirds well and hope the weather is more to your liking. I would also like to wish everyone of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

# Mariners Yacht Club

by **Frank Henderson**

The Mariners Club met November 5 at the Aladdin Shrine Center for a fine buffet dinner and the election of officers.

The invocation was given by Ill Sir Calvin Smith and the pledge of allegiance was led by Noble Wade Gross. Noble Wade Gross led the meeting since Noble Jim Bradham and Lady Vickie were not available for the meeting.

The officers for 2009 will be commodore, Ill Sir Calvin Smith; rear commodore, Frank Henderson; purser, Noble Wade Gross, and yeoman, Frank Henderson.

The December 3 meeting was held at Fred and Norma Ahlborn's home. More details will come after Thanksgiving.

# Bucyrus Shrine

by **Gene Diller**

The Bucyrus Shrine Club opened the meeting with prayer led by Noble Jerry Staiger. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Vice President Noble Tim Miller.

Noble Dave Crum's Palmer House catered the meal. The meal was turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, banana salad, and pie.

The Galion Shrine Club has extended an invitation to Bucyrus Shrine Club to attend a Christmas party at the Palmer House, December 12, 6:00 p.m. for Nobles and Ladies.

Noble Robert Wise was elected the Eminent Prior #18 Masonic Knights of the York Cross of Honour of Ohio.

The Bucyrus Shrine Club elected Nobles Tim Miller, president; Noble Gene Diller, secretary; and Noble Pete Roll, treasurer. The meeting was adjourned.

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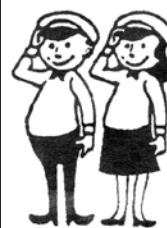
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# Steubenville

by *Anthony Violi*

The Steubenville Shrine Club wishes all the Nobles, their families, and their friends a joyful and happy holiday. President Dan Moffatt opened the November 5 meeting of the Steubenville Shrine club by leading the Nobility in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of our great country. Prayer was offered by Noble Robert Moffatt.

Reported ill are Nobles Larry Carter, Tabloid Chairman Bill Alexander (he is improving and showing good spirit), Harry Reynolds, and Lloyd Kimble. Jim Halstead's daughter had surgery and Noble Joe Benline will have a knee replaced on December 18. The mother of Dan Davis is ill. May the Lord watch over them and grant them a speedy recovery.

The Black Camel visited our club taking Thomas Williams, brother of Noble Harry Williams, and Terry Wallace to their eternal resting place. Condolences were extended to the families.

Welcomed was Noble Harold Cook. Harold has been appointed to the position of secretary of the Scottish Rite office at the Masonic Temple. He will replace long-time secretary, Ill. Brother Henri Albert, who will retire at the end of the year. Henry will be honored for his long service at a dinner at the Rose Catering Facility. We were sorry to hear that Noble Shawn Smith would be moving south.

Noble Wes Darling, Motor Patrol president, informed us that the Patrol would participate in three Christmas parades: Wintersville, Brilliant, and Steubenville. Noble B. J. Johnson stated that three children are to be scheduled to be taken to Erie for evaluation and treatment. Building chairman, Noble Jim Halstead, informed us that the grass had been cut, the leaves gathered, and the outside facilities winterized. The road to Aladdin Land has been paved. GREAT! A big "thank you" goes to those responsible.

It was announced that the annual Christmas party for the children (and adults) would be held on December 6 at Aladdin Land. Noble Jerry Williams and his Lady Joan will chair the event. Nobles Ken Gorney and Dan Davis volunteered to do the decorating. Noble Morris informed the Nobility that the Shrine dinners, which are open to the public, on the third Wednesday of each month are still being scheduled. Nobles, plan to attend. The food is good and plentiful and the fellowship is great. Noble Jerry Williams, Jr. proudly informed me that Alyssa Marie Williams, beautiful daughter of Noble Jerry Williams Jr., grand-daughter of Noble Jerry Williams Sr., was crowned 2008 homecoming queen at the Steubenville Catholic Central High School football game on October 11. Congratulations!

The 25- and 50-year members and past presidents were introduced. Distinguished Masons Ill. Brother Henri Albert 33 °, Jerry Williams VSA, MSA, Anthony Violi VSA, MSA, and Al Dubois MSA were recognized. A closing prayer was offered by Past President Noble Robert Moffatt. Delicious refreshments were available. Fellowship followed. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

## Reception Unit

by *Aaron Dominey*

By the time you read this article, the bricks we sold to create the pathway out to the "Editorial Without Words" will have been set and the pathway complete (weather permitting). It's nice to see our project finish up since we've spent so much time and effort selling the bricks.

At our November meeting, Unit Director Mike Johnson suggested we consider having our meetings outside Aladdin or scaling back our food to a lighter meal or hot hors d'oeuvres. This is to avoid having to pass along increased food costs that Catering by Design is experiencing. Our December and January meetings will be held at Aladdin with additional discussion on the topic to occur in January.

Speaking of our November meeting, it was nice to see Barry Hillman and Charles Essex. We hope that you continue to attend our meetings. If you know of any Reception Unit members who haven't been to a meeting in recent months, please reach out to them and invite them to an upcoming meeting. Who knows why they stopped coming, let's help them get back into the routine.

Don't forget, New Year's Eve is December 31. As is usual, there will be a New Year's Eve party at Aladdin; see the ad on the back page of the Lamp for full details. Here's to a safe holiday season and a healthy and prosperous 2009.

# Thea Court

by *Frances Ann Bailey*

Thea Court has been on the move since August with a visitation to Tarhe Club. In September, Clinton County Ladies Club was our next visitation.

The performing units went to Great Lakes Unit meet in Cleveland.

Moving on to October, we met with the Licking County Ladies Club and held an extra sewing session at Aladdin Shrine Center. Some of these ladies at our visitations gave us articles for the hospitals.

November 1 was our annual fall luncheon honoring our high priestess and past high priestesses. A special guest, Past Grand High Priestess Lady Marlene McCarty from Alaska, was present.

## Hardin Shrine

by *Ken Rossman*

Our regular meeting was held on November 19 at Veteran's Memorial Park Clubhouse with a total attendance of 75 including 4 new Nobles and guests from Aladdin.

Our Aladdin guests were Divan Representative Bill Estell, his father Dick Estell, P.P. Calvin Smith, and Garol Rogers.

P.P. Smith opened the evening with a prayer. We then dined on a great meal. It was our annual oyster night which was prepared and served by Nobles Clinger, Wagner, Rice, Matteson, Walden, Osborn, Gilbert, Sorgen, Dearing, Rob Wilson, Wykes, Pore and Ridgeway. Great job, Nobles. Oysters were prepared by Nobles Lew Hanna and Krock. Black beans and tilapia were prepared by Osborn.

President Jim Holmes led us in the pledge of allegiance to start our business meeting. Holmes introduced our Aladdin guests. Divan Representative Estell noted the New Year's Eve party at Aladdin and noted it is a good party and a fun time.

President Holmes gave out three checks for a total of \$16,972.00 to Ada Fire Department, Kenton Fire Department, and Upper Scioto Valley E.M.S. These distributions came from ASHAC. The checks were presented by Bill Estell.

Our next meeting will be our annual Christmas Party at the Community Building at the fairgrounds. President Holmes reminded us to be sure to sign up children 12 years or younger for the party.

Kenton's Christmas parade was be on November 29 (Saturday after Thanksgiving) and will start at the shopping plaza at 3:00 p.m. Our unit with our fire truck will participate in the Kenton Christmas Parade.

Noble Walden noted that Dunkirk will have a Christmas gathering with reindeer and Santa Claus. Pictures will be taken.

Our four new members introduced themselves - Dave Geiger, Gene Longbrake, Charles Carson, and Vaughn Pfeiffer. Welcome, Nobles.

It was noted that Noble Paul Heilman is still under cancer treatment.

Noble Don Doll noted that his brother Ken Doll is now under cancer treatment. We need to keep these gentlemen in our thoughts and prayers.

President Holmes noted that at our Christmas party we will eat at 6:00 p.m. so the evening will not be too long for the children.

Our treasurer was not at our meeting. He was made Grand Tiler for the Grand Lodge of Ohio. Congratulations go to Noble Tim Jolliff.

We wish happy birthday to Noble John Jester who is 91. We also congratulate Noble Paul Bishop and his Lady Evelyn on their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Always remember Aladdin is Rolling for Kids.

## JUST CLOWNING AROUND

by *Jeff "Cee-Jay" Carter*

Can you believe that the end of the year is here?

A lot has happened in the world of smiles and jokes. Some good news and some not so good.

I have the sad duty to report the loss of one of our charter clowns. Mike Knilians passed away November 14. Please keep Mike's family in your prayers. He will be missed, but rest assured he is entertaining the crowds in heaven.

We had some illness strike our family lately. It is good to see Mike "Buckethead" Clark working toward a full recovery. Mike is a very hard worker for the unit.

My partner in crime, Matt "Nutt" Knight, is having some back problems and his lovely wife Andi is having some serious problems of her own. Let's keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers.

A "bump of the nose" goes to John "Skates" Knoffler and Wayne "Wayno" Shriver. Skates raised \$180.00 for the Sneaker Fund with his truck project. Wayno worked at a couple birthday parties where he earned \$100.00 for the Sneaker Fund. Great job, fellows! Wayno also gets a pat on the back for being elected to Senior Deacon at his Blue lodge. We should remember to attend our home lodges. The new person you meet there could be our next clown.

Boss Clown Toots wants to thank Tex and his breakfast crew for an excellent job of fundraising at the Ceremonial. It is rumored that they were two hours late. With a little hard work and some begging and pleading, they caught up. Great job, guys!

We have a few upcoming events in December: the Clown Christmas Party, the James Cancer Show, and the Hospitality Unit's Kids Christmas party.

END WITH A SMILE: Know why laboratories have switched from rats to lawyers for their experiments?

1. There's no shortage of lawyers. 2. You don't get attached to them.

3. After all, there are some things you can't get a rat to do.

In closing, I would like to challenge all of us to help who can, when we can, the best we can. After all that's part of being a Mason, a Noble, and a good person.



## GALLIPOLIS SHRINE *by Frank Petrie, Jr.*

What a wonderful fall we have enjoyed. This kind of weather makes one happy just to be alive.

We wish to thank our latest bus driver, Noble Steve Wallis, for safely hauling a bus load of Shriners to and from the Stag Picnic. I understand everyone had a rip-roaring good time. There was even some mention of "old home week" up there?

Thanks go to Nobles Guy Guinther, Charley Meadows, Homer Hankins, Glen Ward, Chuck Easter, Jim Harris, Larry Betz, and Jack Rife for selling our "special spoons" at the Bob Evans Farm Festival. They collected a very tidy sum and I understand had a ball while doing this fine work.

The Hillbillies and Hillymas are to receive a "special thanks" for their generosity. On October 16, Rabban of the Clan #7, Noble Eddie Fife, presented a very substantial check to the Gallipolis Shrine Club.

Another good deed must be mentioned. Noble Herman Sprague donated a week at Myrtle Beach that will be offered at a later date.

On October 26, Nobles Charles Meadows, Chuck Easter, Melvin Craft, Roger Morgan, and Guy Guinther made a visit to the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church in Crown City. We wished to express our thanks "in person" for their generous monetary donations over the last few years to help our children.

We wish to thank Nobles David McQuaid, Mike Blaine, Rodney Fulks, Carl DeWitt, Jim Vinson, Steve Salisbury, Phil Baird, and Lawrence Theiss for insulating and rewiring the older part of our building. We also want to thank Noble Gordan Goble for donating the insulation machine.

Nobles Glen Ward, Bob Donnett, Guy Guinther, and myself served on the nominating committee for preparing a slate of officers for 2009. Congratulations to our newly elected officers: president, Noble Steve Saunders; first vice president, Noble Dennis Salisbury; second vice president, Noble Carl "Root" Shenefield; third vice president, Noble Larry Betz; and secretary/treasurer, Noble Dan Henderson. Please offer your assistance and wisdom to these Nobles and help make 2009 another great year.

There was a special guest at our October meeting. Mr. David Cavalier wished to thank Shriners in person for the wonderful care that his son, David Matthew, is receiving at the Shriners Hospital for Children. Mr. Cavalier said they had never felt more welcomed and so well cared for in their lives than at the Shriners Hospital. Remember, Nobles and Ladies, this is one of the reasons we belong to the Shrine – so we can help these children in some small way.

The Potentate's visit on November 1 was such a good time. The social hour was noisy and fun as we got to mix and mingle. Dinner was a delicious affair with Noble Mike Blaine serving his prime rib "any way you like it." He was ably assisted by our head cook, Mary Searls, wife of Noble Terry Searls. President, Noble Carl DeWitt, presented Lady Ann a substantial check for her scholarship fund. She most graciously thanked the Gallipolis Shrine Club for their generosity.

President DeWitt then introduced and presented the Illustrious Potentate Dan Stainbrook. Rabban of the Clan #7, Noble Eddie Fife, presented the Potentate with two very generous checks – one for the Cincinnati Burns Hospital and one for the Lexington Shrine Hospital for Children. The GSC then presented the Illustrious Sir with a check for the Aladdin Temple. Illustrious Potentate Dan, was then made an honorary member of the GSC and presented with one of our sterling ball caps. Also, Noble John Nibert presented the Potentate with one of his fancy crafted buggy seats that was engraved with Masonic and Shrine Symbols. These seats are a real work of art.

The Illustrious Sir sincerely thanked everyone for their generosity. He then made three presentations himself. Noble Steve Salisbury was presented with a meritorious service award. Noble William "Bill" Johnson was made an Ambassador by the Potentate. Congratulations and a "tip of the Fez" to these very deserving Nobles. The Potentate presented a three-in-one clock to President Noble Carl DeWitt for his outstanding year as president. Of course, Carl had a lot of help from his lovely Lady Cheryl.

We also sang Happy Birthday to Noble Rex Shenefield who was celebrating his 81<sup>st</sup> birthday. "Atta Boy Rex!" We were later entertained by Mr. Joey Wilcoxon with a wide variety of songs. Everyone seemed to enjoy a delightful evening.

Remember Nobles and Ladies: A man may smile and bid you hail but wish you to the devil, but when a dog wags his tail you know he's on the level.

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

## NORTHEAST SHRINE *by Aaron Dominey*

We welcomed Illustrious Sir Potentate Daniel E. Stainbrook II and his Lady Ann to the November meeting as his official visitation (finally!). I laugh when I say finally because, as you know, Dan and Ann are members of our club and have attended every meeting in 2008 – or close to every meeting. I lost track.

At our October meeting, we elected the 2009 officers and members of the board of directors: president-elect - Ralph Hughes, first vice president - Jim Rohal, second vice president - Tom Rice, treasurer - Terry McLaughlin, secretary - Frank Habeker.

We will be electing our third vice president at the December meeting. Noble Ron Leonard has indicated he'd be interested in moving into the officer rotation.

Speaking of our December meeting, it promises to put a festive close on what's been a very fun year. We are planning a white elephant Christmas gift exchange. If you would like to participate, please bring one wrapped gift per family (either one wrapped gift per couple or sweetheart/single person). A white elephant gift exchange is a light-hearted way to have fun with your friends and family. White elephant gifts are traditionally considered tacky or something that would not complement the taste of the recipient and/or are given by a close relative that cannot be returned or given back because it would cause offense to the gift giver. Additional details about the festivities will be sent shortly with the reservation form. The December meeting will be held on Friday, December 19 at 6:15 p.m. in the Aladdin Room. I hope to see many members there.

If you are leaving for Florida or other points south, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Past Masters *by Dick Bull*

Congratulations go to unit members Bob Neff, Chuck McLeod, Ron Winnett, and Dave Jacobs who have been nominated to receive the Purple Cross from the York Rite Sovereign College of North America in Cincinnati in 2009.

Many thanks go to 12 of our unit members who acted as candidate escorts during the recent Shrine Ceremonial and to the 15 members who participated in the "Evolution of a Shriner." Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

In December, we will report on our election of unit officers and of the Ladies Auxiliary officers. These elections took place on November 24 after the Lamp deadline for news. Installation was held during our Christmas dinner party at Der Dutchman in Plain City on December 1. Denny Leach was in charge of arrangements.

Our unit portrayed the Master Mason Degree on December 11 at Westgate Lodge #623, F. & A.M.

Jim VanBibber continues to struggle with serious health issues and we wish him the very best to overcome these problems.

We participated in the Washington CH Christmas parade.

Happy holidays to all. I will be interesting to see what new ways we can watch our savings go down the toilet in 2009.

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After the check presentations were made, Staff Sergeant Anderson of the United States Marine Corps gave us information on the "Toys for Tots" program. He is the head of the program for Franklin and five other surrounding counties including Fairfield. At the end of his presentation, we passed the "fez" around raising between \$350.00 and \$400.00 in donations for this program.



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# Senior Shriners

by Chuck McLeod

The November 19 meeting of the Senior Shriners was opened by Noble President Don Lynne. Noble Don gave the opening prayer, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Noble Don recognized Past Potentates Harry Reissig and George Kosbab who stood and received a round of applause. He recognized past club presidents and they received a round of applause.

Following a delicious meal of chicken and noodles. Noble President Don called on PP George Kosbab. He thanked the club for its support last year at the Fifth Annual Aladdin International "Sled Hockey Tournament." He gave each officer a commemorative hockey puck with the inscription "Sixth Annual Aladdin International Sled Hockey Tournament, January 16-18, 2009, sponsored by Aladdin Shrine Hospital Association for Children and Ohio and Sled Hockey, Inc". He said it is inspiring to see these young folks, who have to be strapped onto the sleds, play hockey. They and their families thank Aladdin for their sponsorship and support.

President Don introduced our speaker for the day, Illustrious Brother Byrl Shoemaker, 33° Mason. Brother Shoemaker began by saying that when he graduated from high school in 1936, it took him six months to find a job. Each place where he sought employment always asked, "What can you do?" He would say, "I graduated from high school." The next question always was, "Yes, but what can you do?" They wanted to know what skill he had that they were willing to pay him for. His answer of having graduated from high school was not what they needed. He ended up working in a bakery and then painting houses with his father-in-law. He entered Ohio State University and was studying psychology when his advisor said he would need a doctorate to make any money in psychology. Shoemaker switched and studied vocational education. He taught vocational education in Sylvania, Ohio. He entered the Navy and went to school and graduated as an ensign. Because of his teaching background he was assigned as curriculum officer in a Navy technical school in Washington D. C. Upon retiring from the Navy, he became the Findlay local supervisor of two vocational educational programs. He next became the supervisor for trade and industrial arts area schools in Pennsylvania,

A joint vocational school law was passed in Ohio in 1959; it was revised in 1961 and 1963. Brother Shoemaker presented a plan to incorporate joint vocational schools

(JVS) in every school district in Ohio. He presented the plan to both the Ohio House and Senate and helped get it passed. In 1963 he became the executive director of vocational education in Ohio. Next he had to sell the program to the executive branch of the state government. In 1967 a law was passed requiring all districts of the state to have a plan for JVS. In 1972 the plans were completed. There were 110 districts in Ohio in 1973, (today there are only 90). Some individual districts had a JVS of their own, while cooperating districts shared one. Eastland Vocational School is in the Columbus area on Hamilton Road near Ricart Ford. Vocational schools are available to all students.

Brother Shoemaker had several overhead slides accompanying his presentation, one of which showed employment by occupational areas: craftsman and technicians, 42.2%; professional, 7.6%; farm agriculture, 3.7%. non-farm agriculture, 5.3%; clerical/office, 14.4%; distribution, 14.7% and all others 12.1%.

Noble President Don presented Brother Shoemaker with a plaque signifying that he had been the speaker at our meeting. He also stated that Noble Shoemaker and his son Gary had both become members of our club. They were received with a round of applause.

Noble President Don read the slate of officers for 2009: president - Richard Logsdon, first vice president - Jonwade Boyd, second vice president - Jimmie Bontrager, secretary - Charles McLeod, and chaplain - Donald Pendell. Noble Gary Hilbinger stated that he had to give up the treasurer's position since his wife's cancer had returned and he needed to be with her and could not perform the duties of treasurer. His position will be filled at a later date. It was moved, seconded, and passed that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for slate of officers as proposed. The officers will be installed at the December meeting.

Don't forget that the December meeting will held on the third Wednesday. (DECEMBER 17). This will be a free meal for all regular members of the club in memory of our benefactor, Robert Mannerstorm.

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Noble President Lynne gave the closing prayer and the meeting was closed in peace and harmony.

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# THE CHANTERS

by Brent Wilson

Here we are in the most glorious season of the year! What can you say about Thanksgiving, Christmas, and last, but not least, New Year's Eve? We are entering the coldest days and nights of the year (outside) and the warmest days and nights of the year (inside). Isn't it funny how our attitudes change during the season in spite of the gloom we see outside? For the holidays, we give thanks for family and friends, life's simple pleasures, smells, hugs, and of course on Thanksgiving Day, FOOTBALL! Oh yeah, and turkey! The stuff relationships are made of – giving, loving, and caring. The harvest, the bounty, the love we've shared. Our blessings, our Thanksgiving and the peace that may last forever. Giving thanks harmonizes crooked places. 'Tis the season to embrace those you love and love those you embrace. See only good, as it should be at Christmas and thank God for this most glorious time and for all of our blessing. Remember most of all the reason for the season and love somebody.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year to one and all!

I am so pleased to tell you at the Shrine's last stated meeting, two of your Chanters were recognized by the Potentate, our own Dan Stainbrook, for their work in the Shrine. Bob Larson was recognized as an Ambassador by the Potentate. It is a very prestigious position awarded for exemplary service to our Shrine. Bob has been a Shriner/Chanter for the past nine years, along with his allegiance to his Masonic Lodge and Jesters. He is treasurer of the Chanters. Thanks, Bob, for a job well done.

The second Chanter to receive recognition from the Potentate was yours truly, and Dan presented me with the Meritorious Service Award. I was very surprised, pleased, and humbled. I had no idea. It has been my honor to be a Mason, a Shriner, and a Chanter and I thank all who made this possible for me.

We have a couple of our brothers in sick bay: Jack Harris is still fighting against infection, and Howard Porshinsky, who is improving. It was great to see Howard at practice last weekend. Jack, we sure miss you and wish you were back.

At the last Ceremonial, the Chanters had a great turnout and we sang like canaries. Our own, John Iben, sang the solo of the *Prince of Morocco*, and as usual, made a most stellar presentation. Thank you, John!

Not long after you read this, we will have an all new slate of officers which will be named in your January *Lamp*. Don F will be passing the gavel on and we want to thank Don for his leadership and caring service this past year. And we thank his lovely Lady Linda for her Ladies Evenings and for her support to Don. From all of your fellow Chanters and their Ladies, THANK YOU!

We don't have the new calendar out for 2009, but there is one date to remember:

January 5, Monday - Chanters President's Dinner at Shade on the Canal.

So, in closing, let me personally wish you all a very merry holiday season. And please, as always, say a little prayer or two for all of our brave service men and service women in harm's way so that we may enjoy our freedom.

## Good News for Donors: Charitable IRA Rollover is Back!

*Don't miss this second-chance opportunity to make tax-free gifts from your IRA!*

Making a charitable contribution to a meaningful and worthy cause like Shriners Hospitals for Children is one of the most rewarding things most of us will ever experience during our lifetimes. A gift to Shriners Hospitals for Children offers so many benefits.. both to the children in our care and to the donors who generously support our mission.

Prior to 2006, however, many people who wished to make a gift from their IRA may have been discouraged from doing so because of certain income tax consequences. The Pension Protection Act of 2006 eliminated those barriers and allowed donors to make tax-free distributions to qualifying charities from their IRA in 2006 and 2007.

Now, there is good news once more for those wishing to make a contribution from their IRA. Under new legislation, there is again a limited-time opportunity for certain individuals to avoid federal income tax on IRA distributions to Shriners Hospitals for Children. A provision in the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 provides an exclusion from gross income for IRA distributions to a public charity, such as Shriners Hospitals for Children, of up to \$100,000 per year. The legislation applies to traditional IRAs and Roth IRAs for qualified charitable distributions made during 2008 and 2009 by plan owners who have attained at least age 70 1/2 on the date of the distribution to the charity.

**Eligible Plans:** IRAs and Roth IRAs. Other forms of retirement plans such as 401(k), 403(b) annuities, defined benefit and contribution plans, profit sharing plans and Keoghs plans are not eligible.

**Eligible Dates:** Transfers made between Jan. 1, 2008, and Dec. 31, 2009.

**Age:** The income tax exclusion applies to individuals who have reached 70 1/2 by the date of the contribution.

**Distribution Limitation:** The amount that can be excluded from a plan owner's income is limited to \$100,000 per taxpayer per year. Therefore, a married couple can donate up to \$200,000, provided each spouse owns at least one IRA and can each make a qualified charitable distribution of up to \$100,000 from their plans. Funds or securities transferred by your IRA custodian directly from your IRA to Shriners Hospitals for Children can count toward your annual mandatory withdrawal and avoids federal income tax.

**Qualified Charitable Distributions:** Any distribution from a traditional IRA or Roth IRA made directly by the IRA administrator to Shriners Hospitals for Children can qualify. (Shriners Transportation Funds, donor-advised funds, supporting organizations and private foundations do not qualify.)

**Direct Distributions:** The IRA distribution of cash or securities must be made directly from the IRA custodian, administrator or trustee to the charity - the check from the IRA should be made payable to Shriners Hospitals for Children, not the plan participant. Arrangements for the electronic transfer of securities from the IRA can be made.

If you are interested in learning more about making a gift to Shriners Hospitals for Children from your IRA or other giving opportunities, please contact the Office of Development. Consult your own attorney or tax advisor for more details and to determine if this manner of giving is appropriate for your situation.

# Southeast Shrine

by Cecil Moore

Thanksgiving has come and gone; the turkey was great. I sure hope you enjoyed it as much as I.

Our November meeting was attended by 25; that is good. However, with the amount of members we have, the number of attendees should be at least twice that number or more. Let's get behind the club and make it prosper in the coming year. I know we can do it.

Pete, our president, would like to see a good number at the Christmas party. It will be a great time with enjoyment for all.

George Kosbab, our Past Potentate, was present at our meeting to speak on behalf of the ice sled hockey for the crippled children. We had donated another \$500.00 toward any equipment they may need; he was pleased. At the meeting he gave each of the officers one of the hockey pucks used in the game. He also surprised Jeri Lewis, who recently lost her husband (one of our members), by giving her one of the pucks.

Members, it is dues time again. Sit down, write a check to send to Pete. Remember, dues are ten dollars per year, however, if you are 80 years young or older, you are now a life member and no longer need to pay dues.

We still have one member in the rest home. He is Jim Kraner and has been there for two years because of a car accident. He was a good member.

We also have a member and his wife laid up. Tom Carr and his wife were down at their farm, she slipped and fell breaking her shoulder and her nose, Tom is also ill needing an operation of the esophagus. Please keep all of these good people in your prayers.

If anyone is sick, or if you know of a sick member, give me (Cecil Moore, 614-759-9357) a call so I might call them to wish them well, and then I can pass the information on to all the members. Remember, we all like to be thought of in a time of need.

Christmas is well on its way and I hope every one receives all the gifts they desire and that everyone has a safe and fun filled holidays.

I will be back with more next month. Until then, so-long.

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# Chaplain's Message

## Angels Aware

Angels become very prominent this time of year. Angels are important characters in the Christmas drama as they were instrumental in preparing God's people for the coming of Christ, of God if you will, into this world. Their message to those ancient shepherds still give us a hopeful, though as yet unfulfilled vision, "peace on earth and good will to men."

Angels were nothing new to the biblical revelation nor in the teaching and scripture of other religions. People of many cultures and religions have sensed God reaching out and intervening in human affairs to help, save, guide, and comfort through these special spiritual beings. Who of us has not had a close call or two and afterward said to ourselves or had someone say to us, "Your guardian angel was working overtime."

We also refer to some people as angels. There are those who seem so full of good will, love, and good deeds that they are like the angelic beings. Lady Ann has been using this idea with her "angel pins" that represent not only her scholarship program, but how hard and selflessly many work to help and minister to others. But most of us shy away from that designation. We know we are pretty imperfect and it seems presumptuous to lay claim to such a title. Oh, we have our moments, but we also know we are a lot like the sleeping child who looks so peaceful and mild asleep, but awake, well that's another story.

There is a verse in the *New Testament*, Hebrews 13:2 if you want to look it up, that tells us to be especially kind to strangers as we may entertain angels "unaware." And yes, who of us have not had some of these angels unaware bless us over the years of our living. Could it be that we could be angels "aware," not just during this Christmas season, but all the year? Could we look for opportunities to do something special at home, in relation to our spouses, our families, an elderly neighbor, a street person, a homeless person, any kind of human encounter. They happen all the time, but how often do we miss them. Oh, I'm still reluctant to claim the title, but I believe the great Architect of the Universe has designed us all to be the kind of people angels represent and as we give thanks for the grace and love of God manifest in the Christmas event, let us resolve to be angels aware, people looking for opportunities every day to love and serve others.

Merry Christmas!

by Chaplain John Ash



# Kentucky Colonels

by Dick Phelps

Hope everyone had a bountiful Thanksgiving and is attending a lot of parties this holiday season. Let's not forget the true meaning of Christmas as we celebrate.

Well, cold weather caught up with us too soon. Some of our Colonels who live farther up north encountered heavy snow flurries while driving to our November 18 luncheon. Outgoing President Pete Ransburgh presided and President-Elect Ron Fraser gave the invocation and led the pledge to our flag.

It was good to see Colonel Jim Cheney back with us and joining our club. Both Joe Rike and Clara Jo have been under the weather lately but Joe was back at his old stand as secretary at the last meeting. Congratulations go to Clara Jo on her appointment to a state office in the Ohio Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, for 2009.

Did you read Ron Lewis's letter about his father's (Frank) activities in our Kentucky Colonels and Southeast Clubs? It was a touching tribute. It is always good to see Jeri Lewis back with us. We know it's tough for both of you. Best wishes!

It's December birthday time for these good Colonels: John Bevins, Jim Hoops, Frank Henderson, Ron Leeth, George Meyers, Dick Phelps, Bill Stansberry, Dave Webb, Herb Williams, and Earl Woodring.

Colonels, don't forget to make reservations for our Christmas party December 16. Call Joe at 740-587-2496 now. We will see you all there and at the Mystical Moments New Year's Eve Dinner Dance. It's always the belt celebration in town!

Remember – it's better to be a 'used to be' than a "never was."

## Worthington

by Bob Stevenson

Worthington Shrine Club held its annual business meeting and election of officers for 2009 on November 6.

Congratulations go to Darren Harder, president; Ken Harrington, first vice president; Bob Nevel, second vice president; Jeff Bohenko, secretary, and Wayne Miller, treasurer.

We extend a hearty "thanks" to Mike Bartley for his service as president this past year. We look forward to the club continuing in the growth mode we have seen under President Mike.

These officers, plus Trustees Joe Simmons and Ken Sparks, were installed at our annual Christmas Dinner.

Remember the change of date for our January 2009 meeting. It will be Thursday, January 15 and we will host Potentate Dan Stainbrook and his Lady Ann. This meeting is for all Nobles and Ladies. It is a good evening to introduce any Master Mason who might be thinking of becoming a Shriner.

We look forward to seeing each of you during the coming year.

# Marching with The Legion

by Dick Luckay

THE NEW CHAIN OF COMMAND – The elections are over. There will be no recount. The lawyers all went home without so much as a challenge. So, I guess it is now official. The new officers for the Aladdin Legion of Honor for the year 2009 are as follows: Commander – Robert Spencer (for an encore performance); 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander – Gary Bogart; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander – Phillip Pini; 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. Commander – Bob Krieger; Adjutant – Bob Faber P.C.; Finance Officer – Fred Kreutz; Quartermaster – Willie Fitchett; Officer of the Guard – John Hart; and Sun Shine Chairman – Don McCoy. That is a very good line of officers and it assures Aladdin will have another top-notch Legion of Honor for the coming year. It all becomes official on December 16 when they officially takeover over their duties after the swearing-in ceremony at the Aladdin Shrine Center. Congratulations and best wishes to all the new officers for a truly great year in the making.

CEREMONIAL REPORT – It was a festive occasion for the forty plus candidates involved in the December Ceremonial. And the Legion was in due form for the presentation of the colors. P.C. Robert Spencer was the Officer in Charge and P.C. Bob Wilson, Commander Dick Ollila, Bob Krieger, Dick Luckay, Dave Ozvat, and Chester Van Horn made a fine display of military precision and performance. It was a good day and all were impressed with the events that took place – especially – by the Brutal Brothers.

SPECIAL DAYS FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE – Happy birthday wishes (belated) go to Clancy Lanthorn (11/24) and Sharron Lehman (12/4). Advanced best wishes to Mary Linger (12/21), Shirley Provance (12/22), Gail McCall (12/23), and Jeff Rader (12/31). There is still room on the cake for more candles – so enjoy each day in the coming year. Also, on 12/31 (New Years Eve that is) Don and Marjorie McCoy will be celebrating their (classified) wedding anniversary. Hope it's a good one with more to come. God Bless one and all.

TAPS – It is with profound regret and sadness we report the passing of a long-time member of the Legion. J.P. Morgan exemplified the best in a man, a Mason, and a Legion noble. He served the Legion in a number of capacities and fulfilled each with dedication and a commitment to excellence. Well done, our Brother, you have earned your place with the Grand Architect.



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# Shriners Provide Assistance to Local Fire Departments



Two local fire departments were awarded checks totaling \$3,900.00 from Aladdin Shriners at the Licking County Shrine Club monthly meeting held at the Teheran Grotto on Thursday, November 6. Presentations were made to St. Albans and Mary Ann Township Fire Departments by Thomas Colburn, Past Potentate of Aladdin, Harry Webster, Executive Director of Aladdin, and Harry Wilson, President of the Licking County Shrine

Club. Receiving the awards were Mike Aldredge, St. Albans Township Fire Chief, and Randy Miner, Mary Ann Township Fire Chief, and Sharon O'Reilly, also from Mary Ann Township.

Aladdin Shriners Hospital Association for Children provides financial support for hospital and medical care for children under the age of eighteen who are in need of

orthopaedic or burn treatment. This is in addition to the traditional support to the Shriners Hospitals for Children and is another way Aladdin supports the local community.

Shrine clubs affiliated with Aladdin Shriners are invited to recommend not-for-profit organizations in their community that may be eligible for financial support. The funds may be used to cover the cost of certain medical treatments and to purchase special medical equipment that would provide healthcare assistance to children as well as to support educational programs for burn prevention. The Licking County Shrine Club is proud to have recommended the St. Albans and Mary Ann Township Fire Departments to receive assistance through this program. They were awarded \$1,500.00 and \$2,400.00 respectively.



## Brutal Brothers

by Tom Ruggles

For our last Lamp for this year, first we want to wish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

The Brutal Brothers' Ladies Christmas Party and Potentate's Visitation was held at the Pinnacle Golf Club in Grove City on December 6 and all who attended seemed to have a good time.



Next on the calendar after Christmas will be the "Mystical Moments" New Year's Eve party to be held at the Aladdin Shrine Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 31. And, if you hurry, you may still be able

to get reservations by calling Kim Luckeydoo at the Aladdin Shrine Center. Her telephone number is 614-475-2609, ext. 23.

With some additional thoughts about our November 8 Ceremonial, I received a follow-up email which stated that anyone who missed this Ceremonial missed one of the best Shrine Ceremonials of recent years.

The cast did an excellent job of introducing the candidates to Shrinedom, as did the performing units. The statistics I heard were that we had over fifty candidates of which 48 showed up and were appropriately welcomed into the Shrine. Following the Ceremonial, many of the new Shriners stayed to cheer on OSU in the Oasis Room.

Since our annual election of officers for the coming year was scheduled for our November 4 meeting, I believe that this is the appropriate time to offer a great big "thank you" to the 2008 officers who have served our unit well throughout the past year and to thank and offer our support to the new 2009 officers who have agreed to serve in the coming year. They will need and deserve our support. So, when you are asked to help, please do so willingly and enthusiastically.

In the Sunshine department, I am very happy to be able to rely once again on that old saying that "no news is good news." I have not heard that any of our members are in physical or medical distress, so we can simply hope that this bit of good news may continue for a long time!

And for our usual closing reminder, our next Brutal Brothers meeting will be January 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the Aladdin Shrine Center.

Hope to see ya' all there.



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