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Net loss/gain Month

Membership Totals

Membership 01/01/0	8	7554
Associate Membersh	ip 01/01/08	54
	Total	7608
	February	Yr to Date
Creations	0	0
Affiliations	2	2
Restored	12	21
Associate Members	0	0
TOTAL MONTHLY ADD	14	23
TOTAL YEARLY ADD		7631
Demits	0	0
Suspensions	5	36
Deaths	22	43
Associates Dropped	3	3
Reversals	2	4
TOTAL	28	78
Membership as of 02 Net loss/gain YTD	2/29/2008	7553 -55
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Aladdin Shriners Hospital Association Funds Roadrunners with Vans and Uniforms



by Don Tootle

The Aladdin Shrineers Hospital Association for Children, Inc., also known as ASHAC, is a part of the Aladdin Shriners, but is separately incorporated. ASHAC is governed by 15 elected Aladdin Shriners. Harry Webster is the administrator/secretary.

ASHAC was created to serve the needs of burned and orthopedically challenged kids living in Aladdin's jurisdiction. A medical clinic is held twice monthly and John Kean, M.D. and Ralph Rohner, M.D. serve as medical director and physician for this clinic.

ASHAC most recently purchased a second van for transportation needs to Cincinnati, Lexington and other Shrine Hospitals. ASHAC funds the entire expense for transportation for the Roadrunners. In addition, the funding for recognition of Roadrunners and the purchase of the jackets, caps and shirts came from ASHAC funds.

The Aladdin Sled Hockey Tournament has been

funded entirely by ASHAC. If you have not attended this event, plan to do so next January. Watch the *Lamp* for details.

All Aladdin Clubs will soon receive a notice to request funds from ASHAC for health care programs and specific needs in their local communities to benefit orthopedically challenged and burned children. These requests must be received by ASHAC by April 4.

The funds for the Aladdin Shrine Hospital Association for Children, Inc, come by way of bequests, donations and contributions from Aladdin Shriners and friends.

If you know of a specific family or child who might benefit from ASHAC's philanthropy, please contact Gail Hinshaw at 614-475-2609, ext. 13 or 1-800-475-3850, ext. 13 for more information and an application.

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Cincinnati Hospital Is A 2007 Summit Award Winner

Shriners Hospitals for Children announced that the Cincinnati and Boston Shriners Hospitals are among the 2007 Press Ganey Summit Award winners. This is the second consecutive year the hospitals were recognized for the honors in the outpatient category. The award recognizes Press Ganey clients who are top performing health care facilities, sustaining the highest level of customer satisfaction for three or more consecutive years.

"It is truly an accomplishment for our staff to be recognized for their service, commitment and integrity," said Ronald R. Hitzler of the Cincinnati Shriners Hospital.

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February 18 - March 17 April 21 - May 19

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mp Rolling with The Pote

by Daniel E. Stainbrook II

Here I am again back from the GLSA in Cincinnati (Ohio) which was a very interesting Winter Business Meeting. In the last several years, many of the temples have expressed an interest in combining the business meeting and Ceremonial Session into one. It was voted on last year and missed the mark by 80% - 20%. However, this year it only was defeated by two votes. I am sure it will be back on the agenda in February of 2009 for another vote. Since I am on this subject, it should be noted that while the 2nd Ceremonial Master was sleeping (went to bed very early) his Lady Kathy was being crowned the new Butt Darts Champion for GLSA. A feat not many have achieved outside of Canada as Moslem Shriners usually win since this is where it originated.

As much I try not to report items that have already taken place, it is very difficult. Because, when you get your *Lamp*, half of the month is gone with

previous activities. So with this issue I am going to focus on what is going to happen from the middle of March to the middle of April in and around Aladdin land. Hopefully, this will keep everyone looking ahead to future. However, in order to play catch up, here is a brief rundown of happenings through the middle of March.

On March 1, the 14th District hosted the Grand Masters Reception at Aladdin. The Potentate's Mexico Trip was from March 2 - 8. Capping off the middle was the Washington Court House Shrine Club Potentate's Visitation

Now, for the current events: The Audio Unit is hosting their Annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 22 in the Multi-Purpose Room. This has been very successful in this past because the weather doesn't affect the hunt and the children have a great time. See the ad in last month's or this *Lamp* for details.

The big event for March is our circus. Please support this by purchasing the tickets mailed to you and by attending. This is Aladdin's biggest single moneymaker for the year. We have the same producer as last year but there will only be two rings to watch. This is something new for us but not new in the circus world.

My Lady Ann is having her Ladies Magical Night Out on April 2 with a great entertainer and a diamond bracelet as a gift for some lucky lady. Again, please see the ad in this Lamp.

In the membership section, you probably have noticed we are once again pursuing the Cold Sands Ceremonials with the first one this year at Aladdin. I feel very strongly about these because we can reach the clubs that are a distance from Aladdin but have very committed Nobles to Aladdin and the Shrine. So please get behind these this year.

Goodbye cold weather; hello golf weather in sunny Santee, SC. Please join me and your other golfing friends as a good time was had by all last year.

Please continue to read the *Lamp* and add new members to our rolls. Let's keep rolling!

Wal-Mart 10th Annual Golf Outing

This is just a note to let you know that Wal-Mart has opted to make the Cincinnati and Lexington Shriners Hospitals for Children the beneficiary of this year's charity golf outing. Last year, they donated \$12,000. This year, we hope to beat that.

We need golfers. Our own Bob Larson is now hard at work putting teams together; so, even if you don't have four guys to make a foresome, give Bob a call and he will put you in a group. Otherwise, all you have to do is complete and mail the form. There will be cash prizes for winning teams and skill games.

We can use your help in securing hole sponsorships. Cost is \$100.00. This can be businesses, units, clubs, or even individuals. Remember,100% goes to the hospitals. We need organizations to donate the food, so if you know of anyone interested, please let me know. If you need any help or have any ideas, contact me (incidentally, you can find me at the NexGen meetings in the Oasis on the third Wednesday of the month, if you want to kill two birds with one stone). I'll see you all on May 21. ~ Mike Gray.

May 21

Little Turtle Golf Course (614) 882-5920 Westerville, Ohio 7am Check-in (1st flight) 11:30am Check-in (2nd flight)

\$75/Person \$300/Team

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If you have any questions, please call Dave Rine, (614) 270-8126 or Kristy
Ruark at (614) 886-2929. Thanks and we look forward to seeing you there!

Monies must be received by May 1 or spot will not be guaranteed.

We cannot guarantee morning or afternoon flight, but will try to accommodate when we can; so please mark your preference below. Please call the course 1-2 days before the event to get your tee time.

Store/Vendor/Team Nam	Morning	
Player 1	_Player 2	Afternoon
Player 3	_Player 4	
Amount enclosed \$	Hole Sponsorship	\$

All proceeds go directly into the Shriners Hospital fund.

MEMBERSHIP ON THE MOVE, Hardin County

by Calvin Smith / Membership Marketing Director Masonry Only Moves Through You

As we approach spring, we anticipate seeing our lawns, trees, and flowers regenerate - come to life as it were. The sun with longer days and higher temperatures brings these events every year. We do look forward to it even though there is work to be done.

The spring at Aladdin means growing our membership. Our Regional Ceremonials are just the ticket. They are less formal, not as time consuming, and are still very meaningful. The cost is \$220 with a fez and \$157 if a fez is not needed. There is work to be done! Make no mistake, we need to grow and we need to pay attention to membership. Aladdin needs your help. Let's get to it. Don't sit on it; start today, not tomorrow.

Petitions are available on our website, Aladdinshrine.org, or from the office. Call

I cannot put it any plainer. Get a new member this year.

800-475-3850, ext. 10 or 27. The process is not all that hard. Ask a fellow Mason to consider us. Tell him why you are a Shriner and answer his questions. Explain why you think he has what it takes. Give him a petition. JUST TRY IT!!

2008 Ceremonials

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SITE	DATE	COUNTIES	TIME SCHEDULE
Aladdin	Friday April 11	Crawford, Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Hardin, Knox, Licking, Madison , Marion, Morrow, Perry, Wyandot, Union	Registration: 6:00 - 6:45 PM Ceremonial: 7:00 PM Hospitality: 8:00 PM
Chillicothe	Saturday April 19	Clinton, Fayette, Highland, Hocking, Ross, Pickaway, Pike	Registration: 9:45 – 10:15 AM Ceremonial: 10:30 AM Hospitality: 11:30 AM
Cambridge	Tuesday April 29	Belmont, Coshocton, Guernsey Harrison, Jefferson, Muskingum	Registration: 6:15 – 6:45 PM Ceremonial: 7:00 PM Hospitality: 8:00 PM
Marietta	Saturday June 14	Athens, Morgan, Monroe Noble, Washington	Registration: 4:00 - 4:30 PM Ceremonial: 4:45 PM Hospitality: 5:15 PM
Gallipolis	Saturday May 24	Gallia, Jackson, Meigs, Vinton	Registration: 2:15 – 2:45 PM Ceremonial: 3:00 PM Hospitality: 4:00 PM

A Few Fraternal Reminders

- I. The fee for these ceremonials is \$220, if a fez is needed and \$157, a fez is not needed.
- II. It is very important that you only use the 2008 petition.
- III. You must also indicate on the back of the petition which ceremonial your candidate will attend.
- IV. Any candidate may attend any of the listed ceremonials.

bu Ken Rossman

Our regular meeting was held on February 20 at Veteran's Memorial Park Clubhouse with 44 Nobles in attendance. Noble Rossman opened the evening with a prayer. We dined on a good meal prepared and served by Nobles Jolliff, Doornbos, Clinger, Rice, Gilbert, Gannon and Osborn. Good job, Nobles.

Our business meeting started with President Jim Homes leading us in the pledge of allegiance. We gave a big hand of thanks to the kitchen crew. President Holmes noted that we had discussed a bubble machine at the Burns Hospital and after talking to the hospital, he was told that at this time, they do not want another bubble machine, since they have had many problems with the machine they have. President Holmes stated that he will handle the circus tickets for Harco Industries and Simon Kenton School

President Holmes introduced our guests from Aladdin, P.P. Mike Clevenger, P.P. Calvin Smith, and our Divan representative, Bill Estell. We gave them a big hand. Estell noted that he brought a form for our Nobles to list their e-mail addresses to be used by Aladdin in special occasions. He requested we send the form to P.P. Calvin Smith when we are finished with it. He noted that we should all notify Aladdin of any change of address at anytime; it is expensive to Aladdin to pay for returned mail. Several important dates were noted: circus, March 27 - 30; Potentates Ball, May 17: and June 8-9, fishing trip.

President Holmes noted that he has a list of names from Aladdin of members who have not paid their dues for this year. Checks were presented to Hardin County Blue Lodges in Dunkirk, LeRoy, Forest and Kenton. This is our annual donation to help support our Blue Lodges.

A motion was made and carried to donate to Hardin County Imagination Library. We will give the same amount that we gave last year.

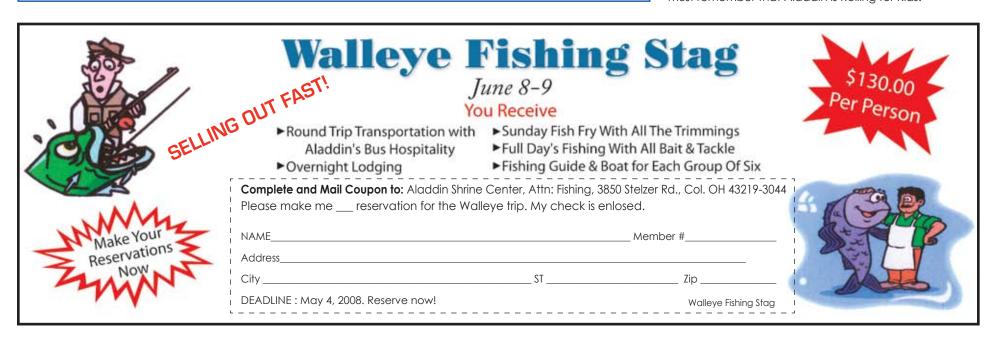
President Holmes noted that he has the wallet size cards with important phone numbers and some of the things that are treated at our Shrine Hospitals. He suggested we all carry one for use when needed.

Noble Rossman noted that he had talked to Noble Ray Peterman who sends his regards and he is sorry that he could not be at our meeting.

We say "happy birthday" to Noble Everett Bushong

We also extend our sympathy to Noble Lauren Hiller on the recent death of his brother.

Noble Tim Jolliff closed our meeting with a prayer. We must remember that Aladdin is Rolling for Kids.



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Aladdin's Tabloid Times by Bob Stevenson

Throw your heart over the fence and the rest will follow. ~ Norman Vincent Peale

We are closing in on Tabloid 2008, a mere 2 ½ months from now. Much is resting upon how each Noble responds to this effort. I've been so impressed with the variety of programs the clubs and units of Aladdin have developed over the years to raise funds for our hospitals. I'm not positive, but there can't be many Temples that "out work" or "out raise" us on an annual basis. We do have much to be proud of.

I think that the main reason can be found in the above quote. Some time in the past, the Nobles of Aladdin found that their collective "heart" was with the kids we serve in our Shrine Hospitals. And over the years, those Nobles and those of us who have come since have thrown our hearts over that fence. And sure enough, the rest of us followed! And follow we have! Since our first year in 1978, we have raised over \$5,077,000.00. That is an awesome amount of money. It comes to us in small change, small bills, good sized checks and a lot of sweat by a lot of Nobles working a few hours a year or uncountable hours year round. But all is done with heart and love for kids most of us will never see or meet. And it's those kids who are on the other side of that fence.

We must continue to find ways to get more Nobles to be an active part of this great effort. I recommend a couple sources of inspiration. First is the Shrine publication Between Us which is published three times a year. It is an excellent magazine that covers significant things going on in all the Shrine Hospitals. Every Club should get a copy, free of charge from Tampa, to pass around. Any Noble who is truly interested should sign up for a copy. Email shrinepr@shrinenet.org. I challenge you to read one issue of this fine magazine and then try to not be proud of what Shrine does and try to not want to do more.

Another source for information is at www.shrinershq.org. This web site is loaded with good information on the hospitals and Shrine in general. It seems to me, the more we know about what happens at our hospitals, the more we understand the profound positive effect we have on the lives of kids and their families. Then, the more we will learn about the profound positive effect we have on ourselves as we work on this common objective. I, for one, am so proud and thankful for those Nobles who started this Tabloid thing 30 years ago. They have had a major impact upon my life as I follow in their footsteps. I hope you share that feeling.

A few dates to keep in mind:

May 17 - Cincinnati Hospital open house

May 18 - Lexington Hospital open house

June 6-7 - Tabloid Weekend

Friday night Kick Off at Marysville from 5 - 8 p.m. on Court House Square

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Brutal Brothers

by Tom Ruggles

At our last meeting, Director Duane Hays talked about our impending circus which will be held from March 27 - 30. At the circus this year, as in years past, we will be selling p-nuts and we will also be selling novelties on a commission basis. And in preparation for the circus, we will be packing p-nuts March 24 and March 25 from early morning until done. And obviously, in both packing the p-nuts, and in the selling, we will need a lot of help. So please try to come out and help as much as possible.

And for your Circus Daddy pins, Johnathon Hays will handle the Circus Daddy program for our unit this year. Please get your special Circus Daddy tickets and donations to Johnathon as soon as possible.

At our last meeting, it was announced that this year's Chief's Party has been postponed until March and will be held at the Florentine. As of our last meeting, the time and date were not yet certain, but the details and reservation form will be mailed to each member.

After a review of the record, Ronnie Chester's application to become our newest Apprentice was approved. Welcome aboard, Ron!

We were honored to have Chief Rabban Gary Schuen with us at our last meeting. High on the list of topics discussed was the Shrine Directors Association convention for both this year and next. For this year, 14 of our unit's members are going with us to the SDA in Milwaukee. It will be hosted by the Tripoli Shriners of Milwaukee from April 9 - 13. The convention will be held here at Aladdin from March 25 - 29, 2009. Our SDA committee has put together some excellent plans for our hosting the convention and, again, we will need lots of help to fulfill those plans and host an outstanding convention. We are asking that everyone come out and help as much as possible.

We received a report on the Florida Reunion from one of our favorite snowbirds, Ron Martino. The Florida Reunion was held at Araba Shrine Center in Fort Myers on February 2. One of our own, Cecil Knapp who now lives in Punta Gorda, Florida, was in charge of reservations for the reunion. Those attending from our unit included: Harold Linebaugh and Lady Anna, Ralph Braun and Lady Barbara, Ron Martino and Lady Beverly, PP Alan Esparza and Lady Becky, PP Robert Snyder and Lady. Representing Aladdin was veteran member John Guy and Lady Judy and Honorary Members: Cecil Knapp and Lady Judy, Ralph Hughes and Lady Betty, PP George Kosbab and Lady Shirley, PP Harry Ressig and Lady Martha.

Two last reminders for this month: we are only about three weeks from the beginning of our springtime series of five Ceremonials. The Ceremonials will be held at Aladdin on April 11, Chillicothe on April 19, Cambridge on April 29, Gallipolis on May 24, and Marietta on June 14. To make all five fun and successful, we will need the help of every Brutal Brother who can possibly come out and help.

Of course, the second reminder is the need for candidates. Please think about any of your Masonic friends you could invite to join the Shrine. One terrific way to generate interest in potential candidates is to invite them to lunch with George Bell and the Lunch Bunch any Wednesday at Aladdin from 11:30 a.m. to whenever you want or need to leave. These lunch gatherings are a lot of fun and they provide a great way to introduce friends to Aladdin.

As the old saying goes, "Try it, you'll like it"

Zavi Shrine Club

by Ken Sayre

The Zavi Shrine Club membership have decreased during the past years as members have deceased, become older, or have become unable to participate or lost interest while replacements remain scarce. Yet, those who remain active continue to serve the community with a desire to help burned and orthopedic afflicted children get medical assistance when and if possible. Despite the lack of local public awareness about the workings of the shrine club due to a death of local publicity, those in need of Shrine services are somehow able to locate a Shrine member and be directed to sources of help.

Recently, a youngster under six years of age in our area needed orthopedic assistance. He was directed by a Zavi Shrine member to the proper connection in Columbus via the Aladdin Shrine Center and treatment steps began. Plaudits are in order for the Aladdin Shriners' Hospital Association for Children (ASHAC) as it has made grants to local child healthcare programs and given assistance when possible. This endeavor, plus the efforts of the 22 Shriners Hospitals, continue to be beacons of light to those in need and make any member duly proud to be a Shriner. We need more members to assure these efforts are continued in the future!

Nobles, please make a determined effort to get new blood into our local club. Promote membership among Masonic brothers you know and get petitions from the club secretary or directly from the Aladdin Shrine Center staff.

You may be aware the Grand Lodge of Ohio is currently celebrating its 200 year anniversary and the Grand Master of Masons in Ohio is encouraging special meetings and publicity on the local level to present a more encompassing picture of who Masons are and what they do as community leaders. Make it a point to attend special functions in your area and support your local lodge by attending lodge meetings. After all, you have to be a Mason before you can be a Shriner. Both orders will benefit by your attendance.

President Bob Mock has broken the ice for Zavi's 2008 agenda with a meeting at Papa Chuck's in February. Please join us at any or all future meetings and be involved. Watch for details in the newsletters.

Keep in your prayers for Nobles who are ailing and their families. Noble Herb Hicks is recovering from back surgery as is Noble Roy Worstall from a knee replacement. Noble Robert Hicks is at a local health center. Also, happy birthday to William Cover who became 81 in February. Peace and love be with you!

UH-TEN-SHUN NOBLES!

Nex-Gen, with the blessing of Aladdin Temple and Potentate Dan Stainbrook, is proud to announce: WE-UNS HAVIN' A HILLBILLY DEGREE IN-ISH-I-A-SHUN at the Gallipolis Shrine Club, May 24. This is about as fun as it gets!

Food, li-ba-shuns, and the most histericaital degree in all of Shrinedom!

While details are still being decideratated, we'uns needs to get us a head count.

Cost is gonna be 40 bucks fer the men folk, 30 fer the wimmens.

Please come join the fun and all them there festivities!

Call Brian "Mongo" Curnutte, 740.251.7919, or email him at blueydtrubbl@yahoo.com to get your head included in the count!

Hope to see you-uns in Gallipolis!!

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ALADDIN'S CAR CLUB

Neither snow nor rain nor "fog" will keep the Aladdin Car Club from having a good time.

We had a good brunch at the Ohio State University Golf Course on February 24. A little late for Valentine's Day, but so what? Our ladies enjoyed the red carnations, provided by Ron and Ginnie Brubaker, and the excellent food. If anyone went away hungry, it was his own fault. The day started off extremely foggy in Columbus but cleared up considerably by 1:00 p.m. We had a final count of 26 people who were able to brave the February weather. In fact, we were blessed with Potentate Dan Stainbrook, Bill Amspaugh, and their ladies who drove



by James Allen

all the way from Cincinnati where they were attending the Great Lakes Convention. Thanks for making the effort.

We conducted a small amount of business following the meal. Don Howard asked us to consider working at the Delaware County Fair, September 13 - 20. They will pay us \$6.50/hour and it would be a good fund raiser for the club. This could help subsidize the car show in August. Our ladies would be welcome to work as well.

Jack Van Gundy also made a pitch to work at Muirfield as a fund raiser for the club. He has had experience with this activity. It is also an activity in which our ladies can participate, if they so choose.

Fred Coventry has now fully recovered from his pacemaker surgery and is now back to his old self. He gave us an update on the progress he is making on the car show. We will be having a working meeting at the Shrine Center on March 8 to work on plans. Things are shaping up, but there is still work to do to make this a bigger and better show.

Tom Stauch gave us a report on the parade schedule for 2008. Please let Tom know if you are interested in participating in the Worthington Memorial Day Parade. We have sort of traditionally been part of this one. The Pike County Parade will be the first one on April 27. Maybe the weather will be better by then and we could get our cars out. We need to let the parade marshal know if we will be there. These are always fun. Thanks, Tom, for your work.

"Woody" Coombs gave us an update on the plans to take our vehicles to Indianapolis on May 21 to drive on the Indianapolis 500 track. This sounds like fun. We plan to stop just west of Richmond, Indiana at a Model T museum. It should be quite interesting. There is a candle shop nearby for ladies who do not share our enthusiasm for tired iron. We have about 10 people in the queue at the present time. Contact "Woody" at 614-397-0296 if you are interested. If you don't have a car to drive, we can make room for you in someone else's car.

Jim Allen asked everyone who has an email address to let him know so we can communicate better and more inexpensively. With the postage rates increasing, it is getting more expensive to send letters and announcements to our membership. If you do not have an email address, do not worry since the communications will continue in the regular way. He will be contacting you soon.

Our next meeting will be at Bob Evans at the corner of East Broad and Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road on March 24. We then will adjourn to Blacklick Machine to view the progress on the Shelby Cobra that is being built from scratch. We saw the beginning of the project several years ago. See you there.



by Mike Gray

Hello, fellow Nobles. Here at NexGen, some of you who are interested are contacting us. So, thank you for that interest. We would like to see everyone who has an interest at our next meeting (don't forget, we meet the third Wednesday of the month).

The Cincinnati bus trip is filling up quickly. In fact, by the time you read this, it might be full. In any case, if you would like to go, contact me and I'll let you know if we have room available.

Brian Curnutte has arranged for the infamous Hillbilly Degree to be put on after the Cold Sands ceremonial in Gallipolis on May 24. Brian wants to bring as many Nobles as possible to this. Contact him if you have any questions (such as, "What is the Hillbilly Degree?"). This should be a great time and, as always, every Shriner is encouraged to come. For all you ladies out there, you are welcome to come too, as Brian has assured me they have something for the women to do during our degree work. There is an ad in this issue of the *Lamp* with more information or you can call Brian directly. He needs to know how many will be attending so he can arrange for transportation.

In our continuing effort to become a full-fledged club, we will be reviewing our proposed by-laws at the meeting on March 19. This is an open meeting (as all of our meetings are) for discussion of the by-laws. Our goal is to be approved as an official club by May or June of this year.

I'm proud to note that NexGen will be participating in Tabloid this year. This is one event for which we have had no shortage of volunteers. We are proud to be supporting our great philanthropy and participating in this great Shrine tradition. If you have ever thought about working Tabloid but don't have a club or unit to work with, you do now. Contact me or any of our other usual suspects and we will make you feel right at home with us.

Until next time...

Hospitality Unit

by John Rathburn

Director Jim Hoops started with a busy month welcoming new member, Jeff Clark, and new bar captain, Henry Smith. We would like to welcome back Bob Springer. Don Shoffstall talked about Tabloid Day; more news will be coming on location and dates.

A special "thank you" goes to our Jose Hatlestad for all the money he collects with the red fez.

Please don't forget our members who are not feeling well. Send them a card.

Hospitality dues should paid at our next meeting or be sent to Dave Rathburn.

We are saddened to report that the Black Camel visited our unit. Our good friend and Noble Bill Farson passed on to the great architect on Friday, February 15. Bill was a great member and former bar captain of the Hospitality Unit for many years. Our sympathy goes to Sara and the family.

Provost

by John Rohal

Oh well, as all our gloating snowbirds now know, our February meeting had to be cancelled because of our wonderful winter weather. Just think what you fairweather people are missing!

Well, at least some of our faithful held their own mini meeting in Florida. On the golf course, hosted by Russ and Nancy Miller, were Dale and Katie Cline and Terry and Pat McLaughlin.

On February 4, the Provost Unit lost another old-time member to the Black Camel, retired Ohio State Highway Patrol Lieutenant Colonel Floyd C. Moon. He was 99 years and was the first ever lieutenant colonel the Patrol ever had. He had also served as the director of the Ohio Department of Liquor Control and as vice chairman of the State Liquor Commission.

Celebrating birthdays in March are Boyd C. Black, Thomas E. Douglas Sr., Jon M. Kinney, Douglass E. Marine, Terry D. McLaughlin, Larry Mosley, Robert M. Shaw, Albert W. Taylor, Alan S. Witherspoon, and Daniel A. Yeager.

Has anyone noticed how quiet the Licking County "mafia" has been lately? Probably they are preparing for Muirfield, as are the Fairfield "fairies".

Detective Rex Emerick, Pickaway County Sheriff's Office, received a citation for "Outstanding Performance of Duty" from the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association for breaking up a major five-county theft ring resulting with the arrest of three people, the recovery of \$200,000.00 worth of stolen property, and the discovery of a marijuana growing operation. Congratulations!

Mike Gray was made lieutenant with the Columbus Police Department. and is being assigned to the Professional Standards Division. Congratulations!

The 58th Annual Aladdin Shrine Circus will be on March 27-30. It will honor our own Circus Daddy, Jack Bope. Our assistance will be needed again as usual. Don't forget to get in your reservations for the Imperial Council Session in St. Louis, June 29 - July 3. Let Director Jon know if you want to travel on the Provost Bus. It will be on a first come first serve basis.

Remember to read Aladdin's *Lamp* to keep abreast of all going on in and about our Shrine Center. Look forward to the mystery writer in the April issue; I'll have to miss the March meeting to travel to a Florida O.S.H.P. retirees reunion.

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Worthington Shrine

by Bob Stevenson

The February meeting was attended by over 75 Nobles, Ladies, and guests to hear the story of Maury Ebner, a survivor of several concentration camps during WWII. What a profound evening! At 13 years of age, he lost his entire family in Poland; to endure what, for most of us, is only unimaginable. Yet, the strength of the human spirit and a resolve to find his family saw him through those terrible times. Today, he shares his story, on behalf of those who cannot, so we never forget. If you ever have an opportunity to hear Mr. Ebner, take it and take your kids and grandkids. His story needs to be heard.

Our April 3 meeting for Nobles and their Ladies will feature Noble Fred Hower, "The Ohio Nurseryman." When the ground hog shows up, it's iffy about spring coming, but when Fred shows up, count on it! So bring your plant and garden questions and find out how much work you have ahead of you.

Not only that, but when Noble Fred shows up, Muirfield is not far behind either. Nobles Ken Sparks and Joe Simmons will be looking to fill out the calendar for this year's tournament from May 26 - June 1. It's a great time with a little work and a lotta golf! It's hard to beat and it helps our club as well. So, sign up if your not already. And remember, this event does not require being a Shriner.

Finally, the Tabloid assignments will be mailed the end of March. We need Nobles to participate this year. We have several locations that offer great opportunity, but we need you to help us. So, as always, I ask you to give us four hours of your time to help our hospitals and the kids they serve. If you are not on the assignment list, call me and we'll find a location you can work.

Motorcycle Corps

by Warren Miller

The time is soon approaching when we will begin to get our bikes ready to roll. I need to hear from all of you who have mini bikes and would like to ride them in the parades. We need to make a good showing in the parades along with the big motorcycles. If you have any questions about riding in the parades or are interested, please let Steve or myself know. We have a lot of fun in the parades and the spectators love to see the mini and big motorcycles.

I am planning on having a dinner once a month like last year. Jerry did a good job planning the dinners for us and we always had a good turn out for those outings. If you have a favorite eatery, please let me know so we can set a date and time. We have set the next dinner meeting at the Olive Garden on April 24 at 6:30 p.m.. The location is on east side of Sawmill Rd. north of I-270. Please call me at 614-889-1904 to make your reservation. I hope to have another good turn out.

Steve Sidebottom has some good ideas for rides this year but he still needs your help. He has sent a form to all members to fill out. Please complete the form promptly and return it to Steve. Thank you.

Northeast Shrine by Aaron Dominey

Our club was able to take advantage of something that happens very rarely. In fact, it only happens once every four years. We had our February meeting on Leap Year Day taking advantage of February 29. But, why do we have a leap year, and why it is only every four years?

The leap year is so that the calendar year (usually 365 days) doesn't get too far away from the solar (astronomical) year. Well, the astronomical year, the time it takes the earth to go exactly once around the sun, is not precisely 365 days. The ancients estimated it as 3651/4 days. As far as calculations go, it's actually 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 46 seconds. Now, you may think that crummy little fraction (almost 6 hours or 1/4 of a day) doesn't matter much. But every four years, the calendar would lose a full day against the seasonal year. Christmas would start to come a little earlier each year. After about 20 years, it would come before the winter solstice; after 200 years or so, Christmas would come in the autumn and so on, and so on.

To prevent this drift between the calendar year and the astronomical (seasonal) year, we add one extra day every four years. Thus, over the four year period, we have 1461 days, not 1460, for an average of 365.25 days per year. That pretty much makes it come out right.

To celebrate this "once-every-four-year-occasion," we learned several new dance steps to prepare for the Potentate's Ball. Instructors from the Arthur Murray Dance Studio helped us learn (or re-learn) a slow dance, a fast dance and a line dance. Now, none of us have any excuses to just sit at our tables at the Pote's Ball or other upcoming social functions.

Our March meeting will feature a demonstration from our own Aladdin Clown Unit – just in time for Circus. The meeting will be held, Friday, March 21 in the Aladdin Room at 6:15 p.m. We look forward to this educational session about how our clowns select and develop their characters.

SENIOR SHRINERS

by Dick Snow

The Senior Shriners met in the Oasis Room with Noble Don Pendell giving the blessing followed by a pledge to our nation's flag.

All sat down for a delectable lunch of baked steak, mashed potatoes (my favorite), and vanilla ice cream.

Following lunch, Noble Don Lynne, president, opened the meeting by recognizing all the past presidents and distinguished Masons.

Secretary Charles Foster McLeod was again noticeably absent as he was still recuperating from hip surgery.

Assistant Secretary Noble Dick Snow stated that all who read the article in the *Lamp* read the minutes as well. With no objection, the minutes were approved. The Treasurer, Noble Gary Hilbinger, gave his financial report.

Noble Don Lynne introduced the speaker, Mr. Jeffrey Hedley, our financial planner. He stated that, although the country is in a recession, our investments are still on solid ground. We may not be earning as much as we first entered the program, but he stated that by year's end the market should be recovering much better. He also stated that last year's report was very favorable.

Following our speaker, President Don introduced Noble Gary Schuen, Chief Rabban and our Divan representative. He gave a nice presentation on his upcoming year. He stated that the Potentate wanted us to keep on plugging to get new members into Aladdin Shrine. The Potentate is going to concentrate on regional ceremonials. The Shrine facility is doing well with rentals but it needs to work harder to keep it solvent so that it keeps paying for itself. Later, the Chief Rabban spoke on ASHAC (Aladdin Shriners Hospital Association for Children) and its importance for the Shriners in our Temple. He stated that we need to look for children who may need our help and assistance. Noble Schuen passed out a ASHAC brochure to all in attendance.

Noble Don Lynne recognized Ted McCord and the guest he brought, Noble John Quigley. John hopes he will join our club.

The assistant secretary, Noble Dick Snow, passed out a copy of the revised by-laws, including a cover letter attached to them. Noble Snow remarked that all should read them and report next month whether to accept of reject them. Those who were absent will receive a copy in the mail.

The President announced that the executive committee will meet following the final prayer.

ALL SENIOR SHRINERS please note, the lunch, beginning in March through the end of the year, will be ONLY FIVE DOLLARS.

Noble Don Pendell gave the final prayer and all Nobles with their ladies, went home in fine spirits.

CINCINNATI HOSPITAL YISITATION / REDS GAME OUTING

April 5, 2008

NexGen is sponsoring a bus trip on April 5, 2008, to the Cincinnati Burns Hospital and to Great American Ball Park to watch the Reds play the Phillies. (Great Seats, too!)

Illustrious Potentate Dan Stainbrook has given us the use of Big Red for the trip. We will leave Aladdin Shrine Center that morning at 8:30 a.m. and will go to the hospital for a tour. Afterward, we will go to the game, which starts at 1:10 p.m. All of this for the great price of only \$15 per person – talk about Christmas in April! Make a date of it with your lady!

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by Robb Landon

Hopefully by the time you are reading this the weather will have changed and the snow and ice will be gone until next year. I am writing this month's article in Charleston, South Carolina (Sunny and 70). We left Ohio two days before a quarter inch of ice and then two inches of snow.

The Aladdin Shrine Band held its annual meeting in the Aladdin room at the Shrine Center on January 29. The officers were sworn in by Past Potentate Dr. Calvin Smith. Our director, Thomas W. Dale, announced a very active schedule for the band. He informed the group the band will perform before the two dances scheduled this year. This year the dances will be a firecracker ball on July 11 and a Halloween ball on October 31. The dance band will rehearse once a month. The concert band will also perform at the Ohio Masonic Home in Springfield on April 15. Along with the competition in Saint Louis, this will be a very active year. Assistant Director Nelson Foucht informed the group of the Saint Louis Imperial details as we know them now.

Thanks to the efforts of Past President Jim Esswein, we have new file cabinets. The music stored in the basement is being filed in these new cabinets in the band room. As one who helped bring some of the music upstairs, I know how big a job this is. Many thanks for all your good work Jim.

The Imperial schedule for the bands can be found on the website http://www.shrinebandsna.com/FOM.htm.

Band Schedule:

March Circus Schedule

- 27 Thursday, Band Performance 6:00 6:45 p.m.
- 28 Friday, Band Performance 7:00 7:45 p.m.
- 29 Saturday, Band Performance 6:00 6:45 p.m.
- 30 Sunday, Band Performance 5:00 5:45 p.m. Note: Uniform for all Circus Performances: Green Coat, H. Taupe Trousers, Yellow Band Shirt, Bolo, Brown Shoes, Fez

April

- 1 Tuesday, No Rehearsal
- 8 Tuesday, Rehearsal 8:00 p.m.
- 15 Tuesday, Concert Ohio Masonic Home, Springfield, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. There will be two buses to transport the band members to Springfield. Ladies are invited. More details later.
- 22 Tuesday, Aladdin Dance Band, 7:00 p.m.
- 29 Friday, Executive Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Rehearsal 8:00 p.m.

FLYING NOBLES

by Lee McKelvey

Our February meeting was held at the Methodist Church where everyone enjoyed a spaghetti dinner. We have been doing this for several years for our February meeting and it is a time when we can have the ladies join us at our meeting. We will have our April 12 meeting at Medflight at OSU and at last warm weather will be here. Our snowbirds from Florida and Texas should be home and enjoying spring in Ohio.

I attended the Aladdin reunion at Ft. Myers in February and there were 132 attending. I met FN Joe Salyer and his Lady there. Joe didn't fly his Bonanza down this year. We had an enjoyable evening meeting everyone and some we haven't seen for a while. We went with our old friends from Columbus, Jo and Harry Summerfield, who moved to Florida several years ago. The reunion was held at the Araba Shrine. I didn't get a chance to meet with PC Jack Moore to play a round of golf like we have done before. I did get a good evening to fly out of Marco Island for a ride up the Gulf coast. I took a friend of mine from Pittsburgh who said that always makes his trip to Florida trip complete. He wants to learn to fly but hasn't got started yet.

The original B-17, Memphis Belle, is being restored at the Air Force Museum at Dayton. The Memphis Belle was the first B-17 to make it through 25 missions over Europe in WW II without being shot down. At that time, the bombers and their crew were only making 8 - 12 missions before they were shot down. We lost 20,000 B-17s and 200,000 brave young men flying over Germany. The restoration of the plane at the museum will take many years to complete.

The Aladdin Shrine Circus is March 27-31 and our help is always needed. If you can be of help, please let it be known. On Wednesday March 26, help is needed to help set things up before the circus starts. So, if you can be there, your help will be appreciated. We help with the wheelchairs on Thursday 27 at 11:00 a.m., when the handicapped kids come in on the buses. After that, ushers are needed for the other circus days.

We still have room on the bus for the July Oshkosh trip. If you or your friends are interested, call David Ray, 614-205-3808. Our Potentate's visit will be on Wednesday, September 17 at the Shrine Center. We hope everyone is staying well or getting well and I'll see you next time.

Gallipolis Shrine

by Franklin C. Petrie, Jr.

My Lady Carolyn and I spent a few days in south Florida after returning from a Caribbean cruise. It was certainly a treat to get away from the cold and wind for awhile. We enjoyed swimming every day and the bright sunshine. But then we came back to reality in good old Ohio and our little oasis here in the mud. As I have said many times before, I love to travel but I always enjoy coming home.

Our president, Noble Carl DeWitt and his Lady, Cheryl, put together a real "Wing-ding" Valentine's dinner and dance on February 16. Dinner was a real treat of prime rib with all the trimmings thanks to our resident chief Noble Mike Blaine, his Lady Peggy, and their crew. We also congratulated Mike and Peggy for celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary. We had the old club rockin and twistin to the music of "Bub" Williams and the near capacity crowd had a great time. We also celebrated a special birthday with Lady Lyda Hudson. She even told us her age but no one could really believe she was that old. Congratulations, Lyda, may you have many more birthdays.

The next event I am aware of will be the 2008 Ceremonial and Hillbilly Initiation on May 24. Mark your calendar and lets turn out for this important gathering.

The Black Camel has visited us again. Earlier this year, we lost Noble Willard Davis and on February 12, we lost Noble Tom Pasquale. Noble Tom was a past president and a very active Shriner. Both brothers will be sadly missed by family and friends.

Remember, Noble and Ladies, a real friend never gets in your way unless you happen to be on your way down. See you for supper on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

RECEPTION UNIT

y Aaron Dominey

As I write this article, we are deep in the throes of yet another snow/ice storm and winter's grip doesn't seem to be loosening. Makes me look forward to the Potentate's Beach Break in two weeks. By the time you read this, we will have made it through the six additional weeks of winter that Punxsutawney Phil predicted, as well as Leap Year Day and a total eclipse of the moon.

Duck Season/Volunteer Season: Pardon the frivolous reference to the Bugs Bunny/Donald Duck exchange. It's time to turn our attention to a more important event – the annual Aladdin Shrine Circus. Dates for this year's circus are March 27 - 30 and it will be held at the Ohio State Fairgrounds again. This is your chance to run away and join the circus. Regardless of whether joining the circus appeals to you, we NEED ushers. No experience is necessary. So, dust off your green coat and let's "green up the stands." It is kind of like mold on a piece of stale bread. Call Don Owens at 614-635-0861, Tom Keller at 740-862-8154, or Jim Paul at 614-837-3030.

We will need a strong showing at the April Ceremonial. As is customary, we are on point to greet the new Nobility and should talk up our unit to recruit new members.

Paver Update: Just a reminder, any orders for pavers need to be placed NOW. We are about ready to place our order for the first phase and begin installing the brick pathway. If you haven't done so, please consider purchasing a brick for yourself or a loved one. It's for a great cause and IS our unit's project.

Member Update: After a stressful six months, Jim Dyer is getting better. He recently underwent two surgeries, and is getting stronger each day. He is hoping to make the April meeting. He would love to hear from any/all of us, His email address issteved@columbus.rr.com.

Hilltop Shrine News

Now that your reporter has arrived safely in the Sunshine State with temperatures in the mid 70s and 80s, not to mention the sunny weather. We wish him a pleasant and enjoyable stay. I spoke with him the other day and he was having a good time. He attended the Potentates Visit to the Snowbirds, I believe he said it was in Fort Myers.

The Valentine Dance was a success even though there was a small group. The dinner was at the Grove City American Legion. A good meal was presented by the staff who were very accommodating. There were 25 present. The Ladies were presented with a gift and seemed pleased to receive it.

The next meeting will be at Minelli's, 3850 Sullivant Avenue, on April 2. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. and the meeting will follow after which there will be an Euchre tournament. Bring your friends and fellow Shriners who might enjoy the evening.

The Black Camel called Bill Buckingham recently. Our sorrows go to his family. I had saved the obituary but, now that I need it, I cannot find it. Therefore, I am unable to give you any more details. Bill operated Bucks Auto Supply for a number of years.

Remember the circus vouchers you received? Well, turn in the four vouchers with \$16.00 or keep the vouchers to be exchanged for tickets and turn in \$32. This should be done through the club as we will get credit. If you mail them in, the club gets nothing. Now, the most important thing is that the circus will be March 27 - 30.

Help is needed through the various units or clubs to make this a success. Let's get on the band wagon and make this the biggest circus ever.

SOUTHEAST

by Frank Lewis

Hi, Nobles and Ladies. Isn't life wonderful? I am able to write and you are able to read. And the last time I checked, we were all breathing. Let us enjoy life. We had a very good turn out at our January meeting – 29 Nobles and Ladies. We enjoyed a great time together. We were honored by the presence of our brand new Potentate, the Illustrious Sir Dan Stainbrook, and his Lady Ann. As you know, Dan is a member of our club and a very strong supporter.

In addition to the Illustrious Sir, we have other Divan members who are members of our club. We have George Kasbob (Shirley), Past Potentate 2006 and Gary Schuen (Patti) who will be Potentate next year. We are a fortunate club to have these honorable Nobles as members.

Our club president, Pete Ransburgh, did a great job of presiding overy the meeting. We are off to a great start and looking forward to a great year.

I regret that I must report the passing of Karen Basham, Noble Don Basham's wife, on January 30. Karen was a lovely lady and will be missed. Our sympathies go to Don and his family.

I am going to remind you, spring is right around the corner. It's time to put the snow shovel away (I hope) and get the lawn mower tuned up. We should start practicing on complaining about the hot weather. Seems to me we do this every year (ha ha). Now, don't get so busy and forget to come to our club meetings.

Be happy, stay healthy, God bless. PS: He has risen, rejoice, I say rejoice.

Ross County

by John Malone

With six inches of snow and below freezing weather, we still had a great turnout at our meeting on February 28. Enjoying a great meal and fine fellowship were approximately 60 members. Honoring us with their presence were Past Potentate Calvin Smith and Assistant Rabban Bill Estell. P.P. Smith gave a short rousing speech on the need for the Shrine to recruit members or die out and if that happens, so goes the Shriner Hospitals and all the help the kids receive from us.

Past President Mike Bell reported on the preparations to take several hundred kids to the Shrine Circus next month. He is looking for volunteers to serve as bus escorts for the kids. Call him at 740-887-4324 to help out.

Plans are being made for our first Shrine Ceremonial to be held April 19th at our Shrine Club in Chillicothe. Let's get recruiting so we'll have plenty of men to walk the Hot Sands.

We voted to donate the use of the Shrine Club to Scioto Lodge #6 F&AM to hold their Chicken Noodle Dinner on April 10. All proceeds will go to the kids Special Olympics.

We received exciting news that, due to popular demand, Past President Mike Haller has finally agreed to bring his comedy show to the Shrine Club. It will be a dinner and comedy show on April 5. It is limited to Shriners and their families only. Past President Mike Bell is taking reservations at 887-4324.

Hope to see you at the next Shrine Club meeting on March 27. Come, have a great meal and get in on all the action!

Kentucky Colonels

by Frank Lewis

I am somewhat depressed; the ground hog saw his shadow and you know what that means? Six more weeks of winter. But we should be happy about our club attendance – we had 34 at our January meeting, winter or no winter. Pat yourselves on the back. You know we are competing with Florida for attendance and winning in most cases.

I have an idea for those of you who spend January, February, and March in Florida. How about trading those three months for June, July, and August when the club is not meeting. That way, you can help club attendance and still spend three months in Florida. Just think about it. You can play in the snow, have snow ball fights, make angels in the snow. DO NOT let me know what you think of my idea.

Our number one member, the Illustrious Sir Dee Mowry, honored us with his presence and his remarks in January, New club president, Pete Ransbaugh, presided over the January meeting. Our club is in good hands.

I am happy to report we received four new members into our club at the January meeting: Colonel Fred Kreutz and his Lady Gail, Colonel Bob Barger and his Lady Barbra, Colonel Ed Kayser and his Lady Rose, and Colonel Bill Ruth and his Lady Linda. Colonel Bob Hanshell presented Colonel Ruth with his Colonel's certificate.

Secretary Colonel Joe says send your dues in. Come on, you guys, get with it. We like Joe and want to keep him smiling.

It is with regret, I must inform you that Colonel Maurice Cabana passed away on January 6. He was a loyal and faithful member of our club. Our sympathies go to his Lady Jewel and family.

It is with regret, I must inform you of the passing of Karen Basham, wife of Don Basham. Karen was a lovely lady and we will miss her. Our sympathies go to Don and family.

Well, you have suffered enough reading of my ramblings. I will say goodbye. God will, I will see you next month.

PS: I started this article by saying I was depressed. I am ending it by saying I am very happy. You remember the 35' sweet gum tree with the squirrel nest on top? Well, that tree has been reduced to a stack of firewood and the nest is gone. I noticed the bushy tailed rats were packing up and moving out. Do not feel sorry for the, there are plenty of trees in the neighborhood. This closes the final chapter in my squirrel story series.

He has risen! Rejoice, I say, rejoice.

PAST MASTERS

by Dick Bull

Unit members are preparing to assist the Reception Unit with ushering at the Shrine Circus on March 27-30. Your sign-up cards should have been sent to the Reception Unit by now.

Some of our members assisted the Magnolia Lodge #20 Fellowcraft Team for the inspection in the Master Mason Degree on March 15 at Northland Temple.

Planning is beginning for "Masonic Night at the Shrine" on Monday, April 28 in the auditorium at the Aladdin Shrine Center. A lodge of Master Masons will be opened by the officers of Blendon Lodge #339 at 6:45 p.m. (Blendon is the home lodge of Ill. Potentate Dan Stainbrook.) Most Wor. Bro. Ronald Winnett, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio and a member of our Unit, will be in attendance as will several other Grand Lodge officers. Complete details will be in a separate article in the April Lamp. The planning meeting for this event was setup by Assistant Rabban Bill Estell for March 11.

Some of our members and ladies will be attending the Imperial session in St. Louis over July 4. Our van will be in the parade and ably staffed by Charlie Neff and Jim McGruder.

Five couples from our unit attended the Mayan Riviera getaway in Mexico during the first week in March. Any wild stories will be revealed in the next *Lamp*.

Chuck McLeod, one of our trustees, is now recuperating from his hip joint replacement and is doing well.

Ray Belfrage had to undergo a second surgery concerning his joint replacement and is in a rehab facility.

George Brintlinger is coming along well following a mini-stroke at home while his wife, Marilyn, is undergoing chemo treatments again following a recurrence of lymphoma.

We wish speedy recoveries to all of these people and others who are experiencing health problems.

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Pickaway Shrine Club

by Jack Sauner

Well, here we are in March. I don't know about you, but I'm ready for some warm sunshine for more than just one day. This entry will be short as there is not much going on in the club at this time. We did not put out a newsletter for same reason.

At our last meeting, we were pleased to have 20 members present. I hope this continues and maybe get even better. Come on out and support your club. President Larry Riffle had fun running his first meeting and all went very well. Some of the members accused me of talking too much, I don't know why they would think that.

A committee has been formed to do our annual audit. Those doing the audit are Past President Ned Young, Jim Willeford ,and Past Potentate Dale Cline.

Our building is looking pretty good for now since we have cleaned it. If any of you are planning a party or any type of a get together, the building is at your disposal. At this time, members can rent for a very fair price. If you are interested, call me [Jack Sauner] at 740-474-6906 or Larry Riffle at 740-477-2820. We would be happy to show you around. We also can allow outside people to use it at a higher rate than the members rate. So, help your club out by pushing the use of the building. Every little bit helps when the bills come in.

Trustee's meeting will be held March 17 at 6:00 p.m. at the building.

Our next stated meeting will be on March 24. Social hour is at 6:00 .pm. You can play cards if so desired. Meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

Paver Update by Tom Keller

GREAT NEWS! We only need a few more paver orders to have a viable project.

Aladdin is hosting the National Shrine Directors Association in March, 2009. There will be about 450 representatives from all over North America visiting our Aladdin Shrine Center. What a wonderful opportunity to display Aladdin spirit and enthusiasm and showcase our beautiful facility!

A final effort is needed to secure the necessary paver orders. We would like to have all orders in hand by late summer, 2008. We are working with our landscape design architect on the final design, firming up cost estimates, reviewing installation bids, etc. Our plan is to start installation early fall, 2008. This is non-peak season for the installation contractor, which results in a small financial savings.

It's now time to put your words into ACTION. If you have not yet placed your order, we urge you to do so promptly. Order forms are available online (www.aladdinshrine.org), in the Aladdin Shrine Center lobby, or in the Lamp. We will gladly accept orders and send you an invoice. If we have already sent you an invoice, we ask that you respond quickly.

Also, we plan to have a table set up at the Ceremonial on April 11.

If you have any questions, please contact Don Kindler 614-306-8369 (ddkindler@gmail.com) or Tom Keller 740-862-8154 (tkeller@voyager.com).

WASHINGTON SHRINE CLUB

by Mike Flynn

For a total of 14 consecutive years, past Aladdin Shrine Potentate Dale R. Cline has made the 30-mile trek along U.S. 22 from Circleville to Washington Court House to install the local Shrine club's officers. Cline's latest trip will have to rank among his favorites as he was able to administer the oath to a club president from the same profession.

Cline, a retired Ohio Highway Patrol trooper, installed Alan S. (Butch) Witherspoon as the 67th Washington Shrine Club president during ceremonies held January 30 at the Mahan Building on the Fayette County Fairgrounds. Witherspoon, who serves as chief deputy with the Fayette County Sheriff's Department, is a 31-year law enforcement veteran.

"Butch is a dedicated public servant with a law enforcement career spanning more than three decades," said Cline, who served as Aladdin's potentate in 1997 and since then has become a household name in the local Shrine circle for his close relationship with the club and his unprecedented string of appearances as the organization's installing officer.

"He is giving back more to the community through his position of president of this club," Cline said in describing the civic-minded Witherspoon.

Witherspoon succeeds Charlie Stevens as president of the 277 member club. Stevens served a dual role in 2007 as club president and as a member of Aladdin's membership committee. "Charlie's leadership was instrumental in both Blue Lodge and Shrine growth," Cline said of the outgoing president.

Stevens received an early baptism in office when he and past president P.R. Marshall were forced to essentially share the presidents position on a frequent basis in 2006 while Billy Lucas struggled with health issues during his tenure.

While noting that he was confronted with several challenges while in office, Stevens said he was "really pleased" with his term, which was highlighted by three donations totaling \$3,500 to help defray construction costs at a new Masonic lodge, to assist a local Shriner with medical expenses for his ill daughter, and to help with expenses incurred by a local burns patient.

"When you get out of bed in the morning, you've got to step forward. You can't step backward, even though sometimes you might get knocked sideways," said Stevens, who will serve a one-year term on the board as immediate past president.

Besides Witherspoon, other Shrine officers installed were George Giammarino, first vice-president; James Moser, second vice-president; David Hartley, third vice president; Mike Flynn, secretary; Tom Shields, third-year director; Kenneth (Dick) Rogers, second-year director, and Benny Jamison, first-year director. Treasurer-elect Robert Cannon was unable to attend

"This club remains as one of the top clubs in Aladdin in its support of the hospitals and all the activities of the Shrine Center," Cline said. "These members have devoted hundreds and hundreds of hours of volunteering to benefit the Shrine's hospitals."

Baldwin Shrine

bu Don Knouff

On a cold February evening we had our stated meeting at the Alcove in downtown Mt. Vernon. A few brave ones were in attendance. I think we all were wishing for spring.

The Nobles and their families wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to Lady Charlotte and the family of Noble Robert "Bobby" Frazier who passed away on February 16 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was a fine Mason and will be missed by all.

President Noble Donald P. Weaver and his Tabloid and Memorial Tournament chairmen are asking the Baldwin Nobles to pledge their support and sign up to help make this year a success.

The following Baldwin Nobles will be celebrating birthdays during March: John Ervin, Bob Gregg, Randal Ridgeway, Ray Grandstaff, Ted Schnormeier, Mason Ash, Truman Tomes, Gary Palm, Bob Shaw, Ed Brown, Doug Whitaker, Don Rogers, and Dave Priest. Best wishes to all.

The March stated meeting is planned for the Amvets facility. Watch for your Baldwin newsletter for menu and details. See you there.

Steubenville

by Anthony Violi

The February 8 meeting of the Steubenville Shrine Club was called to order by President Noble Dan Moffatt at 7:30 p.m. in Aladdin Land. Prayer was offered by his dad, Past President Noble Robert Moffatt.

Many of our members are ill with various maladies. They are Nobles Charles Morris, Dr. James Vodvarka, Tom Wiland, Ken Gorney, Bill Kunkle, Ken Varga, and $2^{\rm nd}$ Vice President Joe DeArdo. The Nobility pray that God will watch over them and all distressed Nobles and grant them a speedy recovery.

Secretary Noble Leonard Morris presented January's minutes and they were approved. Treasurer Noble Jerry Williams presented the treasurer's report and it was approved. He stated that all was in balance during the past year. Noble Dave Hunt said that, after a busy and successful year, the patrol was now inactive.

Noble B.J. Johnson, transportation chairman, transported the child who had his legs severed in a train accident when he was 9-years old. He is being measured for new artificial legs and will no longer be eligible for Shrine care after he reaches the age of 21 on March 26.

Noble Jim Halstead suggested that, because of the distance hot water must travel from the tank to the kitchen, plans are being made for installing an "instant" hot water unit in the kitchen. This will save on the power needed to heat the electric water tank. He also reported the he and Dave Hunt have completed the installation of the new P.A. system. They were applauded for their efforts. (Dave donated the speakers).

Noble "Red" Williamson and his Lady Jean celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on February 13 (WOW). His Lady will also celebrate her birthday on February 14. Congratulations are extended to the couple.

It was announced that Noble Dave Hunt received his 25-year pin from Blue Lodge #45. Congratulations. We were reminded that the Potentate's visit will be on May 10. Our President reminded us that dinners are still being served on the third Wednesday of the month for Shriners and their friends at Aladdin Land. The dinners are opened to the public. Local Lodge reports were given. Distinguished Masons, 25- and 50-year members, were recognized. There were eight past presidents in attendance. A closing prayer was rendered by Noble Robert Moffatt. Delicious refreshments were available. Fellowship followed. GOD BLESS AMERICA.

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March 2008 Rolling for Kids I

Some Clowns Are Moving Up

As my first duty back, I must share my gratitude to my good friend and temporary literary replacement, Charles Jeffrey Carter, better known as "Randy". Randy was my replacement while I was away for work for the last few months.



There is another person I would like

to welcome back and that is our own Matt "Bugaboo" Roach. He is back from serving our country. Matt is in our armed services. I am glad to tell you this time, his tour of duty was not in Iraq but he was in a place where his biggest concern was which sun block was best for his type of skin. He said it was absolutely terrible. "Yeah right!"

Well, down to business. As I stated in my introduction, the circus is coming. The circus runs from March 27-30 and there are 11 shows. Your clowns will be very busy with two acts in the ring at every show, working at the photo booth until we see spots everywhere we look, painting the faces of every girl and boy who wishes, and finally twisting balloons until our fingers bleed. Wow, what a privilege it is to share this experience with all of you.

Following is a list of activities that we have planned for the next few months to go along with the circus. The Dublin parade is March 15. Our next dinner meeting is March 19 at Logan's Roadhouse on Morse Road. On April 4-6, we will be traveling to Dayton for the GLUSCA Convention and we have our normal business meeting on the April 7.

I wish to thank the Clown Unit for allowing me to take pen in hand and write this article. It is a small way for me to share in the duties of the unit and I am grateful for this chance to serve.

Last but not least we have some birthdays to mention: Tim "Timmers" Jones, March 10; Tom "Brushes" Wade, March 20; and myself, Matt "Nutt" Knight, March 31. Happy Birthday, Gents.

Pipes & Drums

bu Jim Bradham

The Pipe Band has gathered for another busy year after a slow start in January and February due to bad weather missing practices. This year, we are scheduled for seven parades along with other Shrine events. We should get plenty of practice. We will be at the circus selling novelties this month for the second year. Zale Maxell, circus chairman, did a great job last year and has agreed to handle it again this year. If you would like to volunteer, give Zale a call.

Thanks go to Mike Hammond, Ken Spaulding, and Brian Wise for their help building the storage cabinets in the practice room. Didn't know we had such talented carpenters in the band? Congratulations go to Bill and Amy Amspaugh on the arrival of their new baby girl. Jeanne McFee continues to recover after an infection developed from her brain injury which happened over a year ago. Jeanne was released from the hospital and was recovering when she had to undergo another operation.

Along with the circus, March is the month for St. Patrick's Day. Many of our pipers will be playing around town and showing skills playing the pipes. Several pipe bands will be performing at some of Dublin's St. Patrick's Day celebrations with lots of Irish music and green beer. So, if you like bagpipes and Irish celebrations, stop by. One of our band members, Michael Smith, owns a Pub in Marion on Prospect Street called Michael's. All the employees wear kilts. It's always a good time on St. Patrick's Day. Michael would love to see the Shriners.

We would like to welcome all new members to our band this year. The pipers practice on Mondays and the drummers on Tuesdays. Six years ago, the band was down to five or six members; now, we are pushing 30 in less than five years with more expected this year. If you are interested in joining, give me a call at 614-889-1177; no previous experience needed. We will teach you and furnish all the equipment, what an opportunity. See you at the next parade.

I will leave you with a poem;

Hush the wife her little ones;

Alone they heard the drum-roll,

But to sounds of home and childhood the Highland ear was true.

As her mother cradle crooning, the mountain pipes she knew.

Oh, they listened and they caught the Sound at last;

Faint and Far beyond and fell the pipe blast!

woman's voice and man's;

God be Praised! The march of the Pipe Band was near.

Dear to the plaided mountaineer – to the cottage and the castle

The pipers song is dear

Over mountain, glen and glade;

But the Sweetest of all music,

The Pipes and Drums of Aladdin Then a Burst of wild Thanksgiving mingled



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Chaplain's Message

Hot Chocolate Living

by Chaplain John Ash

I received this illustration from a friend the other day. Don't know where he got it or know the original author, so I can't credit anyone. It certainly isn't original with me, though I wish I were that creative. I do like hot chocolate; however, though in deference to my propensity for making kidney stones, chocolate is supposed to be off my diet. At any rate, consider this and let it test and measure you.

It seems a group of graduates, now established in life and careers, were attending a class reunion and decided to visit one of their old, retired professors. During their visit, the conversation turned to all the stresses and trials they were experiencing in their lives. Offering his guests hot chocolate, the professor went to the kitchen and returned with a large

pot of hot chocolate and an assortment of cups – some plain, some fancy, some seemingly quite expensive, perhaps collectibles and he told his guests to help themselves.

When they all had a cup of hot chocolate in hand, the professor said: "Notice that all the nice looking fancy and expensive cups were taken, leaving behind the plain, mundane ones. While it is normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress. The cups you are drinking from really add nothing to the quality or taste of the hot chocolate. In most cases, it's just more expensive and, in some cases, even hides what we drink. What all of you really wanted was hot chocolate, not the cup; but you consciously went for the best cups, and then you began eyeing each other's cups. Now consider this: life is the hot chocolate; your job, money, and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain life. The cup you have does not define, nor change the quality of life you have. Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the hot chocolate God has provided us.

God makes the hot chocolate, man chooses the cups. The happiest people don't have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything that God enables them to have and experience. Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. And enjoy your hot chocolate.





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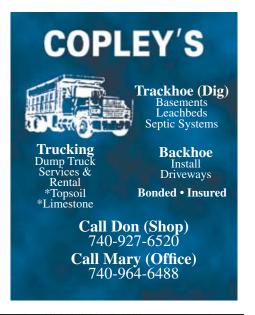
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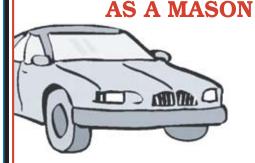




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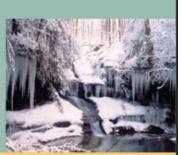
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Marching with the Legion

by Dick Luckay SPECIAL PARTY FOR A SPECIAL MAN - The March stated meeting featured a surprise birthday party for longtime Aladdin Legionoble C. Fred Lewis. Throughout his LOH career, C. Fred has been an active

and hard working member in all our activities. He was unit commander in 1996 and has served as our unit's circus advertising chairman for a generation or two. Together with his long time work (often as chairman) with our Muirfield golf committee and his long-standing emeritus status at Great Lakes and International conventions, he has earned the admiration and respect of not only the men of our unit, but all of those Aladdinites fortunate enough to know him. Thus, it was appropriate to recognize his outstanding efforts for the Aladdin Legion of Honor on his ninety-third birthday. Ninety-three years – and counting! On behalf of all the members of our unit, we extend to him our thanks and appreciation for his past services and wish him well for the future. PRESS ON C . Fred – PRESS ON!

PREPARING FOR THE POTENTATE - Planning is well under way for welcoming Illustrious Sir Daniel E. Stainbrook, II, and Lady Ann, on Saturday, April 12 in the Aladdin Room of our Shriners complex. Social hour at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. with the program starting at 8:00 p.m. It's always an enjoyable and fun-filled evening, so get your reservation in NLT April 5. Hope to see you there.

TAPS – It is with real regret we must announce the Black Camel has carried longtime Legionoble William J. "Bill" Smith on his final journey. He served as our Sunshine chairman for many years. He was a quiet, humble, man who added much to the successful working of Aladdin's Legion of Honor. He will be missed. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family at his loss and will remember him as a true and faithful Legionoble.

GOOD NEWS - AND BAD NEWS -- Legionoble Don Powell served as Commander of Aladdin's Legion of Honor in 2000. It was a good year and many remarkable events took place under his outstanding leadership. Shortly thereafter, he moved to Gulfport, Mississippi, where he and Lady Bev set up housekeeping in a totally new environment. He introduced himself to Joppa Shrine once the unpacking was completed. He must have made a tremendous impression, for he was asked to enter the line shortly thereafter. He started a Legion of Honor Unit at the Temple and was a driving force behind several other innovations. While he served in the line, Katrina roared on shore and laid waste to the area. The Temple was damaged but was put back into operational use -- and Don led the efforts to make it happen. January, 2008, Don Powell was installed as Potentate of Joppa Shrine. It is a wonderful story about a very special man. Now, the bad news. Probably due to his tireless work and efforts on behalf of Joppa Temple, he developed heart problems and recently spent time in the hospital recovering. While he is now out and about, the doctors have put travel restrictions on him and he will not make the trip to the IALOH Convention in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Knowing Don, he is not a happy camper about that!. You can send him a get-well card at 14188 Big Creek Road, Gulfport, MS 39503. Were praying for you Don. God Bless – and PRESS ON!

COUNTY

by Rodney Holdren

Greetings from the Pike County Shrine Club. We just wrapped up a great 2007 with many parades and fundraisers that were very productive. The 2007 president, Noble Brock Clemmons, and his executive board did a great job. Every activity they were involved with was a success. Our annual golf outing raised over \$10,000. The Pike County Fair parking was also a great success but wouldn't have been as enjoyable without our lady's cooking all that great food every night. There was always enough food to feed everyone in the grandstand. We would be nothing without our ladies.

During our Christmas Dinner at the Eagles, President Clemmons gave out a couple special awards. He awarded Noble Dave Crawford the "Shriner of the Year" award. Noble Crawford is a very dedicated Shriner and was always willing to cook some of the best food that we have ever eaten for our meetings. Having Nobles like Dave makes a president's job a little easier. Thanks again for all your hard work. The second award given was the "Shriner Lady of the Year." This award was given to Lady Ruth Smith. Ruth was always there to help in every event from cooking, to cleaning up after a meeting. Ruth is a really areat Lady, and she kept Brock in Line!

There are so many great men in the Pike County Shrine but two wonderful men really dedicated their lives to helping transport some of our children to their appointments. Nobles Paul Smith and Pete Hale traveled over 11,000 miles each, while taking Shiners patients to treatments and various appointments. Men such as these have a, special place in the hearts of all Shriners, especially ours. I can only wish to someday be as great as these men are to the Shriners Organization.

During our Christmas Dinner, all the newly elected officials were sworn in. Noble Turman Helton was sworn into the office of president. Noble President Helton is another great Shrine brother. During the first month of his presidency, Noble Helton already assisted one of our orthopedic children in receiving a new van with a larger wheelchair lift. He worked diligently with ASHAC in negotiating and purchasing the vehicle. The impact of our organization's generosity was overwhelming to that child and his parents. An instance such as this is exactly what Shriners are about.

Noble President Helton outlined another great year of activities at our last meeting. We will be taking four school buses full of Pike County fourth graders to their first circus show. Several men stay behind and prepare hamburgers and all the fixings to feed the children on their return trip home. This is definitely one of the highlights of our year - watching their eyes light up during the show, as well as having the opportunity to see some of the best Shrine clowns in the nation.

The Aladdin Shriners are, and forever will be, the greatest organization in the country. When I first became a Shriner, a veteran Noble whispered this in my ear "There is no price that can be placed on a child's life. That's why we don't charge. That's what we do, what we do."

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by Tim Gillis

Hi Nobles. Great meeting last night; good attendance and fine food. If you missed it, shame on you (lol). See you next month, ok?

I received a note from Jerry McManis (now a Florida resident) and a donation. Thanks, Jerry. Soon our members who winter in Florida will be heading back and attending our meetings. We always miss them in the winter. President Bob Long informed us that we have rented our apartment and we really needed that. Our two apartments keep us aoina vou know.

NOTE: It was voted that we will change our meeting nights to the second Thursday of each month beginning in June because our meeting night is also the night of city council and the Jackson Blue lodge. Hopefully we can have a few more attending our meetings.

Birthdays for March are Harry Steel, David Sprague, Paul Belcher, and Hughie Farmer. Hope to see you next month on April 3. Have fun, pray for our troops and attend your blue lodge.

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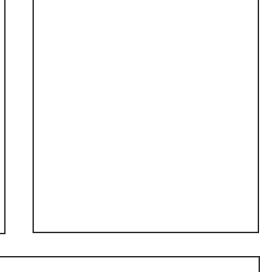
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Final Night Banquet \$60.00	Expiration Date:
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Notes:	AmEx () Discover ()
You CANNOT ride Big Red if you are going on the Branson, Missouri trip.	ATTEX () DISCOVOR ()
Marriott Airport Hotel is a non-smoking hotel.	SPECIAL ROOM REQUEST:
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	Handicap Accessible ()
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All Car Clubs Welcome / Award for Club NO DRAG CARS NO PRO STREET CARS

1/2 10.25W x 6.25H or 5W x 12.25H

