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Memberhip Statistics

	Current	Yr to Date
Membership 01/01/2011		**6265**
Associate Membership 01/01/11		48
Total Membership 01-01-2011		**6313**
Creations	4	63
Affiliations	0	2
Restored	1	35
Associate Members	0	1
TOTAL MONTHLY ADD	**5**	**101**
TOTAL YEARLY with ADDS		**6414**
Demits	3	3
Suspensions	0	4
Deaths	19	102
Associates Dropped	0	2
Reversals	0	0
TOTAL MONTHLY DROP	**22**	**111**
Membership as of 08/31/2011		**6303**
Net loss/gain YTD		-10
Net loss/gain Monthly		-17

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Hospital Update From The Potentate

Potentate Steve Hathaway

Last month I told you there would be a report on our hospitals. This is the information reported to us at our meeting. At the end of last month, Shriners Hospital for Children – Lexington held its annual Board of Governors/Divan weekend. The meeting started with a note stating, STAND ALONE – SPECIALITY HOSPITALS such as ours, have found themselves with more and more financial difficulties. These hospitals must find a way to widen the scope of their services and/or attach themselves to a source that has. The following information shows that the Cincinnati, Lexington, and Erie Hospitals are making efforts to do so:

Levels of Care Provided by Lexington Hospital - We were fortunate to receive information on current levels of care provided by the Lexington Hospital. The number of active patients, those receiving ongoing pediatric orthopedic care at Lexington, changes daily as 200 – 300 new patients are processed each month and another number of patients finish their care and do not need to return to the hospital. Using data from the last 5 years, at any given time, there are approximately 10,700 children from Kentucky and surrounding states receiving expert pediatric orthopedic care at Lexington Hospital.

The majority of these children are outpatients being seen by our doctors at the hospital, Monday through Friday, during normal business hours. When a child is required to be admitted into the hospital, the average length of stay is only five days. The daily average of children staying at the hospital is three. Today, many surgical procedures are less invasive and don't necessitate an overnight stay. While some children still require hospitalization for several weeks, they are the exception not the norm. The Lexington Hospital and the University of Kentucky – Children's Hospital continue to explore avenues in which they can work together for the betterment of our children.

News from the Shriners Hospitals for Children – Erie - The transitioning from a full-service hospital to an ambulatory facility has been officially approved by the Board of Directors and Board of Trustees of Shriners Hospitals for Children. This transition, which has been in the planning stages for the past two years, means that the Erie facility will now provide AMBULATORY PEDIATRIC MEDICAL SEVICES. These services include ambulatory surgery, outpatient rehabilitation (physical and occupational therapy), and outpatient medical care through its outpatient clinic. Inpatient surgeries (those requiring at least an overnight hospital admission) have recently been transitioned to partnering hospitals. Shriners' patients who require inpatient surgeries will continue to receive those surgeries from Shriners' physicians, but the surgery will be performed at one of these partner hospitals: Shriners Hospitals for Children - Philadelphia, UPMC Hamot, or UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. The child's pre-surgical and follow-up care will continue to be provided at the Erie facility.

The Erie Shriners facility will maintain all of its other clinical services such as radiology, movement analysis, care coordination, etc. As part of this transition, portions of the second floor of the Erie facility, currently housing the inpatient unit, will be renovated and it is anticipated that it will be leased to Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC to house pediatric subspecialty clinics staffed by physicians from Children's Hospital. These clinics will allow area families to receive expert subspecialty medical care in Erie instead of having to travel to Pittsburgh, Buffalo, or Cleveland, They will complement, not compete with, pediatric care already available in Erie. Some of the possible subspecialties that could be available in Erie include pediatric pulmonology, gastroenterology, neurology, rheumatology and endocrinology. Though housed at the Erie Shriners facility, these new subspecialty clinics will be coordinated by Allied Pediatric Health (APH). APH was created in 2010 to address community pediatric health care challenges through an innovative approach that combined the expertise of local health care entities. With the Shriners continuing to provide expert pediatric orthopedic care and Children's Hospital establishing other pediatric subspecialty clinics on our second floor, the Erie Shriners facility will become a regional centerpiece for medical care for children.

Since appropriate regulatory procedures need to be completed, the full transition of the Erie Shriners Hospital to an ambulatory facility will be carried out over the next 6-18 months.

Not to forget the Shriners Hospital for children – Cincinnati! Here is a list of conditions treated at the Cincinnati Hospital: BURN CARE • Burn injuries • Inhalation injuries • Burn reconstruction and rehabilitation. PLASTICS & RECONSTRUCTIVE CONDITIONS • Congenital ear deformities • Congenital hairy nevus (large birthmarks) • Cleft lip and palate • Brachial plexus injuries (nerve damage affecting upper extremities) • Congenital hand malformations • Gynecomastia (abnormal breast development in teenage boys) • Congenital breast deformities • Hidradenitis (chronic sweat gland disorder) • Post trauma deformities (treadmill injuries, dog bites, lawnmower accidents). COMPLEX WOUND & SKIN CONDITIONS • Purpura Fulminans • Necrotizing skin infections & Necrotizing Fasciitis • Stevens-Johnson Syndrome • Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis • Port wine stains.

I hope this report gives you the information you were looking for. For some first hand information, give one of our hospitals a call and arrange a tour. Your fez will be your key to the hospital. Your visit to the hospital will be appreciated.

Information for Our Membership - I received a letter from Imperial Sir Jack Jones, executive vice president of Shriners International, stating Shriners International has terminated its agreement with Shrine Savers effective June 2, 2011. They are currently developing a new membership benefits program which will be listed at www.shrinersvillage.com .

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Stated Meetings
Regular meetings of the Aladdin Shriners are held the third Monday of each month except June, July and August at 6:00 PM, Aladdin Shrine Center, 3850 Stelzer Road, Columbus, Ohio

Elected Divan
Potentate: Steve Hathaway
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Recorder: Donald G. Goodman

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God's Furry Angel

A Homeless Dog Transforms into An Award-Winning, Furry Angel

How does a homeless dog in North Carolina end up in Lexington, KY, bringing smiles and therapy to a young cerebral palsy patient? In February, Scott Cessna saw Buca in a small town in North Carolina, scavenging for food in trash cans. No one seemed to want him so Scott took him home and nursed him back to health. Buca was very intelligent and Scott had a plan for him. For a long time, he had wanted his mother to adopt a dog for companionship but she steadfastly refused. Determined to win her over, on Mother's Day, Scott presented Buca to Bonnie Cessna, who said," I fell in love within the first five minutes and knew I wanted that dog."

She hired a trainer who immediately recognized Buca's talents and on his advice, enrolled Buca in the Pet Therapy Program. Currently, Buca visits Shriners Hospitals for Children-Lexington® every other week to work one-on-one with cerebral palsy patient Elizabeth Albritton. She initially was scared of Buca, but as he was gradually introduced, she started to enjoy being with him. Elizabeth's mother, Tammy Albritton said, "She is so excited about coming to therapy with Buca. It is gratifying to see the bonds of trust established between Elizabeth and Buca. He takes her for a walk, pulling her along, or she throws the Frisbee using her upper body and practicing arm control."

Dianne Corse, PT, MPT, said, "From a physical therapy perspective, I was able to implement foundational balance, coordination, strength, and gross motor skill training. By not utilizing traditional techniques, Elizabeth did not realize how hard she was working while having a great time with Buca."

In addition to visiting children at Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Lexington, Buca won a bronze medal at the Canine Olympics and is active the Paws to Read Program at local libraries. He also visits the Alzheimer's Center, nursing homes, and elementary schools for the Canine Safety Program. He was awarded the Canine Good Citizen Certification from the American Kennel Club in 2010.

Bonnie Cessna said, "I feel God placed Buca in my life for a purpose other than to be a pet. Buca's work is a ministry. Not only does this little twenty-four pound furry dog provide blessings through his work for me personally, but provides many blessings to the veterans, elderly, the wounded, sick, and lives of lots of little children. Buca is very special and is definitely one of God's furry angels."

Photographs Needed

Shrine Photographs from 1872-1962

The 140th Anniversary of Shriners International is quickly approaching in 2012, and we are making preparations to showcase the rich history of our cherished fraternity. We need your help, not only to make this upcoming anniversary celebration a success, but also to preserve the history of our organization.

Shriners International is in search of historic Shriner photographs to help promote our anniversary year. We encourage you to explore your temple's archives, storage room, or even the attic of your home to see what treasures you might discover. Our greatest need is for photos from 1872 - 1962.

We prefer that you send your photographs electronically to aflenghi@shrinenet.org. If you have a large number of photos, please be sure to email them in a compressed folder. If you choose to physically mail your photos, send them to Shriners International Headquarters, Attention: Amanda Flenghi, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607. Please note that we will not be able to return physical photos to you. By emailing or sending us photographs, you acknowledge that you or your temple are the owner and that you consent to the reproduction or use of the images by Shriners International Headquarters.

We thank you in advance for sharing your historic photographs with us. We appreciate your interest in preserving memories and helping us tell the story of Shriners International.

Yours in faith,
JACK H. JONES
Imperial Recorder, Executive Vice President
Shriners International

In Memoriam

John D. Bartoe
Howard R. Cherry
Clyde L. Cook
Paul B. Cook
Loren I. Divan
Carl E. Hingst
Richard Hodson
Larry E. Jarvis
Donald W. Judy
Phillip Lee
Herman F. Legg
William R. Omorrow
Eldon R. Reedy
William N. Shaw
Michael I. Taylor
Phillip L. Vermillion
Robert E. Winters
Chalmer White, Jr.
Adrian L. Witherup

Medical Unit

by Chuck Hedges

Here it is September already. Time flies when you're having fun. Summer is almost over and still there are a few things to do. The ladies trip to Chicago begins on September 30. On October 14, there will be the Harvest Ball. The Medical Unit's Potentate's Visit is November 3 and the New Year's Party will be December 31. So, you can see, there is still a lot to do this year.

On September 22, we will be have a Medical Unit meeting. Time and place will be on the card you will be getting in the mail. After a long, hot summer, it will be a good time to get your ladies out for a meal and meet with friends. I talked to Director Dr. Keith Blair and he said he will have a place for us to meet or he just might bring us a sandwich from Waldo. You know the wives are invited to all of our meetings, but our annual meeting in October.

If anyone knows of a good restaurant where we can go to have a nice dinner and meeting, let Keith know. He is always looking, so give him a hand.

I was talking to Chief Rabban Mike Tyne who is also a member of the Medical Unit. He has been busy doing Chief Rabban things, and he looked tired and looked like he is losing weight. By the time he gets to the top, he will really be thin. Just kidding Mike!!

So, until next month, read your *Lamp* and attend your Lodge, York Rite, Scottish Rite, and the Aladdin stated meetings. They all need your help.

Job Opportunities

Security Position Available

Part-time positions are available for evenings and/or weekends as a Security Officer. Interested Nobles must be physically fit and have basic computer skills.

Please contact Brenda Springer at bspringer@aladdinshrine.org or call 614-475-2609, ext. 28 for more information and an application.

Part Time Bartenders Needed

Positions are available to work various Aladdin club and unit events.

Any Noble interested should contact Brenda Springer at bspringer@aladdinshrine.org or call 614-475-2609, ext. 28 for more information and an application. Prior bartending experience preferred.

Part Time Custodial Help Needed

Setup and custodial positions at the Aladdin Shrine are available. Applicant must be able to work evenings and/or weekends. Must able to lift at least 75 pounds.

Please contact Brenda Springer at bspringer@aladdinshrine.org or call 614-475-2609, ext. 28 for more information and an application.

2011 ALADDIN PARADES

Aladdin Official Parades - The Potentate and the majority of the Divan will attend. All units and clubs should attend.

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Harold McDow
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OFFICIAL PARADES	DATE	LINE-UP	STEP OFF
Circleville Pumpkin Parade	10/21	7:00 PM	8:00 PM
OPTIONAL PARADES			
Gallipolis Veterans Day	11/11	10:00 AM	11:00 AM
Washington CH Christmas	12/3	4:00 PM	5:00 PM

Ceremonial Dates Set

The Potentate has set the dates for the 2011 Ceremonials

DATE	SITE	ARRIVAL TIME	COST WITHOUT FEZ	COST WITH FEZ
September 19	Aladdin	5:00 PM	$143.50	$213.50
December 3	Aladdin	8:00 AM	$204.00**	$274.00**

All Fees must accompany the signed petition for membership.
**These fees include $74.00 for the candidate's 2012 dues.

Interested Nobles or Blue Lodge Masons should contact Aladdin for further information. Those in Franklin County call 1-614-475-2609 ext. 10 and those outside Franklin County call 1-800-475-3850, ext. 10.

Candidates should plan to arrive no later than the listed arrival time.

Petitions are available at aladdinshrine.com. Scroll to bottom of the home page and select "New Petition." You will need to print both pages.

First Lady Betsy Hathaway's Project

For the past several years, the Lady of the Potentate has sponsored a fundraising project to benefit the children in our hospitals. This year my project is to raise funds for the cleft lip and palate program.

Approximately 5,000 children are born with this deformity in the United States each year. This problem occurs when facial soft and hard tissues fail to fuse properly. This happens to one of every 750 live births causing conditions that affect, not only the child's appearance and self esteem, but the child's ability to speak, hear, and eat properly. In 2005, Shriner's Hospitals added this program which is a long-term commitment of care from birth to adolescence.

For a donation of $20.00, you may obtain my shooting star pin. By doing so, you help support this worthy project. *– Betsy Hathaway*

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Past Masters

by Dick Bull

Our unit had a successful summer picnic at Liberty Park in Delaware County. Weather was a little threatening but then turned out well for the 49 attendees. Thanks go to Clayton Weber and his committee for a great job. Charlie Neff did his usual fine job calling bingo with variations we never heard of. But, as Charlie Says, "it's my game and we'll play it my way."

Thanks go to Gary Fortner and Don Forquer for driving the van so 15 of our members could attend the Bucyrus Bratwurst Parade.

We are looking forward to Ill. Potentate Steve Hathaway's visit to our unit on Saturday, September 24 at Brookside Golf and Country Club. Social hour is at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m. Details are in our unit's newsletter for September. John Sanborn is in charge of arrangements.

Our next unit's stated meeting is Monday, September 26 at Aladdin Shrine Center. Executive committee meets at 7:00 p.m. while the men's meeting and Ladies Auxiliary are at 8:00 p.m.

We have been asked to perform the Master Mason Degree at Palestine Lodge #158 F. & A. M. in Marysville on Thursday, October 6. The lodge officers will open at 7:00 p.m. and quickly dispense with any necessary business. Our unit members will then raise one Master Mason after which refreshments will be served. We look forward to our first visit at Palestine Lodge.

Summer has not been kind to some of our members healthwise. Judy Cokonougher underwent a very serious nine-hour surgery on July 27 to remove a spinal tumor. She still has several cancer spots in her spine, lymph nodes, and lungs. She is beginning radiation and chemo treatments. She is a fighter but she also needs our thoughts and prayers.

Judy Moser took her grandchildren to the Ohio State Fair and gracefully fell down the Coliseum steps, broke her ankle which required surgery and is wearing a cast for six weeks.

George Finch was scheduled for pancreatic surgery on August 23. We pray for successful results.

George Roloson and Al Pettigrew are doing better following recent illnesses and treatments. We wish all of the above named people the very best in their health issues.

We are sad to report the recent death of Gabrielle Mendenhall. Gabby was the widow of RWB Herb Mendenhall. She was 97 years young.

On a brighter note, Ken Sparks was recently notified that he has been elected to receive the Meritorious Service Award from Scottish Rite, Valley of Columbus next June at Ohio Council of Deliberation. Congratulations on a well deserved honor.

Pipes & Drums

by Zale Maxwell

The unit has had a great summer and is looking forward to a great fall.

Our unit's concert in July at the Masonic Home in Springfield was a huge success; we are still getting thanks for our performance. We had fun doing it and talking to the people gathered to hear us play.

In August, we were in the Bucyrus Parade and then went to Mickeli's on Prospect Street in Marion for our traditional afterglow. Mike Smith, one of our drummers, is the owner of Mickeli's. In September, we are back to our normal practice schedule and will be preparing for a busy performance month in October. We are planning to go to the Eastern Star Home this fall; scheduling is in process.

We are a parade unit in the Shrine and looking for ways to do more entertaining. We are preparing a concert performance format and working on a CD of pipe music. We hope to use the CD as a fundraiser, the first this unit has ever recorded. There will be more on both of these items in future articles.

We practice on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays of each month at the Aladdin Shrine Center starting at 7:30 p.m. If you would like to learn to play Scottish Highland bagpipes, join us and we will help you get started.

Provost

by John Rohal

Here we are on the downside of our summer months, the kids are headed back to school, and we prepare to return to our Lodges, Scottish Rite, York Rite, and Shrine meetings.

Our annual family picnic was a huge success, very well attended, and almost everyone won a wonderful prize. Congratulations go to George Stowe and all his committee members.

It's now time to think about the upcoming events, including the tailgate parties at the Shrine Center where all of the O.S.U. games will be televised. Remember, all proceeds help the Audio Unit's Easter Egg Hunt and their other unit activities. Don't forget our September 19 Ceremonial.

Celebrating birthdays in September are Flaveon E. Augg, Jerry H. Benson, Donald E. Campbell, Robert M. Chiaramonte, Robert P. Coffman, James E. Cooper, Warren H. Davies, Jerame D. Dixon, Charles A. Dozer, William C. George, Marvin L. Jose, Clarence G. Leonard, Robert M. Michel, Dwight E. Radcliff, Kelley Raines, Daniel E. Stainbrook II, and George E. Stowe.

Our sincerest condolences go to the Cook, Kinney, and Liebherr families on the loss of our member Clyde L. Cook who was taken by the Black Camel on August 17.

Hope this Summer was good to all, see you at the unit meetings.

Brutal Brothers

by Ron Martino and Cub Reporter Brian Tabit

Summer is almost over and OSU football has started and all Buckeye fans are happy again.

Our steak fry was a great success with great camel milk and then great food. Bo and Nancy Williams kept our glasses full while Past Chief Brian was preparing the mushrooms for our steaks. Director Dave, Assistant Chief Aaron Langhirt, Bill Tier, and many others took care of the grill and everyone I talked to had great steaks, baked tators, sweet corn on the cob, and salad. For dessert we had pie, but I was too full to enjoy it.

Our youngest guest was two months old, Jessica Jones. The little lady was too young to enjoy a big steak, but mother Jennifer made sure she had her bottle close at all times.

Sunshine Committee: I talked with Jim and Candy Carle about Jim's health. Jim was scheduled at the OSU James Center for a ten-hour operation on August 19. Jim sounded great when we talked and was in good spirits. PLEASE keep Jim and his family in your prayers.

Official Parades: The Circleville Pumpkin Parade is October 21 with line-up at 7:00 p.m. and step-off at 8:00 p.m. Check with Chairman Jake Sturgeon as to the time the equipment leaves the Wolfe Building. He will need your help and it is a fun time. Bring your fez.

Trips: Director Dave and his father, Don Williams, are going to be on a fishing and hunting trip to Wyoming for ten days and that happens during our September meeting. So (maybe) they will be recharged and ready for our October meeting. They are staying in Buffalo, Wyoming. When I was there in 1984, it was a beautiful area with lots of cowboy music and great food.

Remember September 11, 2001!

Bucyrus

by Gene Diller

Aladdin Shriners came to Bucyrus for the annual Bratwurst Festival Parade. The Shriners are the highlight of the Friday night parade. Potentate Steve Hathaway led the Aladdin Shriners in the parade. The parade also had a Mansfield Shrine Club from Al Koran in the parade. The Shriners were the best of the parade!

After the parade, the Bucyrus Shrine Club had an afterglow at the Crawford County Youth Building for all Shriners. They had bratwurst, baked beans, and beverages. Nobles Dave Crum, Rob Zaebst, and helpers prepared and served the afterglow. There were around 75 Shriners and visitors at the afterglow.

In their kindness, the Bucyrus Shrine Ladies and Widows made and donated seven bags of toys for the Shrine hospitals. The bags of toys were given to Potentate Steve Hathaway and went back to the Aladdin on Big Red.

Sunshine Report Note: Noble Wayne Brause is recuperating from a illness.

The next Bucyrus Shrine Club meeting will be September 26.

Marching with The Legion

by Dick Luckay

PARADE REPORT – **Baltimore** had a great day for a parade, a great crowd to enjoy it, and a great turnout from Aladdin to participate in it. The flag bedecked Legion Jeep led the Aladdin contingent with PC Willie Fitchett behind the wheel and Commander Terry Kitchen riding shotgun. PC Gary Bogart and LN Ron Gary filled out the Legion contingent. They made a fine appearance and made Aladdin, and the Legion, proud. The afterglow at the VFW Post was in the fine tradition of past Baltimore parades and the food and renewed friendships made for a memorable and enjoyable day for all concerned. The **Bucyrus Parade** was a carbon copy of Baltimore – fantastic weather, an overflow crowd, and great Aladdin participation. PC Willie Fitchett and Commander Terry Kitchen led the Aladdinites down the parade route in the Jeep resplendent with flags rippling in the breeze. A fine parade was capped by a gathering at the fairgrounds for libations and refreshments and all concerned expressed satisfaction in a job well done.

SPECIAL DAYS FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE – Those wedding bell memories ring out again for Roscoe and Judy Smith (10/19). It's birthday cake time for Marjorie McCoy (9/27), Shy Lanthorn (10/10), Bob Krieger (10/16), and Jack Davis (10/20). May your special day be one of fond memories and plans for the future. God Bless you all.

ATTENTION ALADDINITES WITH MILITARY SERVICE – The Legion is welcoming new members/associate members to expand our ranks. All retired or honorably discharged servicemen need only contact Commander Terry Kitchen or Adjutant Bob Faber for the necessary paperwork and you too, can become a member of Aladdin's finest.

Chaplain's Corner

by Chaplain Zale Maxwell

I was sitting in my favorite chair the other night in front of the television when I realized I was not watching it. Rather, I was thinking. I know that for some of you who know me, that will be quite a shock. However, that is exactly what I was doing. I suspect we all do that from time to time – thinking about our jobs or busy schedules and how we are going to get them all done.

Then there are the people in our lives who we think about. My daughter, who is currently planning her wedding, was one of my thoughts. I was thinking how that event was going to change both of our lives in the future. It also occurred to me, as I was sitting there thinking, or maybe daydreaming is a better word, how fortunate I am to have traveled to so many places in my life and to have met so many people. I have been to over half the states that make up this great nation, and I have traveled to several other countries.

As your chaplain, I have had the pleasure of traveling to many locations on unit and club visitations. They have been rich blessings in my life. During these visits, I have met many people, some more outgoing than others. I have enjoyed meeting and speaking to them. From all of this, I have reached a rather simple conclusion – the Aladdin Shrine is not the places we travel or the sites we see, it is the people. That is what it is all about – people. I think the people of the Aladdin Shrine are its greatest assets. Buildings and places are stationary monuments, symbols of our past, but the people are alive and moving in tune to the music of life. Potentate Steve Hathaway has said, "We need to get back to the fun. That is why the Shrine was created by its founders." That requires people and we have fun people in the Aladdin Shrine. Everywhere I have traveled in the Shrine, I have had fun. Whether cooking a hot dog over a fire or watching a show, it has been a blast. Keep it up Shriners; we all are blessed by the fellowship we have with one another.

You who dwell in the gardens with friends in attendance, let me hear your voice! (Song of Solomon 8:13 NIV)

Tarhe Shrine

by David Mowry

In place of our August meeting, Tarhe provided the afterglow for the Baltimore parade held on August 6 at the Baltimore VFW. It was well attended by the Nobles and ladies. We'd like to thank all who attended and extend a special thanks to the members of the Baltimore VFW for providing the meal.

Normal meetings will resume again in September, with our September meeting being held on September 15 at Tammi Jo's in Lancaster. Our program guest will be Mr. Fred Hower, host of the radio show *Plant Talk*. Please make plans to attend and remember to bring all of your gardening related questions with you! **Remember, wives and guests are always welcome to attend.** If you know of someone who might be interested in joining Tarhe, please feel free to bring him along as well.

> *It is important that we bring in new members, particularly in the last half of the year, if our club is to continue into next year.*

Reservations for all meetings should be made by the Saturday preceding the meeting. Reservations can be made by phone at 740-215-6849 or by email at tarheshrineclub@gmail.com. The cost of the meal is $15.00 per person.

Remember, if you have questions about meeting dates, you can check Aladdin's website to see club and contact information, as well as upcoming meeting dates. Please take a look at it at: http://www.aladdinshrine.org/tarhe.htm. You should also be getting reminder cards about all meetings in the mail. If you are not receiving your cards, please let us know so we can make sure we have an updated address for you.

Upcoming meetings:

September 15 - Reservations due by September 10

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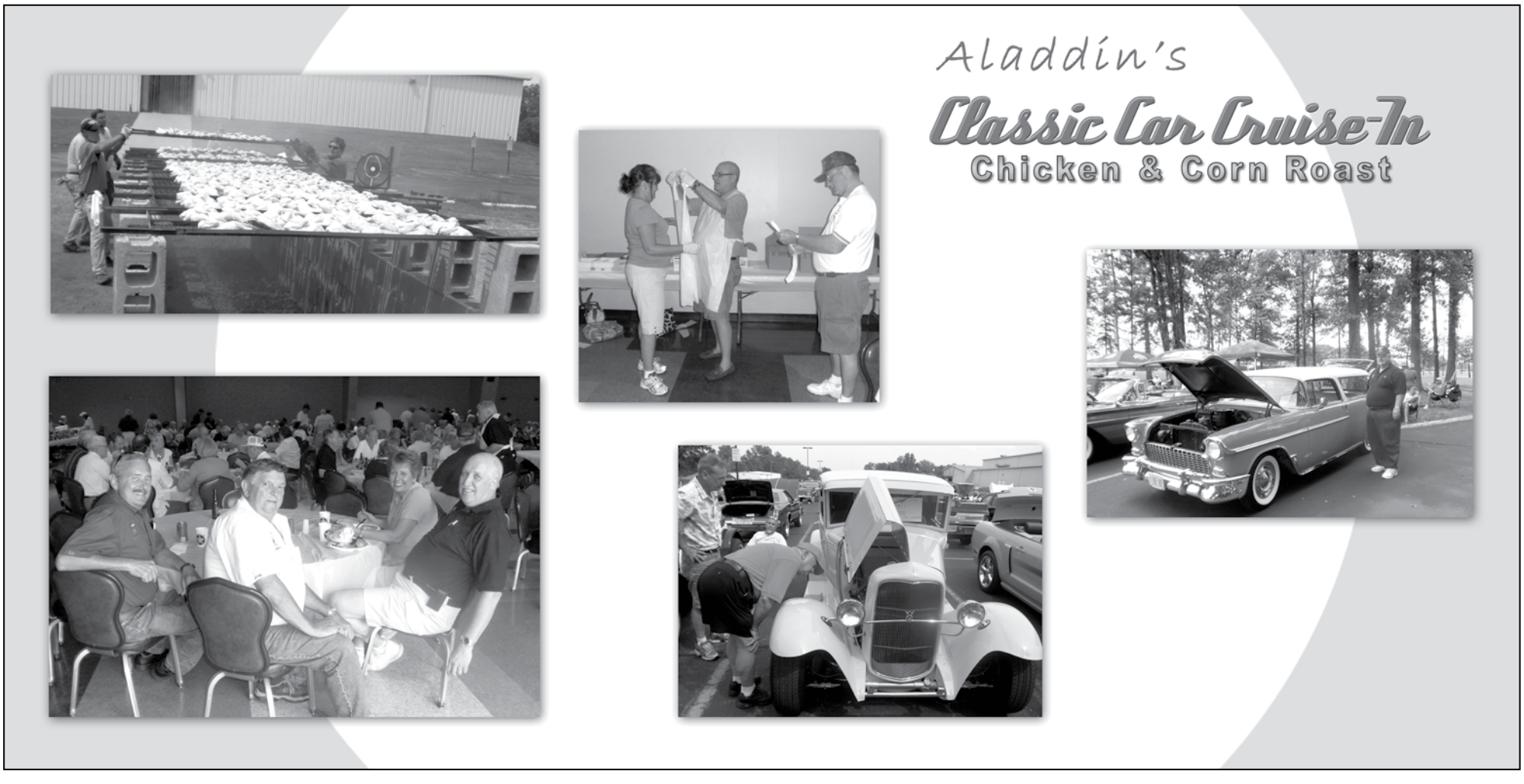
I hope to see you all in September!



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Marietta Musings *by Don Chichester*

Since our last *Lamp* communication, several activities have occurred in the Marietta Shrine Club. At the top of the list was the annual visitation of Potentate Steve Hathaway with his Divan and their ladies. It is always a welcome sight to see "Big Red" pull into our parking lot. All attending enjoyed a terrific prime rib dinner prepared by Past President Garry Bonnette assisted by his Lady Susan, Noble David Littler and his Lady Greta, Noble Doug (Bill, Joe, George) Christopher and his Lady Carolyn, and Noble David Bonnett and his Lady Tara. After dinner, speeches, and presentations, those present found out just how much or how little four Nobles and their ladies really knew about their respective spouses.

On July 22, the club hosted our yearly family night. As near as could be counted by Secretary-Treasurer Noble Elvin Tenny, over 280 individuals enjoyed the hospitality of the club. After a picnic style repast, prepared by Nobles Dale Ferrell, John Hadley, Lee Hadley, Rob Hadley, Moe Rohdy, Pat Wagner, Ed Godsey, Craig Godsey, Fred Tipper, and Jim "Murf" Murphy, almost everyone moved next door to the beautiful Marietta Aquatic Center for an evening of splashing and swimming. A brief shower did not seem to chase very many away.

After getting our little cars retrofitted by Nobles Evan Chichester, Bill Ollum, Garry Bonnette, David Joy, and David Littler, all our units participated in Marietta's Independence Day Parade. There was a great turnout of Nobles to ride the Shrine Belle and we all had a good time. By the time this *Lamp* is published, we will have paraded in the Waterford Fair, Parkersburg's Homecoming, and the Washington County Fair Parades.

Upcoming parades are the Barlow Fair and the Lowell Octoberfest. Second Vice-President Noble Ray Haines is our parade chairman. Contact Noble Ray at 740 659-5586 for step-off times and meeting places.

At our regular meeting on August 22, Noble Bill Ollom, with the assistance of Nobles Garry Bonnette and Dave Littler, served the Nobility a delicious Eastern Star dinner of baked steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, cole slaw, and various pies. This menu is always a hit with everyone.

As a point of interest, let it be noted that Noble Dave Littler is one of our newest members and has become one of our most active. If all Nobles showed as much enthusiasm as Noble Dave, our club would be bigger and better in every way and our service to the children would continue to grow and prosper.

The club will host our annual reunion and picture-taking day on September 26. The meal will be prepared by our club officers. Please come early and renew old friendships and make some new ones. Remember to wear your fez. Other upcoming events for the club will be our participation with the Marietta College football program. First will be the annual game with Muskingum College. This game is at New Concord this year, and we will be presenting the traveling trophy "Editorial Without Words" to the victor. Next is the Annual Shrine Football Game on November 12. The opponent will be the Capital University Crusaders from Columbus, Ohio. Noble Dave Joy will be needing lots of help from ticket sellers and concession workers. Please contact Noble Dave at 740 516-0691 and offer your services. This function always generates profits for the club.

On a sadder note, the Black Camel claimed Noble Mahlon "Rawdy" Fauss, a long time member and supporter of the Marietta Shrine Club. Our condolences go to his Lady Charlotte and his extensive Shrine family. Also, Lady Dee Wetz "Tag" and Lady Nan Brunton "Bruce" are recovering from surgery. I am sure a card or a call would be welcome. Also, my Lady Sara is recovering nicely from her surgery. She greatly appreciated all the cards, calls, and inquiries about her condition. Finally she was released to play her bagpipes again with her band. As W.C. Fields said "That woman drove me to drink, and I thank her for it."

Until next time...

NEWS FROM ERIE

Hospital Education Seminar to Feature Important Information for Shrine Leaders

The annual Hospital Education Seminar set for Saturday, October 29, will include important information for Shriners and their ladies. The seminar will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie.

The Erie facility is in the process of transitioning from a full-service hospital to an ambulatory facility, focusing on ambulatory surgery, outpatient rehabilitation (physical and occupational therapy), and outpatient medical services through its Outpatient Clinic. What does all of this mean? Charles R. Walczak, Administrator of the Erie facility, will be explaining these changes at the seminar, and answering your questions.

Also, speaking at the seminar will be Alan Stininger, Associate Director of Development from Shriners Hospitals for Children® corporate headquarters in Tampa. With an enhanced emphasis on philanthropy throughout the Shrine system, Mr. Stininger will be talking about the various online giving opportunities available to Shriners, as well as online donor programs and other website developments.

Finally, Dr. William Schrantz, Pediatric Orthopedic Surgeon, will be giving a presentation that underscores how we excel in providing expert medical care for children at the Erie facility.

The annual Hospital Education Seminar is free and open to Shrine temple leaders and their ladies. It is an excellent opportunity to find out what is happening at YOUR Shriners hospital! Although the program is free, reservations are required and may be made by calling Bob Howden at (814) 875-8782.

Following the Hospital Education Seminar, the hospital will be holding its Donor Recognition Luncheon. Those who are participating in the seminar are invited to stay for the Donor Luncheon if they would like to do so.

Again, reservations for these programs are required and must be made no later that Friday, October 21. Take advantage of this excellent opportunity to learn more about the changes that are taking place at the Erie facility.

Need a Speaker for Your Meeting or Gathering?

A lot of your members want to know exactly what is happening at the Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie. Do you need a speaker for your Shrine club or unit meeting? How about someone to speak at a special function or dinner? Just pick up the phone, call the Erie hospital and we will be glad to schedule someone to attend your function. There are many great things taking place at the Erie facility and in the Shrine system in general. It is important for all Shriners to know about and understand these changes. If you would like to schedule a speaker from the hospital, please call either Rick Ellis (814) 875-8807, or Bob Howden (814) 875-8782.

Reception Unit *by Don Owens*

The end of summer brings the return of more normal levels of unit activity. It begins with the Potentate's visit on Friday, September 23. This annual event, which will be formal, will be held at the Aladdin Shrine Temple's Oasis Room beginning at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.

The first meeting of the unit membership will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 20, at the Temple.

We were saddened to learn of the death of Loren Divan on Sunday, August 21, in Thornville, Ohio. Loren was an active member of the Reception Unit for 18 years, and for most of those years, was chairman of the Shrine Circus ushers. After his retirement from that job, and successful joint replacement surgery, Loren and his friend, Rita Finneran, continued to work for the circus. Such conscientious people are always sorely missed. Loren was a member of Newark Lodge #97 F. & A. M.

Our sympathy is extended to Charlie Harger who lost his wife, Cozette, on Sunday, August 21 after a long illness. Charlie and Cozy were married for 55 years.

Friends of former unit member, Harold Lyon, will be glad to learn that he and his wife Nancy have moved back to Columbus from Florida. They had resided in Florida for the last 14 years.

The last official parade of the year will be held Friday, October 21, at the Circleville Pumpkin Show. It's not too soon to start hoping that the weather will be endurable--just like last year.

Member Steve Russo bicycled from Columbus to Amanda in the Pelotonia event to benefit the Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute. This project raised over $9 million, 100% for charity. We're proud of you, Steve.

Ross County *by David Duckworth*

Greetings from the Ross County Shrine Club. Our August meeting was well attended by 52 Nobles. Those attending were treated to Bob Mossbarger's famous tenderloin dinner. I'm not sure how he does it, but it has to be the best tenderloin out there. If you were not there, you missed out. A big "thank you" goes to Bob and his crew for a wonderful meal.

President Morgan promptly brought the meeting to order with several committee reports. Our Sunshine Committee reported the passing of Nobles Alvin C. Immell and James R. McCoskey and a moment of silence was held for these Nobles. They will be sadly missed by all.

The Ice and Melon Committee chairmen presented the sale totals from the Ross County Fair. With ice sales totaling $5,061.19 and melon sales at $1,950.00, another successful year has been achieved. Big "thanks" go to Chairmen Don Morris, Roger Remy, Steve Davis, and club members for all the hard work in making it a great success.

The third and final reading of members who were nominated and voted upon to receive the Distinguished Shriners Award were read and approved as follows: Nobles Jack D. Theobald, Gene Miner, John True, Ronald L. Montgomery, and Ned R. Young will all be enshrined and remembered for their outstanding service to the Ross County Shrine Club.

In closing, it is never too early to think about the upcoming year as far as events go. The club is in search of a few new committee chairmen to fill vacancies for Tabloid Days, circus liaison, and trip chairman. These events do not have to be managed by one person. A joint effort is always appreciated. These events may be the most rewarding of any the club has. We hope we can fill these openings as soon as possible. If interested, please do not hesitate to call any of the officers.

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting!

Upcoming events to remember:

September 22 – Stated Meeting

Don't forget to call in your reservation to Secretary Dan Riddle, (740)773-7433

Ambassadors Visitation
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Aladdin Shrine Band

by Dave Haney

During AUGUST, it was the "dog days" of summer continued. The concert band did not do the Bucyrus gig. Not enough trumpet players... Not enough plumbers? Of all things. I had to go down to Schmidt's in German Village and drink beer and eat brats all by myself. I drank a beer for you but you got drunk!. It wasn't pretty. The sacrifice of it all! Tough duty but someone had to do it!

Ready or Not Schedule Stuff: September approaches. Get out your plumbing gear and the Drano and get ready, you sorry things!

September 20: Dance Band - 7:00-9:00 p.m.
September 27: Executive Board 7:00 p.m. Band rehearsal 8:00-9:30. p.m.
October 4: Band 8:00-9:30 p.m.
October 11: Band 8:00-9:30 p.m.
October 18: Executive Board 7:00 p.m. Band 8:00-9:30 p.m.
October 21: Visit from The Great Pumpkin at Circleville
October 25: Dance Band 7:00-9:00 p.m.
October 28: Fall Dance and assorted Halloween stuff - Ballroom 8:00-11:00 p.m.

Last Month's Educational Question Answer: The first car accident occurred on May 30, 1896. At that time, Henry Wells of Springfield, Massachusetts was driving his Duryea Motor Wagon in New York City. He collided with Evelyn Thomas who was riding her bicycle. Her leg was broken. She went to the hospital and Henry went to the "slammer" for one night. Fascinating stuff right? Maybe Henry was busy "texting" at the time?

Some More Word Stuff: Do any of you plumbers know where the expressions "mind your own beeswax," "crack a smile," or "losing face" really came from? Well, here it is (ready or not): In the past, personal hygiene left a lot of room for improvement. Most women had developed acne scars or other facial problems by adulthood so they would spread bee's wax over their facial skin to smooth out their complexions. If someone was caught staring at them, they would respond, "mind you own bee's wax!" However, if you would smile too much, the wax would crack – "crack a smile." If you sat in the heat or near the fire too long, the wax would melt and you would "lose face."

Nothing really new here! It seems to me this problem continues since there is a billion dollar cosmetic industry with millions of products available so a woman can put her "face on" in the morning. (I guess it falls off at night.)

Green Eyes says with cats what you see is what you get! Ain't too sure about those stupid humans though!

Next Month's Word Puzzle: Where did the expression "It'll cost you an arm and a leg" come from?" It is not the gas pump, you big dummy!

Paraprosdokian for August 2011: "I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure!"

See you varmints in September, good Lord willing and the creeks don't rise. (Know where that came from?) Stay tuned.

Steubenville

by Leonard W. Morris

Our family picnic was held July 31 at Aladdin Land. A good time was had by all who attended and attendees enjoyed hot dogs, hamburgers, and fries.

Our stated meeting was held on Saturday, August 6 at Aladdin Land. The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by the first vice president in the absence of President Dan Moffatt. Noble McNeil led the nobility in the pledge to our flag. The business meeting was opened with prayer offered by Chaplain Noble Bob Moffat. No one was reported ill. Nobles Dave Hunt, ASHAC chairman and member of the board of Erie Hospital, reported all at Erie Hospital is in good order and will continue to be of the same service as in the past.

Noble Jim Halstead, Chairman Children's Hospital program, has been busy transporting children to the hospital for care. With both Jim and Dave as chairmen, we are able to give the service that Shriners are meant to do.

The club has entered into a lease program with its seven acres of land and will soon receive the bonus for signing which will be of great help to maintain our club.

Other sources of income are from the rental of the halls at Aladdin Land which have been rather good.

The club had a Tabloid Day at Walmart at the Fort Steuben Mall on August 27.

Noble Dave Hunt is chairman of a fundraising dance which is open to the public. It will be on October 29 and will be held at The Rose, owned by Clara and Cynthia Morris. Clara is the wife of Noble Leonard Morris and Cynthia is his daughter. Music is by Rollback. Dave Hunt and his friends, who had a band years ago, have reorganized and are doing well.

Noble Don King, who is in Florida most of the year, was able to be at the meeting. Recognized were past presidents and members with 25 years and more. Noble Charles Morris, our 50-year member, was recognized. Following the meeting was a fish fry and corn roast.

Noble Tony Violi will be missed as our *Lamp* correspondent. Tony held this position for many years. As Tony always said "God Bless America."

Best wishes and a hearty hello goes to all of our brother Nobles who receive the *Lamp*.

In the faith and God Bless America!

Thea Court

by B. J. Gischler, PHP

Now that fall is here, activities are going full speed again. By this time, we have had our September meeting, a visitation from Grand High Priestess Lady Sandy Newby, and our annual trip to Clinton County to visit with the ladies there.

Next on our schedule is Fun Night, Monday, September 19, in the Oasis Room, on the Aladdin stated meeting night. Everyone is welcome to join us for cards, games, or conversation. You don't have to be a member of LOSNA to take part. If you would like to eat with us at 5:00 p.m., call Carolyn Dickson at 614-214-9863. The cost is $12.00. Come anytime after 5:00 p.m. and stay as long as you want.

We will be having another Fun Night on Monday, October 17. We would like to see you there.

Worthington

by Bob Stevenson

It is indeed a grand old flag that forever waves in the land of the free. With that in mind, our October meeting will feature Mary Leavitt, better known to one and all as "The Flag Lady!" You know the "and park in the rear of the building" tag line on her radio commercials.

As we move into the heart of fall, what a great program that will be and it's not just about United States flags, but who knows how many different kinds there are out there? Perhaps, she can tell us. This meeting will be for Nobles and ladies and guests. The date is October 6.

The following month will have our annual business meeting and election of officers for 2012. This will be for Nobles only and more details will follow. This meeting is, indeed, important to our club; please try to attend on November 3.

The year is certainly going fast. By now, the first couple games of the 2011 Buckeyes will be done; NFL will be underway; and they will still play baseball until the snow flies. Hockey starts in 80 degree weather and ends in 80-degree weather, not much of a winter only sport is it?

And what can you say about the NBA? Seems like they play 48 weeks, take a month off and start again. They will probably get rid of the 4 week vacation thing in the next contract negotiation and be the first year-round sport. The power of television – it's everywhere!

What television does not see is the power of the Shrine Hospitals for Children and the work we do. It is up to us to make sure that picture is "played" year round. Have you talked with a Master Mason about the Shrine? Have you talked with neighbors, friends, etc. to make them aware we are here to help if someone they know needs us?

I hope during this coming year, we will all work to gain new Nobles; get the word out about the work we do (not really work is it?) to keep our hospitals the very best to be found anywhere; and to let folks know we are a lot more than small cars, clowns, and funny hats! Sadly, that is how most people, especially the younger ones, think of us. So like the future NBA and other sports, we need to be out playing every day, playing to win for a prize far greater than a ring!

Hocking Hills

by Richard Aldridge

We've had a great time at the last two meetings. Noble Larry Jarvis talked with us about the Kentucky Colonels Unit at the July meeting and some Nobles brought their cars down from the Aladdin Car Club for the August meeting. Larry Jarvis organized both meetings for me, but the Black Camel visited him before the August meeting. He was a good friend and a GREAT man. You will be deeply missed, my friend.

We had six classic cars and six Nobles from the Aladdin Car Club. Noble Ron Brubaker stepped in and talked with us about the club and what they do during the year; thank you, Noble Ron, for stepping in to give the program.

I want to thank all the Nobles who brought their cars to the meeting and am glad we figured out how to get someone's keys out of their trunk so they could go home. Check out our Facebook page, Hocking Hills Shrine Club, for pictures of the cars.

Upcoming Events - There will be the election of officers at the October meeting. November's meeting has been moved to Tuesday, November 15, and the December meeting and installation of officers is moved to Friday, December 16. Reminder to anyone elected to office, the installation and annual meeting is January 14 at Aladdin.

Just Clowning Around

by Wayne "Wayno" Shriver

Hall of Fame Parade - The annual Hall of Fame Parade marks an important date in most men's lives. It usually means the start of the football season along with the first pre-season football game. It didn't happen this year because of the NFL owner's lockout. It also marks the induction of worthy players into the Hall of Fame. For the Aladdin Shrine Clown Unit it has a whole different meaning.

It means a long drive from Columbus to Canton on the short bus to everyone's favorite hotel, The Red Carpet Inn. A nice, clean place that would make the tents in Iraq look inviting. But alas, like the preseason game, this wasn't going to happen. It had closed its doors for good, forcing the clowns to seek a new home. One was found that didn't have the musty smell of mold in the bathroom or spiders in the corners.

It also means good food with good friends. But one of our beloved clowns decided to do his best "SHARK WEEK" impression, and bit off more than he could chew. He was really in trouble and almost ended up face down in his plate of food. Luckily for him, he didn't go unnoticed, and the Heimlich maneuver was administered by an unnamed source. We can joke about this now, only because SKATES is ok. It is rumored that he may have had some help from his buddies, Jim, Bud, and Jack that may have impaired his bite size judgment.

It also means that this is one of the biggest and longest parades in which the Clown Unit marches. With a parade route of over 2 ½ miles, the heat and humidity took its toll on some of our clowns. The bus, with its A/C cranked up high, was never far behind. These troopers would jump on the bus to cool down and then rejoin the parade. My hat is off to these great ambassadors of Aladdin – always willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done!

Events Remaining on Our Calendar

Buddy Walk September 20

Circleville Pumpkin Festival October 21

More details to follow on these and other upcoming events.

John Knoepfler has been nominated to be the sergeant of arms of GLUSCA. He will be installed into his new office in September in Youngstown, Ohio. Hope he hasn't bit off more than he can chew here. Sorry, but I just couldn't let that go!

If you are new to Aladdin or have been with us for awhile and haven't joined a unit yet, check us out. We work hard and play just as hard. Who knows, you may even find your name in one of my articles?

Your Blue Lodge is gearing up for business as summer winds down. Please visit your lodge; it's always nice to go where everyone knows your name.

Hardin County

by Ken Rossman

Our regular meeting was held on August 17 at Veteran's Memorial Park Club House with 53 Nobles in attendance. Noble Weaver opened the evening with a prayer. President Musselman led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Noble Gilbert gave a full report on our annual stag picnic. We made more money this year than last year. Part of our expenses was due to the fact that food is now more expensive. All in all, it was a good picnic and we got some good reports on the food.

It was reported that our serving food for the Relay for Life made more money than last year for the Relay for Life Fund. Thanks go to all who worked and donated their time. This year our onion sales went very well and we will order more for our sales next year.

We welcomed two new members to our club, Phil McCullough and Bud James. Welcome to our club. Bill Griffith was introduced and it was noted he will probably join our club.

We gave a big hand to our kitchen crew for a job well done.

We observed a moment of silence the death of Noble Bill Price. We extend our sympathy to his family.

Noble Tim Jolliff closed our business meeting with a prayer. We then dined on a great meal prepared and served by Nobles Walden, Gilbert, Michel, Garmon, Rice, Osborn and Longbrake.

We extend our sympathy to Noble McKee and his family in the recent death of his mother.

We wish "Happy Birthday" to Noble Paul Root Jr. who is 85 and to Noble We Broseke Sr. who is 81. We wish the very best to both Nobles.

Licking County

by Franklin Boner

Once again the Black Camel has visited our club. Noble Loren E. Divan (3-21-1930) was called to his eternal rest on August 21, 2011. Noble Divan was a charter member of the Motor Patrol, 1988 President of the Licking County Shrine Club, commissioned a Kentucky Colonel on December 18, 1987, was a 20-year plus member of the Reception Unit, invited in 2003 to the Columbus Court No. 8 Aladdin Royal Order of Jesters! This very active Shriner will be missed by his family and the fraternity.

The Hartford Fair is history and, as promised, the following Nobles and ladies assisted in this endeavor of 2,090 hours of labor: Tom Cline, Herb Wise, Bob Shaw, Larry and Barb Tuller, Carl Thompson, Richard and Bambi Wright, Frank and Betty Boner, Gene and Janet Gregory, Louie Unternaher, Harry Wilson, Terry and Jodie Hill, Sherwood Conner, Ed and Mary Lou Roberts, Emerson Holeman, Rod Bishop, Jim and Jodi Wray, Rich and Gloria Denny, Fred Palmer, Jim Gill, Jack and Jane Van Gundy, Steve Waspe. Danny Bounds, Lawrence Jones, Dave Newell, Richard Carter, Kelly Rains, Jim Conrad, Robert and Mary Thomas, Mike Yount, Mark Appleton Don Post. Volunteers were Roger Hobson, Paul Hudnall, Charles McNaught, Gene Ponser, Hunter Bishop, Gary Sites, Steve Meryo, Kyle Pound, Albert and Jane Stirk, B. J. Hayes, Floyd Wymer, and Jeff Gregory.

Thanks go to the many Nobles and their ladies who donated food and pastries to the gals of the chuck wagon and to chief cook and bottle washer Janet Gregory. Also, thanks go to able assistants Betty Boner and Mary Lou Roberts who fed the hungry gate keepers all week with none going away hungry. This year's cost to feed the workers will permit us to donate almost $3,500.00 more to the Shrine philanthropies. Thanks, again, go to all of you who made this possible!

Please remember Nobles Larry Jones, Cy Leonard, and all other unknown Nobles who need our prayers and concern in their hours of need.

Flying Nobles

by Lee McKelvey

The Masonic Lodges will be opening in September after the summer vacation and things will be getting back to normal . My Lodge (Rickley) had a fine picnic in August for the members and their families and it turned out to be an enjoyable afternoon for everyone.

The Potentate, Divan and their ladies will be visiting the Flying Nobles on Tuesday, September 27 at the Shrine Center. Come out and enjoy an evening with the Potentate and the Divan and your friends. Commander Terry has made the plans and we need our members to attend and enjoy the company of the crowd.

High Priest and Prophet Garol Rogers and Oriental Guide David Wolfe are members of the Flying Nobles and they both have their own planes.

Terry and his Lady Valerie returned from Oshkosh after spending a week volunteering with the Warbirds. Valerie was in charge of the food and Terry took pictures. Terry gets to meet Chuck Yeager and Bud Anderson, well known WW II pilots of P-51 Mustangs. I always thought the P-51 was the best plane of its day, but I get an argument from David Ray who thinks the Navy Corsair was the best. I did meet Bud Anderson at Rickenbacker when the Gathering of the Mustangs were there in 2007. Terry meets these guys every year at Oshkosh.

October is when we nominate our officers for 2012, and if you are interested in being an officer, let it be known. I read where one Shrine club is having trouble getting officers and will be closing the doors if they don't get help. We need to keep active so it doesn't happen to anyone else.

Enjoy the cool September weather and stay safe. I hope to see you next time.

Hospitality

by Gary Harding

Old man winter is on his way but we had a lot of fun this summer.

The Chicken and Corn Roast with a car show was a blast with a lot of hand shaking and hugging. Another fun event was the Southeast Fish Fry. It was held at the American Legion on South High Street. All the food was tasty and plentiful. I saw people I had not seen for a year. I never did get around to say hello to all of them.

The Potentate's Visitation was another big turnout, at least 80 people attended. The Potentate explained how antiquated our hospitals have become and why we have to make some adjustments to keep them competitive in today's market. I enjoy learning that kind of information.

Our unit is still looking for a few good men. You won't find a better bunch of guys. The work is light and the rewards are many. I get a warm feeling knowing that I have done something to HELP A CHILD somewhere. We meet once a month at the Aladdin Shrine Center, usually in the Oasis Room, on the first Wednesday of the month. The social hour is at 6:00 p.m. and dinner is at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining our unit, call me, Gary Harding at 614-209-2319, and I will set a plate for you.

Soon, we will be riding the firetruck in the Circleville Pumpkin Parade. We are having another big Christmas party on December 11 (second Sunday of the month).

Our unit no longer handles the small bars and club meetings. We were glad we could help. I enjoyed meeting folks from other units and clubs. I found them to be polite, generous, engaging and bright.

So long for now!

JOIN POTENTATE STEVE AND BETSY HATHAWAY

MIDNIGHT MASQUERADE

A NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Saturday, December 31

Aladdin Shrine Center
3850 Stelzer Road, Columbus

MUSIC BY The Street Players

Cost:

Shriners $125.00/Couple ($62.50 Single)
Non-Shriners: $175.00/Couple ($87.50/Single)

6:00 Social Hour
7:00 Dinner
9:00 Band

On-Site Babysitting Available During Event

Name _____ Member No. _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
#Tickets _____ Amount Due _____

☐ Mail Tickets
Last mail date 12/18/2011

☐ Will Call

Payment Information:
( ) Check Enclosed
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Seating Requests _____

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Babysitting needed for _____children. Ages are:_____.

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