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Note from the Pote

by David Dee Mowry

First, your Potentate wants to extend a MOST sincere thank you to all the Nobles and Ladies who have remembered me with cards, phone calls, and other expressions of sympathy during my latest 'unpleasantry' and this time of healing for me. Fortunately, surgery was not necessary for the fractures, but there will be about twelve weeks of the 'boot' which is on my right foot. As a result, no driving! But thanks go to my Lady Kathy, our son, Noble David, and others, I am getting about. This accident has given me a greater appreciation of those who have a handicap. I am so thankful for the health care professionals at the Shrine Hospitals who deal with these types of problems with the children under Shrine care and I remember the children and their caregivers in my prayers constantly. George Stowe, chief of staff, the staff, the Divan, and all concerned have a "tip of my fez" for taking care of me at the Shrine events.

Stag Picnic: The Annual Shrine Stag Picnic is now history. Congratulations go to Steve Hathaway who chaired the event. What a GREAT job Aladdin did with the Tabloid effort chaired by Bob Stevenson. Awards were given during the picnic. A record breaking \$390,000.00 (plus) was raised for the benefit of our hospitals. I understand this figure tops last year's effort by \$35,000.00. The 50-year pins were awarded to a number of Nobles and a special Potentate's award for efforts "above and beyond" was awarded to 'Gus' Ruzicka for his continued Tabloid involvement. The food was excellent with a special treat from Harold 'Pete' Laughlin, Athens, in the form of his fried chicken. (This was a special request by the Potentate.) If you missed the Stag, you missed a good time. Back in Pete's stomping ground, Athens, we had a great time at the Athens County Shrine Club's Green Corn Roast. This is an annual event hosted by this club and draws visitors from a wide area. The excellent food and the fellowship of the Shriners make for a wonderful time. P.P. Dick Goudy has been a long-time participant and will vouch for the quality. We had P.P. Tom Colburn and P.P. Mike Clevenger in attendance. They, too, know good food and good times. A "tip of the fez" to Mark Abdella, president, and to the members of the club for a great event

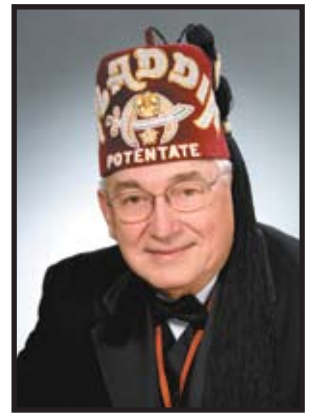
Lexington Hospital Divan Days: A highlight of the Shrine year is the annual visit to the Lexington Shriners Hospital for their Divan Days. Aladdin was well represented this year by the Mowrys, Stainbrooks, Schuens, Estells, and the Hathaways. We were joined for the Sunday board meeting by our representative, Jim Hockett, and Lady Barb. Jim serves on the Grants and Applications Committee under the able leadership of P.P. Gene Walls, a very good friend from Antioch Shriners. A "tip of the fez" goes to Administrator Tony Lewgood who was recently elected to membership in the College of Health Care Administrators. This is a great honor for Tony and the Lexington Hospital.

Potentate Visitations: The regular business in Aladdinland found the Divan and guests participating in official visits to the Hospitality Unit, where Don Shoffstall was awarded a Meritorious Service Award, and the Union County visit. A great time was had at both visitations. A plaque was presented to the Union County Shrine Club for their outstanding Tabloid effort -\$100,000.00(+) raised by a dedicated group of Nobles and Ladies. Dan Stainbrook, CR, led the Aladdin contingent to the Erie Hospital on August 5 in the place of the Potentate. I was a bit squeamish about the long trip with a foot in a cast. Another fun visit (as you might expect) is with the Aladdin Clowns, under the direction of Don Tootle. The party was moved from the patio (98° outside) to inside the Shrine Center for which I will be eternally grateful! A Meritorious Service Award will be presented to Clown Greg Osborne at a later date.

Saturday, August 11, was a busy day to say the least. It started off with the annual Baltimore Parade. My thanks go to Ron Brubaker for driving me in his beautiful Ford Mustang convertible. I watched the entire parade (okay, just the Aladdin portion) rebroadcast on the local TV station. Aladdin looked and sounded GREAT! The afterglow was hosted by the Tarhe Shrine Club under the direction of President Zale Maxwell. The "buttermilk" was provided by a long-time and active Shriner, Ray Wetherell. Speaking of Zale, he also chaired (along with Susan) the annual Chicken-Corn Roast the same day and what a great event. The corn, prepared by Pike County, and the chicken, prepared by the gang at Washington Court House, made for an excellent meal. The car show, sponsored by the Aladdin Car Club under the direction of President Ron Brubaker and Fred Coventry, went off without a hitch, Beautiful cars! What a fun day it was!

The annual visit to the Clinton County Shrine Club was held under the direction of President Chas Everman at the brand new Hampton Inn. It was a great visit. Friday morning, August 17, found your Potentate, Chief Rabban Dan Stainbrook, and Tabloid Chair Bob Stevenson at the Wal-Mart Store in Hilliard to receive a check for \$1,000.00 for the Tabloid effort. At 10:00 a.m. your Potentate was at the DoubleTree in Worthington to welcome the GLSA Legions of Honor meeting. Our own Bob Faber was commander of the GLSA group. Later that evening, the Aladdin contingent was in Bucyrus for their annual Bratwurst Festival Parade. A "tip of the fez" goes to Noble Pete Roll for the use of his beautiful 1964 Thunderbird convertible, although I hear it really belongs to Lady Joyce. Anyway, it was great. The afterglow alone at this event is worth the trip. These folks really know their bratwurst and baked beans!

A "tip of the fez" goes to Thebes Temple No. 87, Daughters of the Nile, and Queen Mary Jo Daugherty as they hosted Her Supreme Majesty, Eleanor Green for her official visit and dinner on August 18. H.S.M. Eleanor, I understand, has had some serious health problems and her visit to Columbus was a major undertaking for her. We wish her the very best. My sincere congratulations go to all and a special "thank you" goes to CR Dan Stainbrook and Lady Ann for filling in for Lady Kathy and me at the Daughters of the Nile dinner. We were at the Saturday night formal banquet of the GLSA Legions of Honor where I had



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MEMBERSHIP *ON THE MOVE*

Masonry Only Moves Through You

by Calvin Smith / Membership Marketing Director



Once more I ask you to please be aware of our need for membership. Our full-dress ceremonial is scheduled for Saturday, October 6. It is the last chance for a new member to join our fraternity and begin his journey of fun, philanthropy, and growth as a man in our wonderful community.

The fee is \$264.00 with a gold embroidered fez and \$204.00 if a fez is not needed. Each fee includes all dues for 2008 and provides a new member with full privileges from October 6, 2007 until December 31, 2008. Do not hesitate; when you receive this *Lamp*; there will only be two weeks to get your petition and fees to the Shrine Center office. Just growing in numbers is

not the end goal; growing in our ability to continue to help each other and our children is the apex of all our membership efforts. This is the Masonic lesson – growth into social and civil maturity.

A month ago, I attended the baptism of our Potentate's grandson, A. J. It was a very comforting event to me. Our Pipes & Drums Unit played and was well received. Their performance of Amazing Grace was stirring. This infant is so very lucky. He is loved by his parents, grandparents, and a religious community without peer. He is also loved by us, thousands of us.

The pastor's remarks were most thought provoking. He spoke on how an organization matures and becomes a force in its community for positive behavior, even though all its members do not mature at the same rate. His focus was, of course, the church. But, as I listened to him, I thought of Aladdin and our many Nobles and all that they do for their communities, especially for the children who live there.

We Shriners are truly a mature force for good! Yes, not all our members mature at the same rate. This is the nub of existence. What do we do when we meet one of these members? Do we shun him and his family or do we embrace him for what he truly is, our brother? He, after all, has demonstrated a standard of social and civil maturity by asking to become a Mason and passing that lesson in light. He has furthered that signal by trusting one of us who asked him to become a Shriner. Are we returning that trust? Are we letting him mature on his own without brotherly care or are we frequently reminding ourselves that he has already reached a significant level of maturity and worthy of our of our active association?

Are we showing him how to receive our fraternal spirit? Are we guiding him to becoming a man another Master Mason will trust? Do not cross your arms across your chest and shake your head. Open them, smile, and embrace God's gift – your brother.

Think on this and act out your maturity. In short, are we creating an image of ourselves that says the fez and the dues card are valued symbols of trusting brotherhood?

Shriners Hospitals PGA Charitable Host

Shriners Hospitals for Children is pleased to announce that it is the new charitable host organization for the PGA TOUR's Las Vegas event, Frys.com Open Benefiting Shriners Hospitals for Children.

The 2007 event, part of the TOUR's Fall Series, will be played October 8-14 at TPC Summerlin and TPC The Canyons and feature a pro-am format.

"This new association with the PGA TOUR holds many exciting possibilities for Shriners Hospitals for Children," said Ralph W. Semb, chairman of the board of trustees for Shriners Hospitals for Children. "The PGA TOUR's charitable initiatives are an ideal match with the values and purpose behind the Shriners Hospitals. We're convinced that this relationship will be mutually beneficial for our organizations and will raise the profile of our efforts to help children with serious orthopaedic conditions, burns and spinal cord injuries."

For more information about the Frys.com Open Benefiting Shriners Hospitals for Children, contact Tournament Director Ian Knight at (702) 873-1010. Additional information is available at www.pgatour.com/frys.

GRATITUDE FOR ASHAC



The board of governors, the medical staff, the employees and especially the 8,000 plus patients served by the Shriners Hospitals for Children Erie expressed sincere gratitude for the recent \$21,475.34 donation to the endowment fund made by the Aladdin Shriners Hospital Association for Children, Inc.

The board of governors presented a Gold Book Certificate as a remembrance for the generosity. The name of "Aladdin Shriners Hospital Association for Children, Inc. will be inscribed in the Book of Gold located in the hospital lobby. The Shriners Hospitals for Children Erie commit to provide high quality pediatric orthopedic care to those children serviced by that institution.



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Aladdin's *Tabloid Times*

80% of success is showing up! ~Woody Allen

by **Bob Stevenson**

Well, it was a success - Tabloid 2007! And I think this great quote by Woody Allen can explain a great deal of Tabloid 2007's success. Nobles simply "showed up!"

But then, that's what Shriners do and a result is our hospitals benefit and ultimately the kids we serve benefit.

This first year as chair of Tabloid has been a learning experience for me and I have enjoyed the assignment. I marvel at how a few Nobles can make a big difference. Some are working on Cans for Kids; some are involved in the Jug Program; others are out actively getting donations from business people in their communities; and several clubs got matching gifts from Wal-Mart stores where they collected on Tabloid Day.

These are just a few examples of what goes on all year long. In the process we raise public awareness of what Aladdin Shrine is and what Aladdin Shriners do in our communities, and we cannot tell our story too often.

A year ago, I asked why we couldn't have Christmas the whole year 'round, and suggested we had to move Tabloid to a year round event. What I've learned this past year is a lot of clubs and units have done just that. They are finding ways to "show up" in an ongoing effort and the numbers we see prove that it's working.

But I'm going to suggest again that, beyond the good we do for our hospitals and kids, is the good we do for the Shrine itself. I firmly believe, supported by what I see by different groups, that we are getting more young Shriners involved in Tabloid and that involvement carries through to other Shrine activities. This, Nobles, is a critical success because it insures our future, it brings us new ideas and thoughts, and keeps us vital and involved.

Woody Allen is right. We have to get our Nobles who are not involved to "just show up." They, we, and our kids will be glad they did.

Thanks again for a great year, great effort, and great success.

Now, let's do \$425,000 for Tabloid 2008!

Patrol Marches on... by **G. Vaughn Doss, C.E.**

The Patrol has resumed drill practice which started August 27. We will also drill September 10, 24, and October 1 with practice starting at 7:30 p.m. The Fall Ceremonial will be held October 6; so, mark your calendars for that date.

The Patrol was once again visited by the Black Camel in August. Patrolman Clarence Reed passed away on August 2. Our condolence and prayers go out to Clarence's Lady Helen and family members. Clarence was a member of the Patrol for 45 years and served as color sergeant for a number of those years.

On July 9, we had the Patrol Appreciation Party for those who volunteered at the 2007 Memorial Tournament; we had 46 attend. The evening started with a social hour and a buffet that consisted of fried chicken, brats, potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw and apple and cherry pie. Lori Green and her staff at Catering by Design did a super job for the Patrol. Once again, "thank you" goes to all who helped the Patrol by volunteering at Muirfield this year.

Congratulations goes to Leo Stacy and his golf team for winning their tournament.

Patrolmen, don't forget this is your Patrol article and if you have news you wish to share in the *Lamp*, please call or e-mail me. Until next month, see you on the square.

Brutal Brothers by **Tom Ruggles**



For starters this month, we want to send out a big "Thank You" to our chief and his social committee for the dinner served before our September meeting in the Wolfe Building. It was a great social made even better because it was "free" to all except some of those who played cards after the business meeting!. With a few more meetings like this one, I'll bet that we'll be seeing record attendance at our monthly meetings and probably a swelling of our list of apprentice applicants! Good job, guys! Keep up the great work.

And likewise, a big "thank you" goes to our hard-working mobile equipment crew and Mobile Equipment Chairman Jake Sturgeon for promoting Aladdin's finest in our local community parades. Jake and his crew put in a lot of work to have Aladdin represented in

these local community parades and they certainly deserve some recognition for their work. Well

done, guys, keep up the good work.

One near future date which will take a lot of preparation by the members of our unit will be the Fall Ceremonial on Saturday, October 6, followed shortly by another date on the parade schedule. That second date will be Friday, October 19, for the Circleville Pumpkin Show. All Brutal Brothers are welcome to go to any parade in which we participate, and if you can go with us on any parade, be sure to let Mobile Equipment Chairman Jake Sturgeon know so he can plan to take enough equipment so everyone can ride.

In the travel and tourism department, during the last of July, Norma and Gordy Hein flew to Juneau, Alaska and cruised aboard a large stern paddle boat. Gordy reports that the cruise, scenery, and food were fine, but after the hassle of three days without luggage and all of the airline procedures, it was good to get home! And Bob Collier has been driving a lot lately - all over the mid-western and eastern continental states visiting his kids and grandkids.

For some good news in the health and wellness report, we have heard from Jack Weaver that his cancer is in remission, and he is planning to go again this year to his "wintering grounds" in Texas.

And for some additional good news, Shawn and Claire Funk have announced the birth of their daughter, Bailey Jane Funk, who weighed into this world at 7 pounds, 11 ounces on May 23. As of July 27, she was 9 weeks old and weighed 12 pounds.

And a couple of last reminders for this month; we are only about three weeks from our October 6 Ceremonial and from our regular monthly meetings which are the first Tuesday of each month. Be sure to post these dates to your calendars. See Ya' There!

Wal-Mart Presents Grant



Potentate Dee Mowry and Chief Rabban Dan Stainbrook receive a grant check for \$1,000 from Sean Espy, assistant store manager of Wal-Mart store #2471 at Tuttle Crossing in Dublin. Thanks go to the Motorcycle Corps that worked Tabloid Day at the store and for applying for this grant to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

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STEUBENVILLE

by *Anthony Violi*

The August 2 "Fish Fry" meeting of the Steubenville Shrine Club was called to order by club President Noble Bob Moffatt at 12:15 p.m. at our outdoor shelter. He led the Nobility in the pledge to the flag of our great country. He also offered prayer for the Lord to watch over our club and to grant him wisdom and patience in leading our Shrine.

Reported ill are Lady Loretta Bell, wife of Noble Bill Bell, and Master Dan Moffatt, Jr., son of Second Vice President Noble Dan Moffatt. He was burned when he stepped on discarded hot coals from a grill. He was taken to a Pittsburgh hospital for treatment. The Nobility wish them a speedy recovery.

Condolence was extended to Noble Bill Lakios on the passing of his wife, Lady Toula, and to Lady Padden on the loss of her husband Noble Don Padden.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were presented by Secretary Noble Leonard Morris. A detailed financial report was given by Treasurer Noble Jerry Williams. Both reports were accepted as presented. Welcomed were Past President Noble Jack Sedwich and Ray Harris. It was announced that Noble Richard Stinger, VSA, would receive the Meritorious Award in June 2008, in Cincinnati. Also, Ill. Noble Henri Albert was awarded the prestigious "Spirit of the Valley" award during installation of officers at the Masonic Temple. Henri is executive secretary at our Masonic Temple. Past President Noble Charles Morris, a member of Blue Lodge 691, will be recognized for being a 50-year member.

Motor Patrol President Noble Jim Halstead informed the Nobility that the patrol would participate in a parade in Scio on August 17. The parade is the second largest parade in our area and will give us an opportunity to expose our philanthropy to the general public. The grandfather of a handicapped child expressed grateful thanks to our club for providing a bike to his grandson. The bike enabled the child to be mobile.

President Moffatt reported that dinners served on the third Wednesday of each month are successful and urged Shriners, their families, and friends to attend and share in the fellowship and good food. Donations are accepted.

Congratulations are in order to Noble Bud Wilson and his Lady Dess who will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on August 24. The Nobility was reminded that our Shrine would be holding a garage and bake sale on September 7 and 8 at Aladdin Land. Items can be delivered to Aladdin Land or call Noble Danny Davis at 1-740-537-3089 for pickup.

Past Presidents and 25- and 50-year members were introduced. Distinguished Masons Ill. Nobles Roger Watts 33°, Harry Reynolds 33°, Henri Albert 33°, Jerry Williams, VSA, MSA, and Anthony Violi, VSA, MSA were recognized. Delicious fish with all the trimmings, as prepared by Noble Al DuBois, was available. A closing prayer was offered by President Bob Moffatt. Fellowship followed. GOD BLESS AMERICA.

NOTE: It had been reported that one of our members, Noble Merle Wassom, had been visited by the Black Camel. We are happy to report he has NOT passed away.

Kentucky Colonels

by *Frank Lewis*

Dear Colonels and Ladies, I am not going to complain about the hot and dry weather. I am going to begin this article by discussing our sick list. I am happy to report that some are much improved and sorry that some are not.

Colonel Henry Morris has had a successful operation on his neck and is now wearing a very rigid brace which does not allow his head to move in any direction. He must wear it for two months – even while he sleeps. He says it will be worth it when it's all over. Hang in there Henry.

Colonel Bob Hanshell is improved after changing doctors; he thanks all of you for your prayers and good wishes. Keep improving, Bob. Hope to see you at our September meeting.

Colonel Chuck Egbert will have back surgery and welcomes all your prayers. Good luck, Chuck. I know your Lady Peggy will take good care of you.

Colonel Mike Phillips has been struggling for a couple years against various serious illnesses. He needs all our prayers and support. Come on, Mike, we are all pulling for you.

Colonel Don Lynne's lady, Joan, is much improved from last month. I think you are winning, Joan. Keep it up.

Colonel Don Basham's Lady Karen is somewhat better but she has many ups and down. Go get 'em, Karen.

Colonel Bill Keller's Lady Cathy is still fighting very painful back problems which may last a couple years. Come on Cathy, let's wear it out. Keep going.

The above listing is very extensive and all need our prayers, our calls, and our cards. If I have missed anyone, please let me know.

I attended the Southeast Shrine Club's fish fry in early August and was happy to see Colonel Ron Montgomery and his Lady Evelyn. Ron is in a wheelchair and Evelyn must use a cane. They are both in very good spirits and send their regards to us all.

We will be welcoming a new member into our club at the September meeting. I am sure many of you know him. He is Richard Phelps. Dick has been very active in the Chanter Unit and the Senior Shrine Club. He is past chief aid and has been in many other areas of the Shrine. Welcome to the club, Dick. We are looking forward to welcoming his Lady Betty. I must say, Dick has much better taste in picking a special friend than Betty has. (Just kidding.)

President Don reminds members that September's meeting is white-suite meeting. We may look like a Mr. Clean convention but be sure to come to the meeting no matter how you are dressed.

Two members celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary: Colonel Don and Joan Lynne and Colonel Bill and Cathy Keller. Congratulations to all four beautiful people. You are all special.

Time to start thinking about 2008 dues. Time to start thinking about 2008 officers.

Time to think about my backyard squirrel problem. First, I would like to say, the wire screen has been working well (so far), but a new problem has shown up. The squirrels are attacking from above; they have built a nest in our tree about 35 feet above ground and are having babies. Now, mom and pop squirrels and kid squirrels are playing all over the place. I climbed my extension ladder, about 15 feet up and with a long pole, I could not reach the nest. My wife, Jeri, was down below yelling for me to get down before I fell down. I was afraid she was going to shake me down, so I got down. We are now taking estimates on having the tree removed. I told Jeri at least I did not fall off the ladder and break my foot like the Potentate did. Good luck to our Potentate.

Well, I am sure you are tired of this article so I will sign off. Love to all.

PROVOST

by *John Rohal*

The best way to start an article is to express appreciation to Betty Radcliff and Larry Mosley for assisting Jim Rohal and family when their car broke down in Pickaway County.

The Provost family picnic was a huge success; the children enjoyed the games and prizes under the guidance of Jim Bodi, who planned well. The food was prepared by Master Chef Jon Kinney and his helpers Larry Mosley, Corky Talbot, and Mike Gray.

Don't know where he finds it, but Dale Cline always seems to come up with the most excellent corn. The door prizes, selected by Carrie Gray, were outstanding. Our sincere thanks go to Mike Gray and his committee including Jerame Dixon, Gary Hamre, Charles Linek, and Jim Rohal.

It was nice to have Ted Shaeffer join us, but we all missed our "old gamemaster," Cy Leonard, who suffered a stroke. At last report he was recovering at home.

We congratulate those who celebrated their birthdays in August, including Dennis E. Campbell, William P. Feiger, David R. Grannon, Michael P. Gray, David S. Herb, Kelly Raines, Lyell N. Rodgers, Richard L. Saunders, George H. Thompson, Michael D. VanHuss, Wendel W. Webb, Herbert A. Wise, and David Zeis.

Celebrating birthdays in September are Flaveon E. Augg, Jerry H. Benson, Donald E. Campbell, Robert M. Chiamonte, James E. Cooper, Warren H. Davies, Jerame D. Dixon, Charles A. Dozer, Ronald E. George, William C. George, Marvin L. Jose, Kenneth J. Kabelka, Clarence G. Leonard, Robert M. Michel, and Dwight E. Radcliff.

The Unit extends its sympathy to Willard L. Taylor whose wife passed away in July. Our condolences also go to Daniel Yeager who lost his wife in August. The unit also extends its sympathy to the family of our member Donald D. Pruden, retired Pickerington Chief of Police, who passed away on August 29.

We all look forward to getting back to our meetings and the fellowship in September.



Chess Club Being Formed

A chess club is being formed for friendly, monthly games with fellowship. Meetings will be held at the Aladdin Shrine Center.

Dennis Agin, organizer for the club, asks that all interested Shriners call 614-204-9234 or e-mail n8iln@insight.rr.com to indicate any interest in joining the club.

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the honor to address this impressive group of Shriners and their Ladies. Also, filling in for me and other Divan members at the Nelsonville Parade of the Hills was 1st Ceremonial Master Steve Hathaway and some of our other Divan members. I hear the food was great (as usual) at the party after the parade. The Divan was spread pretty thin this weekend!

As I finish this column, I am hearing about the serious flooding in our neighboring counties to the north. A number of our Nobles and their ladies are in the flood area. Please keep them in your prayers and thoughts.

Gallipolis Shrine *by Frank Petrie, Jr.*

On July 21, we sent a bus load of Nobles to the Stag Picnic and from all that I have heard a "great" time was had by all. I have a conflict each year on that date, so I have never been able to attend this big event. We wish to thank Aladdin for our fourth place certificate for Tabloid collections. Those who helped collect the funds can stand proud for this accomplishment.

On July 28, we had a Prime Rib Dinner with all the trimmings. Thanks go to our master chef, Noble Mike Blaine, and his dedicated crew for a wonderful meal. This was followed by a delightful evening of musical entertainment by "Bub" Williams. There were approximately 100 in attendance.

Let's all tip our fez and give a great big "thank you" to Noble Gene McCulty for donating a nice lawn mower to the club. I understand it was put right to work by our lawn mowing crew. We wish to thank Lady Peggy Blaine for planting the lovely flowers. They certainly brighten the club entrance.

We certainly wish to thank everyone who helped at the 2007 Gallia County Junior Fair gates. And a special thanks go to the gate captains Nobles Rodney Fulks, Steve Salisbury, Tom Pasquale, and the chairman for this year, Noble Melvin Craft. Thanks for a job well done.

There was a nice turn out for the Hillbilly Golf Outing on August 12. I guess it was a big secret who won because I asked several people and they just rolled their eyes!

The Black Camel has once again passed through our oasis. On July 14, we lost Noble Frank Snedaker and on July 31, we lost Noble Jim Patrick. Both of these Nobles had been very active in our club for many years. However, in recent years, both had been unable to attend due to the infirmities of health. Both of these Nobles are a part of our great history. They will be sadly missed by friends and family.

We wish to welcome our newest Noble, Jim Vincent. May you find peace and tranquil surroundings at our oasis and may you always ride a fast camel.

Don't forget the Hillbilly Hog Roast on the third Saturday in September. Also, the Potentate's visit will be on October 20, 2007.

Remember, Nobles and Ladies, God helps the man who won't marry until he finds the perfect woman and God help him even more if he finds her. See you for supper, Thursdays at 6:30 p.m..

Reception News *by Aaron Dominey*

As the song goes, "Summertime and the livin' is easy." Well, maybe not easy since summertime is parade season. Sticky is the right word with the heat wave that has descended upon central Ohio for the past few months. Unfortunately, the heat has adversely impacted our parade turnout, so be sure to turn out for our last parade of 2007 – the world-famous Circleville Pumpkin Parade on Friday, October 19. (You can't use the excuse 'I didn't know the date' from this point forward.)

Our first meeting after the summer recess will be on September 14 and we will be entertaining Illustrious Sir David Dee Mowry, his lovely Lady Kathy, and the Divan for the annual Potentate's visitation. As usual, we will have this event at the Medallion Country Club. Watch your e-mail or snail mail for additional information and RSVP.

Unit Updates: We have a new sunshine chairman, Ed Smith. Ed has agreed to take care of get well cards and notes of sympathy for the unit. It is our intention that words of comfort from the unit reach those who are ill or who have suffered a loss. Please notify Ed or Mike Johnson if you hear of a member of the unit or his family who is in distress so that the proper action can be taken.

Noble Bob Carroll remains in rehabilitative care. Please contact Mike Johnson if you would like to send get well messages and/or cards.

Noble Bill Loomis is recovering nicely from surgery. It was fantastic to see him and his Lady Linda at the Chicken and Corn Roast. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The Black Camel visited Noble Joe Rupert in May. We are sorry to hear about his passing and send our deepest condolences to his family and close friends.

Unit Adventures: Bud and Barbara Oldaker celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Hawaii in August. Congratulations on many happy years of marriage and best wishes for many more.

Don and Helena Schohardt cruised to Alaska in late August. We hope you enjoyed your trip to the Great White North.

Sweetheart Anna Strahm was spotted dining with the Lowell Robinson's at the Chicken and Corn Roast.

Don't forget our goal - paving the way to *The Editorial Without Words*. Send your order forms and payment to the Aladdin Paver Project at the Aladdin Shrine Center.

Look forward to seeing you all in September.

Past Masters *by Dick Bull*

Our first unit stated meeting since the summer break will be Monday, September 27 at the Shrine center, 8:00 p.m. The executive board will meet at 7:00 p.m.

In August, we participated in three parades. We rode in our van in the Baltimore parade, both marched and rode the van in the Bucyrus and Nelsonville parades. Many thanks to Don Forquer, Gary Fortner, and Taylor Lutz for being our drivers.

We tried to have our charter member, Carl Diederich, ride in the van during the Bratwurst Parade in Bucyrus but he was physically unable to make it. He is using a walker since his fall (broken hip). His lovely wife, Phyllis, takes good care of him. We wish them both well.

Our treasurer, George Finch, has retired and his lovely wife, Karen, will retire in a couple of months. They will be spending winters in Arizona. (I knew the treasurer's job was lucrative.) If anyone is interested in this position, please let the chairman of our nominating committee, Jim VanBibber, know. (614-457-2159) If you can't contact him, he may contact you!

Senior Shriner News

by Chuck McLeod

As your humble correspondent is writing this, it is August 20 and our next meeting is Wednesday the September 26. Our speaker for the meeting will be Coach Bill Conley, who was an assistant football coach at The Ohio State University. Come out and hear an interesting program. Maybe he will give us a little insight into Coach Tressel. Perhaps he can help me, the unwashed, to understand "Tressel speak." Coach Tressel can talk for five minutes and the reporters have no more information than when he started!

Plan on coming to the meeting and bring a prospective member as we need to increase our membership. The Senior Shriners Club is still the best-kept secret in Aladdin Shrine!! We need to let more Shriners who are over 55 years of age know who we are and what we do.

We meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month except November and December when we meet on the third Wednesday. That is so we do not interfere with Thanksgiving and Christmas. It only costs \$5.00 to join and the annual dues are only \$5.00. A delicious meal is served at each meeting for the low cost of \$10.00 per person and the Ladies are invited to every meeting. Plus, an interesting program is also provided at each meeting. We also go dark, (have no meetings), during July and August.

Now that you know all about the Senior Shriners Club, there is no reason not to become a member and enjoy the good food and fellowship!



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The 2007 Imperial - And Beyond

Part 2

by Dick Luckay

Imperial Attendees Continue Adventure on Cruise to Mexico

Last month's coverage of the 2007 Imperial Convention in Anaheim, California, concluded with the report on the dinner after-glo performance of the Divan's "Still-Not-Ready-For-Prime-Time Players." It was, indeed, a fitting conclusion to an entertaining and memory-making Imperial.

Over half of the ninety-three Aladdin attendees packed bag and baggage and headed back to Ohio, but the rest formed up next morning in the back parking lot of the hotel at 7:45 a.m. to continue the adventure. Unfortunately, the bus was not there and the Potentate was not pleased. At 8:00 a.m. the bus had still not arrived and the Potentate became emotional. At 8:10 A.M. the Potentate went on a "search and destroy" mission and discovered the bus waiting patiently for us in the front parking lot. The potentate was mollified but barely consolable since we did not leave on time. It was the only certified SNAFU of the entire Imperial adventure.

We boarded the bus at 8:19 a.m. that took us on a record breaking cross-town trip to Long Beach, California, where the *Queen Mary* awaited our arrival and inspection. As we waited on the dock for our guide to arrive, we looked up at a ship built in the 1927-1930 time-period, still proud and impressive in appearance and size. Due to time restrictions, our tour was limited to the first-class area of the ship. It was a journey back in time to the elegance and grandeur in which only the rich and famous could luxuriate. The names of Cunard Line ships had always ended in "ia" (*Britannia*, *Carpathia*, *Lusitania*, etc.) and the owners planned to christen the ship the "Victoria." Out of courtesy to the king, they informed him they planned to name the ship after "England's greatest queen," to which the King replied, "My wife will be delighted." Thus, The *Queen Mary* came into being.

The interiors of all the first-class meeting rooms were paneled with rare, expensive, woods. The huge dining room had two large fireplaces and crystal chandeliers with beautiful draperies and tapestries on the walls and a spacious dance floor. You could almost visualize the tuxedo-clad men and ball-gowned ladies dancing the night away to the music of the ship's twelve-piece orchestra. The "Smoking Room" (men only) featured "tiger-face" wood paneling. You could actually see what appeared to be tiger faces as part of the grain in the wood. A few too many after-dinner brandies might lead one to believe one was surrounded by jungle beasts and require some additional brandies in order to face the beasts on the way out.

Of course the ship did not have stabilizers (they weren't installed for 60 years) and in rough weather the *Queen Mary* would roll 30 degrees, throwing dishes, furniture – and people – carelessly about. Since the ship was not built with handrails, after a rough crossing, there would be ambulances waiting at dockside to cart the injured passengers and crew off to local hospitals. After several such crossings, 21 miles of handrails were installed throughout the ship and the accident rate decreased dramatically. The handrails were made of an entirely new substance called "plastic" and they looked cheap and out of place when mounted on the wood paneling in first-class.

It was a short but fascinating trip back in time and history.

Once our bus finally cleared the dockside parking lot (after three tries) we arrived at our "at sea" home for the next three days – Carnival Cruise Line's *M.S. Paradise*. Magic Cruises had prepared us thoroughly and boarding went smoothly and quickly. The ship was large and her furnishings were comfortable. Staterooms were relatively

small but certainly adequate. The ship featured a seven deck high circular atrium that was absolutely beautiful. The shops aboard covered the wants (if not needs) of the 2,300 passengers and seemed to do a thriving business. The food in the main dining room was varied, plentiful, and good. But, the cafeteria seemed to be the place most people enjoyed breakfast and lunch. It, too, provided all-you-could-eat meals that were tasty and could easily add to the waistline. Great pizza and ice cream were available 24-hours and it wasn't surprising to find people sampling both in the wee hours of the morning. Weather throughout the trip was ideal with calm seas and bright, sunny skies during the day and clear star-filled nights. The crew was friendly, helpful, and seemed to actually enjoy their work.

We arrived in Encenada, Mexico the next morning and many on board went ashore to partake of the tourist attractions readily available. Golf, horseback riding, ATV adventures, food sampling, sightseeing, wine tasting and a folklore festival were some of the choices. Prices were moderate and passengers returning to the ship seemed pleased and satisfied with their day in Mexico. Others simply stayed on board and enjoyed the sunshine while watching the children enjoy the circular slide into the swimming pool. There were constant activities onboard ranging from towel folding (into animal shapes) to putt-putt golf and bingo. The cruise directors tried very hard to ensure everyone was having a good time (occasionally too hard). But the passengers seemed to appreciate their efforts and there was a friendly, amiable atmosphere throughout the cruise.

For entertainment, there were two very good comedians the first night and two musical productions the following nights. The productions had great music and special effects, spectacular costumes, enthusiastic dancers, good female singers but male vocalists better suited to the Karaoke bar than on stage. There was a trio that played classical music at various times and locations on the ship. The pianist, from Hungary, was extraordinary. She could grace the stage with any concert orchestra anywhere in the world. The ship had many lounges and intimate bars conducive for relaxing and enjoying life – and libations. The Potentate utilized one of the lounges for a gathering of Aladdinites that was casual, comfortable and convivial.

I must admit the atmosphere in the dining room was really enjoyable. The Aladdin contingent had adjoining tables of eight and there was a good bit of friendly repartee being passed around. But table 111 seemed to be the center of the frivolity.

It's possible the five bottles of red wine (furnished by Magic Cruises) may have been a contributing factor, but those at the table were involved in all the dinner time festivities – including the Conga line that snaked its way through the dining room. One young lady at an adjacent, non-Masonic, table leaned over and remarked, "You folks sure seem to be having fun." Someone at table 111 answered, "Of course, we're Shiners." To which she replied, "Well, that explains it." And indeed it does. Shiners do have fun and the cruise was a prime example thereof.

Three days for a cruise is hardly long enough but new friendships were established and old ones solidified among the Aladdinites aboard. Disembarkation went smoothly – again thanks to our Magic Cruises representative. After a short wait for the busses we were on our way to LAX and our flights home.

Thanks, Potentate Mowry and Magic Cruises for an Imperial to remember. It was great!

News from Aladdin's Steel Drum Band

by JR Harbarger



For all those who were able to come out to the parades in August, kudos and you even get a kudos from the Potentate. Potentate Mowry rode in Ron Brubaker's convertible in the parade; he later was able to catch it on TV in his home town. The Potentate sent a note to our director, the ever fearless Dick Westinghouse, saying he was pleased with the performance provided for their family picnic on August 25, even with the

Franklin county tornado sirens going off. Columbus Lodge #30 even awarded the Aladdin Steel Drum Band with a certificate of appreciation and gratitude. Kudos go for the performers.

We all like to say "thank you" to Frank Stump for getting the new music stands bought, assembled (he even read the directions this time), and for the new hats which the unit had been wearing during some performances. Now Chris, our MUSIC man, is back to cracking the whip and teaching new songs along with rearranging a couple of old ones for us. The month of September is hard work towards the next big performance at the fall ceremonial where we should have a nice selection of music.

Just a reminder to the Nobles out there: we still have room for more players. We have two or three sets of pans (steel drums) that are vacant and looking for someone to step up and use them. What a fun unit! Come and try it out on Wednesday nights from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Marion Shrine Honors Hamilton Brothers



On August 25, Nobles of the Marion Shrine Club met at Tim Hortons to present "Life Time" membership awards to brothers Oliver and Merle Hamilton. These two Nobles, who have been members of the Marion Shrine Club since 1955, were also celebrating the 104th birthday of Oliver, shown here with younger brother Merle who will be 100 years young in September. Also, in the photo from left to right front row: Treasurer Don McGraw, Oliver Hamilton, President Joe Kessler, Merle Hamilton; back row: Secretary Charles Esterline, Robert Anderson, Don Hall, Bill Luse, Ira Clark, and Lloyd Hardgrove.

Hardin County Reports...

by Ken Rossman

Our regular meeting was held at Veteran's Memorial Clubhouse on August 15 with 40 Nobles and one guest in attendance. Our guest was Chad Heydinger, who will be getting his Master Mason Degree in September and will join the Shrine shortly thereafter. Welcome Chad.

Noble Rossman opened our meeting with a prayer. We dined on a great meal prepared and served by Nobles Doornbos, Clinger, Jolliff, Bruce Michel, Garmon, Rice, Osborn, Matteson, and Gilbert. Good job, Nobles. President Leeth led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. We then gave a big hand to our kitchen crew for a job well done.

Noble Rossman gave a final report on our recent Tabloid Days. We had a good total but we could have done better. We needed more help at several locations. We hope next year will be better. We have received a donation from the Amish Community. It is in the bank until next year's Tabloid Day.

Noble Wynegar noted that we still need lots of help to park cars at the Coon Dog Event. Saturday will be the busy day as the concert is at 7 p.m. and we may need extra help.

Noble Gilbert gave a final report on our annual picnic.

President Leeth noted that we got a "thank you" letter from our Potentate thanking us for their recent visits to Hardin County and our effort on Tabloid day.

Noble Don Doll has arranged for Aladdin's bus to take a trip from Kenton to the Cincinnati Burn Hospital. There is room for 40 people and Don is taking names for this trip which will be on November 4. It was noted that this will be a good visit for anyone who has not been to the burn hospital. If anyone wants to go alone or with your lady, contact Don Doll to see if he still has room for more people.

It was noted that Noble Bill Kahler is in the hospital and has real health problems. We wish him the best for a speedy and complete recovery.

We wish happy birthday to Nobles Ted Elsasser (87) and Paul Root, Jr. (81). We wish them both the very best.

We extend our sympathy to Noble Wayne Barnes on the recent death of his sister.

Noble Rossman closed our meeting with a prayer.

We must always remember, "Aladdin Lights The Way."

THE CHAPLAIN

by Don Pendell, Chaplain

We need a little Biblical humor to face the year ahead. Enjoy the quiz and share it with friends.

Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth? A. Ruthless.

Q. What do they call pastors in Germany? A. German Shepherds.

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible? A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible? A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Q. What kind of motor vehicles re in the Bible? A. Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.

Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible? A. Samson. He brought the house down.

Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden? A. Your mother ate us out of house and home.

Q. Which servant of God was the most flagrant law-breaker in the Bible. A. Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.

Q. Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy? A. The area around Jordan. The banks were always overflowing.

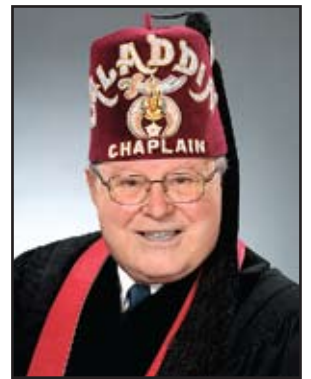
Q. Who is the greatest babysitter mentioned in the Bible? A. David. He rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep.

Q. Which Bible character had no parents? A. Joshua, son of Nun.

Q. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark? A. Because Noah was standing on the deck. (Groan...)

P.S. Did you know it's a sin for a woman to make coffee? Yep, it's in the Bible. It says, "He-brews."

So, keep smiling, enjoy your coffee, and know that God always loves you, The Sermonator.



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From The Shrine Band *by Dave Haney*

It is now officially – the dog days of August. Ain't no smart dogs out in this heat. Jim Esswein, erstwhile tuba player and understudy to Evel Knievel, has just finished a tour of duty with the Ohio Fair Band in all of this heat. (Gasp!) You have to wear out those younger folks before they kill you. Nelson Foucht canned the whole thing and went fishing in Canada in his 9,000 foot RV.

So far, the parade season has been good to us. Bucyrus was a great day and, as always, there was a good turn out by those folks. Beer and Brats ain't bad either, although I had to endure the parade with Nelson Foucht singing to be eligible.

Marion Popcorn parade is coming up but you will have to: first, find the schedule and second, read it, you big dummy!

Not too much excitement around here. We are undergoing bathroom restoration or remodeling. Was an interesting experience for yours truly. As you know, when they remodel those things, they tear out everything down to the joists. All is well and good until certain people get up in the evening for the nightly visit to the facilities. Stepping down on that floor was quite a let down since my right leg went through the floor and the downstairs kitchen ceiling. The rest of me was still in the upstairs bathroom! The cat, Green Eyes, was sitting on the kitchen table looking up at me with the usual cat stare. "Most people just take the stairs," she said. All my spouse did was laugh. I guess I will look upon that leg lamp award from the movie *A Christmas Story* with a new perspective. My spouse says the kitchen is next. That will bring another whole new batch of dangers to my health. Usually the only serious problems I have faced in life were due to stupidity, bad luck, lethargy, negligence or two martinis. This one was all of the above except I was sober at the time. Had I been in the other condition, I probably would have walked on the joists; but since the toilet was missing the end result could have been both interesting and exciting. I was wondering if I should have a seat belt put on the new toilet just in case!

Speaking of restoration, the band float has a new canvas top. Kudos go to Paul Kern and all the other canvas and top construction elves for a job well done. It will be greatly appreciated by all concerned and if it rains, we will not have to ride in a bathtub! By the way, I stay away from all bathtubs just to be safe!

Don't forget the start of fall rehearsals is coming up and I believe the ceremonial will be earlier this fall. This year's Ceremonial will feature a new act on bathroom acrobatics starring yours truly. Not to be missed!

Dance Band will be starting rehearsals for the fall dance and President Larry will be doing his usual thing with advertising and tickets sales. Rumor has it that he will still be permitted to play the saxophone too! Just blow in that thing and push the buttons! The yearly schedule should be coming out after the Shrine calendar is put together in its final form. Put it in the bathroom with all the other reading material. Be careful not to get too confused with other paper products found there. Re-prints are expensive!

Here is the problem test for this month; you have to do this in your head only. None of that paper and pencil stuff and no calculator either. Take 1,000, add 40 to it. Now, add another 1,000. Add 30. Add another 1,000. Add 20. Now add another 1,000. Now add 10. What is the total? Did you get 5,000? You will have to read next month's epistle to get the answer.

Thought for this month: never wave to your friends at an auction!

Hocking Hills Shrine

by Donald R. Farrow

Pictured in the photograph (L-R) are Nobles, President Mike Downour and Tabloid Committee Chairman John Hockingberry receiving a check for \$1,000 from Susan Aldredge, manager of Logan Wal-Mart, and her husband, Richard. It was noted that Richard is one of the newest EA's at Mingo Lodge.

Don Farrow reported that Wash Bowers is at Crestview Rehab Center for several weeks then will return to Carlin House in Logan, Chuck Hedges also is receiving treatment at Lancaster Hospital at this time. Virginia Gano attend this dinner and thanked the Nobles and Ladies for the cards.

It was noted that the club's trailer will be used September 2 to transport members of the crew of the *USS Hocking*, an attack transport ship, operating in the South Pacific during WW II. There will be about 25 or 30 crew members for this last reunion staying in Logan during this weekend.

At the club's last monthly meeting it was decided to have a brick placed in the "Editorial Without Words" beautification project in front of Aladdin Temple. Information has been forwarded to the Paver Project for one of the 12" X 12" bricks. The wording on the brick will say Hocking Hills Shrine Club, Chartered 1990, Affiliated Mingo Lodge 171.

Birthdays in September are Ralph Moorebead, September 7; Danny Augg, September 22; C.E. Bill Leeson, September 14; Jeff Rose, September 14; Gene Garren, September 17; and Carlos Nye, September 22. Those with anniversaries are Dale and Katie Cline, September 4; Howard and Marsha Beane, September 11; Paul and Millie Tucker, September 12; and Carlos and Joy Nye, September 14. If you see these people out, wish them well on these their days.



ROSS COUNTRY *by Don Jones*

We have had a hot and busy summer but relief is in sight. Another successful Ross County Fair is behind us. The profits from our concessions are important in meeting the operating expenses of our club.

President Mike Bell hosted a worker appreciation picnic on August 18 and we held our stated meeting on August 23.

Ladies Night was September 8 and now most of us can relax for a few days. I say "most of us" because Jim Kelly and his grounds crew are mowing again like it was springtime. I have never seen the grass this green in August and September.

Our next stated meeting (always the fourth Thursday) is September 27. Come on up and enjoy the fellowship. October 25 is the next stated meeting with election of the 2008 officers being the main agenda item.

Chillicothe's annual Halloween Parade is October 27. I am looking forward to seeing the new Fez mounted on the truck pulling our sharp looking trailer. If you want to be really proud of your Shrine Club, don't miss this event.

Our annual Spaghetti Dinner is November 2. Members should be getting some tickets with their dues notices. This event is very important for our image in the community. It is also an opportunity for a great group of Shriners and Ladies to again meet and work together for the good of our organization. Don't miss it.

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Marching with The Legion *by Dick Luckay*

CONVENTION REPORT – In August, 2004, PC Bob Faber was elected to the Great Lakes Legions of Honor Officer Line. For the next three years Bob and Lady Barb worked and worried to bring about the annual conference held in Columbus this past August 16-18. Not to worry! Thanks to their long-term dedicated efforts and the outstanding work of the convention committee, the 2007 GLSALOH Convention set new standards and raised the bar for any and all future LOH gatherings.

Legionoble Bob Ollila handled the Thursday golf outing with precision and efficiency to the enjoyment of all the participants. The Friday business session went smoothly and concluded on time. The featured "Tail-Gate Party" on Friday night was a resounding success. How could it be otherwise? Thirty members of the Ohio State Alumni Marching Band, led by Shelly Graff OSU's first female drum-major, six OSU cheerleaders, and the one and only Brutus Buckeye had the crowd cheering, singing, and snake-dancing around the room to the musical beat of "Script Ohio." Can't get any better than that! The food was good and plentiful and, for at least one evening, everyone on the room was a Buckeye fan – even our visiting Michigan Legionobles. An absolutely outstanding event!

The Saturday morning Necrology Service was a fitting tribute to those Great Lakes Legionobles who answered their final roll call in the past year. Aladdin Piper James Bradham led the opening procession. The Aladdin Chanters' musical tribute to all the military services was appropriate and well done. Aladdin LOH Chaplain Noble Dick Westinghouse provided an eloquent and meaningful message for those in attendance and Lady Betty Whitaker's beautiful singing voice (accompanied by PP Mike Clevenger) added immeasurably to the service. The Memorial Bell tolled for each of the forty-four departed Legionobles. The five widows in attendance were welcomed by Commander Faber and Lady Barb and were presented a Memorial Pin by GLSALOH Past Commander Bob Addington. The Honor Guard and Buglers of VFW Post 9473 provided the Rifle Salute and Echo Taps that culminated a fitting tribute to our comrades. A moving "In Retrospect" by Legionoble Dick Luckay concluded what was acclaimed to be a truly memorable service.

The formal banquet Saturday evening started on time, thanks to the frantic efforts of PC GLSALOH Bob Wilson (he turned significant confusion into an orderly procession). The food was excellent, the introductions were minimal, and the change-over ceremony saw Commander Faber relieved of his duties by new GLSALOH Commander Dick McVey. It was a fine evening to conclude a very special convention.

The success of the weekend required the combined efforts of a number of dedicated people. Chief-of-staff Lou Snyder kept things under control and (fortunately) insisted on written confirmation of all actions and commitments. Treasurer Fred Kreutz had a handle on every incoming/outgoing dollar and whose original financial forecast proved to be very accurate. Bob Krieger insured the OSU portion of the tail-gate party was in place and the sage advice and suggestions of Don McCoy, Bob Wilson and Commander Robert Spencer helped to smooth out some "bumps in the road."

But suffice to say, the three years of sweat, toil, and (occasionally) frustration and tears endured by Bob and Barb Faber proved to be the catalyst that ensured the success of a convention that will stand as an LOH hallmark for years to come. To all concerned –Congratulations – and well done!

Baldwin Shrine *by Don Knouff*

The club met at Noble "Doc" Purdy's farm for the August meeting. Honored guests were Potentate David Dee Mowry, Lady Kathy, the Divan, and their Ladies. Many thanks, Noble "Doc" Purdy, for hosting this meeting. We enjoy our yearly visit to your farm.

Potentate David Dee Mowry, we are very sorry about your accident at the farm. We all wish you a speedy recovery.

Our President, Noble Ed Cosby, announced that the September meeting would be held at his and Lady Jan's home September 26. Social hour 6:00 p.m. with dinner served at 7:00 p.m. This will be a "Garbage Can Dinner" with Noble Neil Neer as the chief chef. Refreshments will be by the Crouch Brothers and bring your own table service. The speaker will be Mr. Bruce White, C.E.O., Knox Community Hospital. His topic will be on the progress of their new facility.

Baldwin Shrine Nobles celebrating birthdays in September are James W. Bell, Bradley K. Hunter, Bradford C. Lukens, Herbert P. White, and Nelson D. Williams. Best wishes to all.

Many thanks go to Noble "Doc" Leventry and Noble Bob Shaw for transporting our Shrine patients in August.

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We did it again! *Aladdin's* CAR CLUB by James P. Allen



The Shrine Chicken and Corn Roast and Car Show is now history for 2007. The Car Show was a success thanks to the efforts of Fred Coventry and other club members. A special thanks go to all of our Ladies who pitched in and helped out. We get better organized each year. Rick Heinlein was on tap again this year with his long hair and beard to put money in the coffers. We are glad to see you back and in improved health, Rick. Jim and Lois Allen's house in Maine was purchased for a week as a vacation place by Mike Campbell. Have a great time in Maine, Mike. Enjoy the lobster and clams and blueberry pie. We had many door prize items that were procured by members of the club.

The cars on display were down in number somewhat from last year, but we had a lot of competition from other events in town. Larry Jarvis got some fine pictures. Everyone had a good time as usual.

We don't sit still very long at the Aladdin Car Club. Our next event is a tour of Amish Country planned by Chester Van Horn. The date is September 15. Mark your calendars. We will assemble at the Aladdin Shrine at 0900 and then follow US 62 to Berlin, Ohio. We will have lunch at the Farmstead Restaurant. There will be time for shopping following the meal. Ohio now has the largest Amish population in the country. This area is the center of Amish activity. This should be an interesting experience. Check with Chester for more details.

Remember, that these tours are open to all Shriners and their friends. You do not need an antique car or street rod to come along. If anyone would like to join us please call Chester at 740-653-3655 or 740-342-3215 so he can let the restaurant know about how many to expect. This is an opportunity to bring your non-Shriner friends along for the fun and fellowship and get them acquainted with what we do. You can tell them about our support of the Shrine Hospitals and that we do more than wear funny hats and ride around in small cars. That is fun for us, but it is the extent of our exposure to much of the general population. We have a great story to tell; let's tell it in any way we can.



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Chief Rabb Dan Stainbrook (top photo, second from left) gives important grilling tips to the grillers who cooked the main course for the first annual Ed Lacy Memorial Picnic, held at the Buckeye Boat Club. We had a fantastic turnout for the annual summer-time get together, and were joined by Michelle Lacy, Phyllis Caldwell (Ed's sister), and Helena Lacy (Ed's mom) who was also celebrating her 93rd birthday. It was great that they were able to join us for this first memorial picnic. Over 70 NESG members enjoyed an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Our next meeting is on Friday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Aladdin Room.

Thea Court #5

Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America
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Hospital Wish Lists!

Associate Princess, Lady B. J. Gischler has many lists of items the hospitals would like. Please keep this in mind. Contact B. J. for more information, 740-927-5247.

This month we'll look at Greenville, South Carolina and this is only a sampling of their 11-page list. (All items must be new.)

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Chanters by Brent Wilson

By the time you read this, we will be well into the month of September. The children will be back in school, the Buckeyes will be 3-0 and the Cincinnati Reds will still be mathematically eliminated from post-season play. Maybe, just maybe, the Cleveland Indians will have a run at the World Series. That would be something for Ohio. Even though we are starting into the fall season, the weather is still very hot and oppressive for many parts of the country including central Ohio. Perhaps Al Gore and all the global warming advocates are right. However, I'm sure that in January and February, none of us will agree with any part of that theory.

Chanter director, Gus Ruzicka, was recently honored by Potentate Dee Mowry with the Potentate's special award. I understand that this is the highest award a Shriner may receive and the Chanter Unit is very proud that Gus has been recognized for his hard work and dedication to the Aladdin Shrine.

The Chanters always love to sing and parades are especially fun for us and one of our favorites is the Bucyrus Bratwurst Festival Parade. The crowd is always very appreciative and the refreshments (bratwurst sandwiches) are a big hit. What fun we had and how sad and disappointed to see that quaint little town under water the very next week after torrential rains flooded the river over its banks and into their homes and businesses. We pray they will soon recover and get their lives back to normal.

The Chanters were honored to sing the military hymns for the Great Lakes Shrine Association Legion of Honor on August 18. The Legion held their necrology service where they honor their deceased legion members.

This year's Stag Picnic was a huge hit and well attended by the Chanters. As there were two tables full of us and there was plenty of food and beverages, nobody left hungry.

We still have some folks on the injured reserve list. Ray Bell has moved from his house to a condo in lieu of knee surgery. Jack Harris, who turned 90 in August, is still fighting the infection in his arm and may have to undergo more surgery. Ralph and Betty Hughes are still not all the way back up to speed, but seem to be improving. Don Filmer is working hard to get his breathing back to normal so he can get rid of that oxygen tank. Please keep these good Chanters and their ladies in your thoughts and prayers. And be sure to save a little of that for our brave service men and women who are in harms way for us.

I am most sad that the black camel has visited our tent. Frank Ingram, after a courageous fight, was called home after a very good life here on earth. Frank was an educator, a Mason, a Shriner, a Chanter, a giving man of great knowledge and experience and most importantly, a husband and a father. To his Lady Louise and his children, we offer our deepest sympathy. As a fellow Chanter, I will always remember Frank's beautiful tenor voice and his terrific sense of humor. Sing on, Brother, sing on.

A few dates to remember:

October 2 - Tuesday Rehearsal

October 9 - Tuesday Rehearsal

October 14 - Sing at Jenna Ash's Church 2:00 p.m.

October 16 - Tuesday Rehearsal

October 19 - Friday Pumpkin Show Parade

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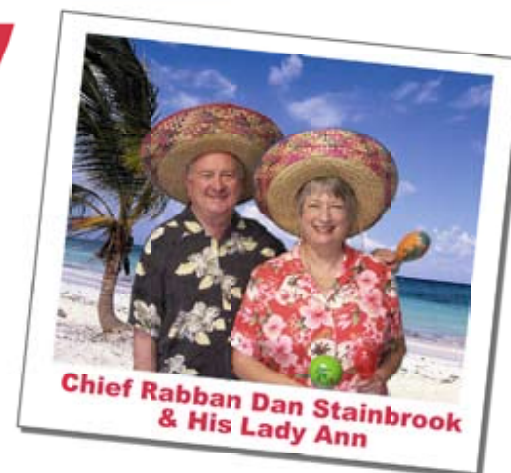
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