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## Membership Statistics

<b>Membership 01/01/2012</b>	<b>5920</b>
Associate Membership 01/01/12	46
<b>Total Membership 01-01-2012</b>	<b>5966</b>
<b>Current</b>	<b>Yr to Date</b>
Creations	3
Affiliations	0
Restored	6
Associate Members	0
<b>TOTAL MONTHLY ADD</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>TOTAL YEARLY with ADDS</b>	<b>5985</b>
Demits	1
Suspensions	0
Deaths	5
Associates Dropped	0
Reversals	0
<b>TOTAL MONTHLY DROP</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Membership as of 2/29/2012</b>	<b>5973</b>
Net loss/gain YTD	7
Net loss/gain Monthly	3



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## IT'S A GREAT TIME TO BE A SHINER!

Why did you become a Shriner? Was it to expand your Masonic experience by building new friendships and having fun in our clubs and units? Was it because you learned about our Shriners Hospitals and wanted to become part of the "world's greatest philanthropy?" Whatever your motivation, the opportunity to fully experience the benefits of being an Aladdin Shriner lies ahead in the next few months.

Looking to have some fun? What better way than joining your fellow Nobles at our circus? Sign up to help with some of the work that is needed to support the event and, while you are there, watch the faces of the young and old who are captivated by the performers. You will depart each performance knowing that you helped folks have a good time and will have had fun working with your friends.

If you are as committed, as I am, to supporting our hospitals and the children whom we care for, Tabloid Day is not far off. Noble Tom Rice is leading the effort and has promised that, with your help, we will raise \$400,000 for our hospitals this year. To achieve this goal, we need every single Noble who is physically able to come forward, rain or shine, and work a collection site. Be there for the kids who desperately need our help and bring your fellow Nobles out with you to make this event a great success.

The Potentate's Ball will be a very fun-filled event this year. The "Beach" theme will be evident with special music, casual dress, great food, an open bar, free babysitting, and dancing through the night. Watch the *Lamp* for more details.

There are so many activities coming up – literally something for everyone. There is the night with the Blue Jackets, the Santee Golf Trip, the Potentate's Ball, the Chanters Spaghetti Dinner, the Walleye Fishing Trip, Shriners Imperial trip to Charlotte, N.C., the ladies trip to Williamsburg, and so much more. Of special interest is the Annual Car Show and Chicken and Corn Roast. This year we will be honored by having the Imperial Potentate and his lady as our special guests. I am hoping that with your help, the event will be bigger and better than ever. We plan to have more cars in the line-up than in past years. To make the event more family-oriented, we are going to have a special kid's play area with games and entertainment. And, of course, we will provide the best roasted chicken and corn so that no one goes home hungry.

The only thing that stands in the way of realizing your expectations when you joined Aladdin Shriners (having fun and helping our kids) is getting involved. There is no Aladdin Shrine without you! – Michael D. Tyne, Potentate, Aladdin Shriners



Potentate Michael D. Tyne

## An Opportunity: Tabloid 2012

### *How many opportunities have you ever had that did not have some element of risk?*

As Tabloid 2012 approaches, I want to sincerely thank every Noble, club and unit that so unselfishly gave of their time, talent, and treasure to make Tabloid 2011 such a tremendous success. For the first time in four years, our Tabloid team not only matched the previous year's contributions, but exceeded the amount by 22% to meet our goal of \$300,000.00.

This year we set our goal at \$400,000.00! This goal, although challenging but not unrealistic, will require every Noble to make a personal commitment to our philanthropy which is the cornerstone of our organization. A commitment to place service above self for the benefit of so many children in need of our hospitals' outstanding care and family centered treatment.

This year's Tabloid Training Day will be held on Saturday April 14, 2012 at the Temple starting at 10:00 a.m. We will start the day with coffee and doughnuts, move into an exciting program with excellent speakers and conclude at 12:15 p.m. We will again have a great lunch (you do not want to miss one) before picking up your Tabloids and supplies. We will have an Ohio State House kickoff on Thursday, May 24, starting at 11:00 a.m. and concluding at 1:00 p.m. The publicity we gained from last year's State House Kickoff was priceless.

Tabloid Day will be on Saturday, May 26. Yes, it will be on Memorial Day weekend. Why would we set Tabloid Day on a holiday weekend? The main reason is that this date presents us with an opportunity to take advantage of more people being out and about enjoying the holiday. An opportunity to let more people know about the great work conducted at Shriners Hospitals for Children. Will it require us to give up one day of our holiday to make Tabloid 2012 a success? Yes. Is it a "risk"? Yes, but it is also an opportunity! How many opportunities have you ever had that did not have some element of risk?

We can meet our goal this year if we open our hearts and let the milk of kindness flow into an effort that is much larger than we can even understand. Let us put all of our shoulders to the wheel and make our goal a reality!

– Thomas W. Rice, Sr.



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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:** Michael D. Tyne

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**High Priest and Prophet:** David E. Wolfe

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### Appointed Divan

**1<sup>st</sup> Ceremonial Master:** Jon M. Kinney

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# CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

*by Chaplain D. Dee Mowry, PP*



March brings on thoughts of spring and the coming warmer weather. March is also the month of St. Patrick. We celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17, the traditional day of his death. It is also the day when lettuce and potatoes can be planted (weather permitting and according to Grandfather Ike!).

St. Patrick was born sometime between 388 and 408 A.D. in the village of Bannavem Taberniae in southwest England or Wales near the sea. His father, Calpornius, was a deacon and a civil official. Grandfather, Pontius, was a priest...apparently married. The family appeared to be what today would be known as upper middle class and not a particularly religious family. At the age of 16, Patrick was abducted by Irish pirates and taken to Ireland where he was put to work as a sheep herder. During this time, which lasted for six years, he tended the sheep and prayed. A voice came to Patrick promising him that he would return to his own country. He made his way of about 200 miles to a ship where the sailors gave him passage to his home. Little is known about his trip home and his subsequent education, but he always said that he was not a learned man. Eventually he became a bishop and was sent back to Ireland as an evangelist. There he did the normal "church" things, baptisms, ordained clergy, etc. He died on March 17 sometime around 460; some sources say it was as late as 493 which would have made him quite elderly.

Did he really drive the snakes from Ireland? Probably not as post glacial insular areas such as Ireland, Iceland, New Zealand etc. never had snakes. Did he use the shamrock to teach about the trinity? Perhaps, as it was a well known structure to the local people who could relate to it and it was a good teaching tool. Did he convert Ireland by himself? Good question!

The first and second verses of the third chapter of Ecclesiastes (the preacher) say, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted." (RSV). As we look at the spring season, let us renew our efforts and plant new efforts to grow the Shrine, Scottish Rite, York Rite and our Blue Lodges. Our participation and support of these entities and sharing the Brotherhood with others will be a tremendous "shot in the arm" for all concerned.

**Last month's trivia question:** "What Old Testament woman bore a child at age 90 and is the most mentioned woman in the Bible?"

Answer: Sarah.

**Next question:** According to Proverbs, what substance affects man like the bite of a snake? Answer next month!

## A Membership Memo

*by Calvin Smith, PP*

### Membership Incentive Awards Return

In addition to our traditional membership jewel program, Aladdin will once more exercise a financial award system for new member and restoration petitions. The rewards are as follows and apply to new member and restored member petitions only and would be cumulative to a total of \$54.00 and reward may not be carried over from one year to another:

\$3 for the first petition

\$5 for the second petition

\$7 for the third and fourth petitions

\$8 for petitions five through eight

Details concerning redeeming these awards will be published this October.

### Our December Ceremonial Journey Begins Today. Who Is Your Candidate?

Our Fall Ceremonial will be held on Saturday, December 1 at Aladdin. The fee is \$204.00 if a fez is not required and \$274.00 if one is needed. Both fees include the candidate's dues of \$74.00 for 2013.

**Petition Deadline:** All Petitions must be received in the Aladdin membership office by noon on Monday, November 26, 2012. If faxed, a copy of payment must accompany the fax.

We need to give serious concentration and effort to the recruitment of new Nobles to Aladdin. It truly is that simple. Our membership needs to grow. I want you to commit to this action.

First, several of you have indicated that you have a candidate for November. Follow through on this statement. For those of you who, for whatever reason, have not yet stepped up, I challenge you to motivate yourself to file at least one petition for the upcoming December class.

### Here is a tip or two on how to get started:

Do two things before you ever begin asking men of quality to become Shriners. First, make a list of men you wish to contact. Even if it is a short list, make one. After creating your list, do some homework regarding the Shrine and the men on your list.

Let's talk a little more about the men you should contact about the Shrine.

**Who Should I ask?** Of course, they need to be Lodge Brothers. But the list can include relatives, Rite Brethren, fellow church members, men with whom you work, or social friends. All are possibilities. Don't leave your ladies out of the process. They can help. You're not the only man they know.

**What is this Homework?** It's getting ready to discuss the Shrine with your prospective candidate(s). Talk to yourself about why you belong. What do you find to be fun? Why do you embrace the friendship? Why do you believe that our philanthropy is so vital? Think on these questions and write down your responses. Build your thoughts into an argument for joining the Shrine. You could also include Aladdin's social programs. Read current information about our hospitals. Has this program helped a child in your area? Try to get accurate information about this patient and use it.

You also need up-to-date info on the fee to join and our annual dues. Money is important. How much do you know about the ShrineSavers Program? A new member can save his ceremonial fee in the first year of free membership!

**What is there on your list your prospects will find appealing?** It probably will not be the same argument for all prospects. Use the same general conversation that emphasizes different points depending on your knowledge of the prospect in question. Be straightforward and convincing.

Contacting your prospective member begins with a phone call. Tell him what you are about and ask him for a 20-minute appointment. Try to visit him in his home. Ask his lady to join in on the conversation. Make your pitch. Answer their questions. Ask him to sign a petition you have already competed except for his signature and date. We have really good brochures in the office.

**Follow-up is key.** You are responsible for getting this man to the Ceremonial and for inducting him and his lady into the Shrine when you get back home. You are his friend.

Start today, not tomorrow.



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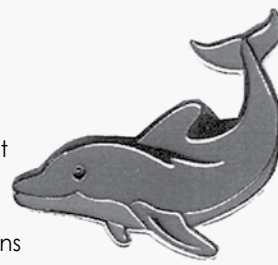
## Burn Injury Research in Cincinnati

The Potentate has chosen the Dolphin as the symbol of his fundraising efforts on behalf of Burn Injury Research at the Cincinnati Shrine Burn Hospital. The Shrine Burn Hospitals have contributed greatly to world-wide knowledge in the treatment of acute burns.

The introduction of pressure garments designed to reduce scarring, prevention of life-threatening infections and healing damaged lungs are just a few examples of the research outcomes in our hospitals.

To help continue these vital research efforts, we are selling this beautiful dolphin pin for only \$5.00. All the money raised will go directly to the Cincinnati Shrine Burn Hospital for burn injury research.

Please encourage your friends to purchase a pin so our research programs can continue to help our kids with new and even more effective therapies.



## Cincinnati Hospital Facts

by Bob Lazenby, Board of Governors

Thought you might appreciate hearing a few facts from our February meeting regarding Cincinnati Shrine Hospital. Cincinnati Shriners is in discussions with Cincinnati Children's Hospital to perhaps lease several parts of the Shrine hospital to Children's Hospital.

- The year to date occupancy rate was 32% with just 55 families served.
- The January operating expenses were \$2,620,512.00 which is \$282,186.00 under budget.
- The January donations were \$118,750 which are down \$38,709 from last year.
- Outpatient surgeries were 46.
- Outpatient clinic visits were 280.
- Inpatient acute (burns and on-burns) 4
- Reconstructions: 16 with total Patient days of 163

## News From Lexington

In some cases, a medical diagnosis can be confusing and frustrating to comprehend. Such was the case of seventeen-year-old Erica Gibson. Early in 2011, her mother, Diana Gibson, Huntington, WV, noticed several changes in Erica including her hips and shoulder blades. The changes were so noticeable Erica started calling her shoulder blades "my pterodactyl wings". Interestingly, Erica Gibson's friend had a spinal fusion due to scoliosis and suspected that Erica might need to be checked as well.

Scoliosis is a musculoskeletal disorder that causes an abnormal curve of the spine or backbone. When their family physician saw the x-rays of Erica's spine, he referred her to a specialist in pediatric orthopedics. "From that day, education on the subject almost became an obsession," said Diana. "I read, studied, and met with people who had been through this surgery."

Diana learned that Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Lexington provides care for all types and levels of scoliosis. The pediatric orthopedic surgeons are especially trained and skilled to perform the complex surgery sometimes required to correct scoliosis. She called the new patient referral line and spoke with Pam Tuttle, a registered nurse who understands the stress parents are often under when their child needs specialized care. Diana said, "Immediately, most of my fears were put to rest. Pam was very comforting and informative. Our appointment was in June, 2011, and we met Dr. Vish Talwalkar, pediatric orthopedic surgeon. Dr. Talwalkar was wonderful with Erica. He spoke directly to her, explaining every detail of her upcoming surgery in such a gentle manner the news was not devastating."

"While waiting to see Dr. Talwalkar, we noticed every child in the lobby received a toy or a blanket or some gift, including my daughter. It was amazing to see the children laugh and play at such ease in a hospital." On the way home, the Gibsons were so impressed with the friendly atmosphere and the responsiveness of the staff, they decided to conduct a toy drive to help give back to the hospital that was about to change Erica's life. Diana, a church secretary in Huntington, WV, reached out to other churches in the area with the idea and found many others willing to help. "Our goal was to fill the back of the car completely full," said Erica.

Erica's surgery was scheduled the week of Thanksgiving and she arrived the day before her surgery and very proud of the donations she was bringing with her. Seven area churches had agreed to help the Gibsons and they unloaded over 1,200 books, puzzles, coloring books, and toy cars. "The church communities joined together and the project snowballed," said Diana. Erica also wore a special T-shirt on the day before her surgery. The front of the T-shirt was a drawing of a spine and ribs with the spine in the "S" shape. Erica had made the T-shirt so the "S" was the first letter in straighten, as in "straighten up." The back of the T-shirt shows the same spine completely straight. "That's what I am going to do while I am here at the hospital. The doctors are going to change my life by straightening me up," said Erica.

## Two Hospitals Named Recipients in Aladdin Shriner's Estate



George E. Dresher, long-time member of Aladdin Temple Shrine and resident of The Plains, was active in several units and clubs, including The Past Masters (charter member), Ambassadors, and Jesters. He was the record-holder for membership petitions at Aladdin, and was a fixture at Shrine activities in Athens County and throughout southeast Ohio.

Mrs. Dresher passed away in 2000, and George passed away in 2009. The final distributions from their estate were completed recently, and two of the Shrine Hospitals were recipients of their generosity.

Honoring their wishes, checks were delivered in their memory to the administrators at the Lexington and Cincinnati Hospitals. Noble Tony Bachman (executor of the estate) and P.P. Terry L. DeVassie traveled to the hospitals and presented the checks while sharing the story of the Dreshers with the administrators and their staff. Noble Dresher often told others how important it was for each of the nobility to consider distributions to the hospitals as they plan their estates. He felt that there was no more important calling than to support children in their time of need, and to ease the burden upon their families.

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## MASONIC NIGHT WITH THE SHRINE

Monday, April 23  
6:45 p.m.

Aladdin Shrine Center  
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Host: Westgate Lodge #623

Aladdin's Past Masters Unit  
will confer the  
Master Mason Degree

Current Blue Lodge Dues Cards Must Be Presented  
Aprons Will Be Provided

# Chanters

by Deron Ponn

We continue to hold our meetings/rehearsals on Monday nights at 7:30 p.m., unless we are out performing. To be honest, I have been disappointed at the low number of attendees. What can I do to get you to come out and join us? Are the meetings too long, too often, too late? Please provide any feedback.

Bill Wirsching and Ralph Hughes have been putting a lot of time and effort into getting an updated roster ready for the printer. I appreciate their efforts and am looking forward to seeing the final product. Thank you, Bill and Ralph.

John Iben has been making calls to get more sing-outs scheduled. I'll list them below. The general consensus of the group is that we want to get out more, so keep making calls, John. One of our goals this year is to sing at the Masonic Home. If your are looking for entertainment for an event, consider booking us.

The Spaghetti Dinner was mentioned in the article last month, but I don't think we can advertise this enough. The Spaghetti Dinner will be held on April 20, 5:00-8:00 p.m. Gus Ruzicka will be cooking up his special recipe so "Come and get it." Tickets are available from any Chanter. Don't forget that the person selling the most tickets will win a free dinner for his family (maximum of 6).

**Mark these dates on your calendars:**

March 19 - Sing-Out at Oak Leaf Village	April 30 - Sing-Out at Wesley Glen
March 26 - Sing-Out at the Woodlands	May 7 - Potentate's Visit
March 30 - National Anthem - 7:30 p.m. - Aladdin Shrine Circus	May 28 - Memorial Day Parade
April 20 - Spaghetti Dinner	May 31 - June 3 - Memorial Tournament
April 29 - Dogwood Parade	June 29 - July 25 - Imperial in Charlotte, NC
	December 21 - Northeast Shrine Club Christmas Dinner

Of course, in our spare time, we will be working on new music for sing-outs and preparing for the Imperial competition.

If you are a Shriner, but not a Chanter, you are welcome to sing with us. Contact any Chanter for more information. You can also call me at 614-866-5068 if interested. If you have any comments, questions, or ideas, please contact me at the number above or email me at dponn@netjets.com.

# Bucyrus

by Gene Diller

Bucyrus Shrine Club invited their ladies and widows to a great fun Valentine dinner party and presented all the lovely ladies and widows with beautiful red roses.

Noble John Kline opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Noble President Tim Miller. Gus's Grill and Grog Restaurant catered the meal of chicken breast, cheese potatoes, green beans, salad, chocolate fudge cake, and pie.

Our club was saddened by the passing of long-time members Noble Paul J. Kibler and Noble Gerald (Jerry) Staiger. Noble Kibler was very active in the shrine club collecting many dollars for our Tabloid drives. Noble Staiger was very active in our Shrine Club and was also an Aladdin Clown, belonging to Aladdin Temple Clowns. He was a high-dollar raiser for the Tabloid. A news article stated Noble Jerry was America's Oldest Dwarf living. These two Shriners will be missed very much and hard to replaced.

A moment of silence was held for United States troops.

Mrs. Carolyn Sand gave a presentation on a redone, one-room school. The school is the Harvey School located on State Rt. 4 south of Bucyrus and west on Caldwell Road.

The Bucyrus Shrine Club played its annual Crazy Bingo with President Noble Tim Miller calling the numbers for the game. At the end it gets crazy!

The next Bucyrus Shrine Club meeting is March 26.

# Hilltop

by Ron Craven

On February 1, the Hilltop Shrine Club met at York Steak House for its monthly meeting. There were ten Nobles and several Ladies.

With the death of the Club President, Past Potentate George Kosbab, the Board of Directors elected First Vice President Ron Craven to complete his term as president. Second Vice President David Minton was elected 1<sup>st</sup> vice president. We are now in need of a new 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president.

Treasurer David Ray reported that he had received a check from the Salvation Army for our bell-ringing efforts and that our club collected over \$5,100.00. GREAT JOB everyone!

Plans are already underway for Tabloid Days on May 25 - 26. If you can help with Tabloids, contact Art Groves, Dick Hamm, or Gene Dew. Our annual Past President's Steak Supper and Tabloid Kick-Off will be Wednesday, May 4. More information to follow.

The Aladdin snowbird reunion in Fort Myers, Florida is history as of February 4, and there were eight Hilltop Shrine Club members having a GREAT reunion of their own. Those in attendance were Leon Ramage (age 94 years), his son Tom, Bob Phillips, Ray Pendell, Jim Chilcote, Ron Martino, Gene Dew, and Phil Walters. Five of these Nobles are past presidents and two are current officers. All had a great time laughing and giggling like a bunch of "old women and men."

# Brutal Brothers

by Ron Martino & Brian Tabit



The nineteenth annual Aladdin Florida Reunion was well attended by 89 members, wives, and guests at the Ft. Meyers Araba Shrine Center. PP John Firmes and his Lady Maureen were there to welcome us. Noble Cecil Knapp and his Lady Judy hosted this event that was also planned as a warm welcome to Ill. Mike Tyne 33<sup>o</sup> and Chief Rabban William Amspauagh, Jr. and his Lady Kathy.

Past Potentates present were Dale Cline and Lady Katie, Owen Johnson, MD and Lady Joyce, Alan Esparza and lovely Janet, Calvin M. Smith and his lovely Mother Gracye. Also attending were Recorder Emeritus Russ Miller and Lady Nancy, Hilltop Shrine Club member Ray Pendell with several buddies. Clowns Ervin Babbert and Lady Bonnie, Ron Hobensack and Lady June added to the fun.

Brutal Brothers present were Past Chief Ralph Braun and Lady Barbara, Past Active John Guy and Lady Judy, Past Active Robert Himler and Lady Jackie, Past BB Jim Shaw and Lady Kathy. And, of course, myself and my Lady Beverley! We enjoyed a great dinner with to-die-for dessert.

John Rankin (the Noble who started the reunions way back when) and his Lady Marilyn were in attendance to meet all his many friends.

It was a great time to renew old acquaintances and make new ones.

The first meeting of the year was called to order by Chief Aaron Langhirt on February 7 and the new officers were installed by PP Bill Selsam: Chief Aaron Langhirt, Asst. Chief Jonathon Hays, Sergeant at Arms Bo Williams, Secretary Dennis Feyh, Treasurer Jack Brand, and Quartermaster Mark Froehlich.

**Sunshine Committee:** Harold Linebaugh has been home now for over a month and is doing better each week. Jim Carle has completed his chemo treatments and is home re-couping. Our prayers were answered.

**Screening Committee:** It approved three new applications for apprentices; they are Jeffrey Michael Robeano, Edwin William Weiss, and Nathan Loren Cottrill. All were approved by the members and welcomed by the unit.

**Events:** Chief Aaron discussed the chief's party and up-coming events for this year.

Jake Sturgeon talked about the equipment going to Imperial in Charlotte, NC. Our Potentate wants all the equipment to go. Jake will need drivers and men riding shotgun.

**Director Comments:** Juergen Klimke will be the assistant director for 2012. The rosters for this year were passed out. See Jonathan Hays for a copy.

He appointed Duane Hays to serve with Nick Fallieras and Jonathan Hays on the screening committee. Garol Rogers, our Divan Representative, spoke about membership and the upcoming events of the year. He expressed his appreciation for the work that the unit does for Aladdin.

**New Business:** Chief Langhirt appointed Clay Jones as the new second section leader.

**Peanut Packing:** Packing will be Monday, March 26 at 9:00 a.m. in the equipment building for the soon-to-be Aladdin Shrine Circus starting March 29 and running through April 1. All members should plan to sell our P-nuts during the circus.

As always, any news you have for the *Lamp* should be sent to me at jestrn@outdrs.net and make sure to include your email address.

Spring is just around the corner; where has the winter gone? We all will be happy to see the spring arrive.

# Hospitality

by Gary Harding

Help! Help! Help! The Hospitality Unit could use some HELP. We have over 100 members but only 20 - 25 come the meetings and work events. I would like to welcome back any and all of our members. Life pulls us in so many directions. Any time you can make for the Hospitality Unit will be helpful and appreciated.

We are looking for new members. Perhaps you have a Shriner friend or relative who could join our unit and work as a team. Part-time or full-time – it's all good.

We are thinking about putting together a special tribute to some of the great guys of the Hospitality Unit – kind of a lifetime achievement award.

Get well cards were sent to Don Shoffstall, Pete Ransburgh, and Melody Hoops. Let us keep them in our Prayers.

If you have any questions or want information about our dinner meeting or how to get involved, call me at 614-871-1711.

So long for now.

# Thea Court

by B. J. Gischler, PHP

It may not yet look or feel like spring when everything begins to sprout and grow, but it is the time of year that Thea Court #5, LOSNA changes leadership and starts a new season.

On Saturday, March 31, at 2:00 p.m. at the Aladdin Shrine Center, 3850 Stelzer Rd., Columbus, OH., Thea Court will hold an open installation of the Egyptian Ladies for 2012-2013.

Lady Carolyn Dickson stated that there will be no games party in April because of schedule changes and conflicts with other activities.



# Provost *by John Rohal*

The February meeting of the Provost Unit was not as well attended as usual – a number of our members were vacationing in Florida, Mississippi, and even Texas. Of course, our weather did not cooperate either, with snow in the morning, rain in the afternoon, and fog in the evening. Only three Past Potentates were present – Don Goodman, Steve Hathaway, and the other guy, as well as two past unit directors – Bob Cannon and Jon Kinney, our Divan representative this year.

Our business meeting was opened about 20 minutes early, the computer-sent minutes of the previous meeting were approved, and in the absence of our Secretary Jim Rohal, who was in Mississippi, the recording of the minutes of this meeting was assigned to one of our newest members, Rich Aldrich. There was no treasurer's report because Charles Linek was in Florida.

Director Gene Steineman recognized Jim Rohal who was recently promoted to a vice president at Huntington Bank, and Harold Nairn who celebrate his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 26. He introduced our newest members who were in attendance, including Honorary Member and Temple Treasurer Dennis Feyh. He also introduced Mike VanHuss.

The Audit Committee report was given by John Rohal who brought an extra copy of the report to present to Harry Lewis who usually calls for an audit of the treasurer's reports. Sorry Charles, Harry was in Texas at this time, you can give him his copy next month!

The 2012 unit roster books and Circus Daddy pins were given to those in attendance. Director Gene read a letter of thanks received from the Ohio Sled Hockey. He noted that there would be Aladdin Shrine emblems put on the uniforms in the future.

The 2012 parade report was read and included the Imperial Council session in Charlotte, NC, Baltimore, Bucyrus, and Circleville. It was also announced that the paddy wagon will be taken to Charlotte, driven by Howard Beane. Big Red will also go to Charlotte and may again be hosted by members of the Provost Unit.

Celebrating birthdays in March are Thomas E. Douglas Sr., Rex A. Emrick, Jon M. Kinney, Douglass E. Marine, Terry D. McLaughlin, Kevin T. Moore, Larry M. Mosley, Perry E. Rieder, Robert M. Shaw, Thomas J. Steltenpohl, Albert W. Taylor, and Alan S. Witherspoon.

Our condolences go to Robbie K. Hartsell who lost his wife Regina "Lynn" on February 16, and to the family of former member Tom Stetler, who was taken by the Black Camel on January 15.

Looking forward to our next monthly meeting and hope that our "snowbirds" will be back in Ohio to join us. I am sure they are all aware that our snowfall this winter has been very light (ha ha).

# Kambri *by Dick Brixner*

Your Kambri Shrine Club held its Annual Bean Soup And Euchre Card Party at King Pin Lanes on Thursday, February 23 with 17 Shriners in attendance. Our meeting was opened with a prayer by Noble Ron LePage, followed by the meal.

Special thanks go to Noble Lew Smith for the use of his facility, to Noble Ron LePage for making the delicious bean soup, and to Kennedy's Bakery for the corn bread.

Thanks go to those who attended this meeting which was free. We had bean soup, with all the fixins', corn bread, and drinks. Did I mention the word "free?"

Unfortunately, we did not have enough to play Euchre, but we still had great fellowship for this "free" meal. Nobles, you missed a great evening.

Looking ahead on our Kambri Club calendar, you need to mark these dates:

March 22 - Ladies night at our hospital

March 26 - Annual trip to Marietta Shrine Club for its annual Shrimp Fest

May 3 - Potentate's visit at the Cambridge Country Club

May 5 - Annual Chicken Barbecue at County Coins

June 2 - Annual Tabloid Day in Cambridge, New Concord, Byesville, Caldwell and Senacaville

June 16 - Annual Golf Scramble at Wildfire Golf Club

June 21 - Seormc's Health Fair at our city park.

Nobles, please mark your calendars and take part in your club activities.

On another note of interest, Noble Dave Mauer has stepped forward to take over as president of our Shrine Club for 2012. Thanks to Dave for doing this task.

Nobles, did you read the Aladdin's *Lamp*?" The following are dates to consider:

March 23 - Shriner's Night with the Columbus Blue Jackets

March 29-31 & April 1, our 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Shrine Circus;

April 20 - Annual Spaghetti Dinner at our Aladdin Temple

April 15-19 - Golf Trip to Santee

June 10-11 - Walleye Fishing Trip

There will be a Vadalía Onion Sale, order by April 15. Did you read about the dolphin and our Cincinnati Burns Hospital? Did you read about the update on our Erie Shriners' Hospital?

Nobles, are you aware of "ASHAC?" This is the Aladdin Shriners Hospital Association for Children Inc. The organization donates money to local entities to be used for children. Our local hospital has received considerable monies for use within the hospital for treating children.

Nobles, remember and mark your calendars for the above dates, and take part in your club activities. See you at the next event.

# Steubenville *by Leonard W. Morris*

Our club is off to a good year with Noble Tom McNeil and his officers lighting the way. Our meeting in February was one of varied discussion without any special decisions.

Plans are to have our annual pancake breakfast which will be April 14. Tickets are \$5.00 each and will be available and be distributed as required to each member for his own use or to be sold to others. Noble Jerry Williams is chairman. The breakfast will be held, courtesy of Applebee's Family Restaurant supplying location and food supplies. Members will prepare and serve the meals. This has been a very helpful breakfast to fund the expenses of our club. We sincerely thank Applebee's for its generosity.

Noble Tony Violi recently enjoyed a family visit in California and says hello to all of his friends and wants you to know he is just fine.

In the faith and God Bless America.

# Masonic Night at The Shrine *by Dick Bull*

Ill. Potentate Michael D. Tyne has set Monday, April 23 for the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Masonic Night at the Shrine. It will be held at 6:45 p.m. in the auditorium of Aladdin Shrine Center.

All Master Masons in good standing are cordially invited to attend and enjoy an evening of fellowship while witnessing the Master Mason Degree being performed on a candidate from Westgate Lodge #623, home lodge of the Potentate. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m.

The work will be exemplified by the Past Masters Unit under Directors Dick Bull, Phil Clouse, and Neil Elam. The Reception, Registrars, Legion of Honor and Audio Units will be assisting. Harold Nairn will be in charge of refreshments to be served at approximately 9:35 p.m.

Most Worshipful Bro. Kevin B. Todd, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, is scheduled to be in attendance along with several other Grand Lodge officers.

The only requirement for admission is a current Lodge dues card. Aprons will be available at the door, although you may bring your own if you prefer. We hope to see you there.



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## PAST MASTERS

by Dick Bull

We welcome our newest reserve member of the Past Masters Unit, Wor. Bro. Larry E. Blake, a Past Master of Salina Lodge #27 in Malden, W. Va. He was initiated into Aladdin on December 3.

Clayton Weber, First V.P., has arranged our annual March dinner meeting at the Florentine Restaurant on Monday, March 26 with a social hour at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. All details are in our unit newsletters.

Unit members are preparing to assist the Reception Unit in ushering at the Aladdin Shrine Circus from March 29 - April 1.

Masonic Night at the Shrine will be Monday, April 23 in the auditorium at Aladdin Shrine Center. Oriental Guide Ronald Leonard is coordinating all arrangements. More details are in a separate article in this issue of the *Lamp*. In preparation for this event, we are coordinating with Wor. Bro. Bruce Kinsey, a member of our unit and again Master of Palestine Lodge #158 in Marysville, to perform the Master Mason Degree there in late March or mid-April. A date will be set shortly.

We are saddened to report the death of Janice Butts, wife of our Past President Jack Butts and mother of our former member Ralph Butts. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

George Miller is doing well following polyp surgery (no cancer) and some colon removal. Rollie Lattaner had knee joint replacement and is doing well. Joy fell at the hospital while visiting him and hit her head but, hopefully, all is OK. Ebby Brewer had tests that indicate that his throat cancer is in remission, and we are all elated over that good news. Keep all of these people in your thoughts and prayers plus George Roloson, Al Pettigrew, George Finch, and Bob Sims.

## Aladdin's CAR CLUB

by Jack Van Gundy,

The Aladdin Car Club is ready to "roll on" to a great 2012. Our next meeting will be held on March 21 in the Oasis Room. We will have the social hour at 6:00 p.m. with the meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m. New business will focus on our annual car show and tour ideas for the coming months.

For those members who haven't paid their 2012 dues, please send them to our treasurer, Don Howard, or bring them to our March meeting.

Join Potentate Michael Tyne

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## Marching WITH THE LEGION

by Dick Luckay & Jim Rock

THE POTENTATE'S VISIT – It was quite an event when Ill. Sir Mike Tyne and members of the Divan paid their official visit to the Legion of Honor on February 13. The pre-dinner conviviality was outstanding and the meal was ample and delicious.

Commander Rock was a fine Master of Ceremonies and the program was well received. The Potentate reaffirmed his feelings regarding the importance of Aladdin's Legion of Honor and the how well they represent Aladdin at all the parades and Shrine functions. He stressed the overriding importance of increasing the membership of not only the Legion but also of the Shrine itself. His remarks were well received and led to an increased determination to follow through on the increased membership requirement.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of checks totaling \$1,200 to Ill. Sir Tyne that provided: \$100 to the ladies program for burns research at the Cincinnati Burns Hospital, \$100 for the Potentate's "Dolphin" program, \$250 to the Cincinnati Burns Hospital, \$250 to the Lexington Orthopedic Hospital, \$250 to the Erie Shrine Hospital itself, and \$250 to the Aladdin Shrine Hospital Association for Children (ASHAC) restricted fund. The Potentate was pleased, surprised, and grateful for the Legion's generosity. Chaplain Kreutz provided the benediction that concluded an enjoyable, meaningful, and worthwhile evening.

SPECIAL DAYS FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE – It probably seemed just like yesterday (or perhaps the day before yesterday) that those wedding bells rang out for Dave and Lucy Ozvat (4/4), PC Bob and Carol Faber (4/8), Ron and Elaine Leonard (4/16) and Glenn and Judy Ferrone (4/26). Hope the day will relive all those memories that go to make up your life together. It's birthday time (again) for PC Willie Fitchett (4/1), Commander Jim Rock (4/6), PC Robert Spencer (4/9) and Gail Kreutz (4/10). Birthdays come and go. The important thing is to keep them coming! God Bless to one and all.

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS – The LOH 2012 *Membership, Emergency Notification, and Special Events Roster* has been published and is now available. If you do not yet have your copy, please contact Adjutant Bob Faber to obtain this important and informative document.

It is requested that all members be as generous as possible in scheduling time to participate in the circus at the fairgrounds this year to present the Colors at all performances. Bob Krieger will be calling in this regard shortly, so please check your calendars and help out as much as possible.



## Flying Nobles

by Lee McKelvey

This winter has been great so far. Sunshine and calm wind today is as good as it gets. Beautiful day for flying or playing golf. I hope it lasts another month. As I write this, it's only mid-February. Our meetings were cancelled in January and February because of the only two bad days we had.

The club needs to get its activities going soon. Before we can have a club picnic, there needs to be more member participation to make it a success.

We don't have as many planes to have a fly-out as we once did. Many of us have sold our planes but we can always rent one if our medicals are in order.

The Shrine Circus runs from March 29 - April 1 at the Ohio Expo Center.

Tabloid Day is May 26, and we hope to have a location for the Flying Nobles. Two of the Divan members are pilots and are Flying Nobles. Garol Rogers and David Wolfe are owners of planes, and Garol will fly out with us when he can.

If you haven't sent in your dues, please send them to David Ray so he can plan our financial budget for the year.

The Lodge inspections are going on until April 17 in our district and I have attended some. Our Lodge has taken the gavel back to Rickly twice so far. Those Lodge officers do a great job at inspection time.

David Ray reported that he also is not planning a trip to Oshkosh this year. It takes a lot of work, responsibility, and there is liability involved to undertake the trip. Dave just got over knee surgery. I thank Dave for all the work he has done in the past years for the Oshkosh trips.

We are due for a trip to the Air Force Museum at Dayton. But that's another trip we look to Dave because he drives and needs to schedule the bus if we have enough to take the bus; otherwise, we can drive ourselves.

The Imperial at Charlotte will be a nice trip and it's about 420 miles to drive. You have until May 30 to decide if you want to make the trip. With spring on the way, things will get better. Stay well.

## Licking County

by Franklin C. Boner

It saddens me to report that God has once again reminded us of our mortality and has sent the Black Camel galloping through our ranks and carried three Licking County Shriners to their final reward. Taken were Noble Perry E. Rieder, Sr., an active member of his Symbolic Lodge, the Rites, and an active member of the Licking County Shrine Club, having served as president; Noble Neil F. Buxton, a member of the Utica and Licking County Shrine Clubs; and Nobel Oscar W. Brooks, Jr. We are all saddened by their departure and extend our heartfelt sympathy to their families.

Upon receipt of this article, March 1 lunch will be history, and plans for the coming year will have been presented by Noble President Terry Hill and his corps of officers. Noble Hill has stated that 2012 will be a work-and fun-filled year in support of our Shrine philanthropies. His plans will involve Nobles and their ladies, so stay tuned for future activities.

Dates of importance this month include the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Aladdin Shrine Circus, March 29 - April 1, at the Ohio Expo Center, Celeste Center.

Noble Secretary Ed Roberts reports that your 2012 dues card is available and may be picked up at the monthly lunch meeting.

Finally, every Licking County Shriner is an ex officio member of the Licking County Shrine Club and is invited and encouraged to attend and support our activities.

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# Tarhe Shrine

by David Mowry



Tarhe's first meeting of the year was held on February 16, at the VFW in Baltimore. Our program was provided by Tim Byers and Dan Barham, who spoke to us about estate and health care planning. A meal was provided by Sammi J's catering from Millersport. Thank you, to all who attended.

Our next meeting will be on March 15, again at the Baltimore VFW. A speaker and business meeting will follow dinner.

Social hour will be at 6:00 p.m., with dinner and programing beginning at 7:00 p.m. Any exceptions to this will be noted on the reminder cards for each month.

You are being sent by mail reminder cards about all meetings. Please let us know if you are not receiving your cards, so we can make sure we have an updated address for you. And if you know of another member of Tarhe who is not receiving reminder cards, please let us know so we can correct this as well.

Remember, for 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>. Also, keep in mind that 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.

### Upcoming Meetings:

April 19 - Reservations due by April 14.

Reservations can be made by calling 740-215-6849 or by email at [tarheshrineclub@gmail.com](mailto:tarheshrineclub@gmail.com).

# Hardin County

by Ken Rossman

Our regular meeting was held on February 15 at Veteran's Memorial Park Clubhouse with 44 Nobles and guests in attendance. Our guests were P.P. Calvin Smith and Frank Habeker from Aladdin Temple and the son and grandson of Noble Rowe Garmon.

Noble Rossman opened the evening with a prayer. Noble Garmon led us in The Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Broseke noted that Shrine Hospital Association for Children has money available for qualified groups.

Ben Garmon, son of Noble Rowe Garmon, was presented a scholarship from our club — we congratulate him and wish him the best.

P.P. Calvin Smith gave a brief talk and stressed the need for us to spread the word and increase our membership in the Shrine. He also noted that if assistance is needed it is available.

Noble Don Doll said our annual onion sale will start in March with onions due to arrive the first week of May. It will be \$10.00 for 10 pounds of onions. He will order more than we got last year.

It was noted by 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. Mankey, who was in charge, that Club President Gene Longbrake had a by-pass heart operation. He is doing well and we wish him the very best as he recovers.

Noble Tim Holmes noted the importance of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. A motion was made and carried to donate \$500.00 to this important project.

It was noted and agreed that all leftover food will be given to the New Food Service in Kenton to give to hungry people.

Noble Don Doll reported that not many people know that the Shriners work at the Mistletoe Ball at The Armory for the benefit of Hardin Memorial Hospital. Workers are Nobles Gilbert, Michel, Don Doll, and Wynegar. Thank you ,Nobles. Workers donate their fees to the hospital.

Noble Gilbert noted that the price of everything is going up. If we pay \$1,700.00 up front to Mt. Victory Meats, our price will remain as it is now. A motion was made and carried to do this. Gilbert also noted that there is a big difference in the price of fish. Everyone agreed to get the perch even if the price is higher. Gilbert also suggested we consider raising our dues to cover the higher cost of food. This was tabled until our next meeting.

Noble Larry Weaver closed our business meeting with a prayer. We dined on a great meal prepared and served by Nobles Gilbert, Wagner, Doornbus, Garmon, Rice, Heydinger, and Ridgeway. Great job, Nobles. Thank you for a job well done.

# Gallipolis

by Frank Petrie, Jr.

Those of us in southeastern Ohio are hoping our mild winter holds for a little while longer and that spring is on the way.

We wish to offer our congratulations to our own Noble Todd Jones for being appointed to the Divan. We know he will make us proud.

By the time you read this, we will have completed a run to the dogs (Cross Lanes Grey Hound Track, that is) on March 3. Hope everyone won lots of money. We will have on March 17 a prime-rib dinner in honor of St. Valentine and St. Patrick. Nobles, be sure to bring your lovely ladies for a festive evening. Don't forget the trip up river to Marietta for their great shrimp fest on March 26. On April 7, we will have a fundraising spaghetti dinner at the club. New fundraising ideas are always welcome.

Our trail riding committee is hard at work preparing for our April 28 Third Annual Trail Ride. The committee needs lots of help and lots of donations for the accompanying raffle. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Also, would everyone please pray for better weather this year (Ha!) Don't forget to make plans for our Mackinac Island trip August 7 - 10.

**Bring in the Clowns:** Our President Noble Larry Betz is working to resurrect the Gallipolis Club clown group. Several members have already purchased their outfits. They hope to bring lots of good cheer where ever possible. Atta Boy, Noble Clowns!

We have once again been visited by the Black Camel. On February 8, 2012, Noble Ken Morgan passed away. Noble Ken was a long-time active member until health problems slowed him down. He will be sadly missed by friends and family.

Remember Nobles and Ladies, enthusiasm is excitement with inspiration, motivation, and a bit of creativity thrown in.

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

# Northeast News

by Calvin Smith, PP

Our February meeting was highlighted by our speaker, Dr. John Wood, the 28-year director of the The Ohio State University marching band. His talk was most entertaining.

His 38 years as an assistant director and director spanned, as he put it, "six head football coaches." He spoke of their influence on the traditions of the band and on how certain performances were arranged. There was just so much history to absorb: the occasion of the birth of the term the "Best Damned Band in the Land" first spoken by Woody Hayes at a fall pep rally; how Coach Tressell unfolded his design for team entrances and his desire to have the team sing "Carmen Ohio" accompanied by the band after every game, win or lose; how each coach embraced the band and its value to the energy of every game.

He provided insights into the structure of the band and one in particular – because our band is an all brass band they can perform regardless of the weather. He also spoke about the band's military style and revealed that their first uniforms were United States Army band uniforms that OSU dressed up with some scarlet and gray and white belting. He is a remarkable man with a remarkable way of making his career come alive through vignettes of the lives of others.

The meeting was otherwise filled with grand fellowship, good food, and pleasant conversation. The immediate Past Potentate and his Lady Betsy were in attendance--they both looked very rested ? All-in-all it was a fun evening.

See you at the March meeting; watch for Frank Habeker's announcement and get your reservation in early. Bring a friend; they are always most welcome.

# Worthington

by Bob Stevenson

Since February was a short month, this will be a short report. Our February meeting was a good one with an update on the 32<sup>nd</sup> Masons Learning Center and the work it does with dyslexic kids in our community and other Valleys in the United States.

March will be a discussion of Tabloid and its future by me! I am anxious to hear what I have to say. I hope it's interesting, but I don't hold out a lot of hope. I am mostly an opening act for our speaker next month.

The annual visit by the Ohio Nurseryman, our own Noble Fred Hower, is the best attended program of the year. This year will probably deal with a lot of questions on the crazy weather we are having (I write this on 2/29 when it was 65). Flowers are coming up; I'm on Claritin already, and how this will affect our growing season is anyone's guess. But Noble Fred will know. So plan to attend our meeting on April 5. Should be very worthwhile.

On May 3, we will have Mr. Dean Ringle, Franklin County Engineer. He will be discussing the infrastructure in our area.

**Coming Events:** We have a problem with the May 26 Tabloid date as key locations in Worthington and Dublin are already taken. We will have an alternate date for you as soon as we can.

Don't forget to plan a day at Muirfield to help with the Tournament, May 28 - June 3. This work not only supports our club directly, but we also support the premier sporting event of the year.

See you all soon, and don't forget to call a fellow Noble to see if he needs a ride to our dinner.



## In Memoriam

Charles E. Hedges

Bill Leeson P.P. 1984

Gerald E. Staiger

Neil F. Buxton

J. Roger Nelson

O. Denver Williams



# Just Clowning Around

*by Greg “Pozi” Osborne*

## “Spring” Into Action

Despite the good weather, spring is still around the corner. However, several things have already started to bloom within the Aladdin Clown Unit.

First, congratulate our newest active clown, Ron "Cappy" Choina. Additionally, the Clown Unit is working hard in preparation for the upcoming Aladdin Shrine Circus, which will take place March 29 - April 1. Clown skit rehearsals are well under way and the talk is that this will be the best circus to date. Remember, this is a very important event. Everyone needs to jump into the ring and help in order to make the circus a success. The clowns are also shining up the clown bus, refreshing props, and mending costumes in preparation for what appears to be a very active parade season.

By the time you read this, the Clown Unit will have sent several clowns to the GLS.C.U.A Mid-year Convention. This year the convention will take place at the King's Island Inn near Cincinnati. The clowns planning to attend are Don "Toots" Tootle, Mike "Buckethead" Clark, Greg "Pozi" Osborne, and the Clown Unit's GLS.C.U.A representative, John "Skates" Knoepfler. In addition to attending seminars to improve our skills, each clown will be competing in several competition categories as well. The results will be forthcoming.

Finally, remember to renew your dues. Membership within our organization is on the decline. Additionally, give a little of your time each month as well. If each member gave only one hour per month to better our organization, that would amount to nearly 6,000 man-hours monthly. Just think of the accomplishments we could achieve. The future of our organization, our sons, and grandsons is in our hands. My son is 31 and currently serving away in the U.S. Marine Corps. My grandsons are 11 and 4. I so badly want to bring them into our fraternity. However, unless we each act now, that very well may become a dying dream. Let us spring into action now while we still can so that future generations will enjoy the things many now take for granted.

### Jerry Staiger, 1935-2012

*By Don Tootle, PD*

How difficult it is emotionally to write this article regarding the passing of a dear friend following other recent deaths. The Aladdin Clown Unit lost an icon on February 24 with the passing of Jerry Staiger. It was a surprise yet his health had been declining for several months.

When asked to give a eulogy of memories at Jerry's memorial service, the clowns were reluctant, since many memories were not appropriate for church! When you look up "ornery," "mischievous," or "fun loving" in the dictionary, Jerry defined them all. He loved life; humor was at the center.

Despite Jerry's physical limitations, difficulties that we can only imagine, I never remember Jerry without a smile on his face. He was someone who loved sharing his joy of life with everyone. As his minister said, inside that small body was a big man.

My favorite memories of Jerry were his joy of annually hosting all the clowns and families before and after the Bucyrus Bratwurst Parade – the sweet corn, brats and sauerkraut, cherry bounce, grilled steaks, and of course the stories and much laughter.

Jerry was well recognized as an Aladdin clown, not only locally, but by the GLSCUA and the ISCA as well. He was loved by all. God bless you Jerry and thank you for providing us with a wealth of great memories and for being a role model of what a good clown should be.

## Ross County

*by Dan Riddle*

By the time this is published, it will officially be springtime in Ross County! Even though it has felt like spring most all winter long, it is a great feeling when it becomes official. We had a terrific turnout at our February meeting. Fifty-five Nobles attended. When we get those snowbirds like Lloyd Trego and Don Morris back from Florida, our numbers should really swell.

Mike Haller and his crew prepared a super meal of baked spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, and dessert. I guess this was Mike's subtle way of reminding us of our annual Spaghetti Dinner. It will be here before you know it.

The Sunshine Committee reported several members were ill or will have had surgery. Please keep John Vanek, Cliff Woods, Ron Harper, Clyde Warth, and George Sparks in your thoughts and prayers.

On a brighter note, we were happy to welcome a new member to the club this month. Larry Hehiser of Logan Elm Lodge #624 was introduced and welcomed by his brother Nobles.

We would all like to thank Nobles Mike Haller, Brad Burns, and Jay Morgan for the cleanup and paint job on the east wall behind the podium. It now proudly displays the Distinguished Shriner Award plaque. Not only did it really brighten up that end of the club, but it will help Noble President Dave Duckworth look good while he is running our meetings.

Speaking of the Distinguished Shrine Award, don't forget that you can nominate any Noble, living or deceased, who you feel deserves the award. Also, we would like to encourage everyone to purchase memorial pavers for the area just outside the main door. They are \$50.00 each and are a great way to remember a fallen noble.

Was it just me or did anybody else notice that HUGE smile on Jay Morgan's face during the meeting?

## KENTUCKY COLONELS

*by Ron Fraser*

President Smith opened the meeting by asking Past Potentate Dee Mowry to give the invocation and to lead us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. The 30 members and guests then enjoyed another terrific meal. After , President Smith introduced the officers of the club and asked past presidents to stand and give the year they were president. President Smith introduced Past Potentates Bill Estell, Dee Mowry, Cal Smith, and Potentate Mike Tyne. After the business of the club was finished, Secretary Rike read a card from P.P. Mowry thanking the Club for the \$200.00 donation to the fund for the Alzheimer buildings at the Masonic Homes.

P.P Estell and P.P. Smith gave eloquent talks on membership and the importance of stressing the fun part of the Shrine. Potentate Tyne talked about events and the lack of participation and asked for suggestions on what the membership really wants. Potentate Tyne closed by requesting a large turnout of Aladdin Shriners at the Car Show and Corn Roast coming up as the Imperial and his Lady will be attending.

President Smith asked new Colonel Larry Heshiser to come forward and be initiated into the Aladdin Kentucky Colonel's Club. Colonel Heshiser got the full top brass treatment as Past Potentate Mowry initiated him with the aid of Potentate Tyne, Past Potentates Estell and Smith. That is one initiation he is sure to remember! President Smith then closed the meeting and asked Chaplain P.P. Mowry to give the benediction.

To all Aladdin Kentucky Colonels, come and participate in the fun and fellowship at the next meeting. Nobles, if you are not a Kentucky Colonel and want to become one, we will be more than happy to help you obtain your commission.



## Aladdin Shrine Band

*by Dave Haney*

In case you varmints haven't noticed, we managed to make it through to March. Almost one-fourth of the year is in the can. Not to mention, we survived February 29. That makes it a Leap Year for those of you who follow such things. In those years, women are allowed to propose marriage. Kind of like Sadie Hawkins Day if you remember the comic strip *Li'l Abner*. I believe the women got to chase the men they wanted with a club. Sounds really romantic, doesn't it? Who could forget the smooze, Evil Eye Fleegle, Stupefytin' Jones, Daisy May. My wife chases me with a club, but romance has nothing to do with it!

In an effort to keep you more educated, and believe me it is going to take an effort, we will undertake a study of some colloquialisms. You know what those is, huh? It is not a flower, you big dummy! It is a regional or local dialect expression. One of my very favorites is "Where are you at!" (How about, where are you?") Usually the answer is "How the #\$!!? am I supposed to know?" This usually occurs while traveling with your spouse in an automobile, and you are trying to find out how to get somewhere. It is usually preceded by the statement "You were supposed to turn off back there." Never mind that you were going about 30,000 mph at the time. My favorite is "I think we are heading in the wrong direction." (Being sideways on the road is usually a good indication that this has occurred) or "Let's stop and ask for directions." (The last time that happened was half way up Pike's Peak)

Thinking too much is what got me into this mess to begin with. I don't need directions; I know exactly where we are. We're lost! I just get in the car and drive around 'til I find it. That is what a real guy would do! But I digress! (In public?)

**Here is the colloquialism for the month.** Where does the expression "to highball" come from? It is not from that bar you got thrown out of in your sordid youth. (Hey, it's five o'clock somewhere. Right?) Tune in next month for the answer.

**Speaking of sordidness, the schedule follows.** Get to rehearsals. This band will be as good as you want it to be, but that is hard to do if you ain't thar, brother!

Stay tuned for this one. It appears to be in constant motion. We don't know where we're at! I have asked for directions. (So there!)

**Circus:** Uniforms will be the usual concert band uniform. Green coat, heather taupe, brown shoes, yellow band shirt. Socks this time and the funny hat! Don't forget to be there!

March 29 - Thursday 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.

March 30 - Friday 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.

March 31 - Saturday 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.

April 1 - Sunday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

After this point, the Mayan calendar runs out and the world is supposed to end. Why are you still here?

**From the "I never thought of that department:"**

You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice. Or if at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you!

Since we are now besieged by polls of every type for the next twelve months, the latest survey shows that three out of four people make up 75% of the population.





62<sup>nd</sup> Aladdin  
**Shrine CIRCUS**  
Ohio Expo Center, Celeste Center  
**March 29 - April 1**



PERFORMANCES AT

Thursday, March 29	3:00 & 7:30
Friday, March 30	3:00 & 7:30
Saturday, March 31	11:00, 3:00, & 7:30
Sunday, April 1	1:00 & 5:00

TICKET PRICES

VIP	\$25/\$13*
Center Reserve	\$18/\$9*
Reserve	\$16/\$8*
Value	\$10/\$5*

*\*Child tickets - 12 years and under*

**Join us for Good Old Days at The Circus**  
**All tickets on Thursday, March 29 are \$8.00!**

**Aladdin Shrine Ticket Office**

614-475-2609, ext. 29  
800-475-3850, ext. 29  
3850 Stelzer Road, Columbus

**February 27 - March 30**  
Monday - Friday 10:00 - 6:00 AM

**March 29 - April 1**  
Celeste Center ticket office will open one hour  
before each show.



# SHRINERS IMPERIAL TRIP

**July 1-5 Charlotte, North Carolina**

**Includes:**

- 4 Nights Lodging at Crown Plaza
- Welcome Party - Sunday

- Banquet - Tuesday
- Parade & Afterglow - Wednesday
- Daily Hospitality Room

**Noble Information - Imperial Trip**

Noble \_\_\_\_\_ Lady \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit/Club \_\_\_\_\_  
If rooming with another Noble, other Noble's name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Children's Names and Ages, if attending \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Mark Selections Below**

	Price Per Person	Number Attending	Total Cost
SINGLE OCCUPANCY	\$ 695.00	_____	_____
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	\$ 399.00	_____	_____
[ ] 1 King Bed [ ] 2 Double Beds			

Arrival Date\* \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date\* \_\_\_\_\_

*\*If left blank, we will assume you are arriving July 1 and leaving July 5.*

*We will make reservations on your behalf for additional days but you will be responsible for payment at hotel.*

**OPTIONAL EVENTS**

NASCAR (Mon.)	\$75.00	_____	_____
Billy Graham (Wed.)	\$39.00	_____	_____
BIG RED	\$50.00	_____	_____

*Big Red will be limited to the first 32 reservations.*

**INDIVIDUAL EVENT TICKETS**

Parade Afterglow	\$35.00	_____	_____
Banquet	\$60.00	_____	_____

TOTAL

**Payment Options**

- Payment in Full OR \$150 Deposit Per Person
- Deposit Deadline: April 15, 2012
- Balance must be paid in full by May 30, 2012

Check Enclosed ( )  
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Deposit Only ( )

Credit card ( )  
Payment in full ( )  
Deposit Only ( )  
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Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
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