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# Important Hospital News: Great Things Are Happening

by Michael D. Tyne 33° Potentate, Aladdin Temple

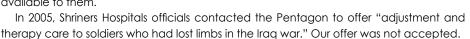
Imperial Sir Douglas Maxwell, Past Imperial Potentate and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Shriners Hospitals for Children, offered some very interesting information in his Fall 2012 Message. Great things are happening in our Shriners Hospital System that you may not have heard about. I want to share some of his comments with you.

On Friday August 31, 2012, a new Ambulatory Surgical Center was opened in Tijuana, Mexico, only a few miles from the U.S./Mexico border. This beautifulnew facility has been named the Harland Sanders Building in honor of both Colonel Harland Sanders, founder of Kentucky Fried Chicken, and the KFC Foundation, which provided a very generous donation to the project. Did you know that the Colonel was a Shriner?

The new building includes 3 surgical suites and 16 doctor's offices and exam rooms. An adjacent 1990s structure referred to as the "Casita" will be renovated and will house Shiners Clinics for pre-operative and post-operative care.



Prior to opening this new Surgical Center, children in northwest Mexico who needed our care were treated at the Shriners Hospital-Los Angeles. These patients and their parents required passports and visas to enter the U.S. and encountered fees, long delays at border crossings and transportation to L.A. Now, our excellent "Shriner Care" is readily available to them.



Subsequently, in June of this year, the idea was revived with the concept of helping returning warriors from the Afghanistan War who have been fitted with prosthetic devices and require continual adjustment and therapy.

Initially, Imperial Sir Maxwell spoke with General Richard Myers, retired Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. General Myers graciously offered to set up meetings with "the right people" in Washington.

Since then, the Under Secretary of Defense inquired as to our motivations, our expertise, costs, etc. In response to the question "what do we want from this?" Our answer was: "These brave men and women, who have served and protected us and the United States, as many Shriners have done through the generations, deserve our expert care, perfected after many years of taking care of children." Additionally, we proposed that we would help "wounded warriors" who have served in all areas of armed conflict from the Viet Nam era through Desert Storm, Iraq and Afghanistan. What a great idea, as Shrine/Masons, to show how much we truly care for those who served our country and suffered tremendous losses in performing their duty. A "tip of the fez" to Imperial Sir Maxwell for pursuing this most noble cause.

Finally, I want to acknowledge and endorse Imperial Sir Maxwell's proposed "Follow-up Care Clinics." The idea is to locate part-time clinic facilities closer to a patient's home. Many of our Shrine Centers provide transportation



for patients and parents to Shriners Hospitals that are located six to eight hours away. Currently, for example, Aladdin Road Runners are transporting patients to Philadelphia, Chicago and St. Louis, as well as to our own hospitals in Erie, Cincinnati and Lexington. Often, post-operative and follow-up care is relatively minor and having a "clinical facility" closer to home would be a great convenience for our patients, family and to our Road Runners. Think of the wear and tear

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Douglas E. Maxwell

President & CEO



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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

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Potentate: Michael D. Tyne Chief Rabban: William R. Amspaugh Assistant Rabban: Garol Rogers High Priest and Prophet: David E. Wolfe Oriental Guide: Ronald Leonard Treasurer: Dennis D. Feyh Recorder: Donald G. Goodman **Appointed Divan** 1st Ceremonial Master: Jon M. Kinney 2<sup>nd</sup> Ceremonial Master: Todd Jones

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# Chaplains Chat

by Chaplain D. Dee Mowry, PP

October's the tenth month of the year according to the Julian and Gregorian calendar and one of the months with 31 days. October was the eighth month in the old Roman calendar, hence the name October derived from the Latin "octo" meaning eight. It lost its eighth place after January and February were inserted in the original Roman calendar. We look at October as the beginning of fall in the northern hemisphere and the beginning of spring in the southern hemisphere. It is also the time when the Masonic bodies get back into the "full operating mode."

While in Charlotte, it was my pleasure to have an enjoyable lunch with a long distance friend, Randall Roof, from the near-by town of Great Falls, SC. Randall is the Chief Raban of Outhouse #1, Hillbilly Clan #2. Their Clan sponsored a gun (or \$500.00) "give-away" (translation-raffle) which produced \$3,481.00 for the Shrine Hospitals. They are also again producing their "Poor Ole' George" CAL-EN-DUR which is a work of art and another money maker for the cause. In addition to the calendar, it offers "Recipeess, Folklore, Celebrity Outhouses, Old Tyme Remedies and lotza other USELESS STUFF." It is quite a "work of art." The Shrine offers many opportunities for unique friendships.

Traditionally, we look at October as a month of harvests. In Matthew, chapter 9, verses 37 and 38, we read the words, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." So it is with the Shrine, let us send out laborers to "harvest" our Blue Lodge

brethren. Better yet, let us be the laborers and do our part in the joy of introducing Masons into the joy of Shrinedom. Remember the date December 1 for a full ceremonial.

Answer from the September question: (What Egyptian official had a feast prepared for his kinsmen from back home?) Answer: Joseph (Genesis 43:16-34) This was the same guy in the answer last month – gotcha'!

Another question: What kind of person, according to Proverbs, should be given wine? Answer next month.

# A Membership Memo

by Calvin Smith, PP

Our world, however you define it, is definitely changing; climate, politics, economics, education; just name it. I don't know about yours, but my life is a very high level of flux. I constantly find my brain saying, "where did that come from?" Or, "How did that happen?" But, there are things that do not change: Cleveland has pro sports in name only, Ohio State keeps getting bigger, school districts need more money, we all keep getting older and Shriners Hospitals are still committed to serving children.

What is this notion of commitment? Marriage is supposed to a commitment; staying true to your oath to stay the course in sickness and health, in good times and bad. Long story short, we Masons have taken on a commitment through teachings and obligation. When took our oath at our Shrine Ceremonial when we swore on our very honor to always move the Shrine forward and to never oppose its purposes. We owe that to our fraternity – it is our commitment. It is not a frivolous gesture.

Do we still recognize that commitment? Are we living up to our oath? Here is a test.

- 1. Do you attend Blue Lodge meetings?
- 2. Do you attend the Ceremonials at Aladdin?
- 3. Do you stay at the Ceremonial at least until you have greeted the newest Nobles?
- 4. Do you try to bring new members into the fraternity?
- 5. Do you work at Tabloid?
- 6. Do you help your Shrine unit and/or Shrine club with their fundraising?
- 7. Do you treat your fellow Shrine Masons as honorable brethren?
- 8. Do your public actions reflect positively on our Masonic heritage?
- 9. Do you still hold that sense of excitement you held when first becoming a Mason? And...
- 10. Do you honor your God?

There is a passing score. You can determine what it is for yourself. I only ask what I always ask; reach out, find a good man, introduce him to the light of Shrinedom, petition him for the December 1 Ceremonial at Aladdin, bring him to that Ceremonial and fez him.

### Erie Hospital

by David Hunt

Named A U.S. News Top Physician

Congratulations go to John Lubahn, M.D. for being named a Top Hand Surgeon by U.S. News and World Report.

There are 290 top hand surgeons on the list of U.S. News Top Doctors. These physicians were selected based on a peer nomination process. Within the list of U.S. News top hand surgeons, 75, including Dr. Lubahn, have been named to a highly selective list of America's top doctors, placing him among the top 1% in the nation in his specialty.

Dr. Lubahn has been a member of the Erie Shriners medical staff since 1981. In addition, he has been on staff at UPMC Hamot since 1981, and has been with Hand, Microsurgery and Reconstructive Orthopaedics of Erie since 1987.

### exington Hospital

by Jim Hackett

Well, it was another busy month for the doctors, nurses and staff at Lexington Hospital in August. With their great skills, the doctors performed 75 surgeries on our kids.

There were 1,303 outpatient visits, a number that always amazes me. We had 313 new applications of which 3 were from Aladdin.

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on our vehicles, increased safety with shorter trips and greatly reduced transportation budgets. This plan will also reduce the time that parents have to take off work to travel with their child. The Follow-up Care Clinic could also serve as a screening clinic to qualify children who may be potential patients in our hospitals.

#### Aladdin Envisioned The Need

Isn't it particularly interesting that the proposed Follow-up Care Clinics and their envisioned evolution is exactly what Aladdin Shriners Hospital Association for Children (ASHAC) has been doing since the 1940s? With the support of thousands of generous Aladdin Nobles and other donors, we have maintained an excellent program, staffed by highly qualified pediatric orthopedic surgeons who provide specialized care to children in "Aladdin land." Of course, when appropriate, our patients are referred to the Shriners Hospital most suited to meet the child's special needs. But, if we can provide the required medical care locally or offer follow-up care after treatment in one of our hospitals, ASHAC is there for the convenience of the patients and parents. At the same time, our Road Runners and the Shriners Hospital System will be operating in a safer, more efficient and more economical manner.

Shriners Hospitals for Children are undergoing many changes. Healthcare is advancing at a rapid pace. Some of our hospitals are out-of-date and are being renovated or relocated.

Our operating policies and procedures are undergoing major revisions. The expected results include safer, more convenient care for our patients. Improvements in the way we deliver care and manage our Shriners Hospital system are expected to bring us to a financial break-even point by 2015 and minimize or eliminate the draw on our beleaguered endowment fund.

#### Status Quo - No Longer An Option

As our Shriners Hospitals undergo dramatic change, we also must make significant changes in our fraternity. Maintaining status quo is no longer an option. There is a sense of urgency. The black camel is devastating our ranks...the average age of an Aladdin Noble is over 67. Aladdin's membership has dropped to under 6,000.

Some of our clubs and units are fading away; a few have already ceased to exist. To reverse this trend, we must plan family-oriented activities that will attract and retain new members. We must revitalize the interest of "ghost" members...those who remit dues but do not participate in any of the fraternity's activities. We must stem the loss of hundreds of Nobles who leave the fraternity annually. Embrace change. Reinvent and apply the concept upon which our fraternity was founded: FUN. Our hospitals are getting a major overhaul. It is time to consider doing likewise in our clubs and units before they disappear. ~ Michael D. Tyne 33° Potentate, Aladdin Temple

### A Letter of Gratitude to the Shriners

Good afternoon, gentlemen. I received a letter today accompanying a donation from a grateful patient family. I receive these on occasion, but this one really stood out, so I spoke with the mother and asked if we could share it. I'm passing it along as the family's thanks extends to each one of you. I hope it makes your day like it did mine!

Best, Vanessa R. Mosley, CFRE, Director of Development, Shriners Hospitals for Children - Cincinnati

While words simply don't do it, our family wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the overwhelming kindness and care that we have received from you.

Our son had gynecomastia surgery there this summer after our insurance denied coverage at another hospital. As a middle class family we were not eligible for any other funding sources, and had told our son that the surgery was not going to happen. He has been the target of bullying for years, partly because of his gynecomastia.

When we were referred to Shriners, we waited to hear that he fell between the cracks again, and were astounded at the simple "yes" that followed.

Without exception this experience has been one of kind and professional individuals who eased our path–from Dr. Pan's attention, accessibility and expertise to each nurse we met and even the small gifts waiting for us on arrival. What an amazing place Shriners Hospital is.

We look forward to paying it forward over the years to come with financial support for your amazing organization, but more than that, we want you to know how overwhelmed we are by the experience that we have had. Our son's life will be fuller and more normal because of you all, and we are deeply grateful.

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Net loss/gain Monthly	9	
	Current	Yr to Date
Creations	1	20
Affiliations	0	3
Restored	2	35
Associate Members	0	1
TOTAL MONTHLY ADD	59	
TOTAL YEARLY with ADDS	6025	
Demits	0	1
Suspensions	0	0
Deaths	12	107
Associates Dropped	0	0
Reversals	0	0
TOTAL MONTHLY DROP	12	108
Membership 01/01/201	5920	
Associate Membership	46	
Total Membership 01-0	5966	



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### It's All Smiles for Shriners Hospitals for Children – Cincinnati

Cincinnati dentist David Beck, D.D.S., is bringing smiles to many people at Shriners Hospitals for Children®–Cincinnati. In recent conversations with staff member Pamm Kresser, Dr. Beck learned about the Cincinnati hospital and the many conditions treated here. Pamm also shared with him that there are many patients at the Cincinnati hospital who are in need of dental services.

Together, Dr. Beck and Pamm discussed how they could work together to provide this care. Their ideas quickly transpired into a volunteer opportunity for Dr. Beck, one that is now moving forward in a very positive way. Dr. Beck believes he can offer his knowledge, time and talent to patients at Shriners Cincinnati who might not otherwise ever see a dentist or doctor.

"Providing dental service to patients at the Cincinnati hospital will be especially valuable to the international and uninsured patients (for instance, Amish, Mennonite) explains Pamm. "Without Dr. Beck volunteering his services, a lot of these kids would go without any type of dental care. He will provide cleanings, routine care, as well as offer oral surgery if patients are in need." The

hope is that someday Dr. Beck can also be involved in the cleft lip and palate program, offering our patients the very best overall dental care in the area.

In addition to his work and family, along with volunteering at Shriners Hospitals for Children - Cincinnati, Dr. Beck is also moving through the degrees of Freemasonry. Currently, an Entered Apprentice in the Blue Lodge, his plans for becoming a Master Mason are well underway.

"I am looking forward to seeing the kids at Shriners and the bottom line for me is being able to give back." We think Dr. Beck is doing that in a very big way!





### DIVAN DAY WEEKEND & OPEN HOUSE

Friday, October 26 and Saturday, October 27, 2012



All Divans, Nobles, Masons, ladies and guests are invited to join us for this fun and informative weekend of events in Cincinnati. The Friday night social is a time for fellowship and fun as we dine overlooking the beautiful Ohio River and Queen City. Saturday provides our guests with an opportunity to visit the hospital, attend presentations about our innovative programs, meet hospital staff and find out what is new at your hospital.



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### SATURDAY DIVAN DAY PROGRAM & TOURS Saturday, October 27, 2012

Books, jewelry and SHC-C items will be available for purchase during the day. A portion of the proceeds from these sales will be donated back to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

8 - 9:30 a.m. Continental breakfast at

the hospital

9:30 a.m.-noon Ongoing hospital tours &

special events

Noon Hot buffet lunch for all guests

12:45 p.m. Presentations in the Atrium

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invited to attend the hospital's October board meeting

3:00 p.m. Activities & board meeting





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# Registrar Unit

by Art Puetz & Rodney Dixon

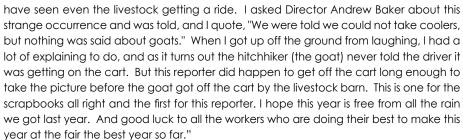
Sadly, summer has drawn to a close and fall is here. A couple of parades are under our belts and we await the Pumpkin Show to officially end the season.

A really enjoyable riverboat cruise on the Muskingum River with a great dinner and some hot banjo music capped off the summer season with a real bang. Thanks go to President Fred Henderson for suffering through all the arrangements he had to make to pull this event off in such fine fashion.

We took up almost three full tables at the Car Show and Corn Roast, and I think every registrar who was there personally received a lapel pin from the hand of Imperial Potentate Al Madsen.

A full report on the Delaware Fair will be in the next *Lamp*, but here is the first report on this year's goings-on:

"This Is Rodney, the roving reporter, at the Delaware County Fair where I have seen the Aladdin Shriners Registrar Unit's hard at work this year taking everyone to and from their cars. I



Until camels drink from the well of Zem-Zem...



by Dick Bull

The Potentate's visit to our unit on September 7 at Brookside Golf & Country Club was very successful. There were 67 Nobles and ladies in attendance. This was slightly smaller than last year, but we blame it on the Divan as only 3 couples from that group were in attendance as per Potentate Mike's economy procedures.

Director Dick Bull was embarrassed to present the Potentate with an I.O.U. for his general fund as we had not yet received our parking money from the Memorial Tournament .

Jim Moser presented the Potentate with two wood carvings. Jim's hobby is working with wood and his dolphin carving was beautiful.

Cal Bozeman was thoroughly surprised when he received the Shrine M.S.A. award from the Potentate for his many years of effort as a member of our unit.

Kathy Amspaugh accepted a check from Judy Smith, VP of our Ladies Auxiliary, for the Dolphin Fund.

We are pleased to have George Finch and his lady Karen in our midst. He has overcome serious pancreatic cancer surgery and is slowly gaining strength and weight.

Two of our members have been notified of their election to receive the 33° from Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in Indianapolis, Indiana, in September, 2013. Congratulations go to both Neil Elam and John Hollback who are very deserving of this high honor.

The Ladies Auxiliary is planning its annual dinner on October 22 for the men. This year it will be at Der Dutchman in Plain City. Judy Smith is in charge of arrangements. This event replaces our usual monthly meeting.

We plan to march in the Circleville Pumpkin Show Parade on October 19 and Gary Fortner will be in charge of the van.

Pat and Barb Davis renewed their wedding vows with a 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary observance at Mt. Carmel East Hospital where Barb has spent many days fighting a brain tumor. The nurses and staff helped in this "celebration."

Bob Roof, Tony Bachman and John Jones are healing well from knee replacements and we wish them well. Liz Stelzer fell on August 30 and received a compression fracture in her lower back. Since then, she had to return to the hospital for high blood pressure and heart rhythm problems. Ken Sparks is hoping to be able to reduce his oxygen requirements as he battles C.O.P.D. Jim Krinn is trying to gain strength after several weeks in Doctors West Hospital and then in a rehab facility. He was never diagnosed, but after several blood transfusions and some pulmonary problems, he is now on a low dose of oxygen most of the time.

We wish all of our distressed the very best and hope and pray that their lives will change for the better.

# Gallipolis

by Frank Petrie, Jr.

During July, the storms raged on and several parades were cancelled. Much of our tri-state area was plunged into darkness. Many of our Nobles were without electricity for several days. Now we find out the old fire truck is out of commission with mechanical problems. But don't you worry, "she" shall rise again and the old beauty will be repaired to carry us in the parades once more.

A "tip of the fez" goes to Noble Melvin Craft, Chairman of the Gallia Fair Gate committee, his gate captains and all the Nobles and ladies who helped with this large project. An appreciation dinner was held on September 9 for all the workers, and everyone had a great time.

On August 16, a golf scramble was held for club's Shriners. I understand a great time was had by all those in attendance. Many "thanks" go to Noble Jeff Goebel.

The club held a Widows Night Dinner with entertainment on July 29. It was a great evening with seven widows attending. They each received a lovely flower and were introduced to the crowd. We had Nathen Wood who provided a delightful hour of fun and song.

On September 15, the Hillbillys and Hillymays held their annual Hog Roast and initiation of new members.

I wish to thank Noble Richard Clifton for taking a lot of great pictures for our annual Trail Ride back in April. I know this is late, but thanks anyway.

During the evening of August 23, a donation was presented to Holzer Pediatric Division through Aladdin Shriners' Hospital Association for Children, Inc. Several of the staff from Holzer were on hand to receive the money which will be used to purchase diagnostic equipment for children.

We are looking forward to the Potentate's visit on October 20. Be sure to make plans to attend and make him and the Divan feel welcome.

The Black Camel has passed our way again. On March 31, 2012, Noble Bill McCulty passed away. He will be sadly missed by family and friends.

Our need is great! We need more road runners as our present crew has been really busy transporting our kids to various hospitals. If you can give a few hours to help, please contact Noble Melvin Craft.

We wish to thank Noble Chuck Easter and his collection crew at the Bob Evans Farm Festival and also Noble Jim Hazelrigg and his crew of bean rustlers at this same festival. Thank you, Nobles, for a job well done.

Please take note of the fact that The Gallipolis Shrine Club will be celebrating 70 years of Thursday night dinner-meetings in 2013. If any of our members have any memorabilia, pictures, or newspaper clippings, we would like to put together a history to share during 2013. Also, if anyone can add a picture to our wall of past presidents, please contact me or bring it to the club.

Remember, Nobles and ladies, if you're just treading water, you're not making much progress. See you on Thursday for supper at 6:30 p.m.

# Licking County

by Franklin C. Boner

Fall is here and winter is just around the corner. With fundraising activities behind us and snowbirds packing for the trip south, we must be nearing the time for the Potentate's visit. This year's event with the ladies will take place December 14, 2012 at an undetermined time and location. Next month's edition will include final details

Noble Secretary Ed Roberts reminds all of us that 2013 dues at \$5.00 are payable. He also reported several 2012 dues unpaid.

Our ill and distressed Nobles include Noble Robert Thomas who is continuing to convalesce at home and Noble Tom Wolford who is recovering from injuries suffered in a traffic accident. Please remember these mentioned and all those unmentioned Nobles and their families who need our prayers and concerns.

Don't forget our first Thursday noon lunch at the Grotto.

# Motorcycle Corps

by Larry Bell

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The Motorcycle Corp had a very busy summer. We were in the Bucyrus parade. Then we did the ride for the Masonic Home on August 25. On September 6, we had our Potentate's Visitation at Schmidts in German Village. This is our third year at Schmidts; it is liked by all and we had a great turnout.

The Corp also participated in the Grove City parade on September 15 followed by a cookout. We had our September dinner at P F Changs and it was well attended

We will have our Christmas party on December 13, 2012 at Shawnee Hills Civic Association, 36 W. Mohawk Dr., Shawnee Hills, Ohio, 43065-5072. Each person is asked to bring a white elephant gift marked "man" or "woman." RSVP to Warren Miller, 614-889-1904, by December 10, 2012.

The November Corp meeting will be November 15 at Aladdin. If you ride a bike from a mini bike to full dresser, we invite you to join the Corp.

Note: The 2012 dues are due now.



At The Aladdin Shrine Center Sunday - December 9

For Children and Grandchildren Ages 1-8 of Aladdin Members Only

Once again the Hospitality Unit of Aladdin Temple will sponsor a Christmas Party for the children and grandchildren of Aladdin Nobles. Santa Claus and all his helpers will be visiting.

Space will be limited to first 350.

youngsters who "believe in Santa" and all the wondrous things he conjures up in their minds.

AN ADMISSION TICKET IS REQUIRED

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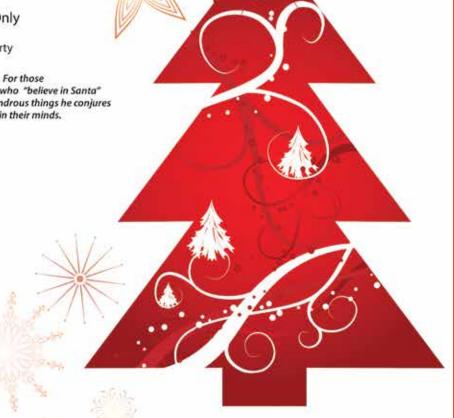
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# Just Clowning Around

by Wayne "WAYNO" Shriver

#### INSIDE THE HEAD OF ANDY "CHILLIE PEPPER" MELLMAN

I had the opportunity to interview GLSCUA President Andy "CHILLIE PEPPER" Mellman. Since Andy doesn't have a phone, we used soup cans and string.

**Me:** Hello, Andy, this is Wayno. **Andy:** Wayno? From Aladdin?

Me: Why yes, yes it is.

Andy: You will address me as MR. PRESIDENT, you peon!

Me: Uh... OK, Mr. President.

**Andy:** That's better. Proceed with your questions.

**Me:** Mr. President, is it true that you named yourself after the rock group "The Red Hot Chillie Peppers" because you have a thing for Fergie?

Andy: Wayno, you're an idiot! Fergie is with the Black Eyed Peas.

Me: Well...

**Andy:** I used to wear a hot sauce tie to work every day, and someone suggested that I call myself "Chillie Pepper."

**Me:** Isn't it true that the only reason you became the GLSCUA president was so you could eat first at the functions instead of last?

Andy: Well, rank does have its privileges.

Me: What was the best part of being a guest of Aladdin at the Imperial this summer?

Andy: Hearing "OH CRAP, HERE COMES ALADDIN" instead of saying it.

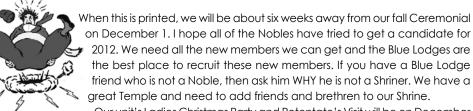
At this time Andy severed the line hooking us up because the Buckeyes were playing.

I will say this about Andy; he is a good man, great clown and friend. He has a done a great job as GLSCUA President and always puts the organization first.

The only way Andy could be a better clown, would be to join the Clown Unit from Aladdin.

### **Brutal Brothers**

by Ron Martino and Brian Tabit



Our unit's Ladies Christmas Party and Potentate's Visit will be on December 8 at the Makoy Center in Hilliard. Social hour is at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m.

There will be a letter and directions coming later so everyone can sign up to attend. It is always a great party and time to see the ladies in their best dressed outfits.

I urge all past active members, members, and apprentices to send me news for the *Lamp*. If you have had a new grandbaby or a new child in your family, please let me know by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month at jestron@outdrs.net. No item is too small.

### Northeast

by Calvin Smith, PP

Hello to all you Northeasters! We had a very nice evening at our September meeting trying to outdo each other's OSU duds and listening to the kick-off for the night by the Buckeye Brass. They played a good many rousing Ohio State songs which got us ready for Saturday's less than rousing game in the shoe. In a nut shell ,we ate, talked to each other a lot and clapped heartily with each introduction.

We will have held our October meeting and conducted our annual election by the time you receive this Lamp.

The Potentate visits our club on November 16 at Aladdin. This is our night to honor him. The agenda is his. Little else need be said. Be on the lookout for Frank's email and respond with your reservation.

I know that this is a quick read. There will be much more news in the next edition. Until then, rake those leaves and give the old lawn a little fertilizer. See you on November 16.

## Hardin County

by Ken Rossman

Our regular meeting was held on September 19 at Veterans Memorial Park Clubhouse with 48 in attendance. Noble Tim Jolliff opened the evening with a prayer then President Longbrake led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The secretary and treasurer reports were read and accepted as read.

Congratulations go to Treasurer Noble Tim Jolliff as he has just been awarded his 33°. He has earned this with many hours of work for the Masonic world and the Shrine organizations.

There was one guest for the evening–Joe Barbieri from Rising Sun, Indiana. We welcomed him to our club.

We gave a big hand to our kitchen crew for our meal.

Noble Cliff Wynegar is recovering from his surgery. Noble Rossman closed our meeting with a prayer.

A great meal was prepared and served by Nobles Sorgen, Heydinger, Gannon, Rice, Osborn, Gilbert, Michel, Ridgeway, Doombus and Hinebaugh. Well done, Nobles.

We wish happy birthday to Noble Rossman (84) and Neil Good (84).

It is not too early to start thinking about our Christmas party-plan ahead.

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### **Provost**

by John Rohal

If the attendance at the September meeting of the Provost Unit is any indication, our Nobles are ready to get back into the activities of the unit and Aladdin Temple,

even participating in the G. L. S. A. Parade in Lebanon on September 15.

The usual business meeting was conducted by Director Gene Steineman who offered his usual "corny" jokes, and reminded us of our annual ladies party in November and our unit's election of officers.



our annual ladies party in November Provost Treasurer Charlie Linek presents \$3650 check from Nationwide and our unit's election of officers. Children's Hospital Golf Tournament to ASHAC President Dick Luckay.

The secretary and treasurer reports were accepted as presented, and Charles Linek advised that a check in the amount of \$3,650.00 was received from the Nationwide Golf Tour and was presented to the Aladdin Shriners Hospital Association for Children (ASHAC). It was also reported that the money earned by our volunteers has not been received from the Memorial Tournament, and Dale Cline promised to make appropriate changes when the 2013 contract is negotiated.

It was reported that the Provost history report has been submitted to Ms. Frankie Foster, Editor of the *Aladdin's Lamp*, to be put into book form.

Provost badges were received and presented to Rich Aldridge, Christopher Baer, Kenneth Bethea, Aaron Dominey, Robbie Hartsell, Robert Laird, Eric Leonard, and Thomas Rice.

Director Gene announced that the unit's New Year's Eve hospitality room will be in the Marriott Airport Hotel. He also noted that Don Slemmer's "lost" cell phone case was returned to him at this meeting (?).

On September 6, the State Highway Patrol honored our original member, Robert M. Chiaramonte, by dedicating their Training Academy Heritage Hall in his honor. It is now the Colonel Robert M. Chiaramonte Heritage Hall. (Coincidentally, this was the day of his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday).

Celebrating birthdays in October are Thomas J. Colburn, Kenneth W. Corder, Russell H. Duffy, James M. Liebherr, Wayne A. Payne, and Theodore R. Shaeffer.

Our ill and injured now includes Chris Baer recuperating at home from an injury to his knee caused by a "mean old" golf cart, and Cindy Kinney (Jon's Wife) who is at home recovering from foot and ankle surgery on September 13, which was a result of an automobile accident.

It is with sadness that I report the deaths of two of our Provost Unit's original members, William C. George on August 27, and Frank C. Nedveski on August 28.

Our sympathy to Danny and Mary Ann Augg who lost their son, Brian, on September 1. Before the exit of our snowbirds, let's hope the meeting in October will be as well attended as the September meeting. See y'all then.

### 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 officers of the club wore their Aladdin Kentucky Colonels shirts and hats. Thirty-six members and guests then enjoyed all-you-could-eat pizza and salad.

Following the meal, President Smith asked the officers of the club to stand and introduce themselves and their ladies; again yours truly sat down before introducing my wife and was duly reminded by Past President Neil Mcleary! The past presidents of the club stood and gave the year they were president. A moment of silence was observed for club members who have passed since our last meeting.

Secretary Joe Rike read the minutes from our last meeting. Treasurer Colonel Neal McCleary gave the report on the finances of the club.

President Smith asked Past Potentate Dee Mowry to come forward to initiate three new members. He initiated Bob Jones, Bob Mane and Dale Rinehart into the club. Welcome, Colonels, and come back often.

President Smith told the members that hats and shirts are still available for sale. He also requested that members wear their white suits at the next meeting on October 23.

New member Bob Jones, District Deputy for the 7th Masonic District, gave an interesting talk on the role of Masonry in the American Revolution.

The meeting was closed by P. P. Mowry giving the benediction.

### Meet Aladdin's Oldest Noble



Congratulations to Rich

Noble Rich Frederick was 105 on August 19.

He is wheel-chair bound, but has a fantastic mind. He resides at Altercare of Bucyrus.

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# Aladdin Shrine Band

by Dave Haney

Well, we have reached another monthly milestone or millstone... whatever. It is now October and time to get your pumpkin frosted. Halloween will be upon us shortly and I asked my spouse whether the broom has had its annual checkup. That got a chuckle out of Green Eyes who hopes for a ride on the new Chevy Volt broom this holiday season.

Since summer is now over, we have finally given up on the "we need to get humming birds this summer" caper. A special effort was made to have the contraption that is supposed to attract those things hung in the right space. Of course, it has to be the right color and have the right stuff in it. Alas, the effort met with much frustration and only limited success.

We finally got one hummingbird to show up. They are very small, you know, so it is important to have the proper viewing eye support mechanism to see them. All in all, this is an expensive venture. Green Eyes says they are too fast to catch and not big enough to eat. The entire effort was met with multiple catnapping. Of course, we did attract an entire squadron of bees. Green Eyes says they are even smaller and cats don't eat bees.

Did any of you varmints come up with the answers to last months important sports questions?

- 1. The Cleveland Indians were founded in what year? 1901
- 2. They were a charter member of what league? American League
- 3. What was the historic event for the Indians in 1948? It was not the world series victory. They were the first team in the American League to add a black player to the roster. Larry Dobe played right field that year. A black player had been signed in Major League Baseball the year earlier. Jackie Robinson had been signed by the Brooklyn Dodgers of the National League the year before (1947). Just for the record I am now into the Brown's fan season. We did very well last week...we did not play! (I really think the Indians and the Browns are the same guys! They just change shirts!)

Schedule Stuff:

#### November

November 2 - Fall Dance, Ballroom 8-11 p.m.

November 6 - Election Day - vote early and often

November 13 - Dance Band 7-9 p.m.

November 20 - Thanksgiving Week - No rehearsal

November 27 - Executive Board 7 p.m. Band 8-9:30 p.m.

#### December

December 1 - Ceremonial

December 4 - Band rehearsal 8-9:30 p.m. Vote on new board members.

December 11 - Christmas Party and Potentate's Visitation - Casual dress. Details to follow. December 21 - Mayan Calendar. World comes to an end. If not, I will have to do another article.

Did I hear a collective groan from you plumbers?

Some More British Humor:

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For All of You Teachers in the Crowd:

Teacher: Why are you late?

Student: Class started before I got here.

Here is my favorite:

Teacher: Glenn, how do you spell crocodile?

Glenn: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L Teacher: No, that's wrong

Glenn: Maybe its wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

A Note at The End: If you drink don't park. Accidents cause people!

# Hilltop

by Ron Craven

Summer is over and it's time to get back to business. On Wednesday, September 5, the Hilltop Shrine Club meeting was held at China Bell Restaurant in Grove City. There were 17 Nobles in attendance along with 6 ladies. Plans for the Potentate's visit were finalized.

At our November 7 meeting, we will be electing officers for 2013. We are in need of a  $1^{st}$  and  $2^{nd}$  vice president plus a treasurer and correspondence secretary. If you are contacted by the nominating committee about one of these positions, please give it consideration. The Hilltop Shrine Club has been around for nearly 70 years and we need responsible officers to step up to keep the tradition going.

The applications for scholarships need to be turned in by October 30. The Salvation Army Bell Ringing is coming up shortly. If you can help, please contact Noble David Ray.

The location for November 7 meeting will be announced at a later date. This year's Christmas Dinner, installation of officers and awarding of scholarships will be at Ann and Tony's in West Jefferson.

### Athens

by Fred Stanley

Our recent boat excursion on the Ohio River was a huge success! Noble President Steve Kane deserves a "big round of applause" for all the work he put into this cruise, taking care of the food, musical entertainment, handling the sale of tickets, and negotiating costs with the boat captain.

Everyone enjoyed barbecued pulled pork, smoked beef brisket, macaroni salad, baked beans, slaw and, of course, buns for the pulled pork. The dessert was many different kinds of homemade cookies. The cookie bakers were Noble Bill Johnson's lady and Noble Jerry Robertson's daughter and the cookies were certainly "YUM YUM GOOD!" I only had, maybe -10.

It was very unfortunate that a Noble from Columbus fell at the boat levee and broke his wrist before the cruise. He was taken to O'Bleness Memorial Hospital Emergency Room in Athens. It was great that Mark Abdella and Larry Hines drove him back to Columbus after his emergency room visit.

The Building Committee has made an agreement with a building company to have a storage building built in which to store our parade float. A big "thank you" goes to all the Nobles who donated money for this special project.

Our next meeting, the fourth Thursday in October, is our election of officers night with a fish fry. Come out and represent our club with pride by serving as an officer or helping on a committee.

We are now on the streets, calling on businesses to support our Basketball Preview which is always held Thanksgiving weekend. In a recent visit with Noble Roger Van Dyke, who was instrumental in helping to get this preview started, he said it was first held at the Albany High School 47 years ago with teams from 6 different schools. Now, Mark Abdella is organizing this huge project and it is held at Athens High School. The number of participating teams has increased from 6 to 14. Again, thanks go to Mark for all the time and work he puts into this very worthwhile project!

We have two Nobles running for political offices in Athens County and we hope they win. They are certainly capable and outstanding citizens.

## Thebes Temple

by Terry Smith, Princess Royal

Fall seems to be the time for reunions and homecomings. Renewing friendships and sharing memories are among my favorite things. I recently attended my 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion and saw some friends I hadn't seen in a long time. What fun it was, but we also mourned the loss of many of our classmates. If it has been awhile since you have seen or talked with a friend from your past or present, why not give them a call. You both will probably feel good. Time passes too quickly and we never know what might be around that next corner in life.

Speaking of things being around the corner, Thebes Temple has a busy November fast approaching. Supreme Queen Suzie Schumacher is coming for her Official visit on Saturday, November 10. The Ceremonial will begin at 3:00 p. m., Immediately following at approximately 6:00 p. m., we will host a banquet for the Supreme Queen. Spouses, special guests and friends are invited to attend this dinner. Reservations can be made by calling Norma Gladwell at 885-5757.

Our Annual Card Party and Luncheon will follow quickly on the heels of the Supreme Queen's visit. It will be on Wednesday, November 14 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. This event is open to all women and men. Gather your friends and come play your favorite game or cards. In addition to the luncheon, there will be door prizes, a bake sale and a silent auction. Our silent auction items will consist of an assortment of themed baskets prepared by our members. This will be a fun event and there will be something for everyone. See detail in ad below.

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# Flying Nobles

by Lee McKelvey

The Flying Nobles had the Illustrious Potentate Michael Tyne and the Divan and their ladies visit us in September. We didn't have as big of a turnout of members from our club as there should have been. The Potentate had an award to present to one member who was supposed to attend. The member didn't get there—so he didn't receive it. The Potentate was as disappointed as I was because I recommended him to receive it, although the man could have had other problems getting there.

I hope everyone enjoyed the evening because it was meant to be a fun night for everyone and to host our Potentate. I thank everyone for being there. Our next meeting with the ladies will be December 9 at the Shrine Center when we install the officers for 2013.

Our November 10 meeting will be at the OSU Airport.

I was told our Past Commander from 1988, Don LeFavour, and Doris moved to Florida. I don't blame Don and Doris for getting out of our Ohio winters. Don is one of the nicest guys I know and he will be missed.

Our Chaplain, Jim Paddock, is getting around a little better every day and he even had his driver's license renewed. Jim is only 94 years old. He was a bomber pilot in WWII and I always looked up to those WWII pilots.

Jim is a youngster compared to a Past Potentate's wife who now lives in Texas near her daughter. Marian Fry, widow of PP John Fry (1984), is going strong at 96 years old. Marian was always a very active lady in Aladdin. We love her and miss her.

We need candidates for our December 1 Ceremonial. When I joined Aladdin, we had 15,000 Shriners in Aladdin. We are down to 6,000 today. As our membership chairman, PP Cal Smith, says, where can you find the laughter of fellowship and the challenge of leadership along with many other good qualities as we have in the Shrine? I have two potential candidates but they are blue lodge officers and want to wait until they have more time.

Bill Moritz is healing at this time after his knee replacement.

If anyone knows of news of our members that can be reported, let me know.

Best wishes to everyone and stay well, and I'll see you next time.

### Thea Court

by B. J. Gischler, PHP

October is here with fall colors, chilly weather and Halloween. Before we know, it will be time for the big holidays, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

Thea Court has been busy the past few weeks. The first meeting of the year was held on September 21, and the performing units attended the Great Lakes Unit Meet in Toledo, Ohio, September 27, 28, and 29.

We were visited by the Grand High Priestess Lady Carol Sue Roberts at the meeting on October 2.

There is a very special meeting in November. Thea Court will be having its Ceremonial on Saturday, November 2, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.. There is an intermission for lunch and then the performances by the performing units, followed by the conclusion of the meeting and Ceremonial.

It would be wonderful if many members would come to support the court, the new members, and the performers

The next regular meeting will be held on Friday, December 14, the second Friday, because of the Christmas season.

### Chanters

by Deron Ponn

This is my favorite time of the year, Ohio State Buckeye football season. The Buckeyes are off to a perfect 6–0 start. The Chanters are off to a great start as well. We have gone 3–0. We have performed in three straight Sing-Outs with no practices in between them. In addition to that, the quartet traveled to Dayton, OH to entertain at an Eastern Star dinner. Now we can take a little break as we prepare for the Harvest Ball on November 2.

Speaking of the Harvest Ball, tickets are on sale now at \$10 each. All units are encouraged to help sell tickets as \$5 from each ticket will stay with your unit with the other \$5 being split by the band and the Chanters.

It is great to have Don Filmer singing with us again. Don had taken a break for health reasons, but he has made a strong comeback this season, and we are thrilled to have him with us. He should be an example to some of you guys we have missed for a while. We are still singing, still enjoying adult beverages together, and still having a lot of fun.

Our upcoming events will include the Pumpkin Show Parade on October 19, and as previously mentioned (twice as a matter of fact), the Harvest Ball on November 2. We are working to schedule other events which include a trip to John Ash's church in Circleville and as entertainment for the Northeast Shriner's Christmas Dinner.

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# Under The Big Top

by Jeff "CeeJay" Carter

It's that time once again to start thinking about the circus. First, let me extend a hardy "thank you" from Circus Director John Morris and his staff. We couldn't present a circus if it weren't for the efforts of the units, clubs, Nobles and family members. It takes a lot of people to make the circus work, You folks made the 2012 circus one of the best we have had.

Now we are looking forward to the 2013 circus. Please mark March 21 - March 24 on your 2013 calendar. There is plenty to do in order to be ready.

We need all of you who have sold advertisements for the circus to keep up the good work. We are asking that you start early with this task. As a lot of you know, now is the time companies start planning their budgets for next year. That makes this the perfect time to start selling ads. We have a lot of ads that haven't been renewed for a while. Some have been because the person who sold the ad or banner is no longer able to get out and take on the task. We need people to take a list and contact them. I will be working to compile this list in the upcoming days.

There are a lot of Nobles who aren't in a unit or club. We have need of your help. We are in real need of folks to sell tickets before shows, at intermission and after shows for the elephant, pony and other rides being offered by the circus. These are sitting down jobs. They are open to any individual, club or unit member who wants to help. We need people who can help out in the First Aid Room. Dr. Keith Blair and his unit do a fantastic job, but could use some extra support. If you have first aid training, medical training or just want to be that extra set of helping hands for the medical unit, please contact me and I will put you in touch with the right people.

The circus is a big undertaking. We need everyone to pitch in and help. It is a lot of work but it's also a lot of fun. When one of our guests walks up to you and says, "this is the most fun I have ever had," it make the work all worth while. To help, contact me or the Shrine Center. Phone and contact Jeff Carter, 614-302-7117 or ccarter20@columbus.rr.com.

### Special Vote To Be Held

A vote will be held at the November, 2012 Stated Meeting to seek the authorization for the Treasurer to enter into a working line of credit for Aladdin Shriners with the Huntington National Bank and/or its successors, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

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# Reception

by Don Owens



Member Frank Swiatek received the Meritorius Service Award from Illustrious Sir Mike Tyne. Director Jack Bonn offers congratulations.

Potentate Mike Tyne, accompanied by his Lady Karen and the Divan, visited the Reception Unit on September 21. Aladdin Shrine Chaplain Dee Mowry, PP, who is also an honorary member of the Reception Unit, led us in a prayer and the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Introductions and acknowledgements of Divan members were handled by our Divan Representative, Todd Jones.

The Ladies' Project, described by Jennifer Jones, supports advanced treatments and procedures in the Cincinnati Shrine Hospital. Proceeds from sale of a pin will be dedicated to this project. Unit Director Jack Bonn provided unit contributions to the Ladies' project and the Aladdin Shrine Endowment Fund

Illustrious Sir Mike Tyne informed us on several significant developments in Shrine Hospital operations and activities.

Mike noted that the Shrine Hospitals have been responsible for 78 percent of worldwide research in the treatment of burns. The goal of the Shrine is to continue sponsoring medical research at a high level; hence, some \$37 million have been committed by the Shrine to support worldwide medical research. Important changes in medical procedures and treatments are being reflected in the organization and operation of Shrine Hospitals. The Potentate stated that the Lexington, KY hospital will be moving to the campus of the University of Kentucky where it will be co-located with the UK Medical Center.

Most Shrine hospitals are moving toward ambulatory care, as is the case with Lexington, where overnight patients will stay at the UK Children's Hospital. At present, the Lexington Shrine Hospital is a 50-bed facility with an average daily patient census of only 1.9. Obviously, the hospital needs to move toward improved efficiency to be effective and financially viable. The plan is to move from the present \$5 million loss per year to a break even status when the planned changes are completed. More Shrine hospitals will eventually move to academic medical centers of the largest and most prestigious hospitals nearby.

The Aladdin Shrine calendar for the remainder of the year is crowded with important events, including Open House at the Cincinnati Burn Hospital on October 27. (It would be good to combine this trip with the Friday night riverboat ride on October 26–see details on page 6 of the August *Lamp*). The Fall Ceremonial will take place on December 1, and the annual New Year's Eve Party on December 31. Please refer to the official calendar to avoid missing anything.

Chief Rabban Bill Amspaugh Jr. gave us a few highlights of next year's schedule: installation of officers (January 12,) a Masonic One-Day (May 11,) Imperial in Indianapolis (June 30-July 4,) the Potentate's Ball in August, and (maybe) a Derby Party at Scioto Downs sometime in June.

The Reception Unit Meritorious Service Award was awarded by Illustrious Sir Mike Tyne to Frank Swiatek for his outstanding performance in leading the Aladdin Shrine Circus ushers since 2009. Congratulations to Frank on this well deserved honor.

The evening was a busy one, so we did not get around to taking individual photos for a new unit directory. In a perfect world, we would update everybody's picture, but we will settle for whoever we can get at the next unit meeting on October 18. Alternatively, you can email a new mug shot to the unit secretary (donowens204@sbcglobal.net).

For those who are still counting them, we note that birthdays will be celebrated in October by Jack Davis and Mike Johnson. It was good to see Doris Davis at the latest meeting, obviously recovering well from back surgery. We hope to hear good reports soon on Sharon Compton, who is also recovering from back surgery. Bill says her pain is under control and she is recovering slowly.

The unit members welcomed new member Clark Buck, who joined us for the meeting.

### Bucyrus

by Gene Diller

The Bucyrus Shrine Club opened the meeting with prayer led by Noble President Tim Miller. He also led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Gus's Grill and Grog Restaurant in Bucyrus catered the meal which consisted of smoked pork chops, cheese potatoes, green beans, salad, chocolate fudge cake and pie.

Mr. Tony Fox gave a wood-carving presentation. Mr. Fox is quite a wood-carving artist.

The next Bucyrus Shrine Club meeting will be October 22. On that date, the Potentate will visit the Bucyrus Shrine Club. It will also be with the ladies and widows.



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SEND RESERVATION FORM TO: Aladdin Shrin	ers, 3850 Stelzer Rd, Colui	mbus, Ohio 43219-3044			New Year's Eve Celebration
NAME:	Member#	<u>;</u>	PHONE	: :	EMAIL*:
ADDRESS:		City:	STATE:	ZIP:	(*Email will be used for confirmation.)
Payment Information					1
To guarantee seating at the same table, use	e one reservation form f	or your entire party.			
NUMBER TICKETS:X \$	=	TOTAL DUE () Will Call () M	ail (Last mail date 12/17/	12)	
Check Enclosed: ( ) or Please charge my CRED	IT CARD Card #:		Exp Date:	Signature:	Amt charged: \$
TABLES ARE SET FOR 8. LIST NAMES OF GUES	TS IN YOUR PARTY:				Childcare Reservations
1	2	3		4	Number of Children:
5	6	7		_ 8	Ages of Children: