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Membership 01/01/09	7010
Associate Membership 01/01/09	50
Total	7060

	Current	Yr to Date
Creations	0	0
Affiliations	0	0
Restored	7	22
Associate Members	0	0
TOTAL MONTHLY ADD	7	22
TOTAL YEARLY with ADDS		7082

Demits	0	0
Suspensions	0	0
Deaths	18	30
Associates Dropped	0	1
Reversals	0	0
TOTAL MONTHLY DROP	18	31

Membership as of 2/29/2009	7051
Net loss/gain YTD	-9
Net loss/gain Monthly	-11

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Still Rolling with The Pote!

by Daniel E. Stainbrook II

I hope the snow is far behind us and we all can see spring just around the corner. We had to cancel several meetings due to the white stuff and I cannot remember when that last happened. However, we are back on schedule and running full bore.

February was a light month for visitations, but the Divan was active in the Florida Reunion and winter meeting of GLSA (Great Lakes Shrine Association). Imperial Sir Maxwell spoke about how the economy has affected hospitals funds with a loss of three billion dollars. Such a loss means measures must be taken quickly in order to stopping the bleeding. Imperial Sir proposed various ideas which would include closing some hospitals, changing them to one-day clinics (no over night stays) and consolidating them. Imperial Sir was there to take a straw vote only to see how the Nobility felt on the suggestions. He is visiting all the Shrine Associations before the Imperial in San Antonio. Your Divan representatives and I will keep you informed on the outcome after Imperial.

The Capital Equipment Budget was approved at the February 16 stated meeting by the Nobility. It included two main items, one of which is the purchase of two chillers for the building. The chillers are our air conditioning units which must be replaced as the present ones are the original equipment when the building was built 31 years ago. They are presently running on borrowed time and approximately 40% efficient. The new chillers will cost in the area of \$205,000 which includes installation. Without the chillers, we have no air conditioning which means no building rentals and no income. Their letter will be sent to each Noble on the importance of the chillers. Please read it. Thank you. The other item is the replacement of carpeting in the lobby, long hallway and the upper level only of the auditorium. It will not be the standard type but commercial 3'x 3' tile squares which are used in hotels, airports, etc... This way, if a square is damaged we can replace it with an extra carpet tile in our stock. Brighter colors and a pattern will make up this new carpet. It will look good.

You will probably just be receiving the *Lamp* when the circus is about over. However, please help at the circus and with ticket sales as this is income for the temple.

There are still some openings for the golf trip to Santee on April 5 - 8. Please contact the temple and fill out the reservation form in the *Lamp* if you desire to go. It is a good and a fun time playing three different courses, all close to each other, so travel time is short.

The Grand Masters One-Day Class on June 13 which is being held at Aladdin Shrine for the 14th District. Don't forget to look for a new member out of the class. Members are our life blood. Check the ad out in this *Lamp* for our June 26 Ceremonial. It will be different.

Don't forget, you can still sign up for the Imperial at San Antonio, July 5 - 9. It will be a good time and a fun time. Masonic Night is on April 27 and we would like to see a good attendance from Aladdin for the Past Masters Unit and the Grand Master of Ohio.

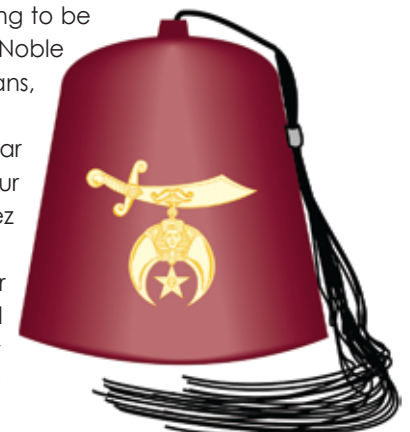
Remember to participate! It's your Shrine. Let's Roll Again!

Wear Your Fez...It's Important!

The imperial Council has adopted the fez as the exclusive type of head covering to be worn by all Nobles of the Mystic Shrine when appearing as such. This means any Noble must wear his fez at all Stated Meeting, Ceremonials, Shrine Parades and Caravans, special Shrine events, or any other Shrine-related activity.

As a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, you are particularly admonished never to wear your fez in any company or place in which you would decline to introduce your mother, wife, sister, or daughter. No other person is ever allowed to wear your fez at any time.

The fez is not a display case or bulletin board. The fez shall be worn in its proper shape without crushing, creasing, or alteration, and one pin is allowed to hold the tassel in place at the left side. No other device, ornament, title, wording, or adornment is permitted. It should be worn and adorned only as permitted by Article 13 of the Imperial Bylaws.





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Stated Meetings

Regular meetings of the Aladdin Shriners are held on the third Monday of each month except June, July and August at the Aladdin Shrine Center, 3850 Stelzer Road, Columbus, Ohio

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MEMBERSHIP ON THE MOVE

by Calvin Smith / Membership Marketing Director

I am misreading something in our fraternal climate. I know there are fewer Masonic brothers than there once were. I am fully aware of the nature of our current economy and I know we, as a fraternity, are getting a little older each year. Am I misjudging our desire to give good men more light in Masonry? Have we stopped seeking? Has something basic occurred that has been overlooked – something critical to our success in attracting new members?

I gave my nine-year-old grandson a civil war strategy game for Christmas. It was produced by the History Channel. I thought it was a better source of amusement than some other X-Box games had seen. He played it incessantly. Last weekend I visited him. He urgently asked me to watch him play this game. He selected the battle of Fredericksburg and half way through he paused the game and said, "I want to show you where Burnside [the Union General] screwed up!" He proceeded to restart the game and guide me through Burnside's fatal tactical mistake.

He unearthed this error because the game would not allow him to make the correct military move, as he saw it. He had deduced that the game was guiding him to defeat.

I need a 9-year-old to help me with Aladdin's membership efforts. I feel I am pulling a "Burnside" and screwing up with my tactics. Is my vision of membership growth leading Aladdin to a fatal error?

We know that the Grand Lodge is conducting a One-Day Class on Saturday, June 13 in all Masonic Districts. We know that if we can secure candidate(s) for this class, we can expand our pool of potential members and likely become younger as a temple and gain new energy. Are we committed to this? We had better be!

The Grand Master has sent you a letter and two petitions. Contact your lodge secretary and follow procedures for getting your candidate(s) into this class. As you read this, six weeks will remain to get these petitions to your lodge.

Is there another way? Am I missing the mark? Do you see something I do not?

Is the game guiding to failure? Contact me at Aladdin with your ideas.

2009 DUES: Are yours paid? Check your wallet and see. Don't have it? If not, contact Jim at Aladdin. His phone is 614-475-2609 or 800-475-475-3850, extension 10. He'll help; so will I at extension 27.



Bucyrus Shrine

by Gene Diller

Bucyrus Shrine Club invited their ladies and widows to a great fun Valentine Dinner Party. Noble John Miller opened the meeting with prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag lead by President Noble Tim Miller.

Noble Dave Crum's Palmer House catered the meal. The meal was chicken and steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad and pie.

The Shrine Club and guests played Crazy Bingo. Noble Rick Miller called the bingo numbers. Everybody brought a wrapped white elephant gift for prizes. All had a great fun time!

Three Nobles and their lovely ladies are celebrating their wedding anniversaries. Noble Quentin Acherman and his lovely lady celebrated their 66th anniversary. Noble John Miller and his lovely lady celebrated their 60th anniversary. Noble Dale Hoyles and his lovely lady celebrated their 47th anniversary.

President Tim Miller announced Tabloid days have been changed to May 8 - 9. Noble treasurer Pete Roll announced he can get Circus Daddy pins and circus tickets for March 19-22.

We hope to see all our members for our March 23 meeting.

Ross County

by H. D. Miller

Greetings, Nobles! We had another great meeting this month with close to 60 members in attendance with a special mention of our visiting brother, Seth Penn, who was visiting from South Carolina. We appreciate all those who attended and we hope to see more Nobles attending, especially with the "Snow Birds" returning from the south. I know we have great fellowship, but we can't deny that everyone enjoys the great meals that Brad Burns and his crew supply us with and we appreciate that, also.

The club missed Ron Harper and Joe Pratt who are on our Sunshine List this month. We hope both recover quickly.

A moment of silence was also held for the passing of our Brother Clyde Pigott, who died on January 28, 2009.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9 is our Tabloid weekend. We need all Nobles who can help be with us that weekend! If you want to help, contact Bobby Anderson.
- The circus date will be Thursday, March 19. Mike Bell is looking for brothers to help with all the kids that day, so contact him if you can be with us on this great outing.

All Nobles Remember: It's about the "kids," so come out and let's do our part for them.

Hocking Hills

by *Richard A. Aldridge*

Our Nobles were extremely happy to finally have a meeting this year. We cancelled our meeting in January so that all the Nobles and their ladies could enjoy the snow, ice, and lack of power. Our newly elected officers are Jeff Dickerson, president; Rich Aldridge, first vice president, and John Conn, secretary/treasurer. They were excited to have their first meeting. Scott Vermillion, second vice president, was unable to attend because of a prior appointment, so we made sure to appoint him to numerous committees.

Past Potentate Calvin Smith was in attendance and talked about the upcoming ceremonials. George Dresher talked about some things we could do to get new members, and Chuck Hedges talked to us about the Circus Daddy pins and tickets for the upcoming circus. We discussed Tabloid Days and Muirfield so that the Nobles would know the dates and could plan to be involved again this year.

We finally got our new year started and are looking forward to having another successful year. The Nobles and Ladies want to give outgoing President Ron Cottrill a big round of applause for an extremely successful year.

Flying Nobles

by *Lee McKelvey*

The February meeting for the Flying Nobles was attended by the usual group including Roy McGrew, who drove in from Granville. We need to give Roy a pat on the back for taking time to be with us as much as he can and driving that far.

There is a possibility our meeting place at Medflight might be changed. We were just informed at the February meeting that the office employees at the Medflight hanger will be moving and there won't be anybody to admit us to the building. Our March meeting will be held there, but we are unsure about the April meeting and those after April. Commander Beymer is trying to locate another meeting place for us. I'm sure we could always meet at the Shrine Center.

PC Tom Ruggles is still going to have surgery and he needs our prayers and well wishes. Tom has always tried to help others and now he needs our help.

The walkway at the Shrine Center is now complete and the pavers are in place. Sometime, when you have lots of time, you can find your paver with your name. I got one for my family as a lot of you have done. I haven't been to check it out yet but I will as soon as the weather breaks. The Flying Nobles have one there someplace.

The Oasis Room will open at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17 to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The Shrine Circus is March 19-22. The circus opens on a Thursday and that is the day we help with the wheelchairs and getting the kids to their area so they can see the circus. A lot of buses arrive at the same time from everywhere and they need to be unloaded as fast and as safely as possible. We don't realize how lucky we are until you help with the wheelchairs.

The Tabloid has been moved up a month to May 8-9. We will get a new location for the Flying Nobles.

Commander Beymer is planning to fly to Carroll County for our June 13 meeting. This is tentative so we will know more later. Wednesday is the lunch at the Shrine Center from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. PC George Bell is always a good host who tries to make everyone feel at home. The Potentate's Ball is Saturday, May 16 with a Wild West theme.

Everybody, stay well and things have to get better. I hope to see you next month.

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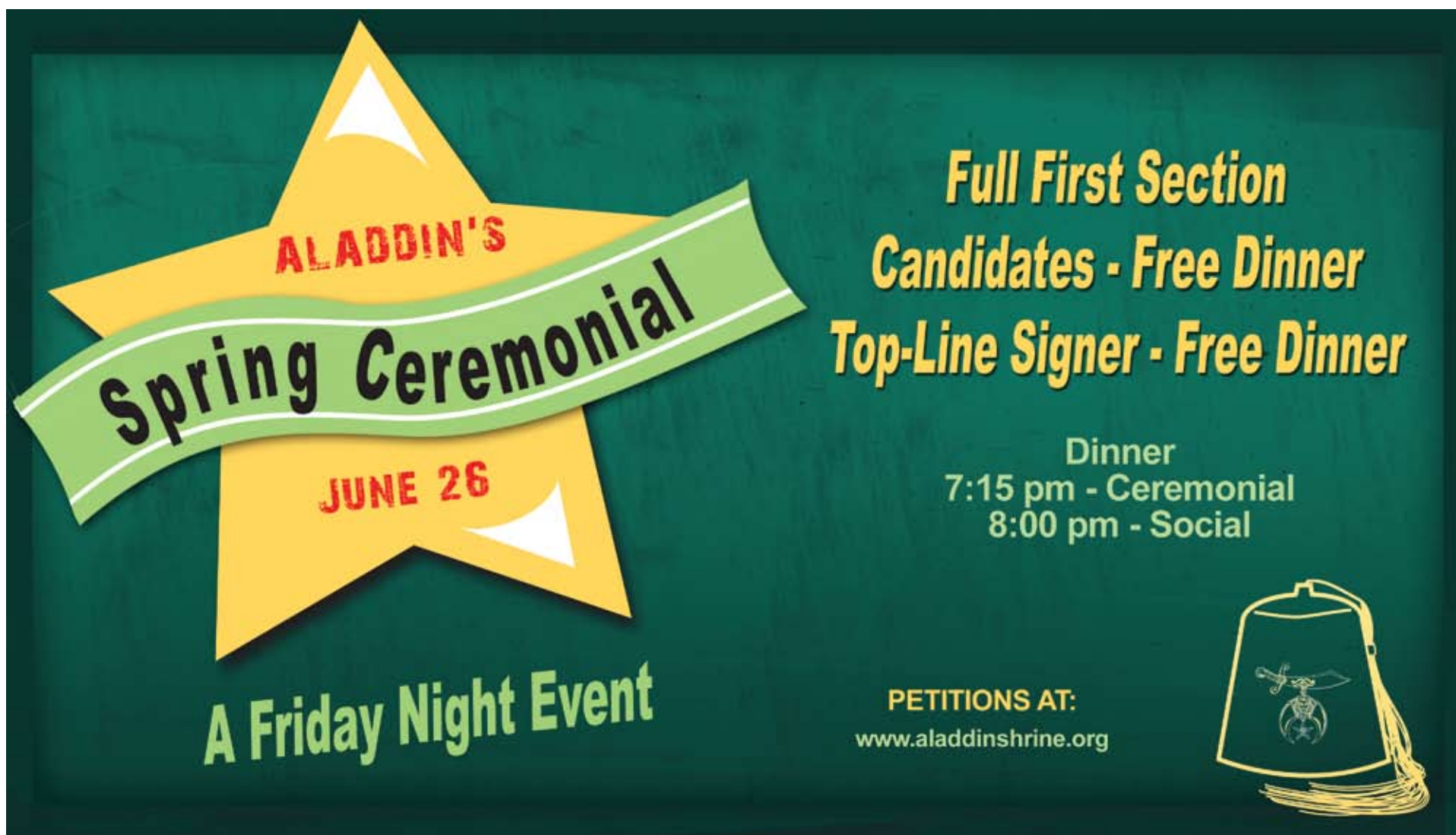
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SEARCH FOR RECORDINGS

Emil Colosimo's family is searching for any voice recordings of his performances. He sang at numerous weddings and other affairs throughout the Columbus area for many years.

He operated a barber shop at the Scioto Country Clubhouse.

If you have any information or know of recordings, please contact David Huddle at 614-560-1681.



ALADDIN'S

Spring Ceremonial

JUNE 26

A Friday Night Event


Full First Section

Candidates - Free Dinner

Top-Line Signer - Free Dinner

Dinner
7:15 pm - Ceremonial
8:00 pm - Social

PETITIONS AT:
www.aladdinshrine.org



Noble Questionnaire

Officers of your Aladdin Shrine Center are interested in updating your needs, desires, opinions, concerns, and seek your comments. Please complete this questionnaire so we can best serve you. It is our desire to build quality and value in your Shrine membership and hope you will cherish it forever . Thank you for responding.

~Yours in The Faith, Illustrate Potentate Dan Stainbrook

Profession: _____

Are you interested in joining either a club or unit? Club: _____ Unit: _____

If a unit, what kind?

☐Music ☐Marching ☐Hospitality ☐Audio ☐Medical ☐Clowns ☐Outdoor ☐Past Masters ☐Senior

Do you feel wanted or welcome when attending the Shrine Center? _____

Are you interested in any type of leadership role? Yes_____ No_____

Do or have you attended a Stated Meeting? _____

What would encourage you to attend more? _____

Does the Lamp inform you adequately regarding activities and what is your opinion of the Lamp? _____

Have you ever visited a Shrine Hospital? Yes_____ No_____

Would you like to visit a Shrine Hospital? Yes_____ No_____

What Can the Shrine Center do to improve your participation and how can we attract younger members?

Noble: _____ Lady: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Please mail to:
Aladdin Shrine Center, Membership Office, 3850 Stelzer Road, Columbus, OH 43219-3044

A Few Good Men... (Or A Lot)

The Reception Unit is looking for a few (or a lot) of good people.

By joining and participating in the Shrine, you play a important role in continuing the support of the Shriners Children Hospitals.

- Are you new to the Shrine?
- Do you want to make it more meaningful?
- Do you want to meet more Shriners?

Members of the unit serve as greeters at events, usher at the Aladdin Shrine Circus, play a large role at the Ceremonials, and greet Nobles at the stated meetings.

The Reception Unit participates in a number of parades in which the Shrine participates. We provide support to the Potentate as he runs the Shrine.

As you get active, we promise you will meet new friends, enjoy the parties, and help support our hospitals. You will gain a lot and meet a lot of great people who are Shriners.

Lost in The Desert

The following Nobles are "Lost in the Desert," and we need help in finding them.

We know that some have moved but no forwarding addresses have been given to us. There is a possibility that some may have passed away and we have not been informed of their deaths. So, if you know any of these Nobles and their whereabouts, please inform us at the membership office, 614-475-2609, ext. 10.

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and Aladdin Nobles

New Date

→ June 20

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DETAILS COMING IN NEXT MONTH'S LAMP

Aladdin's *Tabloid Times*

by Bob Stevenson

"Good night Mrs. Calabash, wherever you are." ~ Jimmie Durante

My guess is, given the age of most Nobles and Ladies of Aladdin, the above quote will bring back a lot of memories. Perhaps, you remember "The Schnozzola" from radio, television, or movies; maybe you were extremely lucky and saw him in person. I wish I had. I always have admired the unique humor and musical talent he had. I especially enjoy his work from his later years when he was willing and able to lean on his age to deliver songs with a deep feeling and, I believe, a lot of himself and his life. I listen a bit closer when he is used in a variety of commercials today. The man still sells, and sells well.

If you are younger, perhaps 50 or younger, and reading this, you probably never heard of Mrs. Calabash nor have the foggiest idea of what a "Schnozzola" is or was. I doubt Jimmie is on many MP3s, whatever THAT is. So what? It's that generational thing! Somewhere in time past, I'm sure some exasperated parent probably said to some equally exasperated kid "so what's the big deal?" "What's a Mozart anyway? Do your homework!" This thought process is the kind of thing you can have a lot of fun with, but there really is a reason I bring it up.

As we move into Tabloid Days this May, I am, once again, going to stress the need to get our story out. It is exactly because of this generational thing that we must keep working at making our story known. The following two items are true; both happened to me and both happened during five days beginning February 13, 2009.

Item #1: I happened to hear a local news story about a father who lost his job and the family medical insurance along with it. The family has a child needing a cleft palate repair. The family was worried about how they can afford to have this done. I immediately called the local station, told the newsroom person to have the reporter call me as Shriners could probably help. Well, the reporter did call. I explained the Shriners of Aladdin could undoubtedly help that child and the reporter asked how. I did a five minute seminar of our hospitals, Shriners, our history, etc. and finished by explaining that our hospitals are world class and have everything that our local Children's Hospital has except (all together now) a billing department! The reporter and our Gail Hinshaw are working to get this family in touch with our hospitals and get this child the help needed. The parents can then concentrate on other important things and not worry about their child's health and the costs to take care of their child's problem. I would guess the reporter is early to mid 30s in age and knew nothing about The Shriners. It's that generational thing!

Item #2: I needed some information from Aladdin and Ill. Sir Calvin was going to fax it to me at work. I alerted our operations supervisor to look for the fax and that it was not work related but from the Shriners. The supervisor, in her late 20s, asked, "what are Shriners?" Before I could reply, our cashier, age early 40s, said they are the people who put on the circus. We talked a bit more about what I do with the Shrine and what the Shrine is all about. Neither had a clue that we had hospitals, helped kids, and did not charge for our help. It's that generational thing!

Tabloid Days, and the rest of the year, is a great time to tell and retell our story. As Shriners, we know our story. Problem is, we think everyone does. I think this is especially true for our senior Nobles who remember when people like "The Schnozzola" were household names and Shriners Hospitals were known across the country for their work. Sadly, those days are over. The Blue Lodge, like the IOOF, Moose (anyone remember the national network of children's homes run by the Moose?), Elks, and many others are no longer the centers of the community. Things have changed (ask me sometime about attending a Lutheran grade school with a six-lane bowling alley and 2 billiard tables in their basement). The competition for attention is overwhelming. Our story gets lost among so many other stories. We must work ever so hard to make sure the upcoming generations know about what we do. In addition, to being sure we can get help to kids who need it, we need to present ourselves to younger men who might see the Shrine as a worthy avenue for the use of their talents.

Those few days of mid-February turned out OK. I was able to tell our story to a person whose job it is to tell stories. I'm counting on this one having a happy ending and perhaps getting that family's story, and ours, out as a result. I also could tell two people that we do more than put on a circus, but I did tell them about the little cars and the Fez!

Our story is a great one, but is a story that fewer and fewer people know. So, help us help us! On Tabloid Day get out and give those things away. Tell anyone who will listen a one-minute story. During the rest of the year, don't assume everyone knows – everyone doesn't. Our younger generations do not know the story. It's a generational thing!

It's a funny thing about stories and the way they work. Jimmie Durante used the "Good night, Mrs. Calabash" bit as the close to every show he did on radio, television, night clubs from the early 1940s until his death in 1980. He never said who Mrs. Calabash was, and over the decades, many different ideas surfaced. You can read a few on the internet if interested. But that closing did keep people curious and interested for 40 years!

Our hospital story is 87 years old and, when told today, is as fresh as when it was told the first time. I don't know, nor care, who Mrs. Calabash really was. But, whenever I hear Jimmie Durante sing *Young at Heart*, I know and believe "fairy tales can come true" for they do – every day in Shriners Hospitals for Children! Now, that's a story sure to bridge the generations!

2009 GOAL --- \$375,000.00

Dates to Remember

April 20 - Tabloid Pick up at Stated Meeting

May 2 - Tabloid Pick up 9am to Noon

May 8-9 - Tabloid weekend

June 30 - Noon - Final turn in of Tabloid money for 2009

Provost

by John Rohal

The February meeting is now history and was very well attended with both the Licking County Mafia and the Fairfield Fairies in their usual good attendance. It was nice to have some of our "missing" members in attendance including Larry Davis, Tom Charles, Leon Taylor, Jerame Dixon, Dick Saunders, and Ted Shaeffer. I guess I'll also have to note that Dennis Feyh (Aladdin Treasurer) "crashed" our meeting, probably because the Brutal Brothers kicked him out of their meeting.

Our Director, Jon Kinney, announced that our membership is now 146 strong, including 14 life members. However, 25 have not paid their 2009 dues. Jon also issued our 2009 updated membership roster. Accepted into membership at this meeting were Gary Mathias, a sergeant with the Columbus Police Department, and Past Potentate Thomas J. Colburn.

It was announced that Gary L. W. Hamre had recently retired from the Franklin County Sheriff's Department and Judge Richard P. Wright had been re-elected to the Licking County Domestic Relations Court. Angelo O. Marinelli has been awarded his 25-year Masonic membership pin and Boyd Black was awarded his 50-year pin.

Dale Cline reported that the contract for the 2009 Memorial Tournament has been received and he looks forward to another good year.

George Kosbab presented a letter of appreciation from the Sled Hockey Association. There were 60 contestants competing this year. A letter of appreciation from Wendel Webb for the many get well cards was read at this meeting.

We were reminded of the upcoming circus, March 19-22, and the Imperial Council

Session. Also, the Shrine Directors Association will be meeting in Columbus March 25-27. Gene Steineman will be in charge of security and we will provide the drivers for the shuttle vans or busses.

Director Jon appointed Gene Steineman, Terry McLaughlin, and Jay Devoll for an audit committee.

Potentate Dan Stainbrook installed Larry Mosley as our treasurer, and announced that Steve Hathaway will be in charge of this year's Stag Picnic at the Heimet House on June 20. The Potentate said Corky Talbot will be in charge of door security.

Celebrating birthdays in March are Boyd C. Black, Thomas E. Douglas Sr., Rex A. Emrick, Jon M. Kinney, Terry D. McLaughlin, Larry M. Mosley, Perry E. Rieder, Robert M. Shaw, Thomas J. Stehenpohl, Albert W. Taylor, and Alan S. Witherspoon. I do apologize to Harold F. Nairn for listing an incorrect middle initial in last month's article.

Several Provost jackets and shirts were offered for sale from the widows of Bill Pitchford and Don Mohler.

Bob Steele is now at home recovering from his recent illness; however, Peggy had to have a stent replaced. Russ Duffy is at home continuing his recuperation after a stroke. He is doing quite well.

Our sympathy is extended to William Laff and his family on the recent loss of his brother.

Guess that's about enough for now; it's a short month anyway.

See y'all at our next meeting. Or, as Roy would sing, *Happy Trails to You*.



In Memoriam

James F. Ankrom	Charles W. Johnston
Daniel R. Atzenhoefer	William E. Kellam
Billie B. Brown	Edwin C. McCoy
Douglas W. Canter	Clyde L. Pigott
Lyle C. Fisher	Jack C. Roberts
Glen M. Fulton	Jess A. Schlichter
Max K. Gibboney	Jerome Schwartz
Charles E. Hale	Gerald T. Starr
William E. Hubbard	Virgil L. Tisher

Chaplain's Message

Here am I. Send me. Isaiah 6:8

by Chaplain William R. Stump

In Aladdinland, some of our Nobles have experience in the glass industry. They take a blob of molten glass and attach it to a long hollow pipe. Then they roll it. While blowing their breath through the pipe, they shape the formless lump into something beautiful. The silicone dioxide dust (sand) from the earth is shaped by the artisan into a useful object. It is the glass blower who owns his creation and not the other way around.

"The LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being." (Genesis 2:7 NIV.) So, God breathed into Adam's nose to give him life.

"Yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand." (Isaiah 64:8 NIV.)

In our worship services, we sometimes overlook the old hymns which mean so much to most of the older church members. These hymns usually have Scriptural truth such as found in verse one of, *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*. "Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou art the potter, I am the clay! Mold me and make me After Thy will. While I am waiting, yielded and still."

We tend to forget who is in charge. We were created by and for a loving God. "But who are you, O man, to talk back to God? Shall what is formed say to Him who formed it. 'Why did you make me like this?'" Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?" (Romans 9:20-21 NIV.)

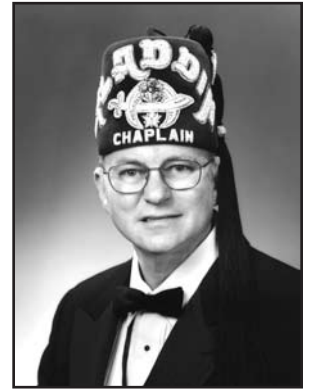
As you observe other people, do you get the impression that some don't care about God and that God has no place in their lives. They can't see or don't want to understand that they are responsible to God, their Creator.

Would they be indifferent to this inspired Scripture? "For by Him (Jesus Christ) all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him." (Colossians 1:16 NIV.)

Notice that even Satan is a created being and is the father of lies. He defied and challenged God and even now interferes in our lives by trying to make us doubt that God is our Creator or that He is important. "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realm." (Ephesians 6:12 NIV.)

"...The dead will hear the voice of the Son of God (Jesus) and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in himself. And He has given Him authority to judge because He is the Son of man. Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear His voice and come out - those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned." (John 5:25b-29 NIV.)

God the Potter, has the right and the ability to restore life to His creatures from the dust of their graves.



ALADDIN'S BOB LAZENBY JOINS CINCINNATI HOSPITAL BOARD

At the recent meeting of the Cincinnati hospital's board of governors, Allen Glasgow (Sudan Shriners) and Tim Mason (Al Menah Shriners) were appointed as associate members. Joe Kish (Moslem Shriners), Bob Lazenby (Aladdin Shriners), and R. Chris Porter (Kerbela Shriners) were appointed full board members. If you are interested in attending a board meeting, please contact Lisa Sears, administrative assistant at (513) 872-6207 or lsears@shrinenet.org. She'll be happy to talk with you about a visit with our Cincinnati hospital board.

Be sure to join the hospital at its spring open house on Saturday, May 16, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. The Syrian Shrine Hospital Hosts will be offering tours; there will be clown performances, pet therapy demonstrations, and more. For more information, visit our website at www.shrinershospitals.org.



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JUST CLOWNING AROUND

by Jeff "Cee-Jay" Carter

Your Aladdin clowns have another fantastic showing! The Aladdin Clowns recently attended the International Shrine Clown Convention in Atlanta. Clowns from Washington to Florida, British Columbia to Quebec, and even five Shrine clowns from Mexico City attended. The Aladdin Clowns brought home 12 individual trophies and 1 unit trophy for first place for best unit skit. All ten Aladdin clowns attending placed in the top five in their various categories proving, once again, that Aladdin is one of the best Clown Units



in North America. Chuck Hedges is well known as the spiritual guru, mentor, and advisor for the Clown Unit. He is always full of suggestions on how things and events should be run. We are suggesting that he be granted space in each month's *Lamp* with an article called "Hints from Hedges." He would be wonderful! The Clown Unit could not get along without him.

Don't forget, it's time for the circus. We all need to help out with ticket sales. All of the clowns need to pull together and put in as much time at the circus as we can spare. Once again, we need to have our face painters, balloonist, and a photo booth crew on the scene and working hard. The circus goes look forward to getting a complete show which includes the clowns.

Our first parade of the year is approaching. It would be nice to have a bus load of clowns turn out for the Dublin parade. The folks in Dublin always have a good turnout on the sidelines to cheer us. So, put March 14 on the calendar. I can't wait to see you all in costume again.

Let's all welcome Matt "Nut" Knight back to Columbus. Matt has been living in Lima the last year or so. Now that he has been deported back to his native Columbus, we can expect to see him more often. Welcome back, Matt.

In closing, I would like to remind everyone that we have openings in the unit for some new clowns. So let's all work on finding new blood. One of the best places to do that is your own Blue Lodge. Yes, that means you will have to attend a meeting. It's where we all took our first step. Would it hurt to give a little back?

Pike County

by Rodney Holdren

Well, Nobles, we have started 2009 with a bang. We have lots of activities planned with our Circus Daddy trip which is scheduled for March 19. We are taking six bus loads of Pike County fourth graders to the greatest show on earth. Many of our Nobles will stay behind to prepare 500 hamburgers to feed the kids on the return trip from the circus.

What a trip this is! A big thanks goes to Noble Bob Brown for donating the hamburgers and buns every year. I would also like to thank all the Nobles who help make this trip possible – from cooking and delivering all the food, to riding on the busses with the kids. It's really amazing being able to bring so much joy to so many children.

A very important, upcoming event is the Masonic Lodge Open House. This is scheduled for March 21 and the Orient Lodge in Waverly has big plans for this day. We are planning to have a Shriners informational booth and will be supplying food at this function. We hope to properly inform the public of Masonic, Shrine, and Eastern Star values, and maybe gain some interest in membership. I truly believe this will be a leap forward for our fraternity. I hope to see everyone there, supporting the Blue Lodge, for that is the foundation of what we do.

Another upcoming event is our Potentate's visit and Dogwood Festival parade. This very important event will be held on Sunday, April 26 at Noble Paul and Ruth Smith's home in Piketon. We are very excited that Potentate Daniel Stainbrook and the Divan will be joining us again for the Dogwood Parade. The Shrine units that attended the parade last year were awesome. There is nothing like hearing the pipes and drums marching, and what about those crazy clowns? They are some of the best clowns in the country, thanks to "Toots" and the gang. Thanks, again, go to Potentate Daniel Stainbrook and his Lady Ann for all their support and dedication to our club.

We have received some good news regarding Noble Mike Crouch who was in a terrible car accident and was in intensive care. Mike is now in rehabilitation and hopes to have a full recovery. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. We will be keeping close tabs on Mike and feel free to call and check up on him.

Hopefully, spring is just around the corner and it will be time to start mowing grass instead of shoveling snow. Remember, if you happened to see a child in need, don't hesitate to approach his parents and offer our help.

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Past Masters

by Dick Bull

Our unit members are busy in March and April. We are assisting the Reception Unit with ushering at the circus, and we are gearing up for two performances of the Master Mason Degree. First is Frankfort Lodge #309, F. & A.M. in Frankfort, Ohio on Wednesday, April 15. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. Opening Lodge is at 7:00 p.m. Second is "Masonic Night with The Shrine" on Monday, April 27. (See article in this issue of Lamp.)

Jimmie Bontrager has arranged our annual March dinner meeting with the ladies for Monday, March 23 at the Spaghetti Warehouse, 397 W. Broad Street, Columbus. Details of this event were sent to all unit members in late February.

We welcome Steve Hathaway as our Divan representative and look forward to seeing him at our meetings and functions anytime.

Several of our members are having health issues during this winter. Bob Diehl has been in St. Ann's Hospital with a collapsed lung from the fluid buildup. Al Pettigrew is recovering from a fall that cracked several ribs when he slipped on ice and broke a bone in his leg that required surgery. Bob Anderson is doing well following surgery to repair a heart valve and is now doing rehab. Charlie Neff had his gall bladder removed and is doing well. Ed Holter had bladder surgery on February 2 and was doing well until he slipped on ice four days later and broke his hip. George Stevens is trying to get his blood platelet count regulated. Both Carl and Phyllis Diederich in Bucyrus and Dick and Becky Ridgway in Lancaster are homebound "taking one day at a time."

We wish the best to all of our sick and injured and pray that they all have speedy recoveries.

Hilltop Shrine

by The Phantom

Yes, your regular reporter has flown the coop. Isn't that where the birds go during the cooler weather? So, here goes for the next two months.

On Wednesday, February 11, Hilltop honored our respective ladies with a dinner and some favors. There were 25 present and 12 ladies who enjoyed a lasagna dinner with all the trimmings at the Grove City American Legion. A very enjoyable evening was had by all when you consider the deluge that came down as we traveled there.

The March 4 stated meeting was at Minelli's on Sullivant Avenue. Friends and neighbors are always welcome. There has been no report of sickness or any one in distress. This is good news.

The circus is coming up March 19 - 22. Help is always needed. Don't forget to send your Circus Daddy information. Be sure to include the card with it. Send it to Dick Ham, 913 Wiltshire Road, Columbus, OH 43204-2340.

Heard from Ray that the temperature in Port Richey was in the 40's while we were wondering when the sub-freezing weather here would cease. Said he was planning on attending the snowbirds reunion in Fort Myers.

It has been several days since I started this and some sad news has come my way. The Black Camel has taken Curtis Fleshman. We wish to extend to his family our sympathy over all of our loss.

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Marching WITH THE LEGION

by Robert Spencer and Dick Luckay

WARM NEWS FOR A COLD WINTER – January's cold was warmed by a trip to the Blue Jackets' practice arena to watch the sled hockey tournament. Commander Spencer and Lady Betty Jo, Chester and Lady Janice Van Horn, and PC Willie Fitchett were in attendance. The mother of one of the players visited with the Legion folks and expressed her appreciation and thanks for the work Shriners do. She said just in the past week her son, the Goalie, had received two new legs and they fit and work perfectly. She went on to thank the Legion for the hockey sled support. This was especially gratifying because the Legion of Honor had just donated \$500 to that event.

MEETING UPDATE – The Legion of Honor's regularly scheduled meeting saw the following Legionable officers reporting for duty; Commander Spencer, 2nd Lt. Commander Phillip Pini, 3rd Lt. Commander Bob Krieger, Adjutant PC Bob Faber, Finance Officer Fred Kreutz, Officer of the Guard John Hart, and Assistant Quartermaster Terry Kitchens. Many good discussions were held regarding how to do more for the children and how to provide additional aid to veterans and their families. Speaking of veterans, Commander Spencer appointed Legionable Dave Ozvat as our Veterans Relations Officer. Dave's charge is to identify the local units serving in harm's way and present ideas or ways we can show support for them in this difficult time. We thank Dave for taking on this important responsibility. PC Faber will be calling our Muirfield leaders to see if we can increase our presence there. Our goal is 100% Legion participation at this year's tournament.

WELLNESS REPORT – We are pleased to report that Legionable Dick Luckay flew (he was a USAF pilot) through his double knee replacement with "flying" colors. He is home and navigating without the need of a walker or cane. A special "tip of the fez" to Dick's lady friend, Sarah, for seeing the flyboy through his ordeal. Good job, Sarah. Don Powell continues to be evaluated for treatment options. We wish Don and Lady Bev the very best in this difficult time for them. Paul Nixon is off sick call. We are grateful for his speedy recovery.

QUICK REMINDERS – The circus is coming to town and we will be presenting the colors to open the show. Be generous with your time when Lt Commander Krieger contacts you. Mark your calendars for Tabloid Day. Our goal is to man at least two intersections this year. Even though you may not be able to be out in traffic, we need your support for collecting the money, passing out water, giving the collectors a short break, or just be there to provide moral support for our troops at the intersections.

LOOKING FOR A FEW MORE GOOD MEN – The Legion of Honor is always open to new members. We have many great events for Nobles and their Ladies. If you are a member of the military or military veteran in good standing with Aladdin Shrine, we want to talk to you. Please call Commander Spencer, 614-766-4670, for a free DVD highlighting our activities.

SPECIAL DAYS FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE – Wedding memories will come flooding back to these Legion couples as they celebrate another year of marriage: Harry and Eleanor Reynolds (4/3), Dave and Lucy Ozvat (4/4), and Bob and Barb Faber (4/8). Enjoy your day and look forward to the coming year with the knowledge the best is yet to come. Another candle on the cake for Willie Fitchett (4/1), Commander Robert Spencer (4/9), and Gail Kreutz (4/10). Each year the room just gets brighter as you add to the candle's glow. Congratulations and God Bless.

Brutal Brothers

by Tom Ruggles



As the first order of business for this month, I want to send out my personal thanks to George Bell and Ron Martino for sending me information for this column. My recent medical problems prevented me from attending the last meeting and the news for this column would have been very thin. So, thanks guys, I really appreciate the help.

Moving along to unit business, (recent and very near future), the Chief's Party was held on February 21 and attracted a fine crowd of Ladies and Brutal Brothers. Everyone who attended seemed to have a good time and we want to thank Chief Don Williams and his social committee for a very fine party. Next on our unit's agenda will be the Aladdin Shrine Circus on March 19 - 22. By the time this issue of the *Lamp* reaches your mailbox, most of the P-nut packing will be done, but we still need all the help we can get to sell both the p-nuts

AND the novelties. This is the economic backbone of our unit, so please come out and help all you can.

Then, a mere two days later, on March 25-28, The Brutal Brothers and Aladdin Temple will be hosting the Shrine Directors Association Convention, and we want to send out a big "thank you" to all of the other units that are helping us to make this a successful convention. The "Jones Boys" (Todd and Clay Jones) and all of their committees have been doing an outstanding job of preparation for this convention, but we can always use a little more help. So when anyone asks you to help, please respond enthusiastically.

In other unit business, the new 2009 unit roster was distributed at our last meeting and this handy document is being continually edited and updated, so if you notice any needed updates or corrections, please send them to Jonathan Hays.

We want to take a moment to send our sympathy and prayers to Honorary Brutal Brother Garol Rogers and his family on the loss of Garol's father, Boyce C. Rogers, who passed away January 5.

We also want to take a moment to welcome our newest apprentice Brutal Brother, "Bo" Williams, who was accepted as an apprentice at our last meeting. Welcome aboard, Bo.

From the Snow Bird Contingent, we hear that the sixteenth annual Aladdin Temple Reunion came off without a hitch on February 7 at Araba Temple in Ft. Myers, Florida. There were over 63 members and wives present to enjoy a very casual lunch with Potentate Daniel Stainbrook and his Lady Ann. Attending from the Divan was Chief Rabban William Estell and his Lady Carol, and Oriental Guide William Amsbaugh and Lady Kathy. Other Brutal Brothers present included Harold Linebaugh and Lady Anna, Ralph Braun and Lady Barbara, Ron Martino and Lady Beverly, PP Alan Esparza and Lady Becky, Past Active John Guy and Lady Judy, Honorary BB Cecil Knapp and Lady Judy. And Cecil, being in charge of the reunion, has set next year's reunion for the first Saturday in February, 2010.

For our usual closing reminder, our next Brutal Brothers meeting will be April 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Aladdin Shrine Center. Hope to see ya' all there.

Worthington

by Bob Stevenson

Since we always seem to run behind with the *Lamp* printing schedule versus our meeting schedule, let's try to catch up. First, the February meeting was well attended. President Darren got things moving close to on time, and it should be noted that he can bring the group to order without resorting to use of a spoon for a gavel, as one past President did. It can be argued that the spoon brought a certain amount of class and/or uniqueness to things.

Our guest speaker was Mike Rankin who heads the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. He gave us a good description of the department. Did you know his bureau brings in over \$900 million in annual revenue? He did not, however, confirm there is a special class to teach new employees how to get a really lousy picture every time.

Nobel George Kannapel gave us a quick update on some significant tax changes for this year. For example, did you know that required minimum distributions have been waived for 2009? Be sure you're aware of what is happening with our tax system. Thanks go to both Mike and George. It is great to have such talent in our group.

Preview of Coming Attractions: Noble Ken Sparks has mailed the Muirfield Tourney sign-up sheet to everyone. Please fill it in and return to Ken. Remember, this is our single fundraiser for the year to operate our club. We need your help and you do not have to be a Shriner to work. Family, friends, kids, neighbors are able and welcome to help. Remember the dates this year are June 1 - 7.

Tabloid is May 9. Work assignment sheets will be mailed in March, based upon last year's staffing. Please respond as quickly as possible so we are sure we are covered to raise needed funds for our hospitals.

Nobles, Ladies, and guests – plan to attend our dinner meeting on April 2. Our most popular speaker of years past will do it again. Noble Fred Hower, The Ohio Nurseryman, will answer all your lawn, garden, landscaping, and other growing stuff questions. By the way, did you see Noble Fred featured in the *Columbus Dispatch Weekender* of February 27? Nice recognition, Fred. (We hope his speaking fee stays the same.)

Nobles, a lot of things are going on. Attend a meeting, connect with fellow Nobles, and be involved in both Tabloid and Muirfield!

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KAMBRI SHRINE

by Dick Brixner

Attention, Kambri Shriners! Here is an updated list of coming events for your club. Please read this article, record the dates on your calendar, and plan to attend all the events. Come out and enjoy the fun, fellowship and great food.

On Saturday, March 21 there will be an open house at the Masonic Lodge to educate the citizens of Guernsey County on Masonic activities. Our Shrine club will have a table set up to show what we do and with information about our Shriners Hospitals. Nobles Frank Potts and Ermal Shimp will be hosting the table. The open house will be from 1 - 6 p.m. and will be held in conjunction with a spaghetti dinner.

Do you like to eat shrimp? Plan to be at King Pin Lanes on Monday, March 23 and we will car pool to the Marietta Shrine Club for their annual "all you can eat shrimp" fest.

We will meet at 5 p.m. for the trip south. This is one great event.

Kambri Shriners, are you aware of the donations the Shriners have given to our local hospital over the years? During the past several years, we have given nearly \$95,000.00 in equipment to SEORMC. Recently, we presented a check to the hospital in the amount of \$13,699.00. The hospital purchased equipment for the occupational/physical therapy departments: \$1,917.00 for a Pigg-O-Stat Immobilizer Positioner for radiology, \$7,500.00 for the purchase of a Welch Allyn Apnea Monitor, and \$1,408.00 for a pediatric wheelchair. These funds come money you donate and from the Aladdin Shrine Hospital Association for Children (ASHAC). Give yourselves a big pat on the back for your support of our local hospital's pediatric unit.

On May 16, we will hold our first chicken barbeque of the season at Noble Ed Turner's County Coins and Collectibles. Please watch for the flier, and sign up to help prepare the chickens, cook the same, and sell them to the public. We will need volunteers; get involved.

On May 28, Potentate Daniel E. Stainbrook, his Lady Ann, and the Divan will visit our club. This event will be held at the Cambridge Country Club.

You need to start planning to "hit the streets" on Saturday, June 6 for our one, big fundraiser of the year. It is Tabloid Day for Guernsey County. We need our Shrine members to plan on breakfast at the Lodge, followed by three to four hours on the streets in Cambridge, New Concord, Caldwell, and Byesville, all in the name of raising funds for our Shriners Hospital. Remember, the more Shriners on the street, the more money will

we raise. This year, it will be very difficult to hit our goal without more Shriners on the street. Plan on coming out to help, and remember, it is all for the kids we serve at our burns and orthopaedic units throughout Shrinedom.

It is time to start gathering door prizes for our annual golf scramble, that will be held at Wildfire Golf Club in New Concord, Saturday, June 20. If you know businesses or if your company can donate, you can drop the items off at our Masonic Lodge. We will accept items as well as cash to purchase various items. Also, put the date on your calendar and get your foursome together. It is a great golf event, followed by a steak dinner, great fun, and fellowship.

Please mark your calendars for the additional events;

Annual Fish Fry at Plumbers/Pipefitters Hall - July 25

Annual Steak Fry at the P/P Hall - October 22.

Christmas Party at the P/P Hall - December 10.

Kambri Shriners, are you aware that we have a small fleet of vehicles for parades? Six of our Nobles have purchased 6 mini vehicles – 2 stake bed trucks, 2 circus wagons, 1 firetruck, and 1 bread truck.

Our ladies night at SEORMC will be April 9. We will have a program by the medical staff from the hospital, and we will have a great meal. You can watch your mailbox for the flier with further details.

Your Kambri Board voted to look into shirts and jackets for our club. The board will pay a one time set-up fee and will make the shirts and jackets available at a later date.

Remember to read the *Lamp* for special deals for Shriners.

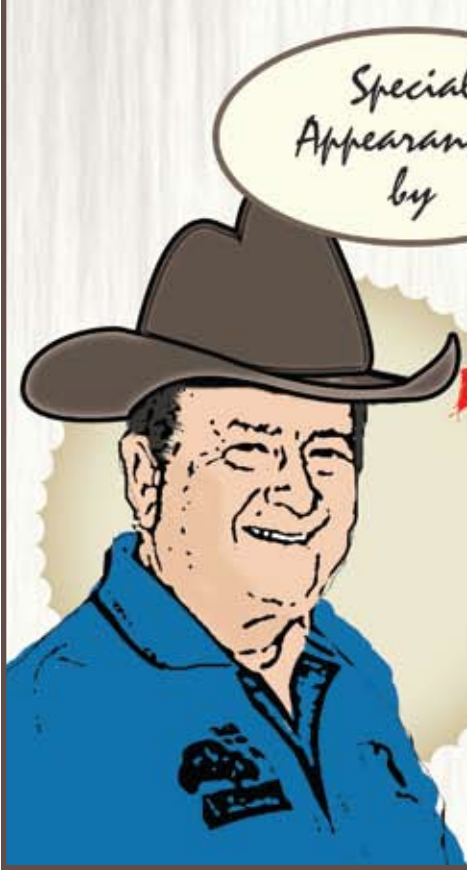
Did you know that there is a Ticketmaster ticket center at Aladdin Shrine Center? The dates for this year's Aladdin Shrine Circus is March 19-22. As a business, you can advertise in the *Lamp*, and reach over 8,000 readers. You can call Caroline Clabaugh at 614-985-0311. Read the *Lamp* and find out what is available.

Hopefully, as a Kambri Shriner, you have read this article, recorded all the dates, and will plan to come out to support Noble President Ron LePage, the board, and your fellow Nobles. I can assure that you will have great fellowship, fun, entertainment, and great food. I hope to see you at the next event.

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KENTUCKY COLONELS

by Dick Phelps

Looks like our weather is finally warming up, so hopefully we can shed our winter coats. Our Colonel snow birds will be heading north with their enviable tans to show off. Florida had some cool weather at times, though.

President Ron Fraser presided at our February meeting and Past Potentate Dee Mowry gave the Invocation and led the pledge to our flag.

Colonel Ron recognized Past President Don Lynne and Past President Pete Ransbaugh. Colonel Pete was presented with his certificate as a past president of our Aladdin Kentucky Colonel Club.

Members were reminded to help with Tabloid Day sales and to help with our young guests on Thursday morning at the circus. Colonels Joe Rike and Don Shoffstall performed their duties with the minutes and financial report in their usual efficient manner.

President Ron welcomed two new members to our club. He presented Nobles Dan Strausburg and Fred Ylingling with their Kentucky Colonel Commission, and congratulated them on becoming a Colonel and a member of Aladdin's club. We are always pleased to be able to assist Nobles obtain their Commission. If you are ever interested, give Joe Rike a call at 740-587-2496.

Past Potentate Dee Mowry was asked to swear in our new Kentucky Colonel Club officers, which he did in his usual fine style. Officers are Ron Fraser, president; Neal McCleary, vice president; Joe Rike, secretary; and Don Shoffstall, treasurer.

It was reported that Colonel Nevin Flinn is now out of the hospital and resting at home. We were glad to see Jeri Lewis out with us and Clara Jo Rike has thrown her cane away.

Now that the weather has moderated, step out in front of the Shrine Center and look at the attractive walkway that has been completed. Individual stones print out the names and data of current and former Aladdin Nobles. It is an attractive addition to our facility. It is one more way we can be proud to be a Noble of Aladdin Shrine.

Not to be forgotten are those of our club who are celebrating birthdays in March: Loren Divan John Ervin, Chuck Everman, Glen Hayes, Bill Keller, Pete Ransbaugh, and Don Shoffstall. Many more in good health, fellows!

Remember, we are only young once, but, with humor, we can be immature forever.

Washington Court House

by Mike Flynn

From Aladdin Shrine, Past Potentate Thomas J. Colburn logged more than 100 miles in his sport-utility vehicle the other night just to spend about five minutes with the Washington Shrine Club's board of directors. The brief time he spent in town was crucial to the club which had not installed its 2009 officers because of a nasty winter storm that clobbered almost three-fourths of the state, closing schools and businesses, and making a shambles of scheduled activities all over Ohio.

The club's traditional installation ceremony had been booked for January 28, the day the storm delivered its most powerful blow with a thick coating of snow and ice. In the wintry aftermath, the local Shrine club was forced to shuffle its plans by cancelling its monthly meeting, but still had a February 4 board meeting lurking on its slate and an unofficial new president and nine other officers waiting in the wings.

The board's worries evaporated when club treasurer Robert Cannon decided to call Colburn and request his long-time friend's services for the installation ceremonies so that the club could get started on its 2009 business.

Colburn, who served as Aladdin's Potentate in 2000, agreed and embarked on the whirlwind journey to Washington Court House from his home in Westerville, arriving at the board's headquarters at the Hartley Oil Company just as the officers were huddling for their regular monthly meeting. The past potentate administered the oath in a five-minute ceremony and then excused himself for his return trip to the Columbus area.

Installed were George Giammarino, president; Jim Moser, first vice-president; David Hartley, second vice-president; Tom Shields, third vice-president; Kenneth R. (Dick) Rogers, third-year director; Benny Jamison, second-year director; John Bivens, first-year director; Mike Flynn, secretary, and Cannon, treasurer. Butch Witherspoon will serve a one-year term on the board as immediate past president.

"He's (Colburn) a good friend of mine and I asked him if he'd come down and do the ceremony for us so we could get on with things," said Cannon, who served as Aladdin's housing and travel chairman during Colburn's stint as Potentate. Colburn also has another link to the Washington Court House area as his wife, the former Becky Hardin, is a Fayette County native.

Before adjourning its first 2009 meeting, the Shrine board voted to send Colburn a check for \$50 to help defray his travel expenses.

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Thea Court

by Janice Sanders, High Priestess

My year as High Priestess of Thea Court is coming to an end and this will be my last article for the Aladdin Lamp.

Our February 27 meeting was a Valentine Party and election of the 2009-2010 officers. Congratulations go to B. J. Gischler, High Priestess Elect, and her officers. Installation will be on April 4. I want to extend best wishes to them for a wonderful year.

I want to thank the Potentate, Dan Stainbrook, Gail Hinshaw, Jim Badgley, Brenda Springer, and all the Aladdin Shrine Center staff for their help and support. I also want to thank Liz Weltner and Catering by Design for the great lunches and cooperation. Thank you, Frankie, for serving as editor.

I have had a wonderful year and take with me a treasure of memories.

Thank you all and God Bless.

SOUTHEAST SHRINE

by Cecil Moore

Our regular meeting on February 26 was attended by 18. We should have had several more except the weather was poor and traffic was bad. We meet at the MCL Restaurant in Whitehall. The food is always good and you can order the items you want. We enjoy it there and they furnish us a private room to have our meeting.

Three of our officers presented their reports on financial matters and to discuss our upcoming annual fish fry which is scheduled for August 7 at the American Legion on South High Street. We will have another special meeting at a later date to discuss all the details and for anyone who is interested in helping with the food and serving.

We were pleased to have Past Potentate George Kosbab and his Lady in attendance. He thanked the club for its support of the sled hockey for the handicapped children.

We were happy to be visited by Divan Representative Bill Estell and his Lady Carol. He gave a report on upcoming events at the Shrine Center and parades. We were pleased to have them in attendance.

The Black Camel visited and took one of our long-time members, Bill Walpole. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his wife Mary and his family.

Many of our members have had a problem with the ice storm including Past President Jim Hoops, who has fallen and broken a leg. Get well soon and have a quick recovery. Those of you who are sick, we wish the best for you and hope you recover quickly.

That is all for now; more next month.

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Aladdin Parades*	Date	Line Up	Step Off
Pike County Dogwood Parade	4/26	2:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
Utica Ice Cream Festival	5/23	10:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Worthington Memorial Day	5/25	9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Imperial Parade			
Baltimore Parade	8/8	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Bucyrus Parade	8/21	6:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
Nelsonville Parade	8/22	5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
Circleville Pumpkin Parade	10/23	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
Washington CH Christmas	11/22	1:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.

Optional Parades*

Grandview Hts Parade	5/23	9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Licking County Baseball	July		
Plain City Steam Threshers	July		
Coshocton Canal Days	Aug		
Marietta Labor Day Parade	9/5	9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Marion Popcorn	9/10	5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
Grove City Parade	9/19	8:30 a.m.	
Gallipolis Veterans Day	11/11	10:00 a.m.	

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Athens Shrine

by Fred Stanley

The installation of officers was held January 22 at The Plains United Methodist Church beginning with a delicious baked steak dinner and homemade pies prepared and served by ladies of the church.

The meeting was called to order by outgoing-president, Dwight West. Prayer was by Second Vice President Brian Robertson and was followed by the pledge to the flag.

First Ceremonial Master and 2009 Club Representative Garol Rogers, accompanied by High Priest and Prophet Mike Tyne, installed the following 2009 slate of officers: John F. (Fred) Stanley, president; Brian Robertson, first vice president; Jeff Linscott, secretary; and Danny Kasler, treasurer.

I feel it a great honor to be president of the Athens County Shrine Club and raising money for the Orthopaedic and Burn Hospitals. I'm looking forward to the help and support of the Nobles for all of the activities in the coming year which includes: Tabloid Days - June 5 - 6; Green Corn Dinner - July 23; Fish Fry - September 24; Potentate's Visit - October 22; Basketball Previews - November 27; Christmas Dinner December 10; and any other activities in the coming year.

Remember, our club meetings are always the fourth Thursday of each month except March of this year, which will be the third Thursday. Members from other clubs are always welcome.

I plan to work with Club Parade Chairman Larry Hines to be involved in as many local parades as possible in order to make ourselves known as to who we are and for what we stand.

A new kitchen was installed in the past two years, and I have a chef lined up to prepare meals for our club meetings. He can prepare any type of meal we suggest.

Jim Nelson, a past president of the Athens Club, was instrumental in starting the kitchen project before he passed away January 20, 2009. Past President Mark Abdella finished this project after Jim's passing.

I hope I can be as successful in gaining as many new members this year as our Past President Dwight West did last year.



Steubenville

by Anthony Violi

Our new president, Noble Jim Halstead, called the meeting of the Steubenville Shrine Club to order at 7:30 p.m. in our own clubhouse. He led the Nobility in the pledge to the flag of our great country. He also offered prayer for the Lord to watch over our Shrine and help us with our philanthropy administrating to crippled and burned children.

Condolences were extended to the families of Nobles James W. Richardson and Robert Mamula who were taken by the Black Camel to their eternal resting place.

The minutes of the preceding meeting and the treasurer's report were accepted as presented.

The Motor Patrol is now idle. Their first meeting will be in April when the members will assemble to check equipment and make necessary repairs.

Noble B.J. Johnson informed the Nobility that two children are scheduled for evaluation in March. Drivers are needed to transport the children. Nobles, offer your service for this worthy cause. Contact Noble Craig Gorney if you are available or know of a child who may need help from the Shrine.

Noble Bill Alexander, Tabloid Chairman, informed the Nobility that Tabloid Day will be held May 8 - 9. Much help will be needed for this event. Again Nobles, offer your services.

It was announced that the Potentate's Visitation and Ladies Night will be held at Aladdin Land on Saturday, April 4. Nobles, plan on spending an interesting evening of fellowship with the Potentate, Divan, and their Ladies. A delicious dinner will be served, presentations will be made, and music will be provided for dancing.

We were honored to have Noble W. Garol Rogers, First Ceremonial Master from the Divan, visiting us. He informed us that the Shrine is losing members and urged all Shriners to seek new candidates. He informed us that the Ceremonial will be at the Aladdin Shrine Center, Columbus, on June 26.

Local Lodge reports were given. Past presidents, 25- and 50-year members, and distinguished Masons were recognized.

A closing prayer was offered and delicious refreshments, prepared by Second Vice President Noble Wes Darling, were available. Fellowship followed.

GOD BLESS AMERICA.

Masonic Night with Shrine by Dick Bull

Ill. Potentate Daniel E. Stainbrook II has set Monday, April 27 as the 17th Annual Masonic Night with The Shriners. It will be held at the Aladdin Shrine Center, 3850 Stelzer Road, Columbus. A Lodge of Master Masons will be opened promptly at 6:45 p.m. by Wor. Bro. Stephen T. Nolel and his officers of Blendon Lodge #339, F & A.M., home lodge of the Potentate.

Most Wor. Bro. Charles R. Murphy, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, is expected to be in attendance as well as several other Grand Lodge officers and Past Grand Masters.

The Master Mason Degree will be performed in its entirety by the Past Masters Unit of Aladdin, under the direction of Wor. Bros. Richard J. Bull, Phillip S. Clouse, and Ronald H. Leonard. Several other Shrine units will also participate. Details will be included in the April issue of the *Lamp*.

After close of lodge at 9:35 p.m., refreshments will be served.

All Master Masons are most welcome. The only admission requirement is a 2009 Blue Lodge dues card. Aprons will be furnished at the door.

Plan to attend this evening of fraternal fellowship.

From The Shrine Band by Robb Landon

As you read this, spring will be only a few days away. Boy, am I ready! With the arrival of spring comes the circus schedule (see dates and times below). This has always been a very busy part of the year for the bands. The Dixieland band will perform at matinees and the Concert Band will preform at the evening performances. The circus ends on Sunday, March 22 and on Monday, March 23 the Dixieland Band will perform at the Marietta Shrimp Feed. On March 27, our Dance Band will perform during dinner at the Brutal Brothers National Convention at our Shrine Center. The Dixieland Band will provide entertainment during dinner for the Brutal Brothers on March 26.

Next month I plan to feature the history of accomplishments of Tom Dale and the biography of our new director, James Esswein.

Band Schedule

Circus -

March 19 - 2:00 p.m. Dixieland
6:30-7:15 p.m. Concert Band
March 20 - 6:30-7:15 p.m. Concert Band
March 21 - 2:00 p.m. Dixieland
6:30-7:15 p.m. Concert Band
March 22 - 1:00 p.m. Dixieland

March 23 - Dixieland at the Marietta Shrimp Feed
March 24 - 7:00-9:00 p.m. Dance Band Rehearsal

March 26 - Dixieland Performance for the Brutal Brothers time tba
March 27 - Dance Band Performance for the Brutal Brothers time tba
March 31 - 7:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting
8:00-9:30 p.m. Concert Band Rehearsal
April 7 - 8:00 p.m. Concert Band Rehearsal
April 14 - 8:00 p.m. Concert Band Rehearsal
April 21 - 7:00 p.m. Dance Band Rehearsal
April 28 - 7:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting
8:00 p.m. Concert Band Rehearsal

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As we begin this new year it may be time to hear banjos, mandolins, acoustic guitars, fiddles, basses and dobros ring in our Temple, clubs and units.

My goal is to just get some Nobles together who like to play music, have some fun, and share our music with others.

If you have an interest, an instrument, and a willingness to practice and play some music for fun and enjoyment, please give me a call, Tom Rice, at 614-599-1517 or an email at trice3@insight.rr.com.

Hardin County

by Ken Rossman

Our regular meeting was held on February 18 at Veteran's Memorial Park Clubhouse with 48 Nobles and guests in attendance. Noble Rossman gave a prayer to open the evening. We dined on a great meal prepared and served by Nobles Doornbos, Clinger, Rice, Garman, Gilbert, Wagner, Codee Morris and Ridgeway. Good job Nobles. President Brutzer led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to open our business meeting. We gave a big hand to the kitchen crew for a job well done.

Noble Breidenbach reported that Noble Bradshaw had a partial knee replacement and Noble Britt is not doing well at St. Rita's Hospital in Lima. Noble Wayne Barnes is in rehab at St. Rita's. Noble Howard Watkins is at the James Clinic at O.S.U. Hospital. We signed a card to send to Watkins. We wish the very best to all these Nobles and need to keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

P.P. Calvin Smith brought an award for Noble Gilbert, but he left early so Brutzer will give the award to Gilbert later. Thank you notes were received from Melissa Rossman and Kelsey Garmon for the scholarships they were given at Christmas Party.

After some discussion a motion was made and carried to again donate \$500.00 to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, which provides books for children to help them learn to read.

Noble Rossman gave a report on Tabloid Day. We were notified we can no longer distribute our Tabloids at the Kroger store. After many suggestions and comments, Rossman will contact Ace Hardware and CVS to see if we can work at these places on Tabloid. A sign-up sheet was available for Walmart and K-Mart. We will need lots of help for us to be successful in this project.


We wish a happy birthday to Noble Everett Bushong who is 86.

Noble Weaver closed our meeting with a prayer. We must remember, Aladdin is Rolling for Kids.

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Patrol Marches On...

by Jan Doss

Well, it's been a while since the last article and yes we're still here! Just to bring everyone up to date, the first meeting of the Patrol was on February 23. We decided to have just one meeting per month with the next to be March 23 with light refreshments served. Please don't forget to call or email Captain Arlan to let him know if you are going to attend. The remaining meetings are April 13, May 11, and the practice date for the Spring Ceremonial on June 26 will be announced.

We have plans for a breakfast at Plank's Cafe on Parsons Avenue on Saturday, April 4. More information will be coming, so mark your calendars now!

Terry DeVassie is waiting for gall bladder surgery. Dick Nash is home from the hospital from a bout with an old blood clot and Crohn's Disease. Charlie Hulls is home and doing better and last, but not least, Dick Goudy is in a nursing home, but not up to visitors. Please send cards for Dick Goudy to his nephew Dick Orr, 3677 Dublin Road, Columbus, 43221. For Terry, Charlie or Dick Nash, send them to their homes. Jerry Hampson is still in a nursing home in Lancaster. I'm sure Nadine would love to hear from you or deliver a card to Jerry. The Patrol wishes all a "get well."

Don't forget the Memorial Golf Tournament will be here before you know it. This year it runs from June 1-7. Mark your calendars so you won't miss volunteering this year. Information will be mailed out middle part of April.

Patrolmen, if you have a Patrol uniform at home and currently aren't drilling, please call or email Captain Arlan to make arrangements to return it or drop it off at the Aladdin Shrine Center. Just put your name on the uniform.

Last, but not least, if you haven't paid your 2009 dues, please do so. You must have a current dues card to attend social events.

Captain Arlan's contact information: kst7act8@att.net, 614-475-7366.

As always, this is your article, please contact Captain Arlan with anything you would like to have in the article. See you on the Square.

Pipes & Drums

by Jim Bradham

The Pipes and Drums members are back at practice preparing for another busy year. We have 16 events scheduled, including 6 parades. The first is the Aladdin Shrine Circus. We have an additional table this year which will require more help so call Zale, our circus chairman, if you are available.

St. Patrick's Day is around the corner and many pipers will be entertaining that weekend. Dublin always has pipers entertaining. If you're not associated with the band and want to listen to the pipes, stop by Cladaugh or Brazenhead.

We have a few members on the sick and recovery list this year. Danny Bounds underwent a quadruple heart by-pass and is home recovering. Vicki has finished her chemotherapy and is now starting radiation for her cancer. Mike and Nancy Smith have been ill – Mike just had a heart catheterization. Jack Gordon has been ill with several problems. Our thoughts and prayers go to each one of them and a quick recovery.

The band welcomes two new members this year, both pipers: Brian Wise and Tom Corbin. Both say they are eager to learn and join us in parades. It's nice to have young members join the band to fill in for the older guys who can't march anymore due to age and health problems. That seems to be the theme of the Shrine in general.

Spring is just around the corner. I wish everyone a safe and Happy St. Patrick's Day,



Chanters

by Brent Wilson

Well, here we are, right on the cusp of spring. It has been a long, cold, gray, dreary, snowy, icy, miserable winter. One of the colder ones in history! I heard the mean temperature world wide is down two degrees. The South Pole is expanding at a rate not seen in modern history, and I was told that all of that is due to global warming. Go figure! Please don't worry as you go through your daily lives. Keep breathing and be sure to exhale; all the plants love the carbon dioxide and life will go on. I am truly looking forward to turning up the flower beds and garden in anticipation of the spring planting. Even more than that, I can't wait for the return of our fine feathered friends and all of the snowbirds return from Florida and Arizona. Spring is such a grand time, "when all new things are born."

Our new Chanter officers are firmly entrenched and moving forward. President Bob Smith has come up with some very good ideas and his Lady Carolyn had a very nice Ladies Night on February 9. A grand time was had by all. Carolyn, thanks for the rose. My Nancy thought it was from me. I let her believe it for a couple of minutes.

As I sit here writing this article, I am recuperating from surgery. I feel as though I've lost a dear friend – Mr. Gall Bladder. I am sure he was very dedicated and eager to do his job. But, they say sometimes you and your friends must part. I hate to see him go, but he truly was a pain in my side. Not a very good way to lose a couple of pounds, however.

Some Dates to Remember:

Monday - March 30 - Sing at Oakleaf Village at 7:30 p.m.

Monday - April 6 - Sing at Dublin Retirement Center at 8:00 p.m.

Monday - April 13 - Rehearsal

Friday - April 17 - Spaghetti Dinner – 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Monday - April 20 - Stated meeting

Tuesday - April 21 - Rehearsal

Monday - April 30 - Sing at Kensington Place

Don't forget the Chanters annual spaghetti dinner. It is truly an event of great value, food, and fun. It is April 17 at the Aladdin Shrine Center. Tickets will not be sold at the door, so be sure to see a Chanter or see Gail Hinshaw, the executive director's secretary. What a time! It is all the spaghetti and meatballs you can eat, salad, rolls, dessert for only \$9.00 for adults, children under 12 are free. DON'T MISS THIS EVENT!

You know we are slowly scaling back in Iraq, but at the same time we are ramping up in Afghanistan. We are putting more and more of our young men and women in harm's way. Please be sure to keep them all in your thoughts and prayers.

Senior Shriners

by Chuck McLeod

Noble First Vice President Jonwade Boyd called the February meeting of the Senior Shriners to order. He was presiding because President Noble Dick Logsdon was in St. Ann's Hospital with congestive heart failure. Noble Boyd introduced Noble Jack Allen, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and Noble Harry Reissig, a Past Potentate of Aladdin Shrine. He asked the past presidents of the club to stand and introduce themselves. They were Nobles Kittrell, Lynne, McLeod, and Snow. Noble Bill Estell, the Chief Rabban of Aladdin Shrine and our club representative, was introduced.

After a delicious luncheon, Vice President Boyd introduced the speaker, Mr. Jeff Hadley, a financial planner and the person who handles our investments. He said his generation has never seen an economic downturn such as we are in at this time. They don't remember the Great Depression of 1929. President Hoover raised taxes and nationalized the banks to stabilize the economy after nine out of ten banks were failing. He also set high tariffs on all imported goods to try to have people buy American products. This failed as the other countries then raised their tariffs on American goods being imported.

Mr. Hadley said he studies financial history and has concluded that what can happen, has happened, and will happen. He compared the Great Depression and what President Hoover did to the present times. President Obama cut taxes, passed an \$800 billion stimulus bill, and gave the banks a huge loan to save them from going under. He also gave the automobile industry a huge loan to keep them from failure which would not only affect the autoworkers, but their suppliers as well. He said the unemployment rate is at 7.7% now and he thinks it will go to 10%.

Mr. Hadley noted there have been three Bull Markets in our time. In 1925 with the introduction of the automobile and radio, in 1970 with the energy crisis and in 1980 with the introduction of the computer. Vice President Boyd thanked the speaker.

Noble McLeod gave the secretary's report which was approved. Noble Allen gave the treasurer's report that was approved and ordered attached to the minutes. Noble Allen stated that the financial form required by Aladdin had been filed and approved. Noble Pendell gave the closing prayer and the meeting was closed in peace and harmony.

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