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Membership Statistics

Membership As Of 01-01-2015	**5297**
Associate Members Start 2014	50
Total Membership 01-01-2014	**5347**

	Current	Yr to Date
Creations	4	10
Affiliations	0	2
Restored	0	35
Assoc. Members	1	1
	Total Additions YTD	**48**

	Current	Yr to Date
Demits	0	5
Suspensions	1	9
Deaths	26	132
Assoc. Dropped	0	3
Reversals	0	0
	Total Deletions YTD	**149**

Membership As Of 7-31-2015	**5246**
Net Loss/Gain YTD	**-101**

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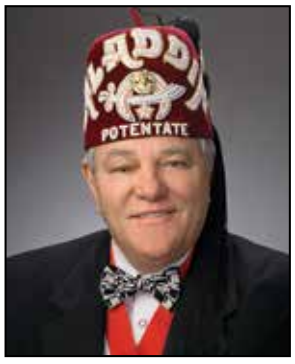
Potentate's Monthly Message

Are you interested? We have a group for you!



David E. Wolfe, Potentate

Fall is coming upon us in a rather quick fashion. We have survived the sewer crisis, at least up to this point. This could be considered one of the vicissitudes of life, the ups and downs. It also leads to some degree of stress…remember the fire from last year. Stress is essentially of two types, distress and eustress. The first is one with which we are all familiar is distress which keeps us up at night and is the cause of an untold amount of worry. The second we do not hear much about because it is still stress but eustress from the Greek "eu" which means good, well or "good" stress. Sounds like a contradiction of terms. This is the stress which gives us the ambition and/or drive. All Shriners had the ambition to become a Mason and eventually a Shriner, hopefully a very active Shriner.

As we look toward October 3, the last Ceremonial in this building, give some thought about what it means to be a Shriner. While walking through the Multipurpose Room during the recent Chicken-Corn Roast Dinner, I thought about how many of these people I would never have met (and who became friends) had it not been for Aladdin. Think of all the opportunities you would have missed had it not been for Aladdin. Think of all the opportunities available to you as a Shriner. Do you, or have you in the past, played a musical instrument including the bagpipes? We have something for you. Do you like to sing? We have a group for you. Are you, or have you been, interested in amateur radio, public address? We have a group for you. Are you interested in classic cars? We have a group for you. Are you interested in helping with the pageantry and theatrics? We have a group for you. Have you ever entertained thoughts about running away and joining the circus and being a clown? We have a group for you. Do like photography and working with pictures? We have a group for you. Have you worked in the medical field? We have a group for you. Have you been in law enforcement? We have a group for you. Do you like target shooting? We have a group for you. Do you ride a motorcycle? We have a group for you. Whatever your interests are, there are most likely like-minded Shriners waiting for you and/or your friends who had not yet had the opportunity to experience the Shrine membership experience.

Statistics tell us that only about 26% of Ohio Blue Lodge Masons are Shriners. Herein lies a great opportunity to introduce a fellow Lodge member to share in the great times you have had as a Shriner. Remember being active is to best way to get your money's worth out of the Shrine. Don't be a SINO (Shriner In Name Only) . This will be the last ceremonial in this building; don't miss it.

Want to Plunge 'N' for fun? We have a group for you.

Tabloid Times

by Bob Stevenson, Tabloid Chair

Computers in the future may weigh no more than 1.5 tons." (Popular Mechanics forecasting the relentless march of science, 1949)

Since it is now September, as in dog days of, I thought this quote was very appropriate for this time. It is always amazing how many people in sports, in politics, in religion, in medicine, in just about everything always "know what is going to happen." And I doubt any of us are very surprised when it doesn't. It also amazes me how many things are offered as examples of whatever, most of which are not really interesting at all.

In 1965 I was a young operations manager trainee for Merrill Lynch. During a six-week stay at the home office, we were rotated through virtually every area of the firm. At that time the computer was an IBM 7074. I guess it was the largest non-government machine in existence then. During the tour of the systems area, our guide informed us that the machine could add all the numbers in the Manhattan phone book in some small amount of time—like a minute or something. I guess all were impressed until I asked the man "why would you want to?" I never got a Christmas card from that guy!

But some facts are important and since it's kind of quiet right now, let me reflect on just a couple.

First, Aladdin Tabloid efforts remain among the very best in all of Shrine. Year in, year out, the Nobles, ladies and friends of Shriners Hospitals for Children meet the call to raise funds to do "those little extras" that the budget does not allow. I want you to know that Aladdin is recognized by our three hospitals for our consistent efforts on their behalf.

Second, we continue to move away from the old "day that lasts all year'"and to a year round event. I've had the privilege of visiting a few clubs to see firsthand the work they do in the community and the response the community gives the Shrine for the hospitals. I'm looking forward to visits with a few more clubs in the coming months.

Third, we have added new groups and activities in the last couple of years. It is good to see the Nobles in these groups get involved in Tabloid. An example this year is the Aladdin Arms Club. They "hit the street" in front of a store and a couple Nobles raised over $100. They are proof you don't need a large group to do some good. In being out there they made Shrine visible to people

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Membership Memo

by Calvin Smith, P.P.

One project that cannot be avoided.

September is upon us. Schools are open and the yellow buses seem to be everywhere. Our lodges are back in session; have you gone yet? It is the only way to keep up with the basis of our fraternity.

I usually introduce this month's article with the typical September stuff: the upcoming baseball playoffs, the start of football, falling leaves, or seasonal home maintenance projects. I have a few of the latter to do, but there is one project that I just cannot avoid. The continuing maintenance of Aladdin's membership. Why do we find it so difficult to attract new members? Why do they stop paying their dues? Why do they not want to return?

We are always seemingly at a crossroads. We do make the correct turn; we just do not travel the road we take to success. Therefore, my good and faithful brethren, we need to see what MapQuest, OnStar and AAA have to say. They all give us turn-by-turn directions to our destination. They even tell us when we leave our planned route; they give us additional help to get back on track if we request it. They tell us about rest stops, gas stations, motels, restaurants and sight-seeing opportunities. It is the complete package.

Is there a lesson here?

Yep, there is. Once you choose to try to convince a fellow Mason to join or to talk to a current member about staying or attempt to get an inactive member to restore himself, you have begun a journey. You better have the complete package. It requires a map to your destination. It requires you begin the trek; it requires you to seek help if unexpected road blocks appear; it requires pauses that refresh; it requires persistence on your part. Now, let's get to it! Make the journey to the end. Get a member, new or former. Assist in keeping a current member active. Meet your fraternal obligation to try!

The Fall Ceremonial

Are you ready for our October 3, 2015 full-dress Ceremonial? Now is the time to get that candidate ready for creation as a Noble in the Aladdin Shrine. The Ceremonial fee is $194 if a fez is not required and $264 if one is needed. Both fees include $89 for the candidate's 2016 dues. The petition deadline is 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 28.

For further emphasis I can only repeat what I wrote to you last month: **I am not lazy; I am as serious as one can get!**

We can no longer leave the business of membership to someone else. Each one of us must help. I have said it before and I will not stop reminding you that our membership is critical to the future of Aladdin and to those children who need our assistance. There are numerous new Masons who represent prospective Shriners. Need recruiting materials? Contact me at the phone numbers below or by email: csmith@aladdinshrine.org. I will respond. **Become a recruiter supreme.**

Time to Pay Your 2015 Dues Is Getting Shorter

Did you recently receive a dues notice for your 2015 Aladdin dues? Please pay them now! Ted and I are here to assist you with your questions. Give us a call at 614-475-2609. If you live outside Franklin County, call us toll free at 800-475-3850.

Annual Housekeeping Stuff

We continue to ask you to pay attention to these requests.

- Be sure you maintain you current postal address and phone number with the office. You can do this by calling, by email or by using the website, aladdinshrine.org.
- If you snowbirds go out-of-state, contact the office and talk to us about your winter address.
- Do we have your proper email address? Just email me at csmith@aladdinshrine.org. I will check it for you.

Erie ASC-OSCC

by Bob Stevenson & Tom McNeil

Imperial 2016 is now in the record books and new assignments have been made. SHC- Erie will say "thanks for everything" as we see SCH-Trustee Anthony West move on to assignments with SHC-St. Louis and Mexico City (where he served on the BOG and as BOG chair). At the same time we welcome SHC-Trustee Richard "Rick" Williams. Rick is a member of Saladin Shriners in Kentwood, MI. We look forward to working with him on the many opportunities we will have coming our way.

While summer is typically busy for all of us with vacations, trips to lakes, outing with kids and families and all the other things that now happen in a very shortened summer, SHC-Erie stays very busy as well. We will give you a run down on numbers in next issue of the *Lamp*.

Under the category of "Your Government at Work?" we have news on the background checks. First, let us say "thanks" to all our Roadrunners who attended the Community Open House and stood in line for an hour to get paperwork completed, finger printed and the rest. It is a testament to the commitment Shriners have to the well-being and protection of the kids we serve. You can all stand proud. However, the Pennsylvania legislature has changed, yes, changed the law. It is now required of persons who are with children who are NOT accompanied by a parent/guardian! Sounds like the lobby (by whom, not sure) in Harrisburg was pretty strong. Anyway, since our Roadrunners are not alone with the kids, we don't require it. But, since we now have a corps of drivers who have passed the background, should emergencies arise, we have drivers who can meet the requirement. Again, THANKS go to all who braved that line.

As you read this with our new schedule it will be football season! Enjoy the coming fall and thanks for all the support you give SHC-Erie as well as Lexington and Cincinnati!

Facebook at Shriners Hospitals for Children–Erie Facility. Follow us on YouTube: www.youtube.com/user/SHCErie and as always, if you meet an Aladdin Roadrunner, please say THANKS!

Volunteers Needed

To All Nobles And Ladies

Over the course of the summer we will need your help at the current Shrine Center with packing, sorting, reboxing, and assorted other tasks in preparation for the move to our new home.

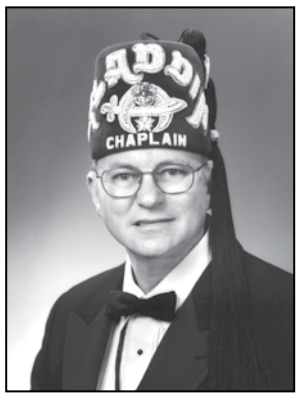
We are compiling a list to call when assistance is needed.

Please call Amber Crosby, 614-475-2609 or acrosby@aladdinshrine.org, with your phone number and any restrictions you might have as to the type work you can do. We will have all types of projects available from very light duty to more physical jobs.

Chaplain's Corner

by William R. Stump

Here am I. Send me. Isaiah 6:8



Since all Freemasons believe in God, this article will concern him. Starting with the Old Testament, we are told, "God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should change His mind." (Numbers 23:19 NIV.) Humans can and do lie.

From the New Testament Epistle to Titus we read, "Paul, a servant of God and apostle of Jesus Christ for the faith God's elect and the knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness—a faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time." (1:1,2 NIV.)

One of my favorite passages written by the Prophet Isaiah is found in chapter 55 and verses eight and nine. "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts."

Notice that God describes you before you were born. He knows exactly when you will die. "Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." (Psalm 139:16 NIV.)

With all that in mind, we often use the familiar Scripture which is sometimes sung, "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer. (Psalm 19:14 NIV.) We sang this before the Sunday worship service on Iwo Jima Air Force Base when I was the organist.

Still in reference to God, the Book of Hebrews offers even more insight. "For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account." (4:12, 13 NIV.)

In the Book of John, Jesus tells us about His relationship to God, the Father. "I and the Father are one." (10:30 NIV.) Later in John, "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life, No one comes to the Father except through Me.' " (14:6 NIV.)

Aladdin is changing locations and we need more men who believe in God joining us to help improve our world. My hope is in God. Pray often.

Tabloid Times

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who might not have been aware of what we do. Thanks, guys!

Finally, we know the number of Nobles is going down. The age of our Nobles is making it harder to have many street corners covered. We need everyone working on new and different ways to raise funds for Tabloid. We also need those ideas to be shared. I still believe our best advertising, in addition to the circus, is having Shriners with fez out in our communities. What better way to attract potential Nobles. Along with the Tabloid, have a few informational cards available to hand out. The office has them.

Well, enough of this. I'll finish this using my laptop that weighs maybe 4 pounds and does things that old IBM7074 never dreamed of. I suppose my laptop could add all the numbers in the Manhattan phone book. Problem is laptops, pads, tablets and smart phones have made it almost impossible to find a phone book—Manhattan's or any other.

Hope you had a great summer. Hope OSU takes the National Championship again, as some pundits are saying, "Keep them off the cover of *Sports Illustrated*. " Remember that Tabloid 2016 is now underway. **Thanks for all you do for our kids all year long. And that is a fact beyond dispute!**

Office Volunteers Wanted

There is a need for volunteers to work in the office at the Aladdin Shrine Center.

Contact Amber Crosby
614-475-2609, ext. 113
acrosby@aladdinshrine.org

Aladdin's
Fall Ceremonial

Aladdin Shrine Center
Saturday October 3

Don't miss the last Ceremonial at the Stelzer Road location!

Do you have your candidate yet?

Petitions can be printed from www.aladdinshrine.org. They are listed under the forms tab. Petitions will be accepted until September 28, 4:00 PM

Ceremonial Fee: $194 (no fez)
Embroidered Fez: $70 - Jeweled Fez: $137
(Includes 2016 Dues of $89)

REINVEST IN THE FRATERNITY

Shriners Hospitals for Children

Questions:

Contact Amber Crosby
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2016 Per Capita Assessment Guide

by Donald G. Goodman, P. P., Recorder

2016 Per Capita Assessment Guidance

During the recent 2015 Imperial Session, action was taken to increase the annual per capita tax in 2016. The following guidance provides direction pertaining to that action including the effective date and application of the life per capita membership provisions of the bylaws:

I. Effective Date of the Per Capita Increase - January 1, 2016

The Per Capita Tax will be $30.00/member instead of the current $15.00/member. The Per Capita increase becomes effective for the calendar year 2016 on January 1, 2016. However, dues statements reflecting the per capita increase will be sent to members on or about October 1, 2015. Therefore, the Nobility will begin remitting dues shortly after that date for the 2016 year.

In addition, any Noble who has pre-paid 2016 dues at the $15.00 rate prior to dues roll-over and receipt of the 2016 dues notification will receive a dues notice for the $15.00 difference.

II. Life Per Capita Membership at 2015 Rates

Section 211.5(g) of the Shriners International Bylaws provides, in pertinent part:

> "A Noble may pay to his temple recorder a sum equal to 30 times the current per capita tax and, thereafter, he is exempt from the annual per capita tax."

Therefore, a Noble may avoid the application of the per capita tax increase by becoming a Life Per Capita Member during calendar year 2015. If the Noble submits the sum of $450.00 to the temple recorder on or before December 31, 2015, he is, thereafter, exempt from payment of the per capita tax. However, if a Noble wishes to become a Life Per Capita Member after December 31, 2015, the sum of $900.00 will then be payable to the temple recorder based upon the 2016 per capita increase.

Payments received by the Temple Recorder for the Life Per Capita Membership must be posted and recorded as such on the PC report no later than the December, 2015 report which is due on January 5, 2016. Payments recorded on the January, 2016 or subsequent PC reports will be payable at the increased 2016 rates.

Please note: The Life Per Capita Member should not be confused with a Life Membership which a temple may create exempting the member from the temple's annual dues (§332.6) or with the Hospital Permanent Contributing Membership which exempts the member from the hospital levy (§332.4).

III. Payment of 2016 Dues followed by a 2015 Life Per Capita Membership Payment

With the dues notices being mailed on or about October 1, 2015, it is foreseeable that a Noble may pay the 2016 dues statement in full and, thereafter, submit payment to the temple recorder to become a Life Per Capita Member after paying the 2016 dues but before December 31, 2015. The payment of 2016 dues does not result in a waiver of the ability of the Noble to become a Life Per Capita Member using 2015 per capita rates. In that case, the Noble may be entitled to a credit of $30.00 for that portion of the dues statement which is attributable to the annual per capita tax included in the notice provided to the Noble for the 2016 dues.

Join Aladdin's New Endeavor

by Ronald Leonard, Chief Rabban

Have restaurant experience? Enjoy cooking?

We are looking for a few good men who enjoy cooking for groups of 20-70 Nobles and/or ladies. Have you experience in being a chef or have you worked in a restaurant where you gained experience in the culinary field? If so, then we need you.

We are looking at setting up a new unit or club at Aladdin once we move to Grove City. This would entail running the new kitchen, preparing meals for small groups such as the Masonic Lunch Bunch or possibly the meal before our stated meetings, setting up for those events and maintaining the cleanliness of the kitchen. This would be offered as an alternative to outside catered meals, hopefully at a lower price for Nobility meals. The name of the new unit or club will be determined by the new members once they meet.

Training to meet board of health regulations would be required unless you already are properly certified. It is anticipated this type of project could provide income for the unit or club.

At this point we are trying to determine if there are members who would like to be involved. Several have expressed a desire to see this happen. May we count on you to be a part of this endeavor? If so, please submit your name, phone number, email address and any relevant experience to the Aladdin Shrine, Executive Director Chad Dennewitz, 3850 Stelzer Road, Columbus, OH 43219.

Mark Your Calendar for 2016

Imperial Session 2016

The 2016 Shriners International Imperial Session is scheduled for Sunday, July 3 through Thursday, July 7, 2016, in Tampa, Florida

Tampa is home to the headquarters of Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children, the Tampa Shriners Hospital, and Egypt Shriners.

In addition to being a community that strongly supports the Shriners organizations, the nation's 54th largest city offers many unique and exciting experiences for all ages. We look forward to seeing you there.

For more information, please visit tampa-2016.com.

You are invited to join Potentate David E. Wolfe and The Divan for the

Cornerstone Presentation for Aladdin's New Home

Saturday, September 12

10:00 a.m.

Location: New Aladdin Shrine

1801 Gateway Circle, Grove City, OH

Confederate Flag Display Ban

SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL
Special Order No. 4
Series 2015-2016

To the Potentates, Officers and Members of Shriners International, fraternal greetings.

Attention has been drawn to the political debate over the Confederate battle flag in the wake of the recent incident in Charleston, SC. As a result, in my opinion as Imperial Potentate, I believe it is in the best interest of the Order and the Nobility that no temple, unit, club or member of Shriners International shall display in any form the Confederate battle flag or any image that reasonably can be construed as a reference to the Confederate battle flag.

Under the circumstances, it is my opinion as the Imperial Potentate of Shriners International, that the following order with respect to the Potentates, officers and members of Shriners International should be, and hereby is issued:

ORDER

Now, therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by § 206.5(a) (1) and (5) of the bylaws of Shriners International, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

CONFEDERATE BATTLE FLAG PROHIBITION

No Noble (in his capacity as a member of Shriners International) or club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant organizations of Shriners International, shall display any Confederate battle flag or any image that reasonably can be construed as a reference to the Confederate battle flag in Shrine or civic parades, Temple activities or in Shrine or non-Shrine public appearances.

No Noble (in his capacity as a member of Shriners International) or club, unit, organization of Nobles or affiliated or appendant organizations of Shriners International, shall participate in non-Shrine public appearances in which a Confederate battle flag or any image that reasonably can be construed as a reference to the Confederate battle flag is expected to be displayed by the organizer, promoter or by those in control of the premises or facility of the non-Shrine event.

Dated this 10th day of August, 2015
Jerry G. Gantt, I*mperial Potentate*
ATTEST: Jack H. Jones, *Imperial Recorder*

Polio Victim Returns to Erie

Welcome back! Martha Bruce, Ph.D., was only 15 in 1945 when she first visited Shriners Hospitals for Children-Erie (known at that time as Zem Zem Hospital for Crippled Children). Dr. Bruce was diagnosed with polio in the summer of 1944. Her family investigated treatments at a hydrotherapy clinic in Warm Springs, Georgia which famously had treated Franklin Delano Roosevelt only to find out blacks were not accepted as patients.

Dr. Bruce cites the major reason for coming to Shriners Hospitals for Children-Erie, "Shriners Hospitals was one of the only places that accepted black children." Her family physician secured her a bed at Shriners Hospitals for Children -Erie where she spent 11 months in therapy.

Dr. Bruce remembers her time very fondly. When the Shrine Circus was in town, "The Shriners would bring the circus animals right onto the grounds," reminisced Dr. Bruce. She, along with the other children, had their beds rolled onto a screen covered porch to allow them to watch the animals perform. While touring the health center, the pool area brought back other memories for Dr. Bruce. During her aquatic therapy treatments in 1945, she was able to raise her arms up from her side for the first time. "I thought it was a miracle," she said.

The treatment she received at Shriners Hospitals for Children-Erie allowed her to live a full and rewarding life. Dr. Bruce earned degrees in education from Youngstown State University and Westminster College. She also earned a doctorate in language and communication skills from the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Bruce went on to teach at a college in Africa as well as spending 24 years working for the Youngstown City School District and six years teaching inmates to read at a state correctional institution.

Now in her 80s and suffering from post-polio syndrome, she wanted to visit and tour a place she once called home over 70 years ago. From all of the staff at Shriners Hospitals for Children-Erie, "Welcome Home, Dr. Bruce."

Auction

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, October 17, 2015

3850 Stelzer Road
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2015 ALADDIN PARADES

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

Aladdin Approved Parades - The Potentate and members of the Divan may attend. Units and clubs should attend when possible.

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614-432-5551 Cell

OFFICIAL	DATE	LINE-UP	STEP-OFF
Grove City Parade	9/19	8:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
Jackson Apple Festival	9/26	6:45 p.m.	7:45 p.m.
Circleville Pumpkin Parade	10/23	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
Approved			
Marion Popcorn Parade	9/3	TBA	TBA
Marietta Labor Day Parade	9/7	9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Canal Winchester Labor Day	9/7	Noon	1:00 p.m.
Great Lakes Shrine Association	9/19	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m
Beaver Oktoberfest Parade	10/4	12:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.
Gallipolis Veterans Day	11/11	10:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Athens Veterans Day Parade	11/11	9:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
Lancaster Christmas Parade	11/21	9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Washington CH Christmas	11/29	2:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.

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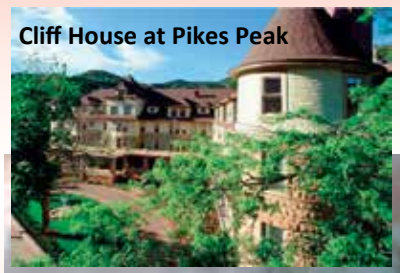

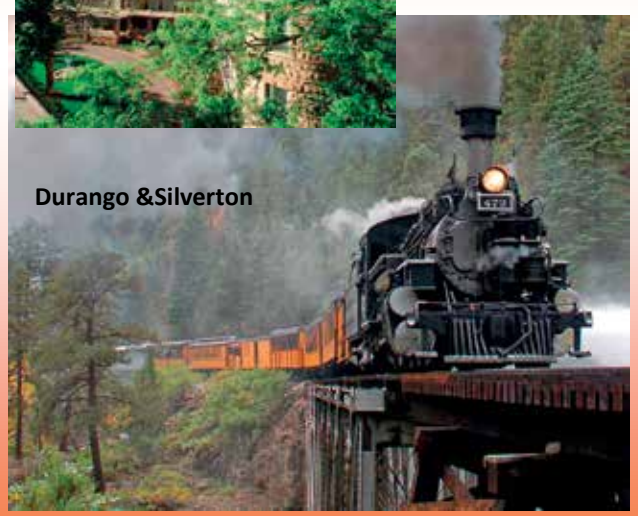

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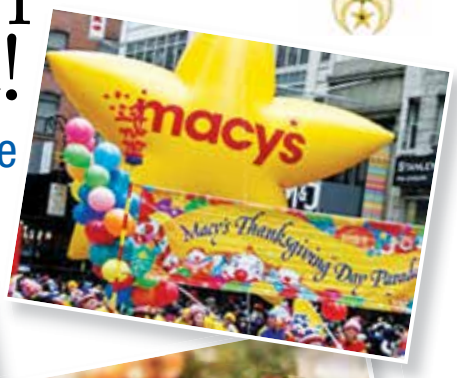

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Marching With The Legion *by Dick Luckay*

IMPERIAL REVIEW – Houston was a good place to hold the Imperial get-together this year. Weather was ideal, the J W Marriott on Main Street was comfortable and accommodating, and the city itself went out of its way to welcome the Shriners.

There were 81 Aladdinites (and family) in attendance and it made for a friendly, convivial group. PP Bill Amspaugh and Lady Kathy, Chief Rabban Ron Leonard and Lady Elaine and Legionoble Dick Luckay and Lady Sarah represented the Legion in fine fashion.

The hotel provided a large room to serve as our hospitality suite and it was put to good use throughout the gathering. Some of the troops arrived early and took in some of the sights and sounds of Houston, but the majority arrived on Sunday and were greeted by a fine welcoming soriee that evening. Good food, fine friendships and liberal libations made for a pleasant start of the annual event.

Various competitions were held on Monday but participation was, unfortunately, very limited in most areas. The Houston Convention Center is E-NORMOUS! Three floors—a million and a half square feet of space and surrounded by frantic construction as the city gets ready for an upcoming Super Bowl and several other large social and athletic events. If you think Columbus is torn up with construction, downtown Houston is a mass of cranes, scaffolding and buildings rising up to incredible heights. The parade on Tuesday afternoon/evening circled the Convention Center. The crowd of on-lookers was relatively small but very enthusiastic as we went by. About 25 Aladdinites, led by Potentate Dave Wolfe, walked the route while several other troops rode in the two Aladdin vehicles available to parade. The after-glo that evening was abundant with food and drink to satisfy all who attended.

The highlight of the week was the Tuesday evening visit to the Downtown Aquarium with its impressive array of marine animals in full display throughout the building. It included a train ride to the "shark tank" where it stopped under a great tunnel of water and the sharks swam placidly by to the amazement of all the train passengers. Inside the aquarium there was a very large three story-tall column of water filled with different fish at various levels of the column. Impressive to say the least! We had an excellent meal on the third floor of the building, followed by a clever and humorous skit on the Potentate's behalf that everyone enjoyed. We returned to the hotel and closed up the hospitality suite at ten o'clock sharp. A fine way to conclude a good Imperial. In retrospect, I somehow (vaguely) recall there was a time the party really began at 10:00 o'clock sharp, but that was then and this is now! So be it!

SPECIAL DAYS FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE – Ah! Those wedding bells will ring out loud and clear once again in September for PP Bill and Kathy Amspaugh on the 13th (1968), PC Gary and Joann Bogart on the 15th (2007) and PC Dick and Nancy Ollila on the 23rd (1961). May the day be a beginning for another happy and blissful year together. Another birthday candle will be added to the cake for Janice Van Horn (9/4) and Nancy Krieger (9/22). You're not a year older—you're a year better.

God Bless one and all!

Hospitality *by Gary Harding*

Hello, Brothers. Hope you are having some fun now that the rain has backed off.

Thanks go to all the guys who have come out to work the events. We must have workers to pull off what we do for the kids. Come to a dinner meeting and see the events that are coming up. Our meeting is the first Wednesday of the month, fellowship will be at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be at 7:00 p.m.

Also look at the parade schedule. We need men to ride on the fire truck and represent our unit. First timers get to ring the bell.

We did a nice job on Tabloid Day. The weather was good but we are always looking for more workers. Many hands make light work. We will accept any and all the help you can give us and the kids in the hospitals will too.

This year's circus was another big hit. I worked two shifts (will-call and face paintings). There are no bad jobs at the circus. We have fun and help the kids in so many different ways. Pick the event you like and get involved. The unit needs you and the kids will benefit.

Thank you so much.

PS: A little birdie told me Dan Carpico is coming back and wants to be an active member again.

Flying Nobles *by Lee McKelvey*

The Flying Nobles meeting will be at the OSU Airport on September 12 at 10:00 a.m. We still meet in the white building south of the old tower. We thank Wayne Williams for getting this meeting room for the Flying Nobles. We had to leave our previous meeting room on the north side of the airport because of the new security rules.

I just called Wayne and he sounded like he was next door but he and Cheryl were in Anchorage, Alaska. They will be in Alaska for a month but will be home when you read this. They went by the airline this time but they made the trip about 25 years ago and Wayne was flying a Cessna 210. He flew about 8,500 miles on that trip. They flew from Alaska down the coast of California and then home. Wayne is an excellent pilot and I'm sure Cheryl is a very good copilot for Wayne.

Our Chief Rabban, Ron Leonard, wants to set up a new club or unit of chefs and those who have restaurant experience. This would be a unit or club which would run the kitchen entirely for Aladdin. Outside catering would not be necessary if this could be started with our own members, if we had enough interested in doing this. That is not a bad idea.

I was just told that PC Dick Leaver (1986) just passed away. Dick was 85. Our sympathy goes to his family. Dick and I were charter members of the Pipes and Drums Unit and early members of the Flying Nobles. That makes three Flying Nobles we lost in the last two months. I lost two other Shriner friends in the same time period.

Our meeting dates are September 12, October 10, and November 14 at OSU. Everybody stay well, look for blue skies and I'll see you next month.

Aladdin on Parade *BALTIMORE*

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Reception

by Don Owens

September is upon us—football season has started, kids are back in school, and the slow build-up to snow and frost is underway.

Speaking of change, there is a new due date for contributions to the *Aladdin's Lamp,* intended to facilitate publication on the first of each month. This was hard for the first issue since we have had only about a week to accumulate newsworthy content. Hence, this article assumes the role of placeholder.

On the other hand, in lieu of news, we will have the opportunity to speculate a little about how nice it's going to be in a few months when we move into our new quarters. The cornerstone presentation will take place on Saturday, September 12 at 10:00 a.m. at the site of the new Aladdin Shrine Temple, 1801 Gateway Circle, Grove City. Director Jack Bonn encourages us to visit the new site in order to familiarize ourselves with the access route. However, construction is still underway and the building itself is therefore not yet accessible.

In the meantime, back on Stelzer Road, the last Car Show at the old temple will be held September 13, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Two official parades are scheduled for September—the Jackson Apple Festival and the Grove City Parade. These events take place on September 26 and September 19 respectively. Note that the parade listing in the July Lamp incorrectly listed both these parades for September 19.

The Fall Ceremonial is coming up on October 3, 2015—the last such event in the old Aladdin Shrine Temple before it falls to the developer's wrecking ball. Petitions, with accompanying fees, are due on September 30 at noon. Now may be the time to dragoon your son, son–in-law or nephew into our great fraternity. As you know, they will be glad they joined.

We must report on some sick folks needing our prayers. Past Potentate Dan Stainbrook's Lady Ann Stainbrook is recovering, painfully, from surgery to repair broken lumbar vertebrae. As you might guess, her injury was sustained in a fall. Ann is in the Westminster Thurber Rehab Facility.

Past Circus Director and Chanter Ralph Hughes and his wife Betty Hughes, who live at the Springfield Masonic Home, would appreciate cards, calls or visits from old friends. Ralph is an old friend of many Reception Unit members through his leadership of the Aladdin Shrine Circus. Thanks go to Ken Russell for relaying this information from Luanne Clevenger. If you would like Ralph's address, please contact the office

The birthdays just keep coming. This month's best birthday wishes are due for Past Potentate Dan Stainbrook, Steve Russo, Richard Alexander and Jim Hughes.

Pike County

by Gerald Remy

Sunday, August 2 the Pike County Shrine Club kicked off the 106th Annual Pike County Fair with a family cookout consisting of pulled pork provided by the club and all the fixings and desserts provided by the ladies. There were 47 Nobles, ladies and children in attendance. The Pike County Shrine Club members have provided 24-years of parking service. Oriental Guide Noble Rodney Holdren and Lady Lisa visited the club. Noble Holdren invited all to attend the PCSC's Family Picnic. It was held August 29 at Nathan's Farm. Head Chief for the day was Noble Holdren .

One of our very own Shrine children, Danna Medows, is defying the odds one day at a time. She visited us at the cookout with a special thanks.

Very "special thanks" go to the members of Back Hills 4-H Club and to Adviser Jennie Ewing. They presented a check to PCSC President Noble Greg Nartker for $474.00 which are the proceeds from a bake sale held in June. A check will be presented to the Shriners Hospital for Children in the name of Back Hills 4-H Club. It was a very enjoyable day with good weather, great food and great fellowship.

Past Masters

by Dick Bull

Our unit participated in both August parades (Baltimore and Bucyrus) and will be at both September parades with the van (Jackson and Grove City) .

Thanks go to Phil Clouse for temporairly storing some of our paraphernalia so that we are now ready to put green stickers on the items to move to our new Shrine Center.

Steve Waspe has returned to Central Ohio and is gaining strength following a stroke. We welcome him back from New Hampshire and wish him a speedy recovery.

Pat walsh is still in a Pittsburgh rehab facility following a very serious motorcycle accident. He still faces surgery for skin grafts and his leg. We wish him the very best.

Congratulations go to Lou Ardit on his recent 95th birthday. He still marches in all the Shrine parades. Charlene McLeod, widow of Chuck, celebrates her 90th birthday in August. Congratulations. She is still very active in our ladies group.

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Provost

by John Rohal

August 1 was the day of the annual Provost family picnic with games and fun for children of all ages, and prizes for those who were lucky. Attendance was great with over 100 attending, even Charles Dozer who has been under the weather for quite some time, and of course, our Illustrious Potentate David Wolfe and several of the Divan members.

Our "chefs" under the direction of Jon Kinney did their usual excellent job cooking the steaks, chicken, and hotdogs. Of course our "drink mixers," Barney Barnitz and Jake Borror, did very well, also.

Each guest received a commemorative type of postcard. On one side of the card is a colored photograph of our present Shrine Center which proudly displays the scimitar on the front of the building. The scimitar was presented to Aladdin Temple in 1989 as a gift from the members of the Provost Unit. On the reverse side on the card is a photograph of the Provost Unit badge and a brief history of our unit.

John Bivens continues to be on the mend for what was finally diagnosed as a heart problem.

Celebrating birthdays in September are Flaveon E. Augg, Jerry H. Benson, Donald E. Campbell, James E. Cooper, Warren H. Davies, James Dearth, Jerame D. Dixon, Charles A. Dozer, Marvin L. Jose, Derek M. Martin, Robert M. Michel, David A. Peters, Dwight E. Radcliff, Kelley Raines, Phillip J. Short, Daniel E. Stainbrook II and George E. Stowe.

Guess that's it for now; enjoy the remainder of the summer. See y'all in September.

Pipes and Drums

by Mark Melroy

The Pipes and Drums have had a very productive year starting with our annual St. Patrick's Day "Pub Crawl" that we do in the Columbus area. This year we performed in eight different locations where any donations that we received went toward our Tabloid fund. Later in March we could be seen inside the front door selling programs for the Shrine Circus. This was the first year in many that we performed for the crowds before the Aladdin Shrine Circus.

April saw us in the first parade of the year with the Shrine at Piketon for the Dogwood Festival. May found us in Worthington for the Memorial Day Parade. The Pipes and Drums Band was given the honor of performing at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium on the Fourth of July by the Franklin County Veterans Administration to honor our veterans.

We also made our pilgrimage to the Ohio Eastern Star Home in Mt. Vernon and the Masonic Home in Springfield where we very warmly received.

August has found us at the Baltimore Parade and the Bucyrus Bratwurst Festival with Shrine. The band recently participated in a combined band with the Franklin County Sheriff's Pipes and Drums to honor our old friend Richard Leaver at his passing. Dick held memberships in both units in his healthier days.

In the midst of trying to get our equipment moved to the new Grove City Building, we will continue to practice and plan to march in the parades in Grove City and Jackson. We be winding up our performance year in October by participating in the last ceremonial to take place in our present home, marching at Circleville and participating in two old Church of Scotland services Kirkin (Blessing) of the Tartans in Newark, on October 18 and in Marion on October 25.

The Pipes and Drums continues to meet and practice on the second, third and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Novices (beginners) meet at 7:00 p.m. and the regular bandsmen at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in pursuing the challenge of playing Highland music on either the bagpipe or drums is welcome to attend.

Pipers are also available for families requesting the bagpipes for funeral services for Shriners or our Masonic Brothers. For information please call Zale Maxwell, Director at 740-215-6849 or Mark Melroy, Pipe Major 740-360-2219

Thea Court

by B. J. Gischler, PHP

The September meeting of Thea Court will be DIFFERENT!. The date is earlier and the location is a new.

New Date/New Location: Thea Court will meet Friday, September 11. The date had to be changed because of the Great Lakes Unit Meet. The meeting will be held at Sunrise Lodge, 211 W. Johnstown Road, Gahanna, Ohio. The location change is necessary because Aladdin Shrine is preparing to move and the current facility may not be a good place for our court to meet at that time.

Lunch will be at 11:00 a.m. We are having a potluck. So fix your special recipe and come out to Gahanna and eat and visit with us. The meeting is at 1:00 p.m. There will be talk about our October meeting which is October 30, just one day before Halloween.

Hope to see many of you there.

Hardin County

by Ken Rossman

Our regular meeting was our annual visit from the Potentate David E. Wolfe. It was held at the Hardin County Fairgrounds Community Building on August 19, 2015. We had 48 Visitors from Aladdin Temple in Columbus with a total attendance of 133.

Noble Rossman opened the evening with a short prayer then President Hinebaugh led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. We then dined on a great meal prepared and served by our kitchen crew of Nobles Tim Jolliff, Williams, Garmon, Rice, Ridgeway, Wynegar, Michel, Musselman, Hinebaugh and Tim Jolliff. Thank you, Nobles, for a job well done.

Many of our guests were introduced and many were Past Potentates and their ladies. Our meal was ended with deep dish pies topped with ice cream made by Noble Tim Jolliff and Lady Susie.

Several Visitors gave short talks including one on the new Aladdin Temple in Grove City. P.P. Calvin Smith gave a short talk on the membership in the Shrine.

President Hinebaugh gave the Potentate a check for Aladdin Temple. He also gave the Potentate a second check for Cincinnati Hospital which is his Lady Glenda's project for the year.

All in all it was a very good evening for all who were present.

We were also reminded that October 3, 2015 will be the last ceremonial from our Aladdin Temple on Stelzer Road.

Our next regular meeting will be held on September 16, 2015 at Memorial Park Golf Course in the Clubhouse.

Thebes Temple

by Terry Smith, Past Queen

The first Midwest Regional Education Day sponsored by Thebes Temple was a big success. We had six different temples represented from Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and London, Ontario. The program was presented by the Nile Supreme Membership and Public Relations Committee, lead by the Vice-Chairman, PSQ, Vesta Marshall. Everyone came away with new ideas and enthusiasm.

Our Thebes Buck-I-Nutz Unit performed at the end of the day. The songs from the skit summed up our feelings about Nile and the day "… Cause there's a spark in you, You just gotta ignite the light and let it shine; Just own the night, Like the 4th of July, 'Cause baby, you're a firework…!" And "…I might only have one match, but I can make an explosion; This is my fight song, Take back my life song, Prove I'm alright song, My power's turned on..."

Come feel that spark and light the fire for Nile at our next session or sewing/craft session. We meet at Luther B. Turner Lodge on Valleyview Drive. Our stated sessions are the first Wednesday of the month, beginning at 1:00 p.m. preceded by a lunch that begins at 11:30 a.m. Our sewing/crafting sessions are held on the second Wednesday of the month beginning at 10:00 a.m. The September sewing/craft session will be Wednesday, September 9. We craft many different things—blankets, fleece throws, stuffed animals, etc. We also collect aluminum tabs, box tops for education, hotel toiletries, and magazines for the Lexington Shriners Hospital. Come and join in the fun and fellowship.

Our Annual Chicken and Noodle Dinner was held August 31. It was a wonderful evening and we had a great turnout for this annual fundraiser. If you missed it this year, put it on your calendar for next year—Friday, August 26, 2016.

Our annual sub sale fundraiser is under way. We have made some improvements to our subs this year—more meat and less bread. Lettuce and tomato and onion are included, if desired. You will have the choice of Italian or turkey subs. These subs are a favorite of many and can be frozen for future quick meals. Order by September 20. The cost is still $5.00 with pick-up or delivery on October 6-7. Call Queen Pat at 614-581-1961 or Princess Tirzah Vicky at 216-973-6676 to place your order. We will be meeting to assemble the subs on Tuesday, October 6. This is always a fun time for fellowship with our members and many of our men help as well.

The 2015-2016 Queens are Roses of Sharon and the emblem is the Hummingbird. We will welcome Supreme Queen Sharon St. John on Tuesday, November 10 when she visits Thebes Temple at 2:00 p.m. with a reception following. More details in next month's *Lamp* article.

Our annual Games Party and Luncheon is going to be on Wednesday, November 18 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. This fun time is open to all women and men. Gather your friends and come play your favorite game or cards. We have tables that are setup for playing your game of choice. The bake sale will begin at 10:00 a.m. and continues throughout the morning. Come early for the best selection from the bake sale. We will be serving a luncheon followed by the results of our silent auction bidding. Our silent auction items will be an assortment of themed baskets prepared by our members. We had some very beautiful and useful baskets last year and this year should be no different. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance from any member for only $7.00 and includes lunch and snacks while playing. So, get a table of friends together and come for a great day of fun. A portion of the proceeds go to the Daughters of the Nile Foundation which supports the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

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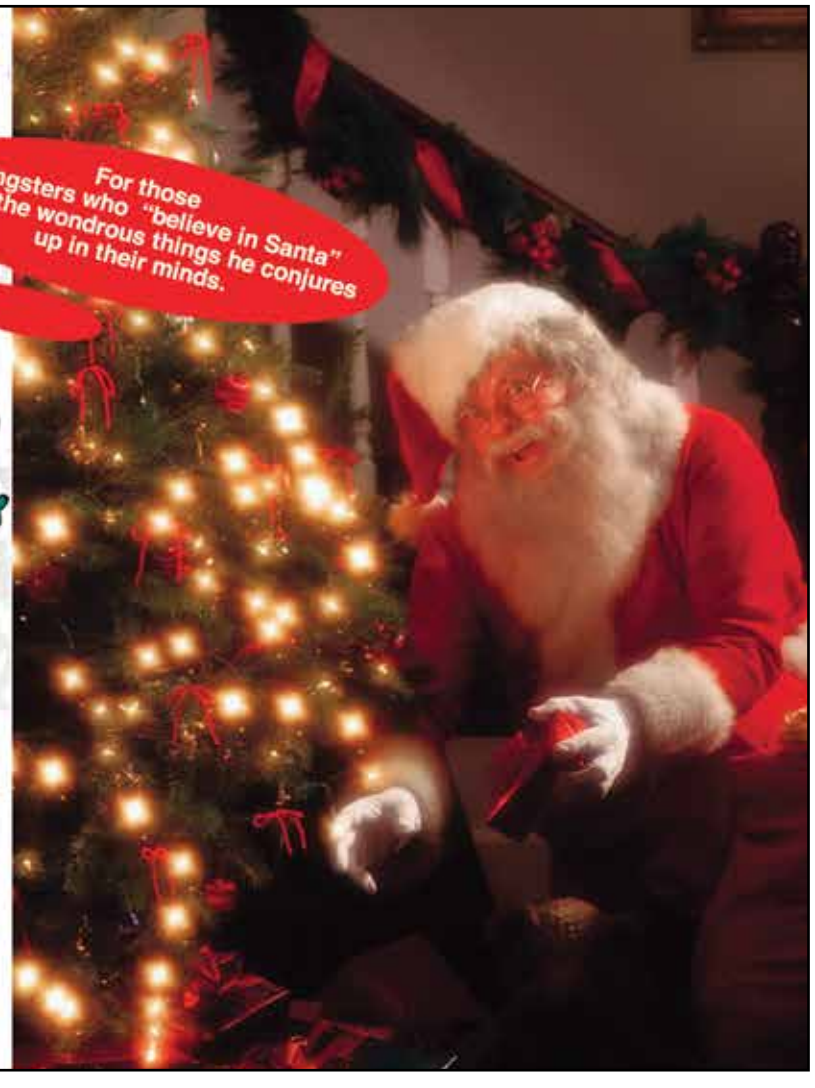

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