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Membership Statistics

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Membership as of 3/31/2013 | 5667 |
| Net loss/gain YTD | -37 |
| Net loss/gain Monthly | -13 |
| | Current Yr to Date |
| Creations | 0 2 |
| Affiliations | 0 1 |
| Restored | 2 14 |
| Associate Members | 0 1 |
| TOTAL MONTHLY ADD | 2 18 |
| TOTAL YEARLY with ADDS | 5722 |
| Demits | 0 0 |
| Suspensions | 0 1 |
| Deaths | 15 54 |
| Associates Dropped | 0 0 |
| Reversals | 0 0 |
| TOTAL MONTHLY DROP | 15 55 |
| Membership 01/01/2013 | 5656 |
| Associate Membership 01/01/13 | 48 |
| Total Membership 01-01-2013 | 5704 |



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Let The Parades Begin

by William R. Amspaugh, Jr., Potentate

March has come and gone and we have another successful Aladdin Circus behind us. A big "THANK YOU" goes out to John Morris, Circus Director, and all his staff. All of the Nobles of Aladdin who helped in any way, selling tickets, selling ads working at the circus, without your help this would not have been a success; thank you.

By the time you receive this, Aladdin Nobles will have spent a great time in Santee, South Carolina playing golf. No matter the weather, a good time is always had. We had some new golfers on our trip and some who have not been for a few years – welcome to the new and welcome back to the old. I hope to see all of you next year.

You have heard me talk about membership and parades. My belief is the more we put our faces in front of people as Shriners the better opportunity we have to gain new members. What a great way to show people how much fun we can have and how we work together than in a parade. It is our best bang for the dollar.

April 28, 2013 is the Dogwood Parade in Pike County; this is our first parade for 2013. If you or your unit has not considered participating in some of the parades, please reconsider. I want everyone to have fun and enjoy themselves and I find parades fun and a great way to help spread Shrinedom. **Let's put our best foot forward and parade down the streets of Ohio with pride. We Are Shriners.**

April starts our Ceremonials. The first is April 20 in Gallipolis, Ohio; I am hoping for a great turnout. May 11 is the Masonic One-Day at Aladdin followed by Scottish Rite then Aladdin Ceremonial. There is still time to get those petitions in for the Shrine.

Remember we are doing our tour of Ohio Ceremonials on June 8 and wrapping up with a full-blown Ceremonial on December 7. Nobles, remember what I have talked about "One on One Replacement." We can do it!

May is packed full with visitation, parades, Alaska Trip and, of course, Muirfield. I do have to give you some bad news, the Derby Party is full and we started a wait list. The committee and I thought we would be lucky to fill 75 places. Our maximum is 230 and we filled all of those spaces. If, for some reason, you made a reservation and cannot make it, please let the office know so we can offer your space to another noble. Remember you have to have a reservation to attend; sorry, there are only so many seats and you know how those fire marshalls are.

Remember, let there be "Miles of Smiles for Every Child."

Masonic Night at The Shrine

by Dick Bull

Masonic Night at the Shrine will be Monday, April 22 in the auditorium of Aladdin Shrine Center, 3850 Stelzer Road in Columbus. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and University Lodge #631 officers will open at 6:45 p.m. This is the home lodge of Ill. Pote. William R. Amspaugh, Jr.

The first and second sections of the Master Mason Degree will be exemplified by members of the Shrine Past Masters Unit, under the direction of Dick Bull, Phil Clouse and Neil Elam. The Reception, Registrars, Legion of Honor and Audio Units will be assisting. The Pipes and Drums Unit will be participating for the first time and we look forward to its presence under the direction of Aladdin's Chaplain, Zale Maxwell. Most Wor. Bro. James Easterling, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, is expected to attend along with several other Grand Lodge officers and Past Grand Masters.

Refreshments will be served following the closing of Lodge at approximately 9:35 p.m. You are invited to come, relax and enjoy an evening of fellowship with us. Your 2013 Blue Lodge dues card is all that is required for admission. Aprons will be furnished at the door—and bring a brother with you.



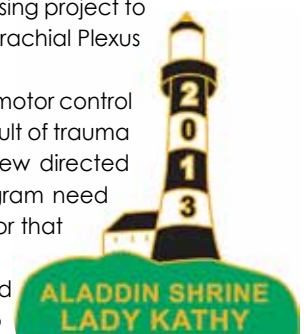
First Lady's Project

by First Lady Kathy Amspaugh

For the past several years, the Potentate's Lady has sponsored a fundraising project to benefit the children in our hospitals. This year I am raising funds for the Brachial Plexus Injury Program at the Cincinnati Shriners Hospital.

The brachial plexus is a group of nerves responsible for sensation and motor control of the shoulder, arm, and hand. Injury to these nerves can occur as a result of trauma during birth or an accident. The Brachial Plexus Injury Program is a new directed donation program at the Cincinnati Hospital. The children in this program need braces as part of their treatment. They don't have a fund set in place for that yet and want to build one to make the program solid.

For a donation of \$20.00, you will receive a sparkling bead bracelet and a lighthouse lapel pin. Your generous contribution will go a long way to help support this worthy project.



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Stated Meetings

Regular meetings of the Aladdin Shriners are held the third Monday of each month except June, July and August at 6:30 PM. (Dinner at 5:30 PM)
Aladdin Shrine Center, 3850 Stelzer Road, Columbus, Ohio

Elected Divan

Potentate: William R. Amspaugh, Jr.

Chief Rabban: Garol Rogers

Assistant Rabban: David E. Wolfe

High Priest and Prophet: Ronald H. Leonard

Oriental Guide: Jon M. Kinney

Treasurer: Dennis D. Feyh

Recorder: Donald G. Goodman

Appointed Divan

1st Ceremonial Master: Todd Jones

2nd Ceremonial Master: Rodney L. Holdren

Chaplain: Zale A. Maxwell

2013 Tabloid

by Thomas W. Rice, Aladdin Shrine Tabloid Chair

“What do we stand for?”

Sobriquets are often found in music, sports and politics. A common feature in our speech patterns, we often use sobriquets to define a specific person, groups of people or even places. For example, if one were to use the term, “The Big Apple,” most of us would easily recognize the term as the nickname for New York City. The use of sobriquets is so prevalent in our communication patterns that few would have any difficulty recognizing the following: Honest Abe, Dr. J, The Boss, The Donald, The King of Pop, Mr. October or Motown.

There is an over abundance of sobriquets in the political arena. We are constantly bombarded with the terms: conservative, liberal, progressive, libertarian, socialist and communist. During the past decade or so, the term RINO has been used as a sobriquet to define Republicans who abandon conservative principles and hold views to the left of most Republican voters.

With the RINO term in mind, wouldn't it be interesting to add the other political groups (conservative, liberal, progressive, libertarian, socialist and communist) in front of INO (in name only). So, in the interest of fairness, we would have a sobriquet for each political persuasion: CINO, LINO, PINO, SINO and CommINO. We would then have many people who are something “in name only.” Many people who want to be identified with a group or movement, reap the benefits of the association, but only insofar as it serves their own interest.

Suddenly, my little “sobriquet game” hit a nerve. What if we added Nobles in front of INO? Are we NINOS? Nobles In Name Only? Do we enjoy the benefits of our association for our own interests? Do we proudly proclaim support for our philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children and then offer so little of our time and treasure in support? Do we count on others to support our cause when each of us could do so much more?

Between now and the end of June in the year 2013, search your heart to determine what you as a Noble of Aladdin Shrine stand for. Do we stand for our hospitals?

I encourage all Nobles of Aladdin Shrine to take the pocket change that you have in your pockets at the end of each day for one year and give that change in one check to our hospitals made out to Tabloid 2013. Mail your check, before June 28, 2013, to: Aladdin Shriners, 3850 Stelzer Road, Columbus, Ohio 43219. Your \$365.00 contribution to Tabloid will be deposited in the name of the club or unit that you indicate on the memo line of your check. Join the \$1.00/day club and receive a beautiful Shrine Tabloid pin. Your pledge card can be found below.

Nobles, we proudly stand for our philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children! We are not Nobles-in-name only. We are not: NINOS!

I encourage you to join me and a growing number of brothers who have already joined the \$1.00/day club! Do it today!

Aladdin Shriners \$1.00/Day Pledge Card

I, _____, (print name) pledge to support Shriners Hospitals 2013 Tabloid @ \$1.00/Day. I understand that I can designate my pledge of \$365.00 to the club or unit of my choice by writing the name of my club or unit on my check. I also understand that my pledge is in addition to any funds that I may help collect on any Tabloid Day approved by the Potentate.

SIGNED BY NOBLE: _____

DATE: _____

Aladdin Shrine Center Directory

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MASONIC NIGHT WITH THE SHRINE

Monday, April 22
6:45 p.m.

Aladdin Shrine Center
3850 Stelzer Road
Columbus, Ohio



Host: University Lodge #631

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

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

Erie Hospital

by David Hunt

I am sorry I didn't have an article for last month's *Lamp* but I do have a good excuse. Just as I was stopping for a pit stop, during my trip from the Steubenville area, and just as I passed the Pennsylvania state line on my way to last month's Board of Governors meeting, the fuel pump on the van died. Needless to say, that sure screwed up that day. Thus, no article.

The good news is that I was able to make it to the March 20, 2013 meeting.

I have been trying to keep you informed of the progress on getting Tampa to approve having security protection replaced at the Erie facility. As of this report they have not made a decision, but we were informed that it is on the April agenda for consideration. Let's hope.

It seems we have another problem now: Tampa wants to discontinue the cafeteria service at Erie Hospital. This subject received much attention during this session and the board leadership and members prepared a proposal stating that we resolutely recommend the continuation of food services.

Below are some of our arguments for the continuance of the service:

- 80% of food services provided in our facility are for patients, families and fraternal volunteers.
- There are no close/convenient food alternatives to the facility.
- Temples that provide roadrunners will incur significantly greater costs for their transportation budget due to the need to seek food off-site.
- Historically, only 9% of our food services were oriented to inpatients before our transition to an ambulatory type hospital and since the transition, our outpatient volume has grown and we service many families from greater distances. As a result, we now provide more patients-based food service than before.
- Outside food service contractors were pursued and none could provide the level of service nor the quality of food, at a cost less than ours.

As in the past, I will keep the Nobility informed about this situation.

A Membership Memo

by Calvin Smith, PP

Aladdin One-Day Membership Plans

Ceremonials

| DATE | CITY | TIME | SITE | FEE |
|----------|-----------------|----------|--------------------|------|
| April 20 | Gallipolis | 5:00 PM | Shrine Club Bldg. | \$80 |
| May 11 | Columbus | 4:30 PM | Aladdin Shriners | \$80 |
| June 8 | Cambridge | 10:00 AM | Guernsey Lodge | \$80 |
| | McConnellsville | 1:30 PM | Valley Lodge | \$80 |
| | Belpre | 4:00 PM | Belpre Shrine Club | \$80 |

Candidates should plan to arrive at least 15 minutes before the listed starting time above: April, May and June only.

Fezzes may be purchased at the time of the ceremonial or at a later date. The cost is \$70.00 for a gold embroidery fez and \$137.00 for Fully Jeweled fez.

Restorations: Currently, inactive members may be restored through September for a fee of \$50. Beginning October 1 the fee will be \$94 but will include the Noble's 2014 dues of \$74. Petitions are available online at aladdinshriners.org or call Aladdin at 1-800-475-3850 or 475- 2609 ext. 103.

Remember: If you intend to bring a new Mason into a One-Day-Class, your Lodge Secretary is your best friend. Your Lodge must investigate, vote and transmit his eligibility to the Grand Lodge by April 20 for all May 11 classes: Cambridge, Steubenville and Aladdin. You may call me at 614-580-1220 if you need help. Leave a message I will return your call.

Go for It - Masonery Needs Our Help: The greatest of Masonic events is on the horizon – May 11 at Aladdin. The schedule for the day is as follows and includes all activity and degree work.

May 11 One-Day-Class - The Complete Schedule:

- 7:30 AM - Shrine & AASR Recruiting Tables Open
- 8:00 AM - Registration by Grand Lodge District
- 9:00 AM - Lodge is Tyled - Shrine & AASR Recruiting Tables Close
- 9:10 AM - 10:15 AM EA Degree Conferred
- 10:15 AM - 10:30 AM Break
- 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM FC Degree Conferred
- 11:30 AM- 1:15 PM Lunch
- 12:00 PM - Scottish Rite Registration Opens
- Shrine & AASR Recruiting Tables Reopen
- 1:15 PM - 2:45 PM MM Degree Conferred
- 1:15 PM - AASR & Shrine Recruiting Tables Close
- Scottish Rite Registration Remains Open
- 3:00 PM Shrine & Scottish Rite Recruiting Tables Re-open
- 3:10 PM Scottish Moves into Ballroom
- 3:45 PM Shrine Registration Opens
- 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM AASR 4th Degree Conferred
- 5:00 PM - Shrine Registration Closes
- 5:00 PM -5:50 PM Shrine Ceremonial followed by an After Glow Event in the Oasis Room

Other Important Details: The Grand Lodge will permit one and only one mentor per candidate. The deadline for Grand Lodge notification of May 11 Candidates is NOW APRIL 20. The Grand Lodge notification forms for candidates and mentors are to be sent only to the Grand Lodge.

Copies of these forms may be sent to Jeff Rannebarger at his home: 509 Landover Place, Columbus, OH 43230.

With Regard to Meals:

Meals are \$20 each and no one is exempt. If you want eat, you must send a check payable to the Fourteenth Masonic District by May 1 to Brian Bolyard: 3285 Grasmere Ave., Columbus, OH 43224.

The names of the individual(s) being paid for must accompany the check.

Mother's Day - Graduation Gift Suggestion

by First Lady Kathy Amspaugh

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12. Graduations of all types are close at hand. You can put a smile on the face of your special lady and a Shriners Hospital patient at the same time!

The sparkling bead bracelets I am offering this year for a \$20 donation make a beautiful and thoughtful gift! All proceeds of the bracelet sale go to the Brachial Plexis Injury program at Cinnцинatti Shriners Hospital.

I will have the bracelets with me at all events. You may also contact me directly or through the office at the Aladdin Shrine Center.

Chaplain's Chat

by Chaplain Zale Maxwell

I thought the old saying, "If March comes in like a lion it will go out like a lamb" was supposed to be one of the more accurate sayings. However, we have just finished a wonderful 63rd Aladdin Shrine Circus and we have awakened to two or more inches of snow. I guess that is why we live in Ohio—we like the changing weather. Another old saying, "If you don't like the weather, wait five minutes and it will change; we are in Ohio." As I mentioned, we just finished the circus and the show was great and the crowds huge, and what a great way to meet the public. Did you notice the petition for the Shrine in the circus program? (There are several one-day opportunities this year.)

Speaking of noticing things, I notice kids. People-watching at the circus is a full-time event. The one thing I noticed at every show was the parents who paid little attention to their children. Parents went about their business, buying peanuts, programs or tickets, while the children, under the age of five, stood there either waiting for mom or dad to tell them what to do next or simply wandered about on their own. Mom (or whoever the adult in charge was) looked up in a startled way and shouted, "Where's Leon (or Tabatha or ...) and in a panic searched wildly for the lost child, and when the child was found scolded him or her for not paying attention. This bothered me a lot. When we had a lost child, all of the Nobles responded immediately to help find the lost one. What Nobles would not drop what they were doing to look for a lost child? I am proud of you, Nobles, and I am proud to be a Noble.

What troubles me is we are not doing our job of being a parent. We are drawn by the bright lights and the sounds of the "carnival" and wander through life at times. Do we not expect and anticipate our children to do the same? It is a blessing that all of the lost children were found. However, children are such a blessing to us from GOD that we should be ever mindful of them and what they are doing. My family doctor said some years ago, "Children will raise themselves in spite of their parents." And another old saying, "If you (parents) don't raise your children, someone else will." That is, I think, part of the problem with our society today is parents do not want to be parents and children are being raised by someone (or everything) else and not always in a good way. So love, appreciate, and be engaged with your children, grandchildren, and other youth, as they are so precious and are God's gifts to us!

For this child I prayed; and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of him: Therefore, also I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord. And he worshipped the Lord there. I Samuel 1: 27-28 (King James)

And He shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse. Malachi 4:6 (King James)



In Memorium

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Robert V. Carter
Charles L.. Copenhagen
Walter Dye
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Under The BigTop

Well, another circus has been completed. Circus Director John Morris and his whole staff would like to thank everyone who helped and made this year another fine example of the product Aladdin can produce. It takes lots of hard working folks to put on a show of this size. The units and clubs that come out and spend four long days taking care of our circus attendees do an awesome job. Let me also thank everyone who sells ads, banners and tickets. Everyone works very hard for very little recognition. Although, when you think about it, what better thanks can we ask for than the smiling faces on the folks who fill the stands?

The Circus Committee will be starting in the next few weeks talking about next year's circus. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Circus Committee, please feel free to contact me. You don't have to be able to work every day at the circus to be of help.

I would like to ask all our members to think about this year's circus. I would like to hear your opinions on what we did right or what we could do to improve for next year. Now with this being said, please don't tell me that something is messed up and not offer a reason why and maybe give me an idea how to fix it. I can't promise that the change will be made, but it will be discussed. If you can't email me, then pass your idea along to your unit director and he can present it at the next director's meeting.

While you are moving along in your everyday activities, I would like to challenge all of you to contact business owners whom you may know. How about offering them a chance to advertise in next year's circus program? It could be your barber, local store keeper or even your insurance agent. Almost any business could take part. I would like to see a three-inch program next year.

Once again, thanks for all the great help. Let's keep up the good work. Contact me at ccarter20@columbus.rr.com

by Jeff "CeeJay" Carter



Lexington Hospital

by Jim Hackett

This month I will inform you about another condition we treat at the Shriners Hospitals.

Limb length discrepancies

Most people have one leg that's just a tiny bit longer than the other, or one foot that may be slightly larger than the other. But for children with significant limb length discrepancies, the size difference between limbs can be debilitating.

Treatment Options

Epiphysiodesis: This is a surgical procedure that arrests the growth of one or more of the growth plates of the leg. When done at the right time, this procedure allows the short leg to catch up and reach equality just at maturity.

Femoral shortening: In this procedure, a part of the femur is surgically removed and internal fixation is used to stabilize the femoral segments. It is used when there is enough growth remaining to allow epiphysiodesis to be effective.

Leg lengthening: In a limb lengthening procedure the bone is cut and then lengthened slowly by means of an external device. The process can take up to a year and is extremely difficult for children and their parents.

Thank you for all the help you provide to all the Shriner Hospitals.

Hilltop

by Ron Craven

The Hilltop Club held its monthly meeting at the York Steak House on March 6. President Dave Minton opened the meeting with prayer and the pledge to the flag. There were ten nobles present including the Hilltop Shrine Club Divan Representative, Assistant Rabban David Wolfe. There six nobles wives present. They held their own get-together during our meeting – always glad to have them.

Since our club secretary was in Florida, no minutes were read. President Dave gave a brief financial report. Noble Dick Ham covered the final circus report.

There isn't anything set on what coverage will be available for the Murifield Memorial.

Here is a bit of late news reported by Ray Pendell for our February letter. Thirteen Hilltoppers were at the Fort Meyer's Snow Birds Party on February 9: Leon Ramage (age 95), his son Tom, Don Le Fabour and his Lady Bev., Potentate Bill Amspaugh, Jr. and his Lady Kathy, Ray Pendell, Gene Dew, and Phil Walters. We had a great time telling stories and reliving Hilltop U.S.A. memories. Of course being with other Aladdin Shriners was wonderful too.

Mark your calendars for other upcoming activities. Our next meeting is Wednesday May 1 at York Steak House – dinner at 6:00 p.m. meeting at 7 p.m. Ladies and friends are always welcome. Masonic Night is May 22 at Aladdin Shrine Center. The Grand Masters One-Day-Class is May 11 at the Aladdin Shrine Center, and it is an excellent time to become a Shriner. Don't forget Tabloid Day is June 15.

See you at our next event or meeting.

Motorcycle Corps

by Larry Bell

First, I want to thank all of the Corps members who worked the circus. With that in mind, I want to remind all that Tabloid Day will be coming up June 15. Jerry Scott is our Tabloid Chairman.

I am happy to announce Jeff Grubbs has accepted the job of quartermaster for the corp. Jeff and Tim Henderson along with Warren Miller have been working to get new colors for the corps.

Warren Miller has accepted the job of Muirfield Chairman. We thank him for doing this very important job again. While on that subject, Warren has asked all of the people who helped him at Muirfield (May 28 - June 2) to please give him a call at 614-889-1904. Thank you all for your help.

For more information about the Corps call or email Larry Bell 614-506-4737 or email at tbird19599@hotmail.com.

Luckay Receives Recognition



Potentate William Amspaugh, Jr. presents Noble Dick Luckay the Past President's Plaque from ASHAC.



Mark Your Calendars

August 10

For The Potentate's Ball

"A NIGHT AT THE SANDS"

More details will follow
in future editions
of *The Lamp*

Senior Shriners

Aladdin Senior Shriners meet monthly on the fourth Wednesday at noon in the Aladdin Room at the Shrine Center. The luncheon is \$5.00 and there is a program. Potentate William Amspaugh, Jr. and the Divan were featured on March 27. They gave a preview of Aladdin news and activities. They were welcomed by President Don Pendell, Vice President James Stelzer, Treasurer Jack Allen, Secretary Jim Bontrager and Chaplain Don Lynne.

The luncheon on April 24 will feature Algy McBride, past president of the Franklin County Geneological Society with documented antedotes of our U.S. presidents, including how over 30 of them are related to each other.

You will never forget this meeting. Bring a friend. Treat your lady to lunch, laughter and learning.



2013 ALADDIN PARADES

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

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| OFFICIAL | DATE | LINE-UP | STEP |
|----------------------------------|-------|------------|------------|
| • Pike County Dogwood Parade | 4/28 | 2:00 p.m. | 3:00 p.m. |
| • Worthington Memorial Day | 5/27 | 9:00 a.m. | 10:00 a.m. |
| • Imperial Parade | 7/1 | 6:00 p.m. | 7:00 p.m. |
| • Baltimore Parade | 8/10 | 9:30 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. |
| • Marysville Balloon Festival | 8/14 | 6:00 p.m. | 7:00 p.m. |
| • Bucyrus Parade | 8/16 | 6:00 p.m. | 7:00 p.m. |
| • Great Lakes Shrine Association | 9/14 | | |
| • Jackson Apple Festival | 9/21 | 6:45 p.m. | 7:45 p.m. |
| • Circleville Pumpkin Parade | 10/18 | 7:00 p.m. | 8:00 p.m. |
| • Athens Veterans Day Parade | 11/11 | 9:30 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. |
| • Lancaster Christmas Parade | 11/23 | 9:00 a.m. | 10:00 a.m. |
| • Optional | | | |
| • Utica Ice Cream Festival | 5/25 | 10:00 a.m. | 11:00 a.m. |
| • Grandview Hts. Parade | 5/25 | 9:00 a.m. | 10:00 a.m. |
| • Masonic Home Day | 6/9 | 1:00 p.m. | 2:00 p.m. |
| • Nelsonville Parade | 8/17 | 5:00 p.m. | 6:00 p.m. |
| • Marietta Labor Day Parade | 8/31 | 9:00 a.m. | 10:00 a.m. |
| • Marion Popcorn | 9/5 | 5:00 p.m. | 6:00 p.m. |
| • Grove City Parade | 9/14 | 8:30 a.m. | 9:30 a.m. |
| • Gallipolis Veterans Day | 11/11 | 10:00 a.m. | 11:00 a.m. |
| • Washington CH Christmas | 11/30 | 5:00 p.m. | 6:00 p.m. |



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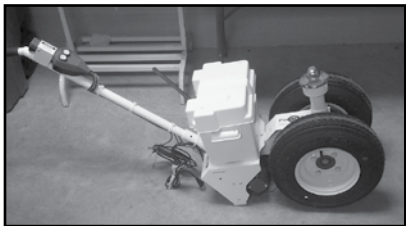
by Art Puetz

Well, this year's circus is over. Sore backs, tired feet and pounding headaches aside, a good time was had by all. By the time Sunday night had rolled around, 25 different Registrars had worked during every performance of this year's circus presentation, taking tickets from the attendees and doing the counting of same in order to bring the attendance figures together for the office. Six members of the unit even worked every single show, a rather Herculean task to put it mildly.

The Registrar Unit proudly made a presentation to Aladdin Shrine Center through Ill. Sir Bill Amspaugh and Bob Beymer, Director of the Brutal Brothers, of a battery-powered trailer



L-R: Dick Huff, Gene Steineman, Andrew Baker, Bob Beymer, Ill. Sir. Bill Amspaugh.



dolly for use in the Wolfe Building. This dolly will enable the Brutal Brothers to park our equipment far more easily after use in parades and other events.

This year's Imperial Session will be held so close to Columbus; it's hoped the trailer dolly will be of some assistance in moving our rolling stock around as it's all being moved in and back out of the Wolfe Building for each event.

Additionally, although this may be considered too late to be real news, seventeen Registrars members and some of their wives attended the sled hockey games. They enjoyed good food and social time afterward. Aladdin's parade season will start soon, although the snow that was on the ground shortly after the circus' end may belie this fact to many.

To all Shriners who have not yet affiliated with a unit, look for the "Gold Coats" at all Shrine events and even some other functions. Ask one of us what we do and how you can become part of this great unit.

Licking County

by Franklin C. Boner

Perhaps spring has sprung and paybacks for last year's mild winter have been paid in full! Major League baseball is back, some snow birds are back, and Nobel President Danny Bounds and his crew are walking the streets of Licking County soliciting businesses for ads in the 2013 Licking County Shrine Club Baseball Tournament Program.

Over the past several years, your club has been an active participant in the Aladdin Shriners Hospital Association for Children, Inc (ASHAC), providing financial support and medical care for children under 18 in need of orthopedic or burn treatment. Several Licking County organizations have submitted applications for consideration and the final selections will be announced in a future *Lamp*.

By the time you receive this, we will have completed our April 6 trip to the Cincinnati Shriners Burn Hospital. KUDOS go to President Danny Bounds and to Secretary/Driver Nobel Ed Roberts who made this wonderful experience possible.

Any shrimp lover who did not make the trip to Marietta for their Annual Shrimp Fest missed a great time and an opportunity to witness yours truly completely out-done by several of our Licking County Nobles who exhibited their shrimp eating prowess. We would love to see our Licking County Nobles at our first Thursday noon lunch at the Grotto.

Northeast

by Calvin Smith, PP

We had a March meeting that had something for everyone--good food, fun fellowship, smooth beverages and our entertainment was superb.

President Bodi opened our meeting with prayer from Chaplain Dick Westinghouse, who also led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance* to our flag. Club business was conducted and introductions were made. Our president still needs a little work on ladies' names; but he is getting better. His future is getting brighter. We were reminded of the details of the May 11 One-Day Masonic Class, our need for new members and of the up-coming Tabloid Day dates and events. If you are holding a petition for the Shrine portion of the One-Day Class, please turn it in to the office.

Our evening was capped by those wonderful kids from Dublin Scioto High School - Irish Fiddle Fetish. Their selection of music was, except for "The Devil Went Down to Georgia," very much in keeping with St. Patrick's Day festivities. These kids are truly talented and very well rehearsed. The energy with which they play is obvious to all as is their personal satisfaction with their efforts. They were very well received. If you ever get the opportunity to listen to this group, do so without regret.

To those who were ill last meeting, get well soon; we missed you.

Past Masters

by Dick Bull

Congratulations go to Jim Spruance who has joined our ever-growing group of 90-year old members. Our unit assisted the Reception Unit with ushering at the Shrine Circus.

We welcome our newest Reserve member, Timothy A. Ward, a Past Master of Capital City Lodge #656 in 2007. We look forward to working together for many years.

The Past Masters are preparing for "Masonic Night at the Shrine" on Monday, April 22 in the Aladdin Shrine Center Auditorium at 6:45 p.m. More details are in a separate article in this issue of the *Lamp*. New for this year is the addition of the Pipes and Drums Unit. (You will definitely know when they make their entrance.)

Jim Moser will again be our Tabloid Chairman this year and will represent us at the seminar.

Our unit has signed to participate in most of the "official" parades this year. However, as usual, we will miss the Worthington Memorial Day parade because of our commitment to park cars at the Memorial Tournament at Muirfield.

Daun Knox and Gary Fortner will again head up our duties at the tournament. We need all the help that is available, even if only for one or two days.

Bruce Kinsey's mother passed away and our sympathy is extended to Bruce and the family.

Jim Moser is now on oxygen part-time after a couple visits to Mount Carmel West Hospital. Yvonne Allen has an irregular heart beat and was in Mount Carmel East Hospital for a while. Ruth Ann Bull got a new knee at Riverside Hospital on March 11 and is in rehab at Westminster-Thurber. We wish them well along with our on-going members: Al Pettigrew, Ken Sparks, George Roloson, Bob Diehl and Jim Krinn.

Kentucky Colonels

by Ron Fraser

President Bivens opened the meeting by asking Chaplain Dee Mowry, P.P. to give the invocation and to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Twenty members and guests then enjoyed an excellent meal.

President Bivens asked the officers of the club to stand and introduce themselves and their ladies. The past presidents of the club, Lee McKelvey, Don Lynne, John Bivens, Neil McCleary and Ron Fraser also stood and gave the year they were president.

Secretary Ron Fraser read the minutes of the last meeting. Treasurer Neal McCleary gave the audit report and the financial report.

There was no old business. Under new business, after discussion, a motion was made by Gary Shoemaker and seconded by P.P. Dee Mowry that the club only require having a bartender at our three main events due to costs. Motion was approved. President Bivens said that the Kentucky Derby Party at Scioto Downs on May 4 was now fully booked.

President Bivens reported that Marty Reissig was doing well and hoped to make it to our next meeting. He also wanted everyone to remember that the April meeting is the Potentate's visit to the Aladdin Kentucky Colonels Club and to wear white suits if you have one.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed by P.P. Mowry giving the benediction.

Steubenville

by Leonard Morris

Greetings from the Steubenville Shrine Club.

The stated meeting was March 7 at 7:30 p.m. - President Russell opened the meeting with the pledge to our flag, followed by the prayer. Attendance was poor but the meeting was productive.

Reported sick were Lady Peggy, widow of Noble Dwight (Whitey) Bauman; she is in Gables Care Center in Hopedale, Ohio. Noble Bill Aspesos is recuperating at home.

Lady Sandy, wife of Noble William "BJ" Johnson, passed away. Our sincere sympathy goes to Noble Johnson. Best wishes to our sick and distressed Nobles and families.

Our Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on March 2 was successful and added to our finances. Chairman Jerry Williams did an excellent job as usual, assisted by Nobles, ladies and family members. Applebee's Restaurant donated the location and food. "Thank you" goes to Applebee's.

We look forward to the visit from our Illustrious Potentate William R. Amspaugh, Jr., his lady Kathy and his Divan on April 27. A steak and chicken dinner at noon is planned, followed by the program. This is a casual affair.

Bucyrus

by Gene Diller

The Bucyrus Shrine Club opened the meeting with prayer led by Noble President Dean White. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by President Noble Dean White.

Gus's Grill & Grog catered the meal which consisted of Salisbury steak, cheese potatoes, corn, salad, fruit cobbler and cake. The speaker for the night was Crawford Commissioner Steve Reinhard and he spoke on Crawford County's financial shape. He stated that Crawford County business representatives and leaders met and reported about 200 jobs available around Crawford County, but they can't fill them because applicants haven't passed drug tests.

Bucyrus Shrine Club's Noble John Clime is having health problems. He is a great Shriner, but more so a great Mason, holding offices in great Masonic bodies of Ohio. Noble John needs our prayers.

The next Bucyrus Shrine Club meeting will be April 22, 2013.

Just Clowning Around

THE POZI SHOW

by Wayne "Wayno" Shriver

Greg "POZI" Osborne loaded up the clown bus and headed down to Alabama for the ISCA Clown competition. He did not head out alone; he took with him an all-star cast of clowns. Names like TOOTS, SKATES and BUCKETHEAD went with him. But on this trip, POZI came home with the lion's share of awards.

POZI won first place in Character, Full Face Paint, Cheek Art and Multi-balloon. He also brought home second place in Single Balloon and third place in Paradability. Six awards in all! I think this is a new clown record. Way to go POZI

Don "TOOTS" Tootle brought home first in Senior White Face and One-man Comedy skit, second place in Paradability and third place in Two-Man Comedy Skit. Mike "BUCKETHEAD" Clark won second place in One Man Comedy Skit and third place in Face Paint.

John "SKATES" Knoepfler garnished second in One Man Comedy Skit, third for Two Man Comedy Skit and TOP 5 in Character.

The unit received third place in Group Comedy Skit with the help of Andy "CHILI PEPPER" Melman. I guess the other clowns were so taken back by POZI winning so many awards that they left him behind and he had to take the shuttle back to the hotel. Come on guys, you never leave a man behind! He really needed help carrying all of his awards.

On a lighter side of things, Mikey makes the news again. Mike likes to get up early and prep for hours, making sure things are just right. Well, on this morning, Mike was having a hard time shaving. No matter how hard he tried, the whiskers just weren't coming off. After yelling at his razor for what seemed like hours, his roommate woke up and took matters into his own hands. He removed the protective cap off the razor!

Please remember those who are under the weather. And don't forget to visit your Blue Lodge; now, more than ever, they need your help.

Pipes and Drums

by Ray McFee

For the benefit of newer Shriners, here is a brief history of Pipes and Drums of Aladdin.

The unit was formed in 1983. It started as a dream for Glenn Harriman, an accomplished music educator and piper/drummer. He was able to secure the blessing of then Potentate III. Thurm Garrett and later III. John Fry. As a result of their leadership, the Temple funded the initial purchase of instruments and uniforms. Of the charter members, many have been visited by the Black Camel or retired due to health reasons, but we still have Drummer Bob Parsons.

During Glenn's tenure, we participated in a number of competitions, taking fourth among 16 bands at the Imperial in Toronto in 1989, and winning the GLSA competitions twice. A number of pipers and drummers excelled in individual competitions. We represented Aladdin in many parades and functions.

Glenn became Director Emeritus in 2002, succeeded by Jim Bradham, who led us through some difficult times until 2010. We continued to support Aladdin through parades and fundraisers and added new members. We were able to replace aging equipment and uniforms with the help of the Shrine. Jim closed his service at the end of 2010.

Since then, under the leadership of Director Zale Maxwell and Pipe Major Mark Melroy, we have become more active in Shrine and Blue Lodge activities, to include performances at The Masonic Home and The Eastern Star Home. We have developed new repertoires to fit various occasions and have added to the membership. Currently, we have 21 members, many of them novices, who are eagerly learning the basics and striving to fulfill the requirements to become active members.

Recently we have performed at schools, churches, funerals, patriotic gatherings, and pubs. Over the last few months, we have raised over \$1,250 for the Tabloid, thanks in large part to an all-day marathon on St. Patrick's Day.

In keeping with the Shrine tradition, we have had a number of father/son combinations:

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| Glenn Harriman | Jeff Harriman, Bill Harriman |
| Dick Leaver | Scott Leaver |
| Bob Parsons | Rob Parsons |

We look forward to a bright future of service to the Shrine!

Provost

by John Rohal



The March meeting of the Provost Unit was very well attended, the meal was appreciated by all and our ladies had their dinner at the California Pizza in the Easton Town Center.

The meeting was opened by Director Gene Steineman with his usual humor about football and the secretary and treasurer's reports were approved and accepted as presented. Gene also noted the attendance of Ernie Howard and Dennis Frey who had been absent for some time.

Gene read letters of appreciation from Dave and Glenda Wolfe for our contribution to the Sled Hockey Tournament and from Shirley Kosbab because the contribution was made in memory of Past Potentate George Kosbab.

Dale Cline and Jim Rohal reported on Muirfield. The tournament people have made many cuts, limiting the number of people to work at each of the assigned locations each day, and that all parking lots are to be manned from 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each day. We will, of course, comply with the new requirements.

Approved for membership were Michael David McDonald of Nelsonville, an operations specialist with the Standard Parking Company, and James Dearth of Gahanna, a retired security officer.

Celebrating birthdays in April are James Bodi, Joey Brooks, James A. Brown Jr., Dale R. Cline, Robert D. Laird, Ralph B. Mason, Randall D. Smith, and Stewart M. Webster.

Bob Albright reported that Ann Stainbrook had fallen and was injured. Bill Dountz is in a nursing home recovering from a stroke. Bill Taylor is at home recovering from pneumonia. John Bivens is improving from his back surgery. Tom Steltenpohl is recovering from his hand surgery and Bob reports that he is doing well after his heart surgery.

Potentate William Amspaugh was in attendance at this meeting and praised our unit for our efforts and discussed membership, the various ceremonials and parades.

Our sympathy goes to the family of retired Provost member Richard L. Saunders who was taken by the Black Camel on March 19.

We extend our condolences to Jim Bodi and his family, his brother Randal E. Bodi passed away on March 9.

The month of April should see the return of some of our Snowbirds, and we look forward to having them back, especially since our busy season is about to begin.

Flying Nobles

by Lee McKelvey

Commander Wayne made it back from Hawaii for our March meeting. Wayne and Cheryl spent 6 weeks in Hawaii and that was their 13th trip to our 50th state. It was rough but somebody had to do it. Our snowbirds will be returning from the south about this time of the year. Some have decided to stay there.

Wayne is planning to have a cookout for our club at his hanger at OSU Airport on Sunday, May 12. Wayne sent a letter to our members inviting everyone, so please call Wayne if you plan to attend. This will be our regular meeting for May.

We will have our April meeting at Ralph R. Rickly Lodge where we will have breakfast before our meeting. Rickly has a good breakfast if you haven't been there. It's open to anyone on the second Saturday from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

PC George Bell is recovering from a knee replacement and should be almost back to normal. This was the second knee surgery for George. Now he will be brand new.

PC Terry Kitchen had a heart attack and kidney problems and he is slowly recovering at this time. Get well, Terry and George.

Our Shrine Ceremonial is May 11, so it could be a busy weekend.

I wanted to attend the Santee Golf Trip, but I didn't feel up to it this year. It is a good trip with a bunch of good guys, but you need to love to play golf. Thirty-six holes in three days is a lot of golf. I always enjoy making the trip but maybe next year.

If you like to fish, the annual Walleye fishing trip is on June 9-10.

You probably have read where the FAA wants to close some airport control towers, and OSU (Don Scott) and Bolton Field are on their list. I can't believe OSU is being considered because that is a busy field. A lot of corporate jets fly in and out of there – a lot of flight training along with Muirfield traffic.

I fly out of Bolton Field and there isn't as much traffic as OSU. We need a tower there—but Bolton could lose their tower.

Have you been reading about the drone pilots who have the job of flying the drones from a desk while watching a radar screen? That wouldn't be a bad job for someone who would rather stay on the ground. I would sooner be in the air.

If you haven't paid your 2013 dues, please send them to me. David Ray isn't taking the dues this year; he wanted a much needed rest. I'll try to do the job as well as Dave did for his 17 years.

The Shrine Stated Meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. for the meal and 6:30 p.m. for the meeting. Everybody stay well, laugh a little more, help a friend and I'll see you next time.

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Brutal Brothers

by George Bell



York Masonic Country Club was the site for Chief's Aarons' Party. On March 16 Chief Aaron Langhirt and his lady Mandy welcomed our members and their ladies/guests for a special evening with entertainment not soon to be matched.

Director Robert Beymer and Past Potentate William "Bill" Selsam praised the crowd for its full support.

Parades - Illustrious Potentate William R. Amspaugh, Jr has again looked to Brutal Brothers for help as Aladdin Shrine prepares to be seen in local parades. Your Brutal Brother members welcome riders who can help present our equipment in clean, safe, and enjoyable condition. Most events require two to four hours in addition to the length of the parade.

Our first parade will be on April 28 in Piketon. Nobles riding with drivers must wear a fez to be in the parade. There will be more opportunities for parades and riders during the summer of 2013.

Past BB Chief, C Todd Jones, 1st Ceremonial Master, is attending the SDA in Knoxville, Tennessee. He will be sharing the newest material to use in our 2nd Section. As the larger classes of new members are coming into Shrine, we need new material that inspires and wins their attention.

Denny Feyh - Imperial Potentate Sir Al Madsen will officially install our Brutal Brother and Aladdin Treasurer Noble Denny Feyh as President of Shrine Treasurers Association. Congratulations for the honor, and again Aladdin experiences a first. This added to our financial stability to face challenges of economic turns displays the Aladdin footprint among the Ancient Arabic Order.

Apprenticeship Line - The apprenticeship line is forming. We now have four working to complete their training to full active member status. Anyone who can make every monthly meeting and ceremonial for two years may contact Duane Hays for a new member form.

Our Assistant Rabban, Noble David Wolfe, has shared news of the circus highlights and praised the enthusiasm Brutal Brothers gave our Shrine guests as they entered the reserved seating. Many Brutal Brothers helped entertain the children as they offered peanuts and kept an eye on every person who entered. Thanks go to unit members who helped before the circus by packing the peanut bags and boxing up everything for the shows.

We extend sympathy to Don Blakely and his family on the passing of his father this month. Don was at the pre-circus peanut work session carrying on his loyalty to the unit.

Masonic Membership - New membership growth is on our minds this year and every year as the Grand Master fills the pipeline of Master Masons for qualification into the Aladdin Shrine Center.

You've missed an opportunity to bring your friends into Masons if you have not carried a petition for them through your lodge.

In one day, we can help give every man a new way to be a happier Shrine Mason. They can fill with pride and be ready to do work.

Masonic Night - Be sure to attend the Past Masters Unit Masonic Night on April 22 for another presentation of ritual work in the Master Mason degree. This event carries the Grand Master's dispensation to encourage the men of the Lodge from the Potentate's own fellowship to open and close the work. Your presence is observed in due Masonic Form. Be There!

Derby Party - New this year is the Derby Party, May 4, at Scioto Downs. This is a great opportunity to bring a guest who might be interested in joining the Shrine.

The 2013 Imperial Council is in Indiana. We will take our equipment to share with the Host Temple Murat in the parade. So be it, enough for now.

Ross County

by Bobby Anderson

Greeting, Nobles. We had another great meeting and fellowship with 42 Nobles present. Another great meal was prepared and served by Brad Burns, Dave Patterson and Barney Baranick. The meal consisted of beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans and homemade carrot cake made by Pat Burns. Thank you, Pat.

It was great to see Mike Haller, our treasurer, back in action. Noble Brad Burns made a motion to move the annual spaghetti dinner to October 17. The motion passed.

On a sad note, we had a moment of silence for the passing of Nobel Ed Carter.

"Get Well" cards were passed around for Nobles Wayne Cunningham and Donald Skinner.

Upcoming Events: May 9 is our Potentate's visit and slated meeting and, of course, our Tabloid Days are June 14 - 15.

A sign-up sheet will be on the table at our April meeting, so please be thinking about working at least one of these days. We need two hours of your time. If you need a chair, we will provide you with one.

On both days, breakfast and lunch will be provided at the club for our workers. Remember, we are here for the kids. If you cannot work, maybe you can make a donation toward the tabloids.

See you at our next meeting on April 25.

Marching With The Legion

by Dick Luckay

THE CIRCUS IS COMING – THE CIRCUS IS HERE – THE CIRCUS IS OVER – It certainly seemed like that was the case for the 2013 Aladdin Shrine Circus. Of course, there was a lot of background work required leading up to the big event, and it was not without some first-day glitches. But once they were worked out, things went very well. Attendance was good – two sell-out shows and enthusiastic crowds at all the other performances. The tigers were impressive, the elephant performed without a trainer to direct him (and those tusks were magnificent), the motorcycle act was breathtaking, the Aladdin Clowns were great and the female cannon ball was a thrilling end to a memorable show. It was indeed a circus to remember – and it could possibly be the best financial success for Aladdin in a long time.

Often overlooked/unrecognized are the two special performances for the disadvantaged children and adults. If you have never been a part of those gatherings, you have not been a part of Shrinedom at its best. Try to make one of those performances and see for yourself another good reason to be a Shriner.

The Legion did itself proud once again by the presentation of the colors at each performance and the beautiful rendition of our national anthem by Legionable John Iben at nine of them. Commander Dave Ozvat, PP Mike Tyne and PC Willie Fitchett were present for duty at all 11 performances (this is the seventh year in a row that PC Willie has been part of – or was the entire color guard at every performance). Keep up the good work Willie! Leginobles Bob Krieger and Dick Luckay carried a flag on eight occasions, PC Jim Rock (six shows), PC Robert Spencer and LN Dave Quinn, Sr. (four performances), PC Gary Bogart and LN Chester Van Horn (three line-ups) and LN Jeff Rader (two carries). Good work Legion – and PRESS ON!

SPECIAL DAYS FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE – Ahh, those wedding bell memories will be loud and clear for Durwood and Ruth Masters (5/19) and PC Jim and Linda Rock (5/25). Keep those memories and make more of them this year. Happy Birthday wishes to a goodly group of folks this month: Corky Burton (4/22) and her husband John (4/23) (bet that's quite a double celebration), Anne Nixon (4/23), Linda Iben (4/26), PC Bob Faber (4/27), Paul Nixon (4/28), John Iben (4/29), PC Gary Bogart (4/30), John Hart and Dave Woodworth both (5/15). Let that new candle light the way to a truly good year. God Bless one and all!

SICK CALL – PC Gary Bogart had an unexpected trip to the hospital during circus week. At last reports it was a short stay and he's back to his (reasonably) cheerful self. Keep improving Gary – we need your positive attitude. Longtime Legionable John Hart is somewhat under the weather and could use a card or note to let him know we wish him well. See if we can't make that happen. **QUICK REMINDERS** – Masonic Night at the Shrine - Monday, April 22; Dogwood Parade - Sunday April 28; Blue Lodge - Scottish Rite; Shrine One Day Ceremonies - Saturday, May 11; Muirfield – May 27 - June 2. Mark 'em down and try to make 'em.

Worthington

by Bob Stevenson

*"Spring has sprung, the grass has riz', I wonder where da boidies is,
The boidies da is on the wing...that's absoid, everyone knows the wing is on the boid!"*

That, my friends, was high poetry when I was in third or fourth grade and, yes, they had invented birds by then. I remember thinking that was really funny back then. Now I think what's funny is that I still remember it and at the same time wonder where I put my glasses! Oh well.

It is spring! The sun has actually made an appearance, and by now everyone is loaded with good information from our own Noble Fred "The Ohio Nurseryman" Hower at our April 4 meeting.

It is also time to think "golf" and think "Tabloid!" These two events are coming fast and we need to be ready. Muirfield is our main fundraiser for the year. Nobles, ladies, family, co-workers, friends and even folks you really don't like can help us with this one. We have a full week to fill, and we need as many as possible to fill the two shifts of six hours each day. Look for more details in the newsletter and expect a call seeing how you can help. Muirfield is May 27 - June 2!

Given the late spring, the course should be magnificent, and with Tiger back at #1, we can probably expect him and the resulting huge crowds for this premier event in our community.

As for Tabloid, we need lots of help. I hope you took time to read my article in the March issue of the *Lamp*. It was not meant to be a downer, just a simple fact of what has happened over the last eight years or so. We will ask for sign-ups at the April and May meetings and will be contacting those who helped last year. Unlike Muirfield, you must be a Shriner to work the streets for Tabloid. This is for the insurance coverage we have through Aladdin. Help will be needed with counters, and we are looking for a few locations where Nobles, unable to work a street, can be stationed. If you have any ideas for locations, either call Bob Stevenson at 614-306-3994 or make arrangements and let us know. **Tabloid Day is June 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please put this down as a "must do."**

Our May 2 meeting will feature Dr. Dale Karweik who will tell us about Native American storytelling traditions. We understand he will recount a story or two for us. Should be fun. As always, this is for Nobles and ladies.

Finally, since it is spring, we know the swallows will return to Capistrano as they always do. Likewise, the president of the Worthington Shrine Club should return as he always does. Aren't the mysteries of nature wonderful? See you May2!



Aladdin Shrine Band

by Dave Haney

Well, it has finally happened! My last holdout of male freedom has been violated. I have been accused by my spouse of "not sleeping properly!" How can you not sleep properly? Green Eyes had the look, "This is really gonna be one of those stupid human things!" I really did not know that anyone would take the time to listen or pay attention.

When you sleep you are supposed to sleep – period! You know, sleep knits up the raveled sleeve of care stuff from Shakespeare. "Your sleep is fractured," I was told. "All of that noise and running motions disturbs my rest!" "I was being chased by Jane Russell and Marilyn Monroe," says I. "What would you do if they caught you?"

"I don't know, you always wake me up to tell me I was fractured so I will never find out – and don't be a sophomoric frampold!" (You are going to have to look that up. It's educational)

"We will go on to something more elevating," was the response.

Speaking of being elevated, last month's article was truncated, I think that is the same as being fractured. So in the interest of greater journalism here is the end before the start:

OXYMORONS (Not a name you call your congressman you big dummy!)

Why is the third hand on a watch called a second hand?

If a word is ever misspelled in the dictionary, how will we ever know?

Why is "phonics" not spelled the way it sounds?

SCHEDULE STUFF:

April 23 - Band 7-8:30 p.m. Exec Board 8:30 p.m.

April 30 - Band 7-8:30 p.m.

A NOTE AT THE END

"Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich by promising to protect each from the other." ~ Mark Twain

"Instead of giving a politician the keys to the city, it might be better to change the locks."

~Doug Larson

Reception

by Don Owens

As this is written, the annual Shrine Circus has just been completed, and we are still in the recovery process. This year the process is made easier by the knowledge that, from the standpoint of attendance, we achieved great success. Without actual data, we perceive that only one performance was not at, or near, the capacity of the arena. From a glass-half-full perspective, we are not aware of any injuries or mishaps among our patrons or our volunteers. Comments heard from the audience on the performances were almost entirely positive.

Frank Swiatek did his customary good job of leading the ushers—we could hardly have operated any more efficiently and smoothly. It is apparent, however, that we are going to have to find an additional source for ushers – perhaps family members or other non-Shriners who are willing to volunteer. We were stressed in several performances due to a shortage of ushers. Frank may also propose that the ushers adopt more comfortable attire, such as custom ball caps and windbreakers. These and other issues need to be discussed with circus management.

Next on the calendar is the annual sale of Vidalia onions. Bill Compton says the target date for orders was April 15 with a drop dead date was April 18. Distribution is planned to take place from the Temple garage on a Saturday in early weeks of May. It depends on the arrival of the truck transporting the onions. Volunteers will be needed to off-load the onions from the truck, probably on short notice. Anyone who is able to schlep around 50# bags (five 10# bags per bag) please let Bill Compton know.

Two unit meetings are scheduled in April. The first is an annual breakfast with the ladies on Saturday, April 13 at 9:30 a.m. This will be a full breakfast and dress will be casual. A second meeting will be held to plan and conduct business (stag) on the May 18. There are a number of important and interesting matters to talk about (Muirfield news, alternatives for parade participation featuring golf carts, etc.) so be sure to attend. Food will be limited to snacks and dessert at this meeting.

Three of our members will made the Santee golf trip this year, led by Jack Davis.

Ken Russell has a new car, obtained the hard way by first wrecking his old one. Thankfully, Ken was not injured other than some residual stiffness.

Congratulations are in order on April birthdays for Edgar Kauffmann, Del Kopp, and Bud Oldaker. Belated congratulations on March birthdays are due to Ken Beckholt, William Childs, Don Owens, and Jim Paul.

We wish the best of luck and a fast recovery to Jim Paul on his back surgery scheduled for this month.

Finally, we offer our condolences to Shirley Kosbab and her family on the untimely death of her daughter-in-law, Karen Kosbab. Best wishes for speedy recovery go out to Clark Buck and Ruth Ann Stelzer.

Thebes Temple

by Terry Smith, Princess Royal

March Madness is over and spring has sprung. I am really enjoying the flowering trees and bushes. The fragrant viburnum and lilacs in our yard smell heavenly. Spring is a time of new beginnings. Thebes Temple is off to an excellent start.

We have scheduled the Nile Knowledge Day for Monday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Turner Lodge for all members of Thebes Temple – new and old alike.

As a member did you ever wonder, what's with that baton thing the Marshal carries? What is the origin of the Nile officer's strange sounding names, terminology; e.g. –the PSQ was not happy that the PQs and JPQs did not participate in the CEF or CRF projects. To answer these questions and more, come to this event and learn more about Daughters of the Nile. I'll bet if you come, you will learn something you had forgotten or just didn't know. I am asking any member who is interested in coming to call me at 614-579-3242, so that I can make the appropriate plans for the number attending.

Our next stated session will be Wednesday, May 1 at 1:00 p.m. with a light lunch at 11:30 a.m. We will honor all mothers at this session and have our second "History Moment." Our last sewing session until September will be Wednesday, May 8 at 10 a.m. All sessions are held at Luther B. Turner Lodge.

On Saturday, July 20, we are planning a day trip for members and friends. We will tour the Westcott House in Springfield, Ohio. Completed in 1908, The Westcott House is Frank Lloyd Wright's only Prairie Style home in Ohio. The Westcott House has recently undergone an inch-by-inch \$5.3 million restoration. Each of its features—from art glass to original hardware and hand-decorated walls to massive urns—has been returned to its 1908 appearance. Furniture has been rebuilt according to Wright's specifications and gardens re-landscaped in keeping with the time. If you are interested in going with us, contact Terry Smith at 614-579-3242, for further details.

Friday, July 26 is the Thebes Annual Chicken and Noodle Dinner at Luther B. Turner Lodge.

Athens

by Fred Stanley

Spring is here and when you read this, you should have your beets, potatoes, onions, radishes and parsnips planted. This has been a hard winter. It has taken a lot of wood to heat with, if you are like me and have an outside wood furnace. However, we have back-up with a heat pump and also a gas furnace.

There has not been a lot going on this spring, except for the vandals who took it upon themselves to paint on our Shrine storage building. They wrote BLOOD on the side of the building, with a "smiley face" in the O's of blood. If that wasn't enough, at the same time they broke into Mark Abdella's storage facility and stole six motorcycles.

Several of our Nobles motored to the Marietta Club to enjoy their Annual Shrimp Feast and what a FEAST it was!

We had a good turnout at our March meeting which was "New Member Night" with two prospective new members attending. Our next meeting on April 25 will be Ladies Night. The widows of our Nobles are invited to attend.

Noble Keith Bateman announced that he is stepping down as the rental person in charge of the Shrine Club building being rented out for receptions, etc. He has been doing this for the past 21 years; Keith probably thinks he's eligible for a pension! Keith, you have done a great job, and we all appreciate the service you have given our Athens Club.

Noble Bill Johnson, you did a great job being in charge of our March meeting. I hope you Nobles didn't get "April Fooled."

It is getting about the time of the year to get our float out of storage for the parades.

Medical Unit

by David E. Mowry

March has been a busy month for the Medical Unit. First of all, "thank you" goes to all of the members who volunteered to work at the circus. Special thanks go to Dr. Keith Blair for his help and to Illustrious Past Potentate Mike Tyne (who apparently never went home during the entire week). "Thank you" also goes to Nurse Hannah Morris for her help in keeping everyone safe and healthy at the circus.

March's Medical Unit meeting was held at the China Bell restaurant in Grove City. Major items of business discussed were the circus, the upcoming Muirfield tournament and the reason why all the different flavors of ice cream looked exactly the same. The Muirfield schedule is filling up fast, but we still have a few spaces available. If you can help, please let Rodney Hemming know as soon as possible.

The meeting for April will be on April 25, at a currently undecided location; so keep watching your mail for the announcement cards.

Medical Thought for the Month:

A woman and her son ran into a doctor's office. She yelled at the doctor, "My little boy has just swallowed a roll of film!"

The doctor replied, "Hmm. Let's hope nothing develops."

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