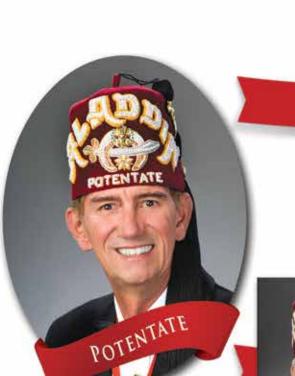


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### Potentate's Monthly Message

# We Do It All for the Children

It is an honor and a privilege to be elected the 108<sup>th</sup> Potentate of Aladdin Shrine. The trip to become Potentate began when III. Sir Daniel E. Stainbrook II approached me about being one of his appointments for 2009. From then until now, I have had the pleasure of meeting and making new friends as I traveled to the various clubs and units throughout Aladdin.

My theme this year is "We Do It All for Kids" which reflects our promise to help the children who need our assistance.

We can accomplish this in many different ways, such as participating in parades, Tabloid Day, Roadrunners, and most importantly by being active in our clubs, units, and the Aladdin Shrine.

Membership still continues to be a great concern. I have been informed that the Grand Master of Ohio plans to have district One-Day Masonic classes on April 5, which we will be allowed to attend and distribute Shrine information packets to prospective new Nobles. The membership chairman and I will be soliciting Nobles to man these sessions in the various districts. There will be two Aladdin Shrine Ceremonials this year, one on June 14 and the other on October 25. My goal is to take in at least 150 new Nobles in 2014, and with everyone's help, we can meet or, better yet, exceed this goal.

The coming year brings new challenges to the Nobility of Aladdin. We have to find a place to relocate Aladdin Shrine and we have to begin planning the design of our new home. To accomplish this, I will be appointing

two committees. The first will be charged with finding suitable sites to present to the Nobility for relocation, the second is to survey the Nobility on possible desired design criteria. This will be a very exciting time for Aladdin as we plan for its future.

My Lady Dixie and I have many fun and exciting things planned for the Nobility and their ladies this year. Starting off, we have a trip to Punta Cana, a weekend getaway on Mackinaw Island, attending Airventure at Oshkosh and, for the ladies, a trip to Nashville to see the Grande Ole Opry. Also, we will have many of the familiar events you expect like the Santee Golf Outing, Derby Day, and the Chicken/Corn Roast, etc.

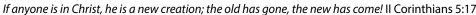
I am looking forward to having a great time in 2104. Fraternally yours, W. Garol Rogers, Potentate

# Chaplain's Message

by William E. Estell, P.P.

I have always thought of January, the first month of the New Year, as a time of reflection. It's a time to look back at the past year. What did I accomplish? What new adventures did Carol and I have? Did we meet new friends? Did we do all that we set out to do? It's also a time to look at what was not accomplished, and why. It's good to look back at what we did or didn't do, and keep it in our memories as a learning experience. But it is also a time to put last year behind us because that year is over and look forward to the new year, a new beginning.

We have all made resolutions. This year I am going to lose weight. This year I am going to be more giving. I will quit smoking. I will be more tolerant of others (especially when driving). I will invest my money more wisely, and there are many more things we say we are going to try to improve. But, have any of us made the resolution that this year I will try to do a better job of keeping God's laws in my heart? This year I will try to get closer to God. This year before I do it or say it, I will say to myself, what would Jesus say or do? This year I will love my neighbor as myself, and I will not pass judgment. Maybe these are the kind of resolutions the world should be making. If we all made these kinds of resolutions, how much more wonderful would our lives be and how soon would we forget our old ways!





by W. Garol Rogers, Potentate

# 2014 Tabloid Day & Training Day

by Thomas W. Rice, Tabloid Chairman

### Tabloid Day and Tabloid Training Day Schedule

Ill. Potentate Garol Rogers has set Aladdin's 2014 Tabloid Day for June 21, 2014 and the Tabloid Training Day for April 26, 2014 (fish, fries and cole slaw for lunch).

Clubs and units will be able to pick up their Tabloid papers at the Aladdin Center after the April Stated Meeting and, as usual, after Tabloid Training Day on April 26.

Aladdin's Tabloid 2014 \$/Day pins have been ordered and will be available for Nobles to proudly wear after the Leadership Seminar and Installation in January. We are hopeful that our 2014 \$/Day program will raise \$100,000.00. All it will take is your pocket change for the entire year in one check for \$365.00 to Aladdin Tabloid to support our hospitals' great work. All we need is for 274 Nobles to make the decision they can afford their pocket change for children in need–less than 5% of our membership as of 10/31/2013. Just think how much support we could give if **every member** gave \$365.00! Yes, it would be \$2,179,780.00 (based on the above membership data).

Nobles can direct all or part of their \$365.00 contribution to clubs and units of their choice by noting their desire on the bottom of their checks. More information about the \$/Day program will be provided in future *Lamp* articles.

As Aladdin Nobles, we will experience many changes over the next few years: the sale of our property, the location and design of our new Temple, the challenge of increasing our membership. The list could go on and on. However, there is one thing that will not change—that is our opportunity to support our philanthropy with a willing spirit and a warm heart for children who so desperately need our help.

# Membership Memo

by Calvin Smith, P.P.

Well, the new year is here. Aladdin begins again with energy and eagerness in another adventure with the Shrine. But, before we get to 2014 there are a few 2013 items to get out of the way:

### **Membership Achievements**

- The Top Club: Gallipolis
- The Top Unit: Aladdin Band
- The Top Nobles (We have a four-way tie.):
  - Melvin Craft of the Gallipolis Shrine Club
    - Ed Crosby of the Baldwin Shrine Club
    - Bill Dountz of the Pickaway County Shrine Club & Provost Unit
    - Clyde Huddleston of the Marietta Shrine Club

A "Tip of the Fez" goes to each of these groups and to each of these individual Nobles.

### **New Members**

On Saturday, December 7 Aladdin welcomed the following Nobles to our membership:

**New Noble** City **Sponsor** Ronald W. Bixler Piketon Pete Hale Stanley W. Butler Mansfield **Huston Nolen** Robert E. Ferrell Jr. James Kennan Columbus Luke J. Froehlich Mark S. Froehlich Columbus Washington CH Thomas D. Long **Brian Tabit** John Mays Pataskala M. Kristian Hainsey Joshua K. Mc Elhatten Galion **Charles Conn** Dennis B. Mc Ginnis Columbus Matthew Long Aaron S. Moore Steubenville Nicholas Vandine Rodger E. Rinehart Chillicothe Robert Baranick Donald I. Schifer Nevada William Bloom Thomas W. Shapaka Columbus Paul Dunaway Joel L. Weekley Cambridge Joel Weekley

"A report of the 2013 membership efforts may be found on page 4 of the Lamp."

### 2014 Plans

Aladdin will conduct two Ceremonials at Aladdin in 2014. The first will be conducted on Saturday, June 14 and the fee without a fez will be \$90. The second 2014 Ceremonial will be on October 25 and the fee without a fez will be \$194 and will include 2015 dues of \$74.

The June 14 Ceremonial will be a follow-up to the Grand Master's Masonic District One-Day Classes to be held on April 5, 2014. There will be complete information on these events in the February *Lamp*.

Restoration fees for 2014 will be \$50 until October 1, 2014 when the fee will increase to \$94 but will include \$74 for 2015 dues.

**Go get your lodge candidates now!** Go with them on Saturday, April 5 and then move them into more light at the Aladdin Ceremonial on June 14.

# Cincinnati Hospital

by Bob Lazenby and D. Dee Mowry, P.P.

The final board meeting for 2013 was held on December 11 at the Cincinnati Hospital, earlier than usual because of the impending holidays.

This was the last meeting for Jerry Hardisty, Zorah Shriners, as chair as his term has expired. Jerry has done an OUTSTANDING job in this position and has guided the board through some very turbulent times over the past few years and months. We owe Jerry an enormous vote of thanks for his time, effort and dedication for a job very well done.

The position of Board Chair will be assumed by Vice Chair Doug "Smokey" Sitzler, Syrian Shriners, who has served admirably. Doug has some big shoes to fill but he will do an excellent job as well. D. Dee Mowry, PP. Aladdin, will become a full board member beginning in 2014. He was appointed by Ill. Sir Mike Tyne and the Divan as an associate member last year.

Your hospital still operates very efficiently because of the diligence of the employees and a dedicated staff of volunteers. November recorded 70 volunteers who contributed 884 (volunteer) hours. Financial contributions to date total \$1,890,199.00 compared to \$1,527,440.00 at this same time last year. (A major portion of this figure came from Aladdin Shriners.) Research activity continues with \$2,177,901.00 committed to the Cincinnati Hospital for 2014. This figure is for both clinical and basic research. Research is an important function as this is where new knowledge originates. Without research, the same treatments modalities, for example, would continue for years and years without any progress. The current issue of *Leadership in Care*, published by Shriners Hospitals for Children, lists on page 10 some of the current research projects being carried out in your Shrine Hospitals.

As this year winds down, your representatives to the Cincinnati Hospital wish you and your family a Happy New Year.

# Meet DAD

by Thomas W. Rice, Tabloid Chairman

Hi Nobles. My name is ADAD. Everyone just calls me "DAD." Theoretically, I am only two years old. My official name on my birth certificate is "A Dollar A Day for Shriners Hospitals For Children." I was born (made) in China, but I came to America to do great work! It was really hot and stuffy on rough seas on the trip over!



When I grow up some day to be a giant billboard on Times Square (right now I am just a little lapel pin), I want to be like the Shriners who have contributed hundreds of millions of dollars over the past 80 years or so, to Shriners Hospitals for Children to help children and their families in need, regardless of their ability to pay.

Right now, I am hanging out in a box with several hundred of my little brothers (it is amazing how much we look alike) waiting to have a 2014 home on an Aladdin Noble's lapel. I will shine like a bright light on the chest of a Noble whose heart was opened to make the decision to write that check and mail it to Kim at the Aladdin Center.

Hundreds of my 2013 cousins never made it out of their box last year! So many Aladdin Shriners had an opportunity to put their pocket change to good use by contributing just one year's worth of change (\$365.00) to the most worthy of causes, but for many unknown reasons did not do so.

It is so easy! Just open your heart and your checkbook and write a check for \$365.00. Make it out to Tabloid 2014. On the memo write the club or unit that you want to have your contribution credited. If you want more than one club or unit, just list the percentage you want to go to each. When you send your check to Kim at the Aladdin Shrine Center or to Tom Rice, 939 Creek Run Court, Westerville, Ohio, 43081, you will receive your 2014 DAD pin.

Make your statement in 2014, "This is how I support Shriners Hospitals for Children!"

# **Proposed Resolution**

### Notice of Voting on Resolution to grant Line of Credit to Aladdin's Treasurer

To all Noble's of Aladdin Temple. There will be a resolution presented at the February 2014 Stated meeting that will request a majority approval vote to permit Aladdin's Treasurer the right and authority on a recurring annual basis, to enter into a working capital line of credit with Huntington National Bank or its successors, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000, and also authorize the entering into a credit card agreement in the amount not to exceed \$80,000. This is similar to the agreement we had in place in 2013 and is merely being renewed for succeeding years. This is recommended to facilitate transacting of daily business expeditiously. This resolution has the approval of Aladdin Temple's Board of Directors.

Should you have any questions, please contact Aladdin Temple office for clarification.

Attested :

W. Garol Rogers Donald G. Goodman P.P. Illustrious Potentate Recorder

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### Aladdin's

### **Membership Statistics**

 Membership As Of 01-01-2013
 5656

 Associate Members Start 2013
 48

 Total Membership 01-01-2013
 5704

	Current	Yr to Date
Creations	15	228
Affiliations	0	6
Restored	2	49
Assoc. Members	1	4

**Total Additions YTD 287** 

	Current	Yr to Date	
Demits	3	7	
Suspensions	227	229	
Deaths	14	234	
Assoc. Dropped	1	2	
Reversals	1	4	
	<b>Total Deletions YTD 468</b>		

Membership As Of 12-31-2013 5523 Net Loss/Gain YTD -181



# 2014 Potentate's Walleye Fishing Stag

June 8-9, 2014

# Licking County Visitation









# **Just Clowning Around**

by Mike "BucketHead" Clark

This is BucketHead reporting the news of the Clown Unit.

The year 2014 is here! The Aladdin Shrine Temple is now 120 years old! One hundred years ago in 1914, Central Ohio was still recovering from the great and deadly floods of 1913 which led to Ohio Conservancy Law that established Watershed Districts; that is the one reason the Clowns wear their pants legs high–in case it floods again!

### 2013 in Review

Let us begin reviewing what happened in 2013. Bobby "Tuitt" Barton, after a very "short" term (height pun intended) of being the director of the Clown Unit had to step down for personal issues. To replace Tuitt, Matt "Nutt" Knight was selected. But first "Nutt" had to have foot surgery—his wife reported that it was to remove his foot from his mouth. Tuitt had less than three years in as director after replacing Don "Toots" Tootle. So we had an assistant director position open up; guess who filled it—Don "Toots" Tootle!

In GLSCUA and ISCA competitions, the Aladdin Clowns were a force to deal with in 2013. They brought home many awards including BucketHead's "Clown of the Year" award and the "HamBone, Unsung Hero" award. We attended at least 12 parades, did events for Good Guys Car Show, Down's Syndrome, Tomato Festival and few more as well the Aladdin Shrine Circus. No new clowns were added, but we have one apprentice on the back burner due to family health issues. Also, we had these crashed and burn stories....

### Clowns in The Barrel!

First up is something that is right out of the "Twilight Zone!" Apparently nobody witnessed this strange occurrence but it did happen in Johnstown, Ohio. You just follow the blood trail and you cannot miss the telephones painted in bright orange and as well here, "You're getting too close to me... IDJIT!" from the telephone poles themselves! As the story goes, John "Skates/HipHop" Knoepfler was having a bad day and went across the street to tell someone about it afterwards and still grumbling headed back to his shop across street once more... WHEN IT HAPPENED!

Now most people know that telephone poles are large and sturdy objects made from pine and don't move very easily. Right? Apparently, Skates didn't know this fact or perhaps had just forgotten about it. But according to Skates, the pole just jumped right out of nowhere and he planted his face into the pine tar soaked wood! Skates staggered and wobbled to and fro back to his shop, leaving a trail of blood, where his employees stuffed a whole box of KleeneX up his nose. The medics were called, transferred the Pole to the hospital where it had X-rays done and as well an MRI and other tests, too, then it was released. But, the "Twilight Zone" doesn't end there.

Next in the "TZ" we find out why they never let Tuitt grow any taller than five feet. It's because any higher than that, Tuitt becomes very unstable on his feet--even without drinking! Well, as the story goes, Tuitt was leading the Aladdin Clowns in the holiday parade down in Lancaster when this incident occurred. For Tuitt was shaky on his three foot stilts taking one step after another when supposedly a women came dashing out from the crowd (here we go again) to cross the street! At that moment, the ever so unstable Tuitt apparently thought the street looked mighty tasty so he decided to fall forwards and take a bite right out of it! But where Tuitt planted his face,

it left a major pothole to which the city street department had to come and make a major repair. Now you know when sport stars receive a major whack to their heads, the number-one concern is concussions! RIGHT! Oh no, not Tuitt! It was not until the next day when his wife threatened him with an iron skillet that Tuitt went (with his face totally black and blue and unable to move his left arm) to the hospital. In the end of all this, he just had a broken arm and Nutt stated that he had put the training wheels back on his stilts!

Last but not least (all I have to say here) is that my truck wanted to sniff out the GMC in front of me and, of course, due to Tuitt's incident above, I was going to the party he had booked– that is, before he decided to take a bite out of the street and break his arm. That means I was in clown makeup! The people driving on 270 that day saw a clown being issued a citation from the Dublin Police. The guy in the GMC just chuckled, knowing that he was going to get a lot of miles out this from saying he was hit/rear-ended by some clown!

The month of January is a quiet time for clowns. The gray birds have now taken off for the so-called warmer states. Some of us who stayed behind are preparing for the events coming quickly over next few months—like ISCA in St. Louis next month. Then it's St. Paddy day, the circus in March, GLSCUA in April, and whatever may come up during that time.

### Birthdays

Only one birthday for the month of January and that is Larry "Pockets" Middendorf on January 27.

### **Under The Weather**

Keep those in mind who are not in good health: Tootle's wife Barb, Denune's wife Jackie, Shriver family, Knight's wife Andi, E.C. Babbert, Fultz's family, Barton's family, and Charles Heine, and others I don't know about. Pray for the soldiers who serve and protect this great country of ours!

AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST... GO BUCKEYES! Peace and God Bless! BucketHead now signing off!



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# New Year's Eve



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# Kambri

by Dick Brixner

Your Kambri Shrine Club continues to be active in the Cambridge area, most recently with our Tin Lizzie Patrol taking part in the Christmas parade on November 30, 2013, in beautiful downtown Cambridge. Nobles Frank Potts, Jed Potts, Lynn Weekly, Neil Weekly, Curt Burris and Ron Hickman rode the parade (or most of it) and shared Shrine with all. Thanks go to our patrol.

On December 15, we held our monthly board meeting with 10 Nobles present. Noble President Dick Bates led the meeting and we looked ahead to several events for 2014.

On Thursday, December 12, we held our annual Christmas party with 61 Nobles and guests attending. This event was held at the Plumbers and Pipefitters Hall. Nobles Dick Bates and his wife, Susan, and Ron LePage and his wife, Elaine, did all the table decorations. The evening activity began with Noble President Dick welcoming all and called on Noble Tom Fisher to offer the prayer, followed by the pledge to our great American flag.

The menu included an assortment of drinks, salad, desserts, baked steak, chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, noodles and rolls. This was all prepared by Shirley Dolan and her family. As usual, the food was very good.

Our entertainment was provided by the Cambridge Singers, under the direction of Kayela Roberson. This group of 32 singers and keyboard player put us in the spirit of the season. Our Shriners and guests were invited to sing along with the closing number, ending by wishing all a very Merry Christmas. We say "thank you" for the excellent musical program.

Shortly after this group finished singing, there was the sound of bells, and who would appear but the jolly old man in a (new) red suit, bearing gifts for all the ladies (a small candy dish from Mosser Glass). He was assisted by Noble "Elf" Buzzy Ferguson. Yes, Santa did find time to stop for a short visit, and as he left he wished all a very Merry Christmas. Then, there was a noise on the roof, and the eight tiny reindeer headed for points to the north. Thanks, Santa.

The 61 Nobles and their guests also brought unwrapped gifts which were donated to our local Secret Santa.

# Gallipolis

by Frank Petrie, Jr.

Our Christmas party was a huge success with great food and great fellowship. The only downside of the evening was the defeat of the OSU football team.

We wish to welcome our newly installed officers for 2014. They are President Jim Duke, First VP Doyle Saunders, Second VP Bob Ritterbeck, Third VP Terry Lucas, Secretary Carl DeWitt, and Treasurer Dan Henderson. They were installed in proper fashion by yours truly. Out-going President Bill Johnson and his lovely lady, Loretta, were thanked for their great year with a commemorative plaque and a hearty round of applause. Noble Bill presented plaques of appreciation for outstanding participation for the year to Noble Phil Baird, Noble Steve Salisbury, and Noble Carl DeWitt. He also expressed his gratitude to all the Nobles for their help and support in 2013.

We want to give a big "thank you" to all the Nobles who attended the Mason County, WV, Christmas parade. It is always a fun event.

It is my understanding that the Gallipolis Shrine Club will soon have a Facebook page. Be sure to check this out. We are planning a trip to the Dog Track on February 8, 2014. Be sure to check for a bus departure time.

Nobles, if you came to the oasis through the Cold Sands Initiation but would like to experience the thrill of the full regalia pageantry, you will be most welcome at the 2014 Spring or Fall Ceremonials. The Ceremonial can be a moving experience in a Shriner's life and I highly recommend it.

2014 is a brand new year. It is yours to celebrate, enjoy, or criticize. Let's go for the bright side. Happy New Year!

Remember, Nobles and Ladies, some people create their own storm and then complain when it rains. See you for supper, 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

# Thea Court

by B. J. Gischler, PHP

The holidays are over and the dark, gray days of winter are here. Why not give yourself a treat to lift your spirits? Get dressed and come to lunch at The Hometown Buffet at Easton Square at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, January 24, and eat with the ladies of Thea Court #5. You will enjoy the food and the company. Afterward, you can attend the meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Aladdin Shrine Center and see more of old friends.

On Friday, February 28, you can repeat the nice day. On this date we will be having a small ceremonial and voting for the 2014 officers. You need to be there to make decisions and greet new members.

The last meeting of the L.O.S.N.A. year will be on Friday, March 28 with the usual lunch preceding. It will feature a memorial service for the ladies who passed away this year. Please attend and be with new and old friends, supporting the 2013 officers for the last time and showing appreciation for a job well done.

Noble President Dick introduced two of Aladdin's past Potentates and extended a warm welcome to Noble Calvin Smith and his lady, Terry, and Noble Bill Estell and his lady, Carol.

PP Calvin led our installation of the officers for 2014:

Ted Calvert, President
Tim Oliver, 1st Vice President
\*Dave Black, 2nd Vice President
\*Dave Mouser, At Large,
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\*Dave Mouer, At Large Dick Brixner, Lamp/Public

Don Huston, Secretary Relations

Tom Fisher, Treasurer (\*unable to attend)

PP Calvin, gave the oath and swearing-in process, and he challenged all Nobles to support and take part in the numerous activities of the Kambri Shrine Club. The oath calls for members' endorsement and thanks.

Noble President Dick awarded eight beautiful poinsettias as door prizes. He then turned the meeting over to next year's president, Noble Ted Calvert, who thanked all for coming and wished them safe travels home.

Nobles, be sure to follow the articles on the pending sale of our Aladdin Temple. Also, you can keep current on our hospitals at Erie, Cincinnati, and Lexington. If you would like to take a trip to one of the above, contact Noble Ron LePage and express your interest.

Nobles, if you would like to become active with the "Tin Lizzie Patrol," contact Nobles Lynn Weekly or Frank Potts.

Remember, Nobles, it is time for your 2014 New Year's resolutions. I challenge you to put the Kambri Shrine Club on that list, to become more active and to take part in the activities. Please watch for the calendar of events and make plans to be there.

See you at the next event in 2014.

# Past Masters

v Dick Bull

Results of our election of officers for 2014 are as follows: President Roscoe Smith, 1st Vice President Bruce Kinsey, Treasurer Ed Dressel, Secretary Clayton Weber, Trustees Bob Roof, Daun Knox, Jim Moser, Jim Stelzer and Gary Fortner. Appointed chaplain is John Sanborn. These officers, along with Director Dick Bull and Assistant Directors Phil Clouse and Neil Elam were installed by our own Ill. Past Potentate Gary Parks at our Christmas party and dinner on December 2 at Der Dutchman Restaurant. We look forward to a successful 2014 under this leadership.

Congratulations go to the newly elected Shrine officers. We will cooperate in every way possible when requested. (Garol Rogers is an honorary member of our unit so we have to cooperate.)

Jim Krinn received his new pig heart valve recently and, as an added bonus, got a pacemaker also. Yvonne Allen also received a pacemaker. Both Jim and Yvonne are doing well. Sharon Justus was due for foot surgery in mid-December. We wish them speedy recoveries. Al Pettigrew surprised us with his attendance at our annual meeting in November. Bob Diehl is still very weak. Keep all of our distressed in your thoughts and prayers.

A very complimentary article was written in the *Columbus Dispatch* about Don Lund and his many dedicated years to Charity Newsies. What a great guy.

Dick Bull was honored by Most III. Comp. Robert K. Rhinehart, Grand Master of Royal and Select Masons of Ohio, at the inspection of Columbus Council No. 8 on December 19. Dick received the Grand Master's "Service Award," of which only one is presented in each Council in Ohio each year.

Our unit officers met at the director's home on December 22 to plan for the coming year. Details of items of interest will be reported in February's issue of the *Lamp*.

# Hilltop

by Ray Pendell

Happy New Year to all! Our Christmas party and the awarding of four college scholarships in December was very elegant.

New officers were sworn in for 2014. Meetings are set for February 5 and March 5 at York Steak House. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. with our meeting at 7:00 p.m.. Bring the ladies so they can visit (and gossip) while we are in our meeting.

We have lost another member, Gordon Voelker. Gordon was a valued member for many years and we will miss him. Our sympathy and support go to his family. We have received several donations to our scholarship fund in memory of deceased members. We thank you all; what a nice way to be remembered.

President George Buttrick will be contacting members to get them involved in the leadership of our club for the future. Be prepared to step up and help or better still contact him at 614 402-5583 and let him know you are available! The loss of 14 dedicated and hard-working members this past year has been very difficult. Their leadership and dedication will be hard to replace.

This reporter will be in Florida for several months and I would love to have visitors. Contact me at 614 596-1540 and come visit.

# Registrar

by Art Puetz

At the last Registrar meeting, our election was held and Craig Lobdell moved up to assume the presidency. Rodney Dixon was elected vice president. Our immediate past president, Dick Huff, was last seen wandering off toward the sunset after having done a fine job during his term in office. We were also pleased to see our old friend, Assistant Director Bill Bell, make it to the meeting after a bout in the hospital with some foot problems and yes, he's still as ornery as ever.

Now that the parade season is in the past, we turn to the winter events. The vote to sell our beloved Shrine Center was made with no lack of emotion but was seen by the majority present as the necessity it had become. Let's enjoy our remaining time in this wonderful building accompanied by a renewed enthusiasm for our wonderful fraternity and all the good work we do for the kids.

By the time this article appears in the *Lamp*, our Ceremonial will have come and gone, leaving behind a good number of newly created Nobles, hopefully anxious to become members of our unit. Many attended the New Year's Eve party and then we had the installation of the Divan and our line of officers for 2014.

For those Nobles who don't already know what the Registrar Unit does for the Shriners of Aladdin, let it be said that we are the hardest working unit who rarely stands on our own two feet, but instead, do our best work sitting down. Our primary role is to register Nobles into Shrine events by checking their membership cards to be sure their dues are current and by asking for their "Secret Word." We're also responsible for taking admission tickets at the circus for the purpose of gathering accurate attendance figures. So, the next time you see a "Gold Coat" sitting around at a Shrine event, ask him how to join the fun.

Until the next time...

# Licking County

by Franklin C. Boner

The month of January is here and folklore has it that as the days grow longer, the cold grows stronger.

The annual visit by Potentate William R. Amspaugh, Jr., Lady Kathy and members of the Divan was the culmination of a very busy and productive year for the club. One hundred twenty Nobles, ladies and guests attended the Annual Gala at the Teheran Grotto Hall. The evening festivities included the installation of the 2014 officers, presentation of gifts, a \$24,000.00 monetary donation to the Shriner Hospitals and was highlighted by the personal donation of \$5,000.00 by Noble Terry Hills' son in law and daughter, Tony and Tessa Blizzard, to Lady Kathy's Brachial Plexus Injury Program at the Cincinnati Shriners Hospital.

Nobel Richard Carter was presented the Meritorious Service award and Nobel Terry Hill was honored by being presented the "Potentate's Special Award" by Potentate Amspaugh, Jr.

For those of you who showed up at the Grotto at noon on January 2, the next meeting of the club will be noon, March 5, 2014 at the Grotto. Remember, ladies are invited to attend and lunch with their Nobles! We will have a speaker!

Finally, on behalf of the officers of the club, we wish you a happy and productive New Year!

"A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove, but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child."

# Kentucky Colonels

by Ron Fraser

President Bivens opened the meeting by asking Past President Don Lynne to give the invocation and to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Thirty-three members and guests then enjoyed an excellent dinner.

A motion to suspend the business section of the evening was presented by Col. Larry Wolfe, seconded by Col. Bob Neff and was approved by the members.

Seven pipers from the Aladdin Pipes and Drum Band were the entertainment for the evening. The band had an outstanding program, playing a number of different tunes on various types of pipes, interspersed with interesting facts about Scotland. Thank you, Nobles, you did a great job!

Ron Mahring was called to the podium where President Bivens presented him with his Colonel's Commission and welcomed him into the club.

In his closing remarks, the president talked about the cost of our dinners increasing next year and looking at alternative places to have our meetings.

Outgoing President Bivens then called up the officers of the club and presented them with a beautiful Shrine pocket knife.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with Don Lynne giving the benediction. Remember, Colonels, we will not have a meeting in January. Hope you all have very Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you in February!

# Marching With The Legion

by Robert Spencer & Dick Luckay

### **Change Of Command Dinner**

Nearly 30 Nobles and guests enjoyed the Change of Command/Christmas Dinner. After an excellent social time and a grand buffet dinner, IALOH 5<sup>th</sup> Lt. Commander and PP of Antioch Shrine Ray Combs conducted the installation ceremony for Commander Robert Spencer; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander David Quiinn; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander James Keenan; 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. Commander Robert Krieger; Treasurer Fred Kreutz; Color Guard Commander Willie Fitchett and Officer of the Guard Jeff Rader.

With the new and seasoned officers, the LOH is excited about the possibilities this coming year. The entertainment that followed was courtesy of the Chanters, led by LN and Chanter's Director John Iben. Dressed in their finery, they sang both traditional and non-traditional carols and songs. It was a wonderful performance and the LOH is indebted to the Chanters for providing a memorable holiday air to the evening.

### Special Days For Special People

Those wedding bell memories will ring out again for Paul and Anne Nixon (2/4) and Keith and Karen Blosser (2/5). Let those memories be a foundation for a wonderful year to come. Happy Birthday to Nathan Dana (2/10), Chester Van Horn (2/17) and Ron Gary (2/18). You're not going to be a year older—you'll just be a bit more mature and experienced. Congratulations to one and all. God Bless.

### At The Ceremonial

The Legion was front and center to present the colors at Aladdin's December Ceremonial. PC's Robert Spencer, Jim Rock and Willie Fitchett and LN's James Keenan and David Quinn stepped out smartly to carry the flags. They looked sharp and continued the Legion's tradition of parade excellence. Well done, Legionobles.

### Welcome Aboard

At the Change of Command dinner we also welcomed three new members into our ranks: Legionoble Clifford Nicol (Army), Legionoble Dietrich Stallsworth and Lady Katronia (Army) and Legionoble Robert Farrell and Lady Deborah (Navy). We are proud to have you with us and look forward to your participation in our activities. Your military records will be highlighted in future LOH articles.

### Lest We Forget

LN Nathan Dana is serving our country deployed near Kabul, Afghanistan. We pray for his safe return in March. We will be proud to have him available to present the colors during the coming circus performances.

# Reception

by Don Owens

It's a new year already and I wasn't quite finished with the old one. I'll re-label my to-do list and move on.

The first event of the year will be the Aladdin Shrine-sponsored Sled Hockey Tournament at the Dispatch Ice Haus on January 16 - 19. Since it will have taken place by the time this reaches most of us, we can hope it came off as well as usual and that those attending were awed and inspired by the young competitors. Don Kindler and Mike Johnson are in charge this year.

Nine members of the unit turned out for the Fall Ceremonial on December 7. Participating were Jack Bonn, Clyde Yarnell, Ralph Vaughn, Carl Riley, Don Owens, Mike Johnson, Steve Russo and Jack Davis. Ken Russell was also there to memorialize the event with photographs.

Looking forward, the first unit meeting of the year was Thursday, January 16 at the Temple. Members planned for the 2014 Vidalia Onion sales campaign.

Also scheduled for January 16 was Tom Keller's open-heart surgery. Our prayers are in order.

Mike Johnson reports that he has heard from Lowell Robinson who is successfully hiding out from the cold weather in Tucson. The Robinsons are well and happy. The Clyde Yarnells will be warmly reinstalled in Florida by the time this goes to press, as will Ralph and Pam Vaughn and probably others. Jack Bonn note: schedule a meeting in Florida!

Congratulations are extended to Mike Johnson on his election to the Trustee Board Advisory Committee of Aladdin Shrine. Mike's brains and integrity will be important assets as the board aids in the development of plans and policies for Aladdin Shrine.

Finally, January birthdays. Best wishes go out to Bob Adams, Bernard Daugherty, D.K. Rinehart, Lowell Robinson and Bill Selsam.

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## **Provost**

by John Rohal

For those of us who read the article in the "Home Section" of the December 8

Columbus Dispatch about Pat McLaughlin and the wedding present she received from her mother, it was a very nice article and she and Terry should be proud.

The December Provost meeting was opened with Director Gene Steineman's usual joke (he got a few laughs this time); our attendance was down slightly since our snowbirds have now fled the coop.

There was no secretary's report; Jim Rohal was absent, something about Cindy's birthday. Treasurer Charles Linek reported that all monies have now been received from Muirfield and the PGA and the income now exceeds the expenses.

Gene read a letter that was received from Lady Kathy Amspaugh thanking us for the gift she received at the November Ladies Party. The members approved sending a donation of \$1,000.00 to the Sled Hockey Tournament which was January 16-19 at the Dispatch Ice Haus.

Gary Hamre's report on membership started with one of his jokes—a little lengthy but he got a few laughs. There was one first-time reading of a petition for membership. Tom Rice reported on Tabloid. The 365-day annual fundraising will be continued, and the 2014 Tabloid Day will be June 21. Gene spoke about the New Year's Eve Party, the installation of the newly elected Aladdin Temple officers and the seminar.

Terry McLaughlin advised that ASHAC is purchasing a new vehicle to transport patients and their families to our St. Louis and Philadelphia hospitals. These patients require transportation in a vehicle better equipped to accommodate their greater needs and care than the usual nine-passenger van.

Celebrating birthdays in January are Christopher D. Doomy, Donald G. Goodman, Robbie K. Hartsell, Ernest Howard, Robert R. Madill, Harold J. McMahan, Dale E. Parish, John G. Price, William G. Selsam, and Richard G. Westinghouse.

Our ailing members include Fred Rake who has been diagnosed with ALS, Gary Hamre with anemic problems, Fred Goldstein with a total knee replacement, Dave Peters' gall bladder surgery and Bob Albright who had to miss this meeting.

Our unit was well represented and active at the Aladdin Temple Ceremonial on December 7. Once again, we hope y'all had a great time over the holidays; see you at the meetings.

Aladdin Shrine Veterans

# Call to Active Duty With the Legion of Honor

That's right. The command goes out to all units and clubs far and wide. The Legion of Honor (Veteran's Unit) is looking for many good men.

It is our intent that whenever the Pledge of Allegiance is recited, it should be led by a Legion of Honor member within that unit or club no matter the distance from Central Ohio. We will make it easy for any veteran to become a member.

For local members, if you can march in one or two parades per year and perhaps present the Colors once or twice at the circus performances, you will have done your duty.

For members in outlying clubs, we are especially interested in you. We require you to attend no meetings, purchase no uniforms (wear dark pants with a white shirt) with the Legion of Honor Medallion and lead your club in the "Pledge" as often as it recited.

For more information call your commander, Robert W. Spencer, at 614-579-9371 or email Robert\_betty\_spencer@yahoo.com.

Don't be AWOL- CALL NOW!

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# Hardin County

by Ken Rossman

Our regular meeting was our annual Christmas Party. It was held on December 18 at the Community Building at Hardin County Fairgrounds. Our attendance for the event, including children and family members, was 155 total.

Before we ate, two of our Clown Unit, Happy (Dwight Frater) and Smiley (Brad Epling), made all kinds of things using balloons. There was a constant line of children waiting to get these balloons. Thank you, Clowns, for your work.

Nobel Rossman opened the evening with a prayer. Then President Mankey led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

We dined on another good meal from our kitchen crew. It was a long day for the kitchen crew and we thank all of them for a job well done.

Our scholarship for the year was presented to Molly Wilson—daughter of Noble Rob and Lori Wilson. It was for \$1,000.00 and Molly will be attending The University of Findlay to study occupational therapy. Her grandfather, Bob Wilson, was a Shriner and her great-grandfather, Roy Wilson, was also a Shriner. We congratulate her and we wish her the very best in college.

When we were finishing our dinner we had two visitors—Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. They presented each child with a special gift. These gifts were hand-picked by our shoppers—Wava Howard, President Mankey and his lady, Carole, and his daughter, Tammie Harper. You did a great job, shoppers. When all the gifts were handed out we gave a big hand to Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and wished them a Merry Christmas as they were leaving.

We owe a very big "thank you" to President Mankey and his Lady Carole and to Judy Mewhurter for getting the room in shape for our Christmas Party. We had table flowers for each lady present and candy treats were on each table. Thank you for a big job well done!

We also owe a big "thank you" to all those who helped return the room to normal after our party. It was a good time for all concerned and it was a big "thank you" to clean up after the party. We hope everyone has a good holiday season and a good 2014.



# **Brutal Brothers**

by George Bell

### Great Year Ahead—2014

Elections of December have put in place our leadership for 2014. The full evening of our Installation was a great hit and foretells good plans of monthly action in 2014. Chief Froehlich will round up all the unit members, help fulfill the director's work agenda for our Potentate Garol Rogers.

Now the planning unfolds into action for the next few years, everyone has been encouraged to name qualified members on each of two prime committees: one to evaluate locations that best serve infra-structure and

quality image for our Shrine Center; and another to develop a design of facility suited to size or needs of our membership and obligations of the Shrine. Keep your optimism on "high," and we will be moving equipment and stage props soon. Seeking new Master Masons as members during these years could influence the outcome.

### Chief's Annual Party - March 8, 2014

The Chief's Annual Party will be Saturday, March 8, 2014 with new Brutal Brothers Chief, Mark Froehlich and his Lady Patti hosting. Other officers for next year are Assistant Chief Gene Cook, Sergeant at Arms Nate Cotrill, and Quartermaster Bill Tierr.

### **Update for Bob Langhirt**

Bob is now living at Emeritus Halcyon, Marysville. You should send a card to keep him busy as he rehabs from recent health issues. Wife June and Past Chief Aaron have our prayers for his care and recovery. The Brutal Brothers fellowship has always been one of Bob's top priorities for years.

### 2014 Directory Updated

The newest information about members is published in the new directory. If you missed the editor's deadline please come to a meeting to submit your update.

### **Payment of Dues**

If you are behind in paying the 2014 Aladdin dues, please pay in order to avoid suspension. New Imperial guidelines say non-payment is valid reason for suspension. February 4 may be your final chance for reinstatement. Our secretary and our treasurer compile the up-to-date list of members who are in good standing. Check your pocket for the gift from Jack Brand of your 2014 dues card, or the notice from our Secretary Denny Feyh may have a deadline you must meet.

# Flying Nobles

by Lee McKelve

Our Flying Nobles officers were installed in December at the Shrine Center by then Chief Rabban Garol Rogers. Our new commander, Don Shartzer, will do a good job for our club this year. PP Steve Hathaway is our Deputy Commander, David Ray is our Operations Officer and Lee McKelvey is the Secretary/Treasurer. Our thanks go to Wayne Williams for his work as Commander in 2013.

Garol Rogers is our Potentate in 2014 and Garol wants to go to Oshkosh--so we are going. David Ray has made the accommodations at a hotel in Green Bay. A four-day trip – two travel days and two days at the air show. Get a real good pair of walking shoes and join us.

Garol will have a lot of work to do this year, and we will give him our support.

I recently met a young airline pilot at our lodge who is interested in joining the Shrine. He just moved here from Idaho and is attending our lodge. He will demit from his Idaho Lodge. As we all know, we need these young men to join us or we will be in bad shape in a few years. I will be taking him to the Shrine Center to show him what we have to offer. He is a very nice young family man.

We have two months of bad weather before things open up to start doing the things we want to do. Flying and golf are out for a while, but the Santee golf trip is coming up on April 13-17. I have gone on a few trips there and Jack Davis and his crew do a great job. It is limited to about 40 Nobles, so don't wait too long.

Chaplain Jim Paddock is still on the mend and is trying to get well so he can be with us. Get well. Jim.

The Flying Nobles' dues are due and you can send them to me. My address was on the letter I sent out, but if you need it call me at 614-237-4433. Thanks go to everyone who has sent your dues to me already.

I hope everyone is staying warm and well and you guys we used to see once in a while and haven't been to a meeting recently, you are missed.

Our next meetings are February 8 and March 8 at the OSU Airport in the building south of the old tower.

Hope to see you next month.

# Thebes Temple

by Terry Smith, Queen

It's a New Year....time to renew those relationships with old friends and make some new ones.

At our January stated session, we honored our Past Queens. As our monthly history moment, they wore their uniforms from the year that they were Queen and told a little about that year. We are so very fortunate to have 19 living Past Queens and 15 who are still very active in the Temple. A sincere "thank you" goes to each of them for all they do for Thebes Temple, Daughters of the Nile, and the children in the Shriners Hospitals.

We had a great time on our trip to Oglebay Park in December. We did some shopping in the gift shops. Then, we drove to Wilson Lodge for a delicious buffet dinner overlooking the park as the sun set and the lights started to come to life. Following dinner, we re-boarded Aladdin's Big Red Bus for a guided tour of the Festival of Lights. All of the lights in the park are now LED, which has cut the electric bill considerably over the past several years.

Upcoming dates to remember: Stated Session - February 5 and Sewing Session - February 12. In March, we will be honoring our new members and remembering our members who have passed away this past year.

Hope to see you at one of our upcoming sessions.

# Steel Drum Band

by Stan Runyan

We had to cancel the Christmas party in December due to a big snowfall. Well, the Nobles talked it over and a Christmas in July party sounded like the best way to get the group together with the past members of the Drum and Bugle Corps Unit and their ladies. Rather than wait another year, we'll try the Christmas in July.

### **Opportunity to Join The Steel Drum Band**

Please Nobles, don't say "whatever" to our plea for you to come join the Steel Drum Unit. I was on the Internet when a question came up asking if I knew the most hated word used in America. So, I thought that would be a good way to request the Nobles to come join us. The "whatever" is a non-committal answer. Please, give us a positive response by calling Dick Westinghouse (614-885-8009) or Stan Runyan (614-432-2814). Let's hope that we shall see some new members joining our unit for the 2014 parades.

Happy New Year to all the Nobles.

# Pike County

by Gerald Remy

Pike County Shrine Club held its first annual "Kids Meet Santa" on December 14 with 62 children in attendance. The club served hotdogs and all the fixings to the children and parents. Santa arrived with his elves and presented gifts to all. Very special thanks go to Santa Claus for taking time out of his busy schedule to make a stop at our first annual "Kids Meets Santa." Thanks go to all the elves who helped with this special event; it was an outstanding afternoon for the children in and around Pike County.

Sixty-five nobles, ladies and distinguished guests attended the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Dinner and Installation of Officers. The meeting was opened by President Mike Crouch with the Pledge of Allegiance; invocation was given by Noble Phil Tong. Noble Pete Hale, with the help of two special children, Reid and Drew who are in the Shrine's Hospital program, gave the memorial service for our departed brothers.

Tyesa Mead is a former burn patient of Shriners Hospital for Children, Cincinnati. Tyesa has grown into a lovely young lady and is now attending college studying fine art. She presented the Pike County Shrine Club with a very beautiful painting which was painted by Tyesa. It is a Shriner carrying a child into the star burst of hope. The painting is being donated to the Shriners Hospital for Children, Cincinnati for display by Tyesa and the Pike County Shrine Club.

We would like to thank Past Potentate Daniel Stainbrook for installing the following Nobles to their prospective 2014 offices.

Jason Nathan, President

Gregory Nartker, 1st Vice President

Turman Helton, Treasurer

Gerald Remy, Secretary

Lake White Club catered an outstanding dinner which consisted of ham or turkey, green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, Caesar salad and cake. Everyone had a very enjoyable evening with old and new Nobles and their ladies.

Noble Pete Hale presented several gift cards to the children present who are patients of the Shriners Hospital for Children. The gift cards were provided by the Pike County Shrine Club.

Pike Shrine Club wishes all a safe, prosperous and a Happy New Year!

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