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Aladdin's Membership Statistics

Membership 01/01/2012	5920
Associate Membership 01/01/12	46
Total Membership 01-01-2012	5966
Current	Yr to Date
Creations	5 8
Affiliations	0 0
Restored	5 21
Associate Members	0 0
TOTAL MONTHLY ADD	10 29
TOTAL YEARLY with ADDS	59895
Demits	0 1
Suspensions	0 0
Deaths	8 19
Associates Dropped	0 0
Reversals	0 0
TOTAL MONTHLY DROP	8 20
Membership as of 3/31/2012	5975
Net loss/gain YTD	9
Net loss/gain Monthly	2



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TAXING TIMES, POSITIVE DISTRACTIONS

These are taxing times (no pun intended). OK, you should be finished with the IRS for the time being but there is so much more going on that produces stress in our lives: healthcare concerns, the economy, politics; these are but a few examples of issues that are capable of increasing our anxiety and raising our ire and frustration levels if we let them. So, what can you do about it? Take pills? Kick the dog? Unplug the TV?

I spent my career planning hospitals, including several of our Shriners Hospitals. A few years ago we came up with the concept of "Positive Distractions." The idea was to incorporate in the design of hospitals certain features that would catch the attention of patients and family, distract them in a positive manner and, in the process, reduce their anxiety about upcoming treatments. If you have visited our Shriners Hospital in Cincinnati, you will know exactly what I am talking about. The first floor resembles "Main Street, U.S.A." Patients and adults alike are fascinated by the decor and, for a while, experience a feeling of calm. Shriners Hospital, Lexington, greets patients and families in the main lobby with beautiful carousel horses. The concept of positive distraction works and has been applied in adult hospitals as well.

What is the point? Simply, we all need positive distractions in our lives to help us cope with the negativity which surrounds us on a daily basis. We find joy in our family relationships; we find relief and reassurance in our spiritual life. Often, we need a break in our daily routines, a change of pace. So we take vacations, turn to sports or pursue a hobby. SCUBA diving in tropical waters refreshes me both mentally and physically.

Our fraternity was founded for the specific purpose of having FUN: "pleasure without intemperance, hospitality without rudeness, and jollity without coarseness." My calendar has included and includes for the weeks ahead the Marietta Shrine Club Shrimp Feed, the Aladdin Shrine Circus, the Santee Golf outing, the Baltic Cruise, our annual fishing trip to Lake Erie, the Potentate's Ball, the Imperial Session in Charlotte, NC, the Car Show and Chicken and Corn Roast (with a visitation by the Imperial Potentate and his Lady) and numerous visitations by myself and the Divan to Aladdin's clubs and units. There are many other events planned throughout the year that are intended to offer fun and fellowship for our Nobles and ladies. These activities will provide enjoyable, positive distractions from the stressors of everyday life. What is holding you back from joining in?

-Potentate Michael D. Tyne



MASONIC NIGHT WITH THE SHRINE

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in Cincinnati

The Potentate has chosen the Dolphin as the symbol of his fundraising efforts on behalf of Burn Injury Research at the Cincinnati Shrine Burn Hospital. The Shrine Burn Hospitals have contributed greatly to world-wide knowledge in the treatment of acute burns.

The introduction of pressure garments designed to reduce scarring, prevention of life-threatening infections and healing damaged lungs are just a few examples of the research outcomes in our hospitals.

To help continue these vital research efforts, we are selling this beautiful dolphin pin for only \$5.00. All the money raised will go directly to the Cincinnati Shrine Burn Hospital for burn injury research.

Please encourage your friends to purchase a pin so our research programs can continue to help our kids with new and even more effective therapies.





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CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

by Chaplain D. Dee Mowry, PP

April brings thoughts of three "important" days: April 1 - April Fool's Day, April 8 - Easter, and April 15 - the traditional "day of infamy," Income Tax Day (later this year because the 15th is on Sunday). We celebrate April Fool's Day, aka All Fool's Day in some areas, with jokes and foolishness. In some countries, Canada, New Zealand, United Kingdom etc. the jokes only last until noon and jokes after noon are considered to be on the jokester and he/she is considered to be the April Fool. In the United States, France, Italy, etc. jokes are considered to be fair play all day. In France and Italy, children, and sometimes adults, place a paper fish on someone's back and shout "April Fish." Chaucer's Canterbury Tales (1392) contains one of the earliest recorded mentions of April Fool's Day. Why April 1 is the day for this event is somewhat of a mystery. One explanation is that when January 1 was restored as New Year's Day in the 16th century, some sort of celebration was needed to remember April 1. Earlier precursors of this day were the Roman festival of Hilana on March 25, the medieval Festival of Fools held on December 28, etc. On April 1, 1698, invitations were issued to many people to witness and watch the lions washed in the Tower of London! A good joke!

The other "day of infamy" is usually April 15 (April 17 this year.) Penny Wasem, our accountant, sent this interesting tidbit. Did you know the complete Internal Revenue Code is more than 24 megabytes in length and contains more than 3.4 million words? Printed 60 lines to the page, it would fill more than 7,500 letter-size pages. (To put this in perspective, the Bible has 774,746 words.) The directions for filing a typical form 1040 totals 100 pages. The "EZ" version is 43 pages long.

In 2 Kings; Chapter 23, verse 35, (RSV), is the story of Pharaoh Neco and his "henchman" Jehoiakim, taxing the land..."he exacted the silver and gold of the people of the land, from everyone according to his assessment to give to Neco." Verse 37, however, notes that "And he (Jehoiakim) did what was evil in the sight of the Lord..." (RSV)

And now for the good news: April, this year, is the month of Easter celebrated by our Christian Shriners. Easter is the day that gives us hope when we pass from the gloom of the dark valley and gain entrance into that Celestial Lodge above. In Ch. John 14, vs. 18 & 19, Jesus said, "I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more, but you will see me; because I live, you will live also." (RSV)

Now is a good time to "pay up" what we need to do for Aladdin Shriners; let's find some new members and share in the fun and joy we have all experienced as Shriners and kindle a major rebirth for Aladdin.

Answer from the March Bible Trivia Question: According to Proverbs, what substance affects man like the bite of a snake? Answer : Wine, Proverbs 23:32.

Another question: What rebel was so magnetic in personality that the men of Israel couldn't help kissing him? Answer next month.

A Membership Memo

by Calvin Smith, PP

New Nobles: We have created six new Nobles in Aladdin at our February and March Stated Meetings:

- Thomas A. Gilmore Jr. of Richwood, Ohio - Mt. Carmel Lodge #303, Sponsored by William Bumgarner
- Larry A. Heshiser of Chillicothe, Ohio - Logan Elm Lodge #624, Sponsored by James Smith
- Clifford Nicol of Columbus, Ohio - Arts & Sciences Lodge #792, Sponsored by Gordon Bond
- Doyle J. Saunders of Bidwell, Ohio - Centreville Lodge #371, Sponsored by Larry Mickler
- John J. Smith of Reynoldsburg, Ohio - Bremen Lodge #608, Sponsored by David Mowry PP
- Travis A. Stout of Gallipolis, Ohio - Centreville Lodge #371, Sponsored by Stephen Saunders

You too can bring in a new Noble at any upcoming Stated Meeting. The third Monday of April through June. The fee is \$157 and a fez may be purchased at any time for \$70. Be sure to welcome these new Shrine Masons when next you greet one.

THE PROCESS OF RESTORING A FORMER NOBLE TO ALADDIN MEMBERSHIP: We must convince inactive members to return [restore] themselves to the fraternity. If you know an inactive Shrine Mason ask him to seriously consider becoming active once more by restoring himself. Get yourself moving and try. Times change, people change; what was once a reason for becoming inactive may no longer exist. But, if you don't try, that inactive member may never realize that the door remains open for him to return.

Reflect on these five thoughts:

1. Our aid to children has never been greater. Our annual budget exceeds 800 million dollars. Our hospitals remain free of charge to any child we can help. You can take great pride in being a part of this truly wonderful philanthropy.
2. Our local effort in assisting hospitals in our area (your home town); fire departments, and other children's programs with burns treatment, prevention, and entertainment remains a vital fraternal goal. A goal you help achieve.
3. Aladdin's local clinic in Columbus at Childrens Hospital is open and active every day. This is your program.
4. Aladdin's social program is vibrant. There are many events for the family, for you and your Lady, and just for you. You are a part of it.
5. Shrine Savers is a discount program for dozens of items you can take advantage of. Call 866-925-7001 for details. It's for you and your family. Take stock of yourself; why do pay your dues to be a Shrine Mason, what about the fraternity satisfies you? Tell other inactive Nobles your thoughts. Get them to recommit to the larger picture of service to their communities.

SHRINE MASONRY WILL ONLY GROW THROUGH YOU. THERE SIMPLY IS NO ONE ELSE. Petitions are enclosed for your use at Alladinshriners.org or from the office, 1-800-475-3850 or 1-475-2609 extension 23. Move to restore a former member. We need them all.

Look for hints in this article on mowing your yard in the May issue of the *Lamp*.

March Cincinnati Hospital Report

by Robert Lazenby

The Cincinnati Board of Governors met at the Cincinnati Hospital for Children on March 28. The major discussion was the future of the hospital. Everyone, including the Imperial Hospital Board, agrees there will always be a Shriners Burn Hospital in Cincinnati; there is a lot of discussion on the form it will have.

February Patient Statistics: Inpatient acute - 4; Reconstructs - 15; Patient days - 141. Outpatient PreAdm Testing/Outpatients in beds/observation: 71; Outpatient Surgeries: 51; Outpatient Clinic Visits: 249.

The year-to-date through February operating expenses were \$5,719,305 which was \$600,939 under budget. Year-to-date through February donations were \$263,196 which is \$26,066 better than last year.



TABLOID DAY

by Tom Rice

Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do. -Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

On Saturday, April 14, 2012, we assembled at the Temple for Tabloid Training Day. Tabloid Day is that one special day of the year when we give of our time, talent and treasure to help those in need of the family centered care that can only be given at our Shriners Hospitals for Children. In the quote above, it is not enough that we know what needs to be done and it is not enough that we are willing to work or give... **we simply must do.** We must act in what ever capacity we can to continue the legacy of our philanthropy and our hospitals.

Some Nobles in our clubs and Units not only know what needs to be done and are willing to do it but actually DO what needs to be done by working all year on their Tabloid projects to make the lives of deserving children more meaningful.

Some of our Nobles can no longer work the streets or stand in front of a store to spread the wonderful news to others about the wonderful work being done at Shriners Hospitals across America, Canada, and Mexico. However, these Nobles can give from their hearts by writing a generous check to further the cause and meet the goal of collecting \$ 400,000.00 in 2012.

Other Nobles are ready to hit the streets and spread the word on May 26. There is nothing like the feeling of knowing you helped a child live a healthier life because of the care and love they received at a Shriners Hospital.

In the 2012 edition of *Tabloid*, you will find a photo of Potentate Michael Tyne and his friend Mira. Mira and her mother, Heather, attended Training Day and shared with everyone just how much Shriner's Hospitals mean to them.



News From Erie

by David Hunt

I attended the March 21 Board of Governors meeting and am happy to report that the changes to an Ambulatory Surgery Center are almost complete. In the last two years we have gone from wondering if our Shriners Hospital for Children – Erie was even going to survive to now being the **first hospital in the Shriners System to have succeeded in making the transition from a hospital to an Ambulatory Surgery Center.**

If your thoughts on this change were the same as mine, that we were taking a step backwards and no longer would be able to provide quality medical care for our kids as in the past, I am happy to say that we will still be delivering as good of care as before and probably better.

It is my intention to provide to my Brother Nobles with this and in future articles in the *Lamp* about information on the activities and progress of our hospital. Be patient with me though, this is a new venture for me. I promise to do my best.

The name of the hospital has grown and it now will be: Shriners Hospitals for Children, Erie Ambulatory Surgery Center and Erie Outpatient Specialty Care Center. Most of the physical changes to the building have already taken place with the exceptions of a few changes that will be completed within the next month. On April 23, 2012 representatives for the Pennsylvania Medical Department will visit the hospital for the purpose of officially closing the hospital. On April 24-25 these same representatives will conduct and inspect the facility. Upon a successful inspection they will issue the new license to establish the Ambulatory Surgery Center and the Outpatient Specialty Care Center.

All in house surgeries will now have to be those that can be performed in one day with no overnight stay. All other surgeries will be performed by our own surgeons but at one of the following hospitals: UMPC, Hamet Hospital in Erie, PA, UPMC, Childrens Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA., or Shriners Childrens Hospital, in Philadelphia, PA.

One of the main changes at our facility is the entire operation has been moved to the first floor. This has opened up the entire second floor for UPMC, Childrens Hospital of Pittsburgh to bring many of the services they offer to Pittsburgh area children to the Erie area children. This accomplishes two positive results. First UPMC, Pittsburgh will be paying to rent the second floor thus providing much needed revenue. Second, they will not be duplicating any of the services we provide for our kids, but will provide many new services to the children in the Erie area.

I believe that the medical care performed by UPMC, Childrens Hospital of Pittsburgh at our hospital will be very good publicity for Shriners Hospitals as the patients will receive their care at the Shriners Hospital not UPMC.

The only drawback that I see in the future is that these changes will place an increased burden on our Road Runner Teams.

Cincinnati Hospital Facts

by Bob Lazenby, Board of Governors

Conditions Treated at the Cincinnati Hospital

Burn Care

- Burn injuries
- Inhalation injuries
- Burn reconstruction & rehabilitation

Plastics & Reconstructive Conditions

- Congenital ear deformities
- Congenital hairy nevus (large birthmarks)
- Cleft lip and palate
- Brachial plexus injuries (nerve damage affecting upper extremities)
- Congenital hand malformations
- Gynecomastia (abnormal breast development in teenage boys)
- Congenital breast deformities
- Hidradenitis (chronic sweat gland disorder)
- Post trauma deformities (treadmill injuries, dog bites, lawnmower accidents)

Complex Wound & Skin Conditions

- Purpura Fulminans
- Necrotizing skin infections & Necrotizing Fasciitis
- Stevens-Johnson Syndrome
- Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis
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Kambri

by Dick Brixner

Your Kambri Shrine Club held its annual meeting at our local hospital on March 22, with 45 Nobles, their ladies, and guests in attendance. Noble Ron LePage served as our master of ceremony and welcomed all. He introduced Divan Representative Oriental Guide Ronald H. Leonard and his Lady Elaine. Noble Tom Fisher gave the invocation. Our Southeast Ohio Regional Medical Center (SEORMC) provided the excellent meal of the following: a choice of beef tenderloin with merlot demi glace, Chicken Marsala or Cajun Salmon, along with green beans, dark rice, potatoes, salads, desserts, and drinks – all prepared by Chef Scott and his staff.

Following the meal, our Noble Ron invited our Divan Representative Ron Leonard to make a few remarks. He reminded us of the upcoming Masonic Night at Aladdin on April 23 and the visit of our Potentate on May 3. Ron introduced his Lady Elaine who described the Potentate's fundraising program for our burns injury research, using the blue dolphin as the pin for your \$5.00 donation. Noble Ron distributed the Potentate's theme pin to our Nobles. Master of Ceremonies Ron expressed "thank you" comments to Nobles Buzzy Ferguson and Frank Potts for making a trip to our Cincinnati Burns Hospital, and to SEORMC's Debbie Stillion for all her efforts with our club's newsletter. He reminded us of our Annual Chicken BBQ scheduled for May 12 (please note date change). Tabloid Day is June 2 and the Annual Golf Outing is June 16 at Wildfire Golf Club.

Noble Ron recognized all the past presidents of our club asking all to stand and be applauded. He mentioned the Aladdin Shriners Hospital Association for Children (ASHAC) and how our club, through ASHAC, has donated over \$100,000.00 to SEORMC for use in treating children.

Noble Ron introduced our speaker, Ray Chorey, president and CEO of SEORMC. Ray has held the position since May, 2007 and is a graduate of Marietta College and numerous banking schools. Ray spoke of the changes coming to our local hospital, beginning with the addition of the new Executive Chef Scott. In the near future, they will be addressing obesity concerns with the children in the area and encouraging better nutrition habits. He thanked the Shriners for all they have done and continue to do for the hospital and the community. On April 1 the \$6,000,000 upgrades transformed healthcare with the use of electronic medical health records, eliminating the paper trails. The computers will have multiple levels of security. Ray indicated that SEORMC still has a working relationship with the Ohio State University Heart Hospital for both heart attacks and stroke victims.

CEO Ray wants everyone to take accountability for his own health. SEORMC is looking at a shared healthcare program, in conjunction with several area hospitals. He indicated that the charity care cost for 2011 was over \$12 million dollars, up from 2007 when it was \$6 million dollars.

He closed by thanking Shriners and reminding all that SEORMC is "your hospital."

Noble Ron LePage closed the evening; he thanked CEO Ray for his comments, thanked all for coming, and wished all safe travels. Nobles, for those of you who did not come to this event, you missed great fellowship, great food, and a great program .

Nobles, did you read the many fine articles in the March issue of the *Aladdin's Lamp*? Potentate Michael Tyne stressed that "it's a great time to be a Shriner." The Potentate is having a "Beach Ball" at the Aladdin Shrine Center on June 23; call the center for reservations. Did you read the statistics on our Shriners' Hospital in Cincinnati?

You have heard it before, but I will say it again: it is your club, come out and take part in all events. Saturday, June 2, is a very important date for our 22 hospitals, and it is called Tabloid Day. We need all members to show up at the lodge for a free breakfast prior to hitting the streets in Cambridge, New Concord, Byesville, Caldwell and Senacaville, to raise monies for the hospitals. The more Nobles we put on the street, the more money we can raise.

See you at our next events.

Brutal Brothers

by Ron Martino



Chief Aaron Langhirt held his Chief's Party at the Rusty Bucket. There were 31 members and guests who attended. Our PP Bill Selsam and PP Mike Clevenger and his lovely lady Louann were very grateful to be invited. Aaron thanked all the members who came out to attend this annual party. Everyone who attended had a great time.

The unit members packed 32 boxes of peanuts for the Aladdin Circus and a sign up sheet was provided for members to say which performances they would work. This is two boxes more than we normally bag, but Charles Jones said he would pay for all the bags not sold at the Circus. So Chuck, don't forget your money or check at the next meeting. Watch out for the squirrels, Chuck, they may think you've got lots of nuts.

Chief Aaron thanked all the members who came out to help rearrange the BB room. There will be more discussion on future work meetings.

The Jones family (Charles, Todd, & Clay) are attending the SDA in San Antonio, Texas the week of Aladdin Circus. I am sure Aladdin and the BB Unit will be well represented, and we will get all the good dope from all the other SDA member units. I hope they enjoy the riverwalk and all the great bars and restaurants along the walk.

The dinner at the April meeting (Oasis room) had Brian Tabit cooking for the members. I understand Brian is cooking the meat and others are doing the rest of the meal. The cost was \$10.00 and I am sure no one went home hungry.

Back on March 3, a boy was born to Allison Hays and our Assistant Chief Jonathon was in charge of getting her to the hospital. They are now proud parents of James McKinley Hays, 7 lbs. 9 ozs. at 20 inches, and he is now at home with his big sister, Paisley Hays, who will be bossing him around in about ten years or less. Grandpa Duane is doing just fine and supporting Jonathon in his trying time. Ha! For some reason Duane doesn't think his grandson will be called Jimmy Mac.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: Jim Carle planned to come to the March meeting, but couldn't make it. I hope he makes it to the April meeting. Harold is still hanging in and enjoying his lower level at home. His sons are keeping him supplied with his personal medication. When I get home, I plan to take medication with him.

Our unit is very sad to hear of the passing of 1994 Potentate C.E. (Bill) Leason. Bill was a good friend and a true Mason, Shriner, and all around great Noble. Our condolences go out to his entire family.

Chuck Hedges, Roger Nelson, and Jerry Staiger also went to serve our Grand Master of the Universe. They all will all be missed and condolences go to all the families. All were true Masons and Great Nobles.

We are just a few weeks away from the Muirfield Golf Event and I hope all our members are signed up to work at gate #6. This is our biggest money-making event and it provides funds to pay for many of our social events. Friends and neighbors can work and enjoy part of a day watching golf. So all friends are invited to work and then will be invited to our annual steak roast and camel's milk event. I hope to bring Harold Linebaugh and Jim Carle to this event in August.

Spring is here big time and April might be the month that winter holds on to the longest. May is just around the corner and that means school will soon be in recess and as my ole' Warrant Officer Jack Lutz told us all, "A bouncing ball is followed by a running child." So, drive carefully.

News from Lexington

In late November, 2011, twelve-year-old Samuel Crane of Lewisburg, KY, was accidentally shot in the leg while hunting with his father. The bullet pierced just under his knee but at first, Samuel didn't know he was hit. "I'm okay," he said. "I'm still going fishing." But he was hit so the family quickly called an ambulance who rushed him to a Life Flight which would take him to a Nashville hospital. After seven hours of surgery, the doctors informed the family the leg could not be saved.

The amputation took place in December and Samuel worried he would never be able to play the sports he loved again. Samuel's baseball coach, a Shriner, visited the family and returned with an application for Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Lexington. "He told us this hospital could help Samuel," said Alicia Crane, Samuel's mother.

"We also learned that Samuel's assistant baseball coach was a patient at Shriners Hospital and has an artificial limb." Samuel was fitted with a prosthetic but had yet to take his first step with his new leg. "It looks better than I thought," said Samuel admiring his new limb, in his favorite design, camouflage. Chris Burke, Certified Prothetist at Shriners Hospital, was with Samuel when he was finally

"Let's make it happen!"

ready to try on the leg.

"Samuel," asked Chris, "Do you want to play sports again?"

"I sure do," replied Samuel.

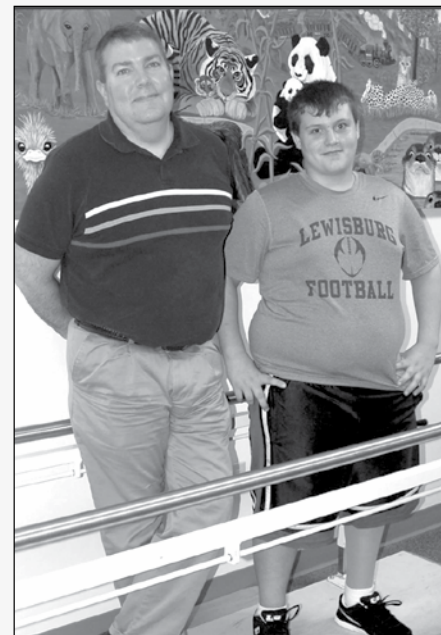
"Then let's make that happen," said Chris.

Samuel had stayed very strong throughout his three month ordeal but he was very emotional about trying his first step. The thought of playing baseball again gave Samuel the strength to take his first steps and within minutes he no longer needed his hands for balance. Chris shared with Samuel that he too had a prosthetic leg and knew how to guide Samuel as he took his first steps. "It was amazing how quickly Chris put everything in perspective for Samuel," said Alicia.

"It wasn't as easy as I thought it would be. It was hard to understand ow to work the knee part of the leg," Samuel explained. Learning to walk on his new prosthetic leg is the greatest challenge

Samuel has had to face but with the support of his family and the expert care at Shriners Hospital he has not slowed down at all.

After all, he wants to play sports and like Chris Burke said, "Let's make that happen!"



The Legacy of an Aladdin Potentate Clarence E. "Bill" Leeson, Jr.

So much of who each of us becomes is determined by whom we may meet – either by accident or design. I like to think that part of who am I today is because of meeting Bill and his decision to appoint me to Aladdin's Divan line.

Bill served as Potentate in 1994, Aladdin's centennial year, asking each of us to have "Pride in our Past" and believe in "Promise for our Future." Bill defined what type of Potentate he would be by saying this, "I challenge each Noble to always act 'The Gentleman,' and to remember that you are an example of your Temple. Remember your vows and take them seriously, for it is this that separates us from being just another fraternal organization."

Leaders lead by example and Bill, along with "his bride" Bobbie, displayed what I would describe as "pure class." Knowing how to act as a Divan officer was not hard to learn; just watch Bill and you would be fine. Having "Pride in our Past" were not just words to Bill as he took the time to explain to me the proper ways to follow Aladdin's traditions and why that is so very important. I remember my first lesson as Bill gently scolded me for serving a drink to another Divan officer before it was time and more importantly before I had asked the First Lady and the Potentate what they cared for. I was told it was to show respect for the office, not the man and his lady. I didn't do that again but I did discover it is easy to respect the office when you truly have respect for the man. It was hard not to respect Bill.

I recall that Bill loved to be involved in the details of everything. It didn't matter how trivial it seemed to others, but if Bill viewed something as not going just as planned he jumped in. This included tasks that others would have eagerly taken care of but Bill would sometimes react quicker and beat them to the punch. Like the time he jumped off Big Red to direct the driver in backing up; the driver didn't need help but Bill decided he did and acted.

Bill always was smiling, but even more and with great pride when he spoke of Bobbie, his children, grandchildren, and of course "West by God Virginia." Bill earned our respect by showing respect to those people who were most important in his life and his unwavering sense of where he came from kept him grounded as a leader.

Bill inspired us to do the things necessary to ensure Aladdin's future. He reminded us of those tasks each time he was asked to speak by ending with a poem by Will Allen Dromgoole, "The Bridge Builder." It seems appropriate that in thinking of Bill's legacy we read these words again:

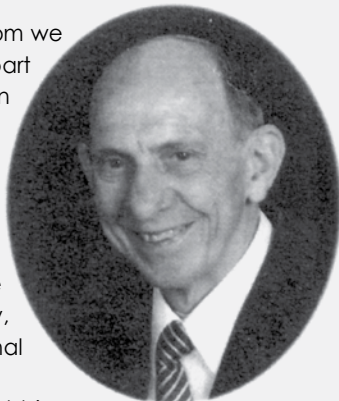
An old man going a lone highway,
Came, at the evening cold and gray,
To a chasm vast and deep and wide.
Through which was flowing a sullen tide
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
The sullen stream had no fear for him;
But he turned when safe on the other side
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting your strength with building here;
Your journey will end with the ending day,
You never again will pass this way;
You've crossed the chasm, deep and wide,
Why build this bridge at evening tide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head;
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There followed after me to-day
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm that has been as naught to me
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him!"

My life was enriched by knowing Bill as a man who had a great faith in his God, love and admiration for his family, a sense of duty to his fellow man and a great love for Aladdin Temple and the Shrine. We mourn his death but celebrate who he was and how he lived his life. How appropriate the words; "A Life That Touches Others Lives on Forever."

With great love and affection, your Shrine Son,
Mike Clevenger – Potentate 2003



Aladdin's Patrol Marches on...

by Matthew Long

It is with great sadness to announce that the Patrol has lost two past Captains. Captains Arlon Thorley and Bill Leeson, our Past Potentate, were called by the Black Camel to the Celestial Lodge above. The Patrol Unit participated in the Masonic funerals of our Captains and gave them a final salute. Our prayers and heartfelt sympathy goes out to Karen Thorley and Bobbie Leeson along with their families in their loss. We will surely miss them both and remember them fondly.

As you are reading this article, I hope you and your family enjoyed the circus and the Plank's pizza party. But there is still work yet to do before summer with the Muirfield Golf Tournament. Contact Chi Weber or Leo Stacy if you or a family member or friends are able to volunteer with the tournament.

Northeast News

by Calvin Smith, PP

Our March meeting was a hit. President Jeff led us through the opening, introductions, and a short business meeting.

Secretary Frank Habeker made a sincere plea to **please cancel any meal reservations you make by noon of the Thursday prior to the meeting.** The caterer now charges us for the total meal count we turn in and not just the meals eaten. In February, the club had to pay the cost of 20 no-shows. That equates to \$360.00. We continue to understand that emergencies occur.

Important Announcement:

Vice President Jim Bondi gave a solid Tabloid presentation regarding our effort. We need your help. To assist, you must sign a waiver with the City of Westerville. The forms are available at our monthly meeting. Come on; come out; help the kids.

Our entertainment for the evening was stupendous. In keeping with St. Patrick's Day, President Jeff brought the Fiddle Fetish group from Dublin Scioto High School to our meeting. They were fantastic. They played numerous Irish and a couple of Scottish songs using their violins, violas, cellos, bass and percussion in masterful harmony. Their personalized version of Danny Boy was truly very well done. They were a hit.

Remember, If you can't attend the meeting, please cancel any meal reservation you have made by noon of the Thursday prior to the meeting.

Provost

by John Rohal

The March meeting of the Provost Unit saw some of our "snowbirds" in attendance where we were treated to our annual St. Patrick's Day dinner of corned beef and cabbage. It was good to see some of our missing members at this meeting, including Bill Taylor, Leo Genders, Denny Campbell, and Corky Talbot.

Other notables attending included Past Directors Jon Kinney and Terry McLaughlin, and Past Potentates Dale Cline, Don Goodman, Steve Hathaway, and Dan Stainbrook, also the other one.

Our meeting was opened by Gary Hamre who was called on to substitute for Director Gene Steineman who was at home ailing with the flu. Lady Betty had to miss hosting our ladies night out for dinner (Gene needed the loving care). Dick Westinghouse led our opening prayer and the pledge to our flag.

Approved for unit membership were Wesley L. Riley of Stoutsville, a retired Captain from the Ohio Department of Corrections, and Aaron C. Dominey of Lewis Center, a paralegal. The substitute secretary's minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted, and Treasurer Charles Linek's report of some earned and some spent was also approved.

Would you believe that at one table of eight, three individuals consumed all of the coffee and left none for others? I hate to point fingers, but Edgar Everhart, Dan Stainbrook, and Leon Taylor can be accused of depriving the other four at the table (Ron Hobensack stayed with his Heineken).

Committee reports were given by Don Campbell on the circus, Dale Cline on Muirfield, Charles Linek on the Nationwide Tour, George Stowe on the picnic, and Corky Talbot on the Potentate's Fishing Trip.

Divan Representative Jon Kinney discussed membership, the circus, and Masonic Night which will be held on Monday, April 23. Don Goodman reported on a change in the Imperial By-laws to reduce costs for November and December candidates.

Celebrating April birthdays are James Bodi, James A. Brown Jr., Dale R. Cline, Douglas M. Cook, Robert D. Laird, Ralph B. Mason, Randall D. Smith, Thomas W. Tobin, and Stewart M. Webster.

Jake Borror reported that Mike Gray recently lost his home to a serious fire; the family are all fine and the insurance company should cover all of their losses.

Our illness report includes Jim Roberts who is recovering from serious burn injuries caused by an accident at his home in late January. He remains in the O.S.U. Medical Center. Also, Rex Emrick is recovering from successful cancer surgery on March 13.

With sadness we report the loss of Clarence G. "Cy" Leonard who was taken by the Black Camel on March 12. "Cy" was one of the first non-law enforcement members of the Provost Unit, and earned his "stripes" parking cars on Muirfield Drive during the Memorial Tournaments.

So goes another month; hope to see the return of more "snowbirds" at our next meeting.

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Athens

by Fred Stanley

Since I missed the March issue, I'm combining February and March! March did come roarin' in but we have good prospects of it going out "gentle as a lamb."

We had a great group of Nobles for our February 23 Potentate's Visit with Potentate Mike Tyne and the Divan. It was Ladies Night and several of the Past Nobles' widows were in attendance.

Three representatives from DaVita Rivers Edge Dialysis attended to present a \$6,000 check to Potentate Mike Tyne for the Athens Shrine Club to donate to the Cincinnati Burn Hospital for research.

There was a moment of silence for the Black Camel calling one of our great Nobles, Roger Wiseman.

Noble Emmett Davis must be out hugging the ladies in Nelsonville! There's a rumor going around that he has collected \$2,000 in donations! Way to go Emmett!

The Athens Shrine Club is discussing various ways to involve a large number of Nobles in raising funds. Maybe we can have a fish fry.

We plan to participate in several parades this year with our newly renovated float and will hope to have a good showing of Nobles out for these events!

Also, a bus trip is planned to the Cincinnati Burn Hospital. They will have snacks prepared for us and we can take the Athens Go-Bus down and back for approximately \$20 per person.

Our Nobles are planning a work day to replace the roof on our shelter house. We need all the "willing and able" Nobles to help complete the project, even if all you're able to do is just "crack the whip!" The lighting in our club building needs extensive repair which will be expensive.

Charlie Adkins and his crew had a very tasty dinner to celebrate Past President's Night on March 22. Noble Roger Van Dyke attended the Marietta Shrine Club Shrimp Fest and from the amount of peels he had on his plate, he must have eaten a peck! They were really good, Roger? Huh?

Our Tabloid Days are coming up soon and we need lots of help from ALL NOBLES! HAPPY TRAILS!

Licking County

by Franklin C. Boner

Licking County was again visited by the Black Camel and another longtime, active, dedicated, and patriotic member, Noble Clarence G. "Cy" Leonard, has been removed from our midst.

Noble Leonard was a WW II veteran serving with the U.S. Marine Corps and was awarded a Purple Heart and Bronze Stars. Cy, as he was affectionately known, was a member and past president of the Southeast and Licking Shrine Clubs. He was an ardent supporter of the Shrine Hospitals, Mound City Little League, and the Shrine Circus. He will be sadly missed by all those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Tabloid Days are coming up and all of the Licking County Shriners who can assist are requested to contact yours truly for assignments.

Kudos are extended to Noble Tony Durieux upon his retirement as a State Farm agent.

As a reminder, our monthly dinners and planning sessions at noon on the first Thursday of each month are in progress.

How many of you are aware that the Licking County Shrine Club has a trophy case at the Aladdin Shrine Center? It contains an assortment of articles including an out-of date photo of the club membership. President Noble Terry Hill has made arrangements for a photographer to be present at our June 7 noon meeting to photograph all in attendance so that we might update our case. Please wear your fez, red coat, Shrine unit regalia, and your best smile, and plan to be there on this date.

Several of our members, including Nobles Herb Wise and Robert Thomas, have had health issues and need our prayers.

Nobles, as you know, this is a very busy club. With the Tabloid and fair in progress or looming on the horizon, we need your attendance and participation to continue the great traditions of outstanding support of Shrine philanthropies by the Nobles of Licking County.



PAST MASTERS

by Dick Bull

The Past Masters Unit performed the Master Mason Degree at Palestine Lodge #158 F. & A.M. at 330 S. Main Street, Marysville, Ohio on Thursday, April 19. Lodge opened at 7:00 p.m. with a brief business meeting after which one candidate was raised. Refreshments followed the closing of Lodge. Our own Bruce Kinsey is again Master of Palestine Lodge and is recuperating from removal of a benign tumor around his pituitary gland. We are looking forward to this also as a tune-up for Masonic Night at the Shrine on the following Monday, April 23 at the Shrine Center. Details of Masonic Night are elsewhere in this Lamp issue.

The unit members assisted the Reception Unit in ushering during the Shrine Circus. We will be participating in the Pike County Dogwood Parade on Sunday, April 29, and our van will be available, thanks to Gary Fortner.

Because of Masonic Night being on our usual unit stated meeting date, we have moved our stated meeting at the Aladdin Shrine Center to Monday, April 30. Board meeting is at 7:00 p.m. and the men and the Ladies Auxiliary will both meet at 8:00 p.m.

We are saddened at the death of one of our Charter Members, Rt. Wor. Bro. Bob Anderson from Marion. He was a very dedicated Mason and was extremely active in a number of Masonic organizations. We will miss him.

Our sympathy is also extended to both Gary Shoemaker on the death of his father, Ill. Bro. Byrl Shoemaker, and to Gary Ballou on the death of his farther recently. Gary Ballou had experienced the death of his sister-in-law just two weeks earlier. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of these families in their loses of loved ones.

We wish healing powers for Ken Sparks, Bob Sims, George Roloson, George Finch, and Al Pettigrew as they experience health issues.

Aladdin's CHANTERS

by Deron S. Ponn

Last month we lost a great Shriner and great friend. Roger Nelson passed away after his battle with cancer. A large number of Chanters participated in the services. Our thoughts and prayers go out to fellow Chanter Brian Berendsen and the rest of the family. Roger will be missed.

"Thank you" goes to all who worked the gate or sang the national anthem at the various performances of the circus. I apologize for not attending, but had a last-minute (once-in-a-lifetime) opportunity to attend the Final Four in New Orleans. I'm sure by the time you read this, the Buckeyes will have the National Championship Trophy back in Columbus.(Wishful thinking!!)

Spring is in the air. It's time to start getting serious about the competition at the Imperial in Charlotte this summer. Please let us know whether you will be attending as soon as possible so we can choose the appropriate music for our size. Since there is a dinner already scheduled for the Tuesday night of the Imperial, we will likely hold our practice and dinner on that Monday night prior to Tuesday's competition. Keep in mind that Charlotte is close enough to home that if you want to be back home on the fourth, you can make it.

I'll make one last plug for the Spaghetti Dinner at the Shrine Center. If reading this after the 20th, I hope you enjoyed it and I'll have more details in the next issue of the Lamp.

Upcoming Events:

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| April 29 - Dogwood Parade | April 30 - Sing Out at Wesley Glen |
| May 7 – Potentate's Visit | May 28 – Memorial Day Parade |
| May 31 - June 3 – Volunteer - Memorial Tournament | |
| June 29 - July 5 – Imperial in Charlotte | |

Please send any comments or suggestions to dponn@netjets.com

Hilltop

by Ron Craven

The Hilltop Shrine Club had its monthly meeting at York Steak House. There were six Nobles and one visitor present. We welcome Norris Jeffers to our club.

By now, the Shrine Circus is over so it's time to get ready for Tabloid Days on May 25 - 26. Our annual Tabloid kick-off cookout will be on Wednesday May 2 at the Naus Club on Fisher Road. Come out for an evening of fellowship and preparation for the support of our hospitals for children.

Mark your calendars for Monday, June 4. The Hilltop Shrine Club will visit the Lodge at Grove City. We will have dinner at 6:00 p.m. After dinner we will attend their lodge's stated meeting.

Welcome back, snowbird Nobles.

Thea Court

by B. J. Gischler, PHP

By the time you read this, most of April will be gone and we will be getting ready for the busy month of May. Many of the officers and past high priestesses will be attending Grand Council of the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America in Norfolk, Virginia from May 20 - 25. That will cause some changes to our regular activity dates.

The stated Thea Court meeting will be on Friday, May 11, with lunch at 11:00 a.m. and the court meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. This will be the last regular meeting until September 21.

There will be no Fun Night in May, and the next one will not be until the month of September.

Sewing, a dinner in Lancaster, and a visit at the Masonic Home in Springfield are coming up during the summer; watch for the dates in our article each month.



In Memoriam

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| Robert W. Anderson | Clarence E. Leeson, Jr. | Byrl R. Shoemaker |
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You don't have to be a fan to enjoy this history lesson — NASCAR style!

NASCAR Monday, July 2

We begin our day at Charlotte Motor Speedway for a behind the scenes tour. See the Sprint Cup garage and infield hospital. Hear the history of the track and how it began. Take a lap around the 1.5 mile oval and visit Winner's Circle. Don't forget your camera. We will also visit the huge gift shop before departing. Our next stop is at the Sam Bass Gallery, the first official licensed artist of NASCAR. Tour hundreds of framed originals and hear how the creative process works. You will love seeing the talent of this artist and view the personal collection of Sam's other passion – music and guitars! Who knew NASCAR and art went together so well!

Hendrick Motorsports & Museum

Next, we are off to the ultimate racing complex, Hendrick Motorsports & Museum. You will get an insiders look at the world of NASCAR and visit the fabulous shops and museum, see famous cars of the past and present, and hear stories of the popular Hendrick drivers and the preparation needed to build a race car.

Roush Racing

After a delicious box lunch, we visit Roush Racing. We will visit their spectacular museum and hear the history of Roush and discover the magic of this world-class championship team and the pursuit of excellence! Fasten your seatbelts and enjoy the 40,000 square feet of exhibit space showcasing the history and heritage NASCAR! This state-of-the-art facility honors NASCAR icons and creates an enduring tribute to the drivers, crew members, team owners, and others who have impacted the sport in the past, present, and future! The banked "Glory Road" will greet you as you enter the hall and experience the interactive displays. Stop in the Belk High Octane Theater to watch an informational film about the history of NASCAR, experience a behind-the-scenes look at how a team prepares for race day, and enjoy the transporter and racing simulators! We head back to the hotel with a day full of memories and a greater appreciation for NASCAR!

Marching WITH THE LEGION by Dick Luckay & Jim Rock

BUSY TIMES AHEAD – Well batten down the hatches and get ready to rumble. There are a boat-load of events looming on the horizon in the coming months for Aladdin and the LOH. The circus will be past history by the time you read this (a full report will be included in the May Lamp), the Baltic Cruise, Tabloid Day, the fishing trip, Imperial, the Summer “Beach Party”, LOH Great Lakes, The Imperial Potentate visit for the Corn Roast, the Ceremonial and of course the parades – not to mention the Memorial Tournament – add up to a very busy time for all concerned. Commander Rock will keep everyone up-to-date but be prepared to participate as much as possible. With your support and participation this can be a truly memorable year. SPECIAL DAYS FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE – Those wedding bells ring out again for Durward and Ruth Masters (5/19) and Jim and Linda Rock (5/25). Another year together – with more memories to come. Happy Birthday will be sung in a number of households in the coming days: Corky Burton (3/22) and husband John Burton (3/23) (Now there is a double celebration if I ever saw one.), Anne Nixon (3/23), Linda Iben (3/26), PC Bob Faber (3/27), Paul Nixon (3/28) PC Gary Bogaet (3/30), John Hart and Dave Henderson (5/15). A lot of candles will light up the dinner table this time for sure. Congratulations to one and all – and God Bless

PARADE SCHEDULE

PARADE	DAY/DATE	LINE-UP TIME
Dogwood Parade	Sunday, April 29	2:00 P.M.
Worthington Memorial Parade	Monday, May 28	9:00 A.M.
Imperial Parade	Wednesday July 4	2:30 P.M.
Baltimore Parade	Saturday, August 11	9:30 A.M.
Bucyrus Parad	Friday, August 17	6:00 P.M.
Circleville Pumpkin Parade	Friday, October 19	7:00 P.M.

Lets fill the ranks and continue the good work that is the hallmark of the LOH parade participation. COMMANDERS COMMENTS – The date for the Legions of Honor Wreath Laying Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery has been changed. The new dates are November 8-11, 2012. Applications for attendance and hotel rooms should be available in April. If you have never attended this LOH National program you have missed a truly memorable experience. Check with adjutant Bob Faber for forms and additional information. There is always room for those wanting to attend the Imperial Session in Charlotte, North Carolina. There are some special events (and gatherings) planned and if you haven't been to an Imperial recently, this is the one that should be really interesting and worthwhile. Initial payment of \$150 per person is due by April 15 with the balance due no later that May 30.

Suggested Timed Itinerary July 2, 2012

8:30 AM	Depart Hotel
9:00 AM	Charlotte Motor Speedway
10:30 AM	Sam Bass Gallery
11:30 AM	Hendrick Motorsports
12:30 PM	Box lunch on the go
1:00 PM	Roush Racing
2:00 PM	NASCAR Hall of Fame
5:00 PM	Return to Hotel

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Beautiful Queen City - Charlotte - Wednesday, July 4 - \$39.00 - 8:30 - Noon

Your guide will join you for a look at the beautiful Queen City, Charlotte. You will discover southern heritage and how Charlotte became a leader in the "New South". See the financial district on a riding tour that includes the historic Fourth Ward area and the beautiful willow oaks that line the residential area of Myers Park, and the bustling Center City. You will fall in love with the beauty and rich heritage of this grand city of the South! Next we will stop at the Billy Graham Library. This magnificent 40,000 sq. ft. library contains exhibits that chronicle the man, ministry, and message of Billy Graham. Located only a short walk from the library, visit the replicated Graham family home decorated with many original materials. View the grave of Ruth Bell Graham, wife and best friend of Billy. There is also an on-site bookstore, Ruth's Attic, for browsing.

Bucyrus by Gene Diller

The Bucyrus Shrine Club opened the meeting with prayer led by Noble John Miller. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Noble Tim Miller. Gus's and Grog Restaurant Bucyrus catered the meal. The meal was large pork chops, dressing, green beans, cheese potatoes, salad, pie, and cake. The speaker was Mr. Adam Stone who spoke on Bucyrus' Backpack Program in Bucyrus School Systems which helps children with little or no food at home on the weekends. They hand out 88 backpacks with food on the weekends for their meals. Mr. Stone also helps with the kids' bullying problems. The next Bucyrus Shrine Club meeting will be April 23. I would like to apologize because I left an obituary out of last month's article. The Bucyrus Shrine Club lost Noble Ned Foght on February 15, 2012. Noble Foght was a very active and faithful helper for the Tabloid. He was a longtime member of our club.

2012 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 PARADES	DATE	LINE-UP	STEP OFF
Pike County Dogwood	4/29	2:00 PM	3:00 PM
Worthington Memorial Day	5/28	9:00 AM	10:00 AM
Imperial Parade	7/4		2:30 PM
Baltimore Parade	8/11	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
Bucyrus Parade	8/17	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Circleville Pumpkin Parade	10/19	7:00 PM	8:00 PM

Tarhe Shrine

by David Mowry



I hope you all have been enjoying the warm weather and praying it won't get too cold again! Our March meeting was held on the 16th at the Baltimore VFW. Illustrious Sir Calvin Smith was kind enough to present the program for us. He spoke about membership in the Shrine and challenged each member to bring in at least two new members this year. "Thank you" goes to Illustrious Sir Smith for taking time to attend the meeting with us.

Another reminder is that Tabloid Day is rapidly approaching. This year it is on May 25-26. Tarhe has always had a strong showing and we would like to continue that tradition. If you would like to help or have questions please contact the directors for your area. If you don't know who your director is or just want to talk to someone, please call me at 740-503-8958.

You should also be getting reminder cards about all meetings in the mail. If you are not receiving your cards, please let us know so we can make sure we have an updated address for you. Remember, if you have questions about meeting dates, you can check Aladdin's website to see club and contact information, as well as upcoming meeting dates. Please take a look at it at: <http://www.aladdinshrine.org/tarhe.htm>. Also, keep in mind that wives and guests are always welcome to attend. If you know of someone who might be interested in joining Tarhe, please feel free to bring him along as well.

Upcoming meetings:

April 19, 2012 – Reservations due by April 14.

May 17, 2012 – Reservations due by May 12.

Reservations can be made at 740-215-6849 or tarheshrineclub@gmail.com.

Hardin County

by Ken Rossman

Our regular meeting was held on March 21 at Veteran's Memorial Park Clubhouse. Total attendance was 48 Nobles. Noble Weaver opened our business meeting with a prayer then President Longbrake led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Noble Don Doll noted that our onion orders should be paid for by our next meeting. Delivery of onions should be about May 1.

A moment of silence was in memory of Nobles Jim Britt and Ted Breidenbach. We extend our sympathy to both families.

Noble Rossman gave a brief talk on Tabloid Day - we will have it on May 25-26. Rossman will start getting the o.k. to work at the places we want to work on Friday and Saturday. Noble Tim Jolliff will take care of part of the days and Rossman will handle the city. We hope to have sign up sheets ready for the next meeting. We ask workers to work two hours and be sure to wear the Fez.

We are going to give our annual cash donation to the four county Blue Lodges — that is Kenton, Forest, Dunkirk and LaRue. The amount given each lodge will be based on the number of Shrine members in each lodge.

Noble Weaver closed our business meeting with a prayer. We dined on another great meal prepared and served by Nobles Hinebaugh, Rice, Michel, Ridgeway, Gilbert, Garman, and Wagner. Thank you, Nobles for a job well done.

We wish Happy Birthday to Nobles Kellogg (86) and Hatcher (85). We hope you have many more. We extend our sympathy to Noble Rosebrough and family in the recent loss of his mother.

Registrar Unit

by Art Puetz

With the circus over and Muirfield approaching, it's time to check our calendars and start making plans to put in some time to support both our unit and Aladdin. The venerable Ted McCord handled all the scheduling for the circus in his impeccably fine manner and with all the aplomb we have come to expect from him. Ted also mentioned getting a larger trailer a couple more times, too.

Rumor has it that Dick Ham has all the slots filled for Muirfield, but you know what's said about rumors and their reliability... There is no such thing as a reliable rumor, so check with Dick and see if he can use you to fill a time slot or two.

Parade season will soon be upon us and with it comes the need to fill our float with more "Gold Coats" than have been aboard during recent years. Let's go, guys. Climb aboard for the fun and the kids and let's give 'em a good show by filling our float to the brim! Efforts are underway to resurrect the Fez and Chariot by bringing them into good repair so they, too, can participate in the parades with the Big Shriner aboard.

The Aladdin Shrine Registrar Unit visited Avery Lodge for its inspection on March 27.

Mark your calendars, Nobles – August 18, 2012. This is the date for the Aladdin Car Show and Corn Roast during which we'll have an Imperial Visit by Imp. Sir Michael G. Severe of Erie, Colorado. This will be the first Imperial visit to Aladdin in quite some time, so be sure to attend.

Our prayers and best wishes go out to Duane Baker, Sr. and "Big" John Davis, who are both under the weather. Get well, guys, and soon.

Worthington

by Bob Stevenson

As you read this, the famous "Ohio Nurseryman," Noble Fred Hower, will have completed his annual visit to our cub, and will have given our Ladies lots of ideas for jobs we Nobles will have to do. Ah, spring, when an older man's fancy turns to thoughts of ideas on how to avoid digging, raking, cutting, trimming, and sore backs and arms. Alas, we are rarely successful. Yes, indeed, spring!

It also means we are about five weeks from the Memorial Tournament and, as always, our needs for man and woman power are great. We have both gates 8 and 10 to cover for the week. Noble Darren Harder (614-774-1068), along with Noble Ken Sparks (614-268-1516), are filling out the assignment sheets. Remember that you do not have to be a Shriner to work this project. So, invite a friend or neighbor to spend half a day watching the greatest golfers in the world, and the other half helping to make this most important event a success for all of Central Ohio.

WE HAVE A DATE CHANGE FOR TABLOID SATURDAY! MARK JUNE 9, 2012 DOWN FOR THIS YEARS EFFORT. While Aladdin set the date in May, we were unable to get our main corners for that date, hence the move to June 9. This one requires Shriners only to "hit the streets" and we do need help. Our pool of available workers shrinks each year due to age and health problems as well as the Black Camel visits. So, if you are able to work, please give Bob Stevenson a call at 614-846-2523. The corners this year will be High at Rt .161 in Worthington; Linworth Road at Rt. 161; and High at Bridge St. in downtown Dublin. The need for these extra funds is great for the hospitals, and we must redouble our efforts to raise as much as we can. If you can or cannot work, please consider making a donation to Tabloid Day to help fill the buckets!

Our June 7 meeting will be different this year. President Wade will announce a different location and style of dinner meeting. Watch for your newsletter.

Finally, our May 3 meeting will feature our Franklin County Engineer, Dean Ringle. With all the road work being done and being delayed, in some cases for a decade or more, it should be an interesting evening of information. Another great chance to get your questions answered.

See you on the tee!

Reception Unit

by Don Owens / Mike Johnson

This article was originally composed by Mike Johnson and submitted for publication in the March issue of the Lamp. Unfortunately, it was lost in transmission and may still be rattling around the ether. It deserved a better fate, so here it is again.

Our normal reporter, Don Owens, is vacationing in Florida. It seems like half the unit has journeyed to warmer climes. So, here goes.

Our February meeting was decently attended in spite of the snowbirds. It was nice to see Jim and Thelma Cherrington make it out. Director Bonn's new program of rotating chaplains saw Bob Adams do an admirable job; I don't think he is in contention for the permanent job.

Bill Compton told the group that the unit's onion sale has now been kicked off. We are combining efforts with the Hardin County Shrine Club this year. Orders must be turned in by April 15 and delivery will be in early to mid-May. See any member of the Reception Unit or call Noble Bill at 740-917-9261 to get your onions on order. There are also plans to have a table set up at the stated meeting to take orders. Look for our ad in this and future issues of the *Lamp*.

Welcome goes to our newest member, Dave Fultz. He should be a good addition to the unit. Thanks go to Steve Russo and Ken Beckholt for bringing him in.

Speaking of Noble Beckholt, happy birthday. Joining Ken with a March birthday are Bill Childs, Don Owens, and Jim Paul.

Alice Beckholt had a nasty fall last month and her recovery has had some complications. Get well soon, Alice.

The list of members with April birthdays includes Edgar Kauffman, Del Kopp, Bud Oldaker, Don Schonhardt, and Earl Sullivan. Happy birthday to all.

Hats off to Shriners International on their use of social media to make a difference for the hospitals. Voting on Facebook garnered a first place from 2 companies. A \$10,000 dollar donation from the Slane Company and 3 million frequent flyer miles from American Airlines were both obtained because Shriners out polled other charities. I know I voted every day for a month to help out. Whoever said Shriners cannot keep up with times?

The Reception Unit did not have a March meeting because of the circus. Thanks go to everyone who came out to support this important event.

As all members should know, we have been striving to get our meeting notices out electronically in order to save postage and time. About twenty percent of us still want to receive paper notices, and that's understandable, but if your wishes change, please let us know.

We've received word today (March 26) that Earl Sullivan has been readmitted to Mt. Carmel East Hospital with a painful broken leg, sustained while exercising. Other serious issues have developed since the initial injury. No visitors at this time. Prayers for Earl's recovery would be in order.

Ross County

The March meeting had a rather light turnout and a light agenda for the meeting as well. Having five Thursdays this month could have been one of the reasons; the other may have been the warm weather and thick green grass that needed mowing. If five or 50 show up, a good time and great meal is had by all. I'll mention more on the meal and cooks later.

We were happy to welcome Sam Skinner from Bainbridge Lodge #196 as our guest. If you enjoyed yourself, Sam, we have a petition waiting with your name on it (hint, hint). We are always in need of good Masons to become great Shriners.

The Sunshine Committee reported that Past President John Malone recently had more surgery. Evelyn Montgomery, wife of Noble Ron Montgomery, was reported to be ill as well. Please keep both of them in your thoughts and prayers.

President David Duckworth reminded the members that club activities will be increasing soon. We held a bowling banquet on April 11 as a fundraiser for the club; the Potentate's visit will take place during our regular May meeting and soon thereafter, TABLOIDS! Mark the date on your calendars, Nobles. The money we will raise that weekend is the reason why we wear the fez.

Now, back to our terrific meals and the cooks who prepare them. We are blessed at our club with many Nobles who volunteer their time and efforts to feed us each month and are fabulous cooks. At the March meeting we had baked steak, scalloped potatoes, succotash, cake, and ice cream prepared by Brad Burns and his crew. Mike Haller, Bob Mossbarger, Steve Davis, Bob Baranick, and Brad are often found in the kitchen many hours before social time getting things ready. They each have a dedicated group of helpers who work diligently for the good of the club. Guys like Graham Thompson, Dave Patterson, Ron Miner, Fred Yingling, Jay Morgan, and many others I don't have the space to name are always ready to put on the aprons and lend a hand. Let's not take them for granted. This month, I've included a picture of Brad and Graham in the kitchen. Bring it to the next meeting and for \$5.00 they will autograph it for you. All proceeds go to the Tabloids, of course.



by Dan Riddle

Motorcycle Corps

by Larry Bell

Aladdin's Motorcycle Corps held its monthly meeting at the Shrine Center on March 8 at 7:30 p.m. There were seven members present along with Chief Rabban William R. Amspaugh, Jr.

Plans for the year's riding were looked at but no commitments were made. Jerry Scott said our monthly dinners will be starting again on the fourth Thursday of the month. However, March's dinner was changed to the third Thursday because of the circus.

It is dues time again for all who have not paid.

The Motorcycle Corps invites all riders to join – small bikes to full dressers.

See you at the next meeting!

Flying Nobles

by Lee McKelvey

The Flying Nobles' April meeting is being held at the Ralph R. Rickly Lodge at 1120 Barnett Road on the East side. Rickly serves breakfast starting at 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. We can have breakfast at 9:00 and have our meeting at 10:00. At this time our May meeting will be at the OSU Airport.

We are planning a trip to the Air Force Museum in Dayton for our June 9 meeting. We will be taking Big Red if we can get enough to fill the seats. If not, we will cancel the trip unless we can get a smaller bus. So, if you and your friends want to go, call David Ray at 614-205-3808. Big Red can handle 40 passengers.

Our Chaplain, Jim Paddock, was in a rehab center for a while after being on the sick list for a period. He will be 94 years old in June and it will take a while longer for him to heal. Our best wishes to him. He was a pilot in WWII and is a loyal member of the Flying Nobles.

The 2012 circus is past and we hope it was successful for Aladdin. May 26 is Tabloid Day and we need help to obtain our goal.

Operations Officer Don Shartzter had a hip replacement and is walking a little better every day. I reported last month that Don had a knee replacement, but he said he already had both knees replaced before the hip. Don is a retired Columbus Police Officer.

Masonic Night at the Shrine will be on April 23 at 6:45 p.m. The Master Mason Degree will be performed on a candidate from Westgate Lodge #623. Westgate is Potentate Michael Tyne's home lodge. The Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, Kevin B. Todd, is scheduled attend.

The Santee Golf trip is in April and the Imperial is in July at Charlotte. Spring has been here and the flying weather and golf weather is great.

Everybody try to enjoy every day and stay well.

KENTUCKY COLONELS

by Ron Fraser

President Smith opened the meeting by asking Past Potentate Dee Mowry to give the invocation and to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The 33 members and guests then had lunch. It was nice to have a couple of our snowbirds back, Colonel Neil Neer and his lady Polly Ann; hope some of the others will be coming to our meetings when they return.

Following lunch, President Smith asked the officers of the club to stand and introduce themselves and their ladies; again, your reporter forgot to introduce his wife and was duly reminded of this! The Past Presidents of the Club stood and gave the year they were president. Potentate Tyne was introduced along with Past Potentates Bill Estell and Dee Mowry.

After the business session was completed, President Smith asked Colonel Chuck Woolison to come forward. Colonel Woolison was presented with his commission and then initiated into Aladdin Kentucky Colonels Club by P.P. Dee Mowry with Potentate Mike Tyne and P.P. Bill Estell in attendance.

President Smith talked about participating in parades and is waiting for information on something to put on a car to identify Aladdin Kentucky Colonels. President Smith said that we now have hats and shirts with the club emblem on them for sale. P.P. Estell spoke on inviting Blue Lodge members to come to Aladdin on April 23 for the 20th Annual Masonic Night. The Master Mason Degree will be portrayed by the Past Masters Unit. Potentate Tyne again requested a large turnout of Aladdin Shriners at the Car Show and Corn Roast coming up as the Imperial Potentate and his Lady will be attending. He also spoke on the various activities he has planned for the rest of the year.

President Smith closed the meeting and asked Chaplain P.P. Mowry to give the benediction.

To all Aladdin Kentucky Colonels, come and participate in the fun and fellowship at the next meeting. Nobles, if you are not a Kentucky Colonel and want to become one, we will be more than happy to help you obtain your commission.



Aladdin Shrine Band

by Dave Haney

Well, here we are in April, 2012. Tax month in case you varmints have forgotten. Time to pay up so the members of that special club in Washington, D. C. can keep enjoying their privileges.

I was going to put a political joke in this letter at this point but I have discovered that the problem with political jokes is that they usually get elected. I did have some encouragement the other day when one of our fellow voters was interviewed on television and gave the following bit: "We knowed where they was at, so him and me went down there a seen'em." Whoa! Someone should be arrested for cold blooded murder of the English tongue! How about: "We knew where they were so he and I went there and saw them!" Sometimes I just know where I am (at) with all of this! Our country is in the very best of hands as the song from the musical *Li'l Abner* goes!

The colloquialism of the month: Did any of you plumbers come up with the origination of the term "highball?" Bill Mitchell sent me some info on the term as used by the railroaders of the day and it is correct. The term originally came from the situation where an inn, tavern, or stage stop wanted to signal a passing stage driver that they had a pick-up. They did so by lowering a ball attached to a rope or chain. If there was no pick-up for that day, the ball was displayed at a higher level, hence the origination of the term!

The question for next month: Where did the term "I'll be there with bells on" come from? The winner gets to have my pet skunk for the month!

Speaking of being there with bells on, the circus has now faded into the past. Kudos to you guys for being there and continuing the effort. A few of the plumbers passed out due to the fast tempos. Gotta get with the program, you varmints! Try to keep up with them musical drummers!

Your next opportunity to enjoy the company of your fellow plumbers is as follows: (Just in case you want to know where we are at and your friends—both of them—can come down here and be sure they seen you!)

April 24 - Executive Board 7:00 p.m. Band rehearsal 8:00-9:30 p.m.

May 1 - No rehearsal. Ladies Night, Location TBA, Cocktails 6:00 p.m., Dinner 7:00 p.m.

May 8 - Dance Band 6:30-8:00 p.m. Concert Band 8:00-9:30 p.m.

May 15 - Imperial Rehearsal Dance band 6:30-8:00 p.m. Concert Band 8:00-9:30 p.m.

May 18 - Spring Fling, I think that may be dance. Multipurpose Room, Concert Band 7:15-7:45 p.m. Dance Band 8:00 -11:00 p.m.

May 22 - Second Imperial rehearsal with the usual suspects! Same bat time, same bat channel!

May 24 - Tabloid Stuff, 12 noon, Location TBA

May 28 - Memorial Day Parade, Worthington, 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m

From the "I Have Been There Before" Department: People keep telling me I am in denial, but I am positive I've never been there before!

So far I have never been in continent, but my travel agent says I'll be going soon!

Quote of the Month: "When I was a boy, I was told that anybody could become president; I'm beginning to believe it!"~Clarence Darrow

My favorite: "Don't vote, it only encourages them!"~Author Unknown



Annual Aladdin *Shrine Night*
Tuesday, July 24
Columbus Clippers VS Toledo Mud Hens
Gates Open - 5:30 PM
7:05 PM at Huntington Park
WITH THE



Tickets: \$10.00 Each

Food Coupon Optional: \$5.00

Pre-Game Party - 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Enter at Right Field Gate Only.

Exchange \$5.00 food coupon at pregame party for
2 hotdogs, 1 popcorn, and 1 soda or water.

Orders received by July 8 will be mailed.
Will Call is available for orders received after deadline.

All Tickets Must Be Ordered by July 9 - No Exceptions

QUESTIONS?

Call - 614-475-2609 Ext. 13

All seats are assigned.

If you want to sit together, you must order together.

Complete and Mail to: Aladdin Shrine Clippers, 3850 Stelzer Rd., Columbus, OH 43219

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Number of Game Tickets: _____ x \$10 each = \$ _____

Number of Food Coupons: _____ x \$5 each = \$ _____

Total Due \$ _____

SEATING IS ASSIGNED. IF YOU WANT TO SIT TOGETHER. YOU MUST ORDER TOGETHER.

Payment: ☐ Check ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp: _____

Signature: _____ V Code _____

CLIPPERS NIGHT

SHRINERS IMPERIAL TRIP

July 1-5 Charlotte, North Carolina

- Includes:**
- 4 Nights Lodging at Crown Plaza
 - Welcome Party - Sunday

- Banquet - Tuesday
- Parade & Afterglow - Wednesday
- Daily Hospitality Room

Noble Information - Imperial Trip

Noble _____ Lady _____

Phone _____

Unit/Club _____

If rooming with another Noble, other Noble's name _____

Address _____

Membership Number _____

Children's Names and Ages, if attending _____

Please Mark Selections Below

	Price Per Person	Number Attending	Total Cost
SINGLE OCCUPANCY	\$ 695.00	_____	_____
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	\$ 399.00	_____	_____
[<input type="checkbox"/>] 1 King Bed [<input type="checkbox"/>] 2 Double Beds			
Arrival Date* _____ Departure Date* _____			
<small>*If left blank, we will assume you are arriving July 1 and leaving July 5. We will make reservations on your behalf for additional days but you will be responsible for payment at hotel.</small>			
OPTIONAL EVENTS			
NASCAR (Mon.)	\$75.00	_____	_____
Billy Graham (Wed.)	\$39.00	_____	_____
BIG RED	\$50.00	_____	_____
<small>Big Red will be limited to the first 32 reservations.</small>			
INDIVIDUAL EVENT TICKETS			
Parade Afterglow	\$35.00	_____	_____
Banquet	\$60.00	_____	_____

TOTAL

Payment Options

-Payment in Full OR \$150 Deposit Per Person

-Balance must be paid in full by May 30, 2012

Check Enclosed (☐)

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Number: _____

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SEND FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:

Aladdin Imperial Trip
3850 Stelzer Road
Columbus, OH 43219-3044

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