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Teamwork

Don't just keep on going down the same old path.

Recently, 200 Nobles, their families and friends attended Aladdin Shriners Night at a Columbus Clippers baseball game. Aladdin's Divan was introduced to the fans, our Legion of Honor presented the colors and Noble John Iben sang the National Anthem. Great teamwork led the Clippers to a 7 - 4 victory, perhaps bringing the team closer to a third consecutive national championship. It was a very enjoyable evening.

The following weekend the Divan and ladies attended the 2012 Divan/Board of Governors Conference at the Shriners Hospital for Children (SHC) in Lexington, Kentucky. Several fun activities were planned for the ladies while divans from supporting Shrine centers attended presentations about the hospital. We learned that many changes were in the planning stages for the Lexington Hospital in order to improve the quality of care for our patients and to operate the hospital with less dependency on the endowment fund.

When the Lexington Hospital opened in 1988 it had 50 beds with a robust in-patient service. But hospital-based medicine has changed dramatically with a radical shift to an ambulatory or out-patient mode. Currently the average in-patient census at Lexington is 1.9!

Following an extensive study of operating alternatives, a decision was made to move SCH-Lexington to the campus of the University of Kentucky Medical Center and develop an ambulatory surgery center and out-patient facility contiguous to the new Kentucky Children's Hospital. Final details are being negotiated by our representatives and UK officials. Once agreements are reached, the plan is to construct a 67,000 square foot structure which would house all of our patient care and support services. The new building will also include space that will be leased to a UK medical department.

In order for this plan to be implemented, it is essential that the mission, culture and identity of Shriners Hospitals for Children be maintained. It is clear that the proposed move will contribute to an improvement in the quality of care and safety for our patients as we will be next door (and hopefully connected to) a full-service children's hospital and a university medical center. The move will bring 1,500 new patients (who are currently treated in the Children's Hospital) into the Shriners system. In addition, it is projected that the annual operating cost will be reduced from \$15 million to \$9.8 million and the draw on the endowment fund will decrease by \$5 million per year.

The proposed changes at our SHC-Lexington are being planned and implemented by a diverse team including Imperial officers and trustees, physicians, legal counsel, hospital administrative staff, planners and others. Like the Columbus Clippers, these team members are working together to assure that all bases are covered, that no details slip by, and when it is their turn at bat, they hit a home run for our hospital system.

I wonder, is your club or unit highly successful or is it struggling to stay alive? Are your fellow Nobles working as a team to assure that your club or unit is providing the maximum experience of fun and fellowship? Are your officers providing effective leadership? Are your fellow Nobles stepping up to help with special events such as Tabloid or family dinners? Are changes needed in the club to make it stronger, to make it more attractive to the membership, more viable in the years ahead?



Michael D. Tyne 33°, Potentate

Teamwork is what made the Columbus Clippers national champions the past two years. Teamwork is how our Shriners Hospitals are able to make drastic changes, recognizing that if they don't, our hospitals may not exist a few years into the future.

If your club or unit is struggling, bring your membership together. Attack the issues as a team. Look at what other clubs and units that are highly successful are doing to attract and maintain membership, to have fun and cause members and their ladies to want to participate actively. Don't just keep going down the same old path. Change can have positive outcomes and revitalize the club or unit.

Need help? Ask your divan representative to participate in your planning sessions. They bring a lot of relevant experience. ~Michael D. Tyne, Potentate

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the third Monday of each month except June, July and
August at 6:00 PM, Aladdin Shrine Center, 3850 Stelzer
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Oriental Guide: Ronald Leonard

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Chaplain: David Dee Mowry

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Chaplains Chat

by Chaplain D. Dee Mowry, PP

August, and what a summer! The month of August was named in honor of Caesar Augustus of the Roman Empire fame. He was born September 23, 63 (BC) and died on August 19, 14 (AD.) Augustus ruled the empire from 23, (BC) until 14 (AD.) It was during his reign that the original month of Sextilius was renamed August in his honor.

In July Aladdin, along with other Shriners, the family attended the Imperial Session in Charlotte, N.C. For many of us who drove, it was an experience not soon to be forgotten as many of us made the trip by auto which necessitated the trip on I-77 thru 'Wild and Wonderful' West Virginia. This was a day or so after the tremendous wind and thunderstorm(s) passed through our area and West Virginia. Almost all the power was out in W.Va. which meant service stations were not able to pump gasoline, making this commodity much in demand.

That aside, the Imperial Session was a great experience with a great hotel, food and local attractions. Thanks to Ill. Sir Mike, Bob Cannon, Art Wilson and our great staff who attended to all our needs.

The property tax bill just arrived and the following item was sent to Kathy by her former secretary and a former student of mine, Joyce Eaton Strawn.

TAX ASSESSOR

A tax assessor came one day to a poor pastor to determine the amount of taxes the pastor would have to pay. This was the conversation;

'What property do you possess?' asked the assessor. 'I am a very wealthy man,' replied the pastor. 'List your possessions please,' the assessor instructed.

'First, I have everlasting life (John 3:16).

'Third, I have peace that passeth understanding (Philippians 4:7)

'Fifth, I have divine love which never faileth (1 Corinthians 13:80)

'Seventh, I have healthy, happy and obedient children (Exodus 20:12)

'Ninth, I have songs in the night (Psalms 42:8)

'Second, I have a mansion in heaven (John 14:2)

'Fourth, I have joy unspeakable (1 Peter 1:8)

'Sixth, I have a faithful precious wife (Proverbs 31:10)

'Eighth, I have a true loyal friend (Proverbs 18:24)

'Tenth, I have a crown of life (James 1:12)

The tax assessor closed his book and said, 'Truly you are a very rich man, but your wealth is not subject to taxation.' ~*Author Unknown*
PLEASE do not share this with ANY politicians as I am sure they will find a way to levy taxes on any or all the above!

Question from last month: What nation was Israel fighting when Moses' arms, held aloft, caused Israel to win?

Answer: Amalek (Exodus 17:11) (If you got this one, you get an A+.)

August Question: Who advised that the Egyptians be taxed 20% of their produce in order to prepare for famine?

A Membership Memo

by Calvin Smith, PP

Our December 2012 Ceremonial Journey Begins Today

WHO IS YOUR CANDIDATE?

I remind you that our Fall Ceremonial will be held on December 1 at Aladdin. The fee is \$204 if a fez is not required and \$274 if one is needed. Both fees include the candidate's dues of \$74 for 2013.

Petition Deadline: All petitions must be received in the Aladdin Membership Office by noon on Monday, November 26, 2012. If faxed, a copy of payment must accompany the fax.

We need to give serious concentration and effort to the recruitment of new Nobles to Aladdin. It truly is that simple. Our membership needs to grow. I want you to commit to this action.

Several of you have indicated that you do have a candidate for December. Follow through on this statement. For those of you, who for whatever reason, have not yet stepped up, I challenge you to motivate yourself to file at least one petition for the upcoming December class. Here is a tip or two on how to get started. Do two things before you begin asking men of quality to become Shriners.

- First, make a list of men you wish to contact. Even if it is a short list, make one.
- After creating your list, do some homework regarding the Shrine and the men on your list.

Let's talk a little more about the men you should contact.

Who Should I ask? They, of course, need to be Lodge Brothers. But the list could include relatives, Rite Brethren, fellow church members, men with whom you work or social friends. All these are possibilities. Don't leave your ladies out of this process. They can help. You are not the only man they know.

What is this Homework? It's getting ready to discuss the Shrine with your prospective candidate(s). Talk to yourself about why you belong. What do you find to be fun? Why do you embrace the friendship? Why do you believe that our philanthropy is so vital? Think on these questions and write your responses. Build your thoughts into an argument for joining the Shrine. You could also include Aladdin's social programs. Read current information about our hospitals. Has this program helped a child in your area? Try to get accurate information about this patient and use it. You also need up-to-date info on the fee to join and our annual dues. Money is important. How much do you know about the ShrineSavers Program? A new member can save his ceremonial fee in the first year of free membership!

Last, what is there on your list that your prospects will find appealing? It probably will not be the same argument for all prospects. Use the same general conversation that emphasizes different points depending on your knowledge of the prospect in question. Be straightforward and convincing.

Contacting your prospective member begins with a phone call. Tell him what you are about and ask him for a 20 minute appointment. Try to visit him in his home. Ask his lady to join in on the conversation. Make your pitch. Answer their questions. Ask him to sign a petition you have already completed except for his signature and date.

Follow-up is key. You are responsible for getting this man to the Ceremonial and for inducting him and his lady into the Shrine when you get back home. You are his friend.

Start today, not tomorrow.

A Regional Ceremonial was conducted at the Morgan County Shrine Club on July 19. Two new Nobles were created.

New Noble

Jason Sarver

Richard B. Casto III

Lady

Susan

Community

Rockbridge, OH

Malta, OH

Lodge

Mingo #171

Valley #145

Sponsor

Richard Aldridge

Richard B. Casto II

When you meet them, give them a big welcome. They are a significant part of our future.

Now, go to work on a candidate for the December Ceremonial.



What's New in Erie

Erie Patient Satisfaction Scores Continue to Increase

Let's talk patient satisfaction! Recent reports from Press Ganey, the company who measures our patient and family satisfaction, show that the team at the Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie facility has increased its overall satisfaction rate from 94.1 to 95.8 over this past year.

Even through all the transition, new processes and accompanying anxiety, we've continued to put the care and concerns of our patients and families as our number one priority.

This year, we've been able to more easily access the written comments of our respondents along with the scores. The vast majority of these comments have been positive.

Annual Golf Tournament Was Big Success Again

The fourth annual Shriners Erie Charity Golf Outing held Monday, June 25, was a huge success! Although the final financial figures are still being tallied, it is expected that this year's golf outing raised about \$9,700 for the Erie facility, a new record for this event!

The golf outing was held at Lake Shore Country Club, a private course situated on the bluffs overlooking Lake Erie. The annual event included a round of golf with cart, lunch and a dinner/awards ceremony following the outing. Some 92 golfers participated in the event this year.

Special thanks go out to the Shriners and Board of Governors' members who participated in the event.

Erie Facility Names New Community Outreach Coordinator

Gina Lesoski, RN, has been named to the part-time position of Community Outreach Liaison. This position will work with staff and others to enhance and develop relationships and partnerships with healthcare professionals, Shriners, patients, families and agencies for the referral of patients to the Erie facility. In this new role, she will also work to continue to heighten the awareness for the care and services offered in Erie.

Gina will also continue in her role as the Erie facility's Cerebral Palsy Coordinator on a part-time basis. Gina may be reached at (814) 875-8775. For additional information, contact: Bob Howden (814) 875-8782.



U. S. Border Patrol Holds Golf Tournament

The U.S. Border Patrol, Erie Station, recently held a golf tournament to benefit the Erie Shriners facility. Rick Liebel, development officer, accepts the \$1,500 tournament proceeds from Agent Ryan Chalk.

Lexington Hospital

by Jim Hackett



Transitional Camps for Independence Training and Networking

Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Lexington is a pediatric health care system dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing specialty care, innovative research and outstanding teaching programs. But the staff also cares about a child being a child.

Transitions Camp, Transitional Independence Training, is an opportunity for patients to work on improving functional abilities, enhance well-being and increase independence and confidence. The campers are transitioning from high school into college or the work force. The camp experience includes not only fun activities such as movies, shopping and make overs, but also life skills training.

Guest speakers included doctors on future health issues, availability of educational funding/scholarships as well as individuals' rights mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The campers formed a support network and set up a Facebook page, "Princesses on Parade," to keep in touch. Transitions Camp is another shining example of providing not only quality care to our patients but skills training necessary for a productive life.

Divan Weekend: The Lexington Hospital held its annual Divan Weekend on July 28 - 29. Educational seminars were held on Saturday with the board of governors meeting Sunday. Attending the Saturday events were Ill. Sir Michael Tyne, Bill and Cathy Amspauagh, Garol and Dixie Rogers, Ron and Elaine Leonard, Jon and Cindy Kinney, Todd Jones, Steve and Betsy Hathaway, Dee Mowery and Art Wilson.

Aladdin's

Membership Statistics

Membership as of 6/30/2012	5922
Net loss/gain YTD	-44
Net loss/gain Monthly	-5

	Current	Yr to Date
Creations	2	18
Affiliations	0	3
Restored	2	30
Associate Members	0	1
TOTAL MONTHLY ADD	4	52
TOTAL YEARLY with ADDS		6018
Demits	0	1
Suspensions	0	0
Deaths	9	95
Associates Dropped	0	0
Reversals	0	0
TOTAL MONTHLY DROP	9	96

Membership 01/01/2012	5920
Associate Membership 01/01/12	46
Total Membership 01-01-2012	5966



In Memoriam

Harry Barnett
William Clinton Evans
Boyd Lee Emrick
Robert E Hinkle
J. Harold Linebaugh
Justin H. Sherman
Earl L. Sullivan
Edwin E. Swayer
Constantine C. Ungurean
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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

GLSA Parade (Lebanon, Ohio)

Date: 9/15

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Circleville Pumpkin Parade

Date: 10/19

Line-Up: 7:00 PM - **Step-Off:** 8:00 PM

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Potentate's Annual Tabloid Contribution Awards

Established to Recognize Outstanding Efforts

by Thomas W. Rice

In January of 2012, Aladdin Potentate Michael D. Tyne established two Tabloid annual awards:

- **The Total Award** to be presented to the club or unit that collects the most donations during a Tabloid year
- **Per Capita Award** to the club or unit that collects the most donations based on the number of members in the club or unit during a Tabloid year.

These awards will be presented to the winners at the annual Stag Picnic and will be prominently displayed at the Temple for everyone to recognize their outstanding efforts. When filled with winners, each plaque will then be presented to the club or unit (Total and Per Capita) based on the total amount of funds collected over a 12-month period.

As we give our most hearty congratulations to Union County and Utica, it is time, in fact it is past the time that we need to examine our hearts and souls regarding our real commitment to what we call "the world's greatest philanthropy."

Do we really have a commitment to supporting Shriners Hospitals for Children, or do we just talk about it to make ourselves feel good?

What is our philanthropy worth to each of us on a daily basis? What value does Shriners Hospitals for Children hold in your heart. Is it worth \$1.00 per day, \$2.00 per day? If we look at Utica's per capita contribution of \$745.33, each member of that club was responsible for either contributing or working to obtain over \$2.00 per day for the children.

If each of us were to follow in Utica's footsteps and contribute just \$2.00 per day, Aladdin's total contributions to Shriners Hospitals for Children in 2012, based on membership statistics of June 30, would have been \$4,326,710.00.

What will each of us do for our hospitals in 2013? Aladdin's contributions this year were less than \$300,000.00. Nobles, it is time to stop talking and get to work!

Can we count on you? Will you commit to contribute \$1.00 per day....\$2.00 per day?

2012 Potentate's Total Award Goes to The Union County Shrine Club.



Union County has continually been a top tier performer in total funds collected and this year they collected and contributed \$30,900.00 to Aladdin's Tabloid campaign for Shriners Hospitals for Children. Union County's per capita contribution was \$343.33 per member.

Congratulations go to the members of Union County Shrine Club who led the way in 2012 for all of our clubs and units!

2012 Potentate's Per Capita Award Goes to The Utica Shrine Club.



Like Union County, Utica is also a continual top performer on a per capita basis, and this year was no exception. In fact, this year was exceptional!

Based on their membership of 11 Nobles, Utica's Tabloid per capita contribution for 2012 was \$745.33!

Outstanding!

Tarhe Shrine

by David Mowry



Greetings Nobles! My apologies for the recent absence of the Tarhe article in the Lamp. Unfortunately, the recent power outages made it very difficult for me to write the article and email it in as usual. Things are back on track now and hopefully they will remain so.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who participated in Tabloid Day for Tarhe.

Tarhe brought in slightly over \$4,000 dollars this year. Special "thanks" go to the Lancaster Eagles for their generous contribution as well.

Tarhe's June meeting was held at the Baltimore VFW. Noble Jim Draper provided the program, talking about General Sherman and Lancaster history. Thank you, Noble Jim, for agreeing to help out.

Our July meeting was the annual fish fry at the Baltimore VFW. Thank you goes to the VFW staff and members for providing an excellent meal. Tarhe's August meeting was held as the afterglow to the Baltimore parade. As I'm writing this article, this hasn't actually happened yet, but I'm sure it was a success as always. Thanks go to all the members of the club and the Divan who attended.

Tarhe's September meeting will resume our normal schedule for the rest of the year, with our

meetings on the third Thursday of the month. All meetings will be held at the Baltimore VFW, unless otherwise announced. Our next meeting will be September 20, with reservations due by the September 15. Social hour will be at 6:00 p.m., with dinner and programing beginning at 7:00 p.m. Any exceptions to this will be noted on the reminder cards for each month.

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>. 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:

September 20, 2012 – Reservations due by June 15

October 18, 2012 – Reservations due by October 13

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

Brutal Brothers

by Ron Martino and Brian Tabit



The Black Camel has visited our unit and Aladdin Shrine. Noble J. Harold Linebaugh is now serving our Grand Architect of the Universe.

Harold had his problems over the last 12 months, but was slowly getting better until July 9. He was going to sit on his patio and the person helping him at home was putting some pillows on his chair. At that point he fell backward and hit his head and lived only a very short time.

He became a regular BB in September, 1971 when Aladdin Shrine was still located downtown. He served the unit as chief in 1979 and took the job of director of mobile equipment in the mid-seventies and continued that job for nearly 20 years. He was named the director emeritus of mobile equipment by Aladdin when he stepped down from the job.

Active in our unit for over 40 years, he took care of the equipment like it was his own. And over the years he saved Aladdin Shrine money by doing things that others would not think of.

In 1984 at the first Imperial I attended in Denver, Harold and I rode back on the Patrol Bus. As we got back into Ohio on I-70, we ran into big bumps in the highway. When the bus hit a really bad bump, the bus died. After raising the hood we found the carburetor had broken in half. The driver was ready to call for a tow truck, but Harold said "hold on a minute". He took a black flat bungee cord and put two holes in it and slipped it down over the top half of the carburetor. Pulled it tight and pulled out the choke and we came on into Columbus.

I also heard about Harold at 12 years of age in 1938 putting scooters and bicycles together for pennies each. Jack Randus hired him in 1938. He attended the funeral on July 14 and he will soon be 97 years old; Harold and Jack were still very good friends after more than 70 years.

When Harold made a friend he kept him forever. He knew and worked with Ralph Braun for over 60 years, and they were still close (like) brothers at his passing. As director during the 70s, I had a strict rule--I never interfered with his running of the mobile equipment and I deferred to him whenever there were parades or trips anywhere and everywhere when he took the equipment.

I will miss being at Harold's home when Jack Weaver came over from Springfield and the three of us would sit on his patio and have a small libation and then go to lunch. Then we would come back and solve the world's problems while sitting on his back patio. And I will miss those days.

The Brutal Brothers Unit sends condolences to his entire family and friends.

Nobles Jake Sturgeon, Todd Jones, and Juergen Klimke took what mobile equipment they could drive to Charlotte, NC from July 1-5. Our unit Steak Fry was held on August 4; I hope it wasn't too hot. There were two parades in August, Baltimore on August 11 and Bucyrus on August 17.

On July 21 Brian Tabit helped cook the food for the annual Aladdin Stag held at the Aladdin Shrine Center. Brian reported that there were around 125-130 Nobles in attendance.

By the time this edition comes out, summer will soon be history and all the students will be returning to school. Remember that a bouncing ball is followed by a running child, so drive safely.

Licking County

by Franklin C. Boner

Two down and one to go! When you receive this newsletter it will be three down, with Tabloid, Mound City Baseball, and the Hartford fair fundraisers in the accounting books. Those of you who carefully perused the July *Lamp* noticed that the club placed second overall to Union County with \$30,393.00 and \$30,900.00 respectively. What a great accomplishment and compliment to the countless hours expended by the officers, Nobles and ladies of this great club. This year 43 farm teams and 33 varsity teams participated in the Mound City Tournament. President Hill reports that proceeds matched or exceeded last year's.

A "tip of the fez" was earned by the following Nobles and ladies: Terry Hill, Ed Roberts, Dan Bounds, Roger Hobson, Don Post, Rich Denny, John Rine, Mike Hammond, Charlie Raines, Carl Thompson, Bruce Thompson, Herb Wise, Lewis Unternaher, Jim Conrad, Gene Gregory, Ben Thomas, Jerry Graft, Harry Wilson, Tom Cline, Steve Priest, Martha Post, Janet Gregory, Nona Bounds, and Jody Hill. In appreciation of all of your hard work and dedication, the club hosted a Family Night get together at McPeeks Lodge, 3447 Raccoon Valley Road, Granville, OH.

A report on the Nobles and ladies who worked the Hartford fair will appear in next month's *Lamp*. Please keep Noble Robert B. Thomas and his family and all of those with mentioned and unmentioned concerns in your prayers.

Don't forget our first Thursday, noon lunch at the Grotto!

Bucyrus

by Gene Diller

Bucyrus Shrine Club members invited their ladies and widows to a steak fry. Noble President Tim Miller opened the meeting with prayer and led the members with the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

The Bucyrus Shrine Club had sweet corn and grilled steaks. The steak frying and corn cooking was chaired by Noble Rick Zaebst. Helping with cooking were Nobles Rick Miller, Rob Zaebst and Steve Bowman. Tim Miller and Tami Crum did the sweet corn. Gus's Grill and Grog prepared baked potatoes, slaw, macaroni salad and dessert. The food was very good.

Sunshine Report: Noble Paul Leonhardt is doing better. Noble Richard Frederick is at Altercare Nursing Care of Bucyrus. Noble Frederick turns 105 years old August 19.

The Bratwurst Festival Parade was August 17. The next meeting will be September 24.

Just Clowning Around

by Wayne "WAYNO" Shriver

July heats up for the clowns!

This July has been a trying one to say the least. Severe storms and power outages affected many people. But it would take more than that to slow down our beloved clown unit.

Things started off with the Fourth of July parade during the Imperial, and then the Good Guy Show. The parade and the Good Guy Show went well, despite the heat and humidity.

The Imperial started off with a bang. Literally.

The clown bus pulled into the hotel in North Carolina and was driving under the carport, when the driver noticed that it might be a little low for the bus. Boss Clown Bobby "TUITT" Barton decided to be a spotter and guide the bus in to safety. Under TUITT's watchful eye and guidance, the bus got stuck under the carport. Extra bodies were called for to help lower the bus so it could be pulled out. Lesson to be learned here: if you are going to use a spotter to assure clearance, please make sure he can see over the bumper!

As if with all competitions, the Aladdin Shrine Clowns did extremely well. Heck, we even had two distinguished visitors tag along. Andy "CHILLIE" Mellman from Syrian Temple and GLSCUA President and George "Z-CLOWN" Mather. Z-CLOWN used to be a member of Aladdin, but had to demit when he stepped up to join the Divan of his new Temple in Arizona.

So here is how the BEST DARN CLOWN UNIT IN THE LAND fared:

1st Place: Unit Comedy Skit with Automatic Hair Grower

1st Place: Senior Make-up - TOOTS

1st Place: 1-Man Comedy Skit - TOOTS

1st Place: Paradability - TOOTS

1st Place: 2-Man Comedy Skit - TOOTS AND FUZZY

1st Place: Auguste Make-up - George "Z-CLOWN" Mather

2nd Place: Character - BUCKETHEAD

2nd Place: White Face Make-Up - TIMMERS

2nd Place: 1-Man Comedy Skit - BUCKETHEAD

2nd Place: Paradability - PUNKIN

2nd Place: 2-Man Comedy Skit - Z-CLOWN

2nd Place: Hobo - Andy "CHILLIE" Mellman

2nd Place: 1-Man Comedy Skit - Andy "CHILLIE" Mellman

3rd Place: Auguste Make-up - TUITT

3rd Place: 1-Man Comedy Skit - TIMMERS

TOOTS' 1-Man Comedy Skit was so good, he was asked to perform it after the awards dinner. The clowns of Aladdin Shrine dedicated this trip and awards to our beloved Brother Noble Charles "DOC" Hedges. Chuck had wanted to attend this Imperial, but passed away last year. Here's to you, Chuck; you are deeply missed and will never be forgotten.

Flying Nobles

by Lee McKelvey

Since we don't have any Flying Noble meetings in July and August, there isn't much to write about except that we had the Shrine Imperial in Charlotte.

David Ray and I attended from the Flying Nobles along with FN Garol Rogers and David Wolfe from the Divan. It was really hot there as it was in Columbus but everyone adjusted to the heat. I left Columbus for Charlotte on Thursday so I missed the storm that hit Columbus on Friday. Some who drove down on Friday had trouble getting gas because the electric was out. If they tried to get a motel, there was no electricity in southern Ohio and West Virginia where they also were hit with the storm.

While there in Charlotte, Dave Ray and I drove up to Kannapolis to visit the Stewart/Haas Racing facility. Dave is a big Tony Stewart fan, and he was not going to miss a chance to see Tony Stewart's racing shop.

Ryan Newman and Danica Patrick's cars were also on display. Danica has a really nice looking No. 10 green Chevrolet Impala right out front on the inside as you enter the building.

As you know the Flea Market is a place everyone goes as soon as they can get there. It is always crowded and you meet everyone from all the Temples shopping for anything that catches their eye. Sometimes you can get some good buys if you look long enough. Next year the Imperial will be in Indianapolis.

Don't forget the Chicken and Corn Roast on August 18 at 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Shrine Center. I have tickets. They do cost more at the door. The Imperial Potentate will be there, so come and meet him.

The Flying Nobles Potentate's visit is Tuesday, September 11 at the Shrine Center.

I hope everyone is staying well, and I'll see you next time.



DIVAN DAY WEEKEND & OPEN HOUSE

Friday, October 26 and
Saturday, October 27, 2012



All Divans, Nobles, Masons, ladies and guests are invited to join us for this fun and informative weekend of events in Cincinnati. The Friday night social is a time for fellowship and fun as we dine overlooking the beautiful Ohio River and Queen City. Saturday provides our guests with an opportunity to visit the hospital, attend presentations about our innovative programs, meet hospital staff and find out what is new at your hospital.



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Saturday, October 27, 2012

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| 8 - 9:30 a.m. | Continental breakfast at the hospital |
| 9:30 a.m.-noon | Ongoing hospital tours & special events |
| Noon | Hot buffet lunch for all guests |
| 12:45 p.m. | Presentations in the Atrium |
| 1:30 p.m. | OPEN HOSPITAL BOARD MEETING All nobles are invited to attend the hospital's October board meeting |
| 3:00 p.m. | Activities & board meeting should be concluded by 3 p.m. |



DIVAN DAY WEEKEND & OPEN HOUSE

Shriners Hospitals
for Children –
Cincinnati

**RSVP
FORM**



Please register by October 5, 2012

Name: _____

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Address: _____

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**YES, I am planning on attending the
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*I will participate in the following events:
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for EACH event as appropriate)*

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL: # of attendees: _____

SATURDAY DIVAN DAY PROGRAM & TOURS:
of attendees: _____

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of attendees: _____

Mail completed registration form to:

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For additional information or questions, please e-mail Lisa at lsears@shrinenet.org or call 513-872-6207.

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Hardin County

by Ken Rossman

Our regular meeting was held on July 18 at Veterans Memorial Park Clubhouse with 37 Nobles in attendance. Noble Weaver opened the meeting with a prayer and President Longbrake led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A notice from Relay for Life came too late for us to plan to serve breakfast, so we gave them a cash donation in place of us serving breakfast.

We received a letter from Helping Hands kids at Christmas, and we will look into this at our next meeting.

The Aladdin Potentate sent us a "thank you" for his recent visit to our Shrine Club.

At our next meeting, Nobel Rossman will give a complete Tabloid report. He gave a letter to the club saying he will resign his job and title as chairman of Tabloid, Hardin County Shrine

Club after Tabloid 2012 is completed. We will need a new chairman.

Noble Bob Gilbert is turning over his job as the monthly food chairman to Noble Scott Sorgen. We owe a big "thank you" to Noble Gilbert for his many years as chairman. Bob has worked many hours and days of planning and working to make our meetings the success they are today. Thank you, Noble Gilbert.

We gave a hand to our kitchen crew, and Noble Rossman closed our meeting with a prayer.

We then dined on a great meal prepared and served by our kitchen crew: Nobles Hinebaugh, Doornbus, Gilbert, Osborn, Michel, Wagner, Rice, Garmon, Don Doll, Ridgeway and Haydinger. Well done, Nobles.

Athens

by Fred Stanley

Our storage building/shelter house received a new roof recently on one of those 105° days with the help of Jeff, Mark, Jerry, Larry, Royce, Bill, and Jim. The 85-90 mph windstorm in our area caused lots of damage, but luckily not to our roof – it just needed routine replacement. One of our Nobles said he had a five-gallon bucket that got turned wrong side out, and now it holds seven gallons! Of course, this is the same Noble who can blow up an onion bag!

A big "thank you" goes to all who worked Tabloids, especially to Dwight who brought in \$1,800 and to the Meigs County Gun Club for a donation from their Gun Shoot. Those Meigs County "Mafia" guys are a great help!

Everyone had a great time at our "Green Corn Dinner" despite the big thunder storm in the area. We appreciated the handmade cane donated by Clyde and the item donated by Emmett for the auction. It was great entertainment! It was good to see members from the Aladdin Divan in attendance. We appreciate their support. Money was donated by some of the Nobles for our building project (protection for our Shrine float we pull in the parades).

Don't forget our September 13 Cruise on The Ohio River, beginning at the Pomeroy levee, 6:30 p.m. This will include a smoked beef/pork brisket dinner cooked at the levee by one of the local restaurants and served on the boat. Call Steve Kane at 740-696-1016 for reservations. There is a limited supply of tickets at \$20.00 per person. CAN'T BEAT THE PRICE.

Marching with The Legion

by Dick Luckay

TABLOID DAY REPORT – On June 9, six Legionobles took up positions along the Glick Road-Dublin Road intersection. As they extolled the virtues of the Shrine Hospitals for Children, they got the attention of the many passers-by who were more than generous in answering the call. Commander Jim Rock, PCs Willie Fitchett, Robert Spencer, and Dick Ollila and LNs Dave Ozvat and Bob Krieger, did the Legion and Aladdin proud as they collected \$1,850 for the Hospital cause. The hot, sunny, weather did not deter their morning/afternoon efforts. Upon completion of their tour of duty, they felt pleased with the result of their efforts – and are now looking forward to next year with the expectation of an even better collection result. Legionobles Fred Kreutz and Glenn Ferrone joined the South East Shrine Club's Tabloid Day activities and helped the club do itself proud by collecting \$5,180. Well done, Legionobles. Aladdin and the Hospitals are proud of you.

SPECIAL DAYS FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE – Celebrating another year together are PC Gary and Joann Bogart (9/15) and PC Dick and Nancy Ollila, (9/23). May your day be filled with wonderful memories and great hopes for the future. Happy Birthday wishes to Judy Wilson (8/30), Janice Van Horn (9/4) and Nancy Krieger (9/22). You're not a year older – you're a year better. God Bless you all.

ALADDIN AT THE BALL PARK – It was a beautiful night at the beginning with clouds moving in later, but it didn't deter a goodly crowd of Aladdinites from enjoying the hotdogs, cold drinks and camaraderie before the game. Prior to the first pitch, Commander Jim Rock, PCs Willie Fitchett and Dick Ollila and LNs Dave Ozvat and Dick Luckay, made a fine presentation of the colors. LN John Iben made Aladdin – and all those present – proud to be Americans, as he sang our National Anthem as it should be sung – beautifully with true feeling for the words and music. It was another example of Aladdin at its best. And the Clippers won the game as well.

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Aladdin will be disposing of a red 1987 F250 Ford Styleside Pickup.

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NAME: _____ PHONE: _____
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*Athens County Shrine Club invites you
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Thursday, September 13, 2012

6:30 PM Come Aboard!

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Your ticket includes a 2-hour cruise on the Ohio River, dinner (smoked beef brisket & pork) and entertainment. Adult drinks may be purchased at the bar onboard. Come support the Athens County Shrine Club

A limited number of tickets will be available for this fundraising event.

Ticket Information:

Tickets are \$20.00 per person and available by contacting Athens County, Noble Steve Kane, at 740-696-1016 or skane324@yahoo.com .

Provost

by John Rohal



Ho, hum. The hazy lazy days of summer are again upon us. We all know the weather has been hot, even in Charlotte, NC, where 27 members of the elite marching unit of the Provost Unit gathered for the Imperial Council Session. Needless to say, not all of us were in the parade. Harry Lewis missed the bus, and as for marching, we all remained in the air conditioned Provost paddy wagon. As we moved in the parade, our ladies stood on the street to cheer us on. Unfortunately the only ones who could be seen on the vehicle were the driver Howard Beane and our Director Gene Steineman who was standing in the front.

I am sure everyone enjoyed the visit to Charlotte; the hotel even provided its parking garage rooftop for all to enjoy the Fourth of July fireworks. I will have to admit, our Bob Cannon outdid himself as housing chairman; this was all inclusive (the pizza party was ours alone and Charles Linek did his usual outstanding job). You might ask Howard Beane how many times he was serenaded with the *Happy Birthday* song.

At least we had electric power and air conditioning which, unfortunately, many of you who were unable to attend were without. Did I mention that it was HOT?

After returning home, our Muirfield volunteers enjoyed the annual feast at our "appreciation dinner" which was well attended.

Celebrating birthdays in August are Christopher J. Baer, Kenneth D. Bethia, Dennis E. Campbell, William P. Fieger, Michael P. Gray, William A. Laff, George H. Thompson, Mark J. Ulloa, Michael D. VanHuss, Herbert A. Wise, and David Zeis.

Former member Howard Champ was taken by the Black Camel on June 26 in Florida. Our condolences to Jim Roberts whose wife Toni Anne passed away on July 7.

Hope the remainder of your summer is good and you are able to attend and enjoy all the Temple and unit functions. See y'all in September, and GO BUCKS.

Chanters

by Deron Ponn

Please accept my apologies for being behind for articles in the *Lamp*. My only excuse is being unorganized and missing the deadlines. On a positive note, it does give me more to talk about in this article.

Our Chanter Picnic is right around the corner. I hope to see all of you there on August 25 at the Buckeye Boat Club on Hoover Reservoir. Brent Wilson will be preparing beef brisket and pulled pork and beverages will be provided. Please whip up your favorite side dish or dessert and join us. You should have received the details in a letter from our sexy secretary, Arnie Fuller.

Last May, we all enjoyed our visit with the Illustrious Potentate Michael Tyne and the rest of the Divan. Danny Clifford, the 2011 Chanter president, was awarded the Medal of Honor. Also in May, we had a pretty good turnout for the Memorial Day Parade in Worthington.

In July, our group made the trek to the Imperial Session in Charlotte, North Carolina to compete in the vocal music competitions. The quartet, consisting of Danny Clifford, John Iben, Arnie Fuller, and Deron Ponn, performed *Yesterday* and *This Little Light of Mine* with *Do Lord*. The chorus consisted of the quartet members plus Bob Smith, Larry Wills, John Ash, and Charlie Wesley. The chorus sang *Till the Stars Fall from the Sky* and *Soon and Very Soon*. Joining us were our accompanist, Jenna Ash, and the conductor, Rosemary Renshler. For the first time in four years, the quartet was unsuccessful in bringing home the first-place trophy. Even though we didn't bring home the hardware, both the chorus and the quartet were just a few points from the top. Thank you goes to all of you for making the trip to Charlotte and putting in so many hours of practice time.

I hope you have enjoyed your summer, but it will be time to get back to singing together very soon. Here are some of the events we are planning for the fall:

- August 25 – Chanter Picnic at Buckeye Boat Club 1:00-4 :00 p.m.
- September 10 – First Rehearsal after summer break at 7:30 p.m.
- September 17 – Sing out at Worthington Christian Village at 7:00 p.m.
- September 24 – Sing out at Kensington Place at 7:00 p.m.
- September 27 – Quartet Sing out at Eastern Star in Dayton at 7:00 p.m.
- October 1 – Sing Out at The Worthington at 7:00 p.m.
- October 19 – Pumpkin Show Parade
- November 2 – Harvest Ball at 7:00 p.m.
- December 1 – Ceremonial
- December 6 – Sing out at Legion of Honor
- December 21 – Sing out for Northeast Shriners

Past Masters

by Dick Bull

The unit members and ladies are looking forward to hosting Ill. Potentate Mike Tyne in his visitation to the Past Masters on Friday, September 7 at Brookside Golf and Country Club. Clayton Weber is in charge of arrangements and details will be forthcoming in our unit newsletter.

Congratulations go to Ken Sparks who was presented the "Gold Honor Award" by Thomas Smith Webb, York Rite College, at his home recently. This award is to recognize those Masons who have gone beyond the normal call of duty to further the concepts and principles of Freemasonry. Ken is confined to his home battling C.O.P.D. We wish him well and trust that his 13-year-old dog won't decide to lie on his oxygen hose too long.

Our unit, with its van, was at attendance in both the Baltimore parade on August 11 and the Bucyrus Bratwurst Festival parade on August 17.

Many thanks go to Roscoe Smith for chairing the annual unit summer picnic on August 5 at Liberty Park, Shelter House No. 1, in Delaware County.

The following Past Masters and their ladies enjoyed their attendance at Imperial Session in Charlotte, N.C. in July: Jack Allen, Dick Bull, Bill Estell, Gary Fortner, Bruce Kinsey, Bill Lane, Dennen Leach, Ron Leonard, Jim Moser, Clayton Weber and our Honorary Member Garol Rogers. Gary Fortner drove our van in the parade.

Barb Davis is in the hospital every other week receiving chemo treatments for brain cancer, and she also suffered a heart attack requiring a stent.

Ted Pummell had hiatal hernia surgery and is recovering at home. Sharon Justus had surgery in June. Millie Caswell fell and received six clamps in her head. George Finch is getting out and about and was at a recent Senior Shriners luncheon. All of our ill and distressed need your thoughts and prayers. Prayers do work.

Worthington

by Bob Stevenson

It's said that time flies when you have a good time. Well, the last couple months have been truly a great time, thus the absence of articles. Was too busy and they just didn't get done. So let's catch up a bit.

First, we were present and accounted for at for The Memorial Tournament. We thank all who came to help and to, hopefully, watch some great golf. The weather was above average (we did not need water wings), and there were good crowds of golf fans. Look for a few changes for next year and a big "THANKS" to Noble Darren Harder for his hard work keeping the staffing straight. He now has a better appreciation for the task of "herding cats!"

The next "thanks" must go to all the Nobles and ladies who helped and supported our Tabloid Day effort. While our number of corners has diminished from our lack of ability to man them, we still did a super \$7,000 plus for the year. But a very gigantic "THANKS" goes to Steve Cook, son of Noble Bill Cook. For the second year, Steve and his company, Chemical Specialists & Development, Inc., has made a considerable donation. This year his gift to our hospitals and kids was \$7,000 putting our total for 2012 at \$14,255.00. We thank Steve and all who contributed time and money to our effort.

Again this year, our counting party was held at Noble Jeff and Darla Bohenko's. After a hot day on the street, good food, cool drinks (some of an adult nature) and good fellowship makes for satisfaction in a job well done. See you "on the streets" next year.

Now we are almost to fall and the beginning of more activity in Shrine. As you read this the annual family party at Noble President Wade and First Lady Lucy Grosz is history. I think we can guess it was a super success, as always. Thanks guys for hosting again.

Our coming meeting and fall kick-off will be on Thursday, September 6. Our speaker will be John Wargo of the Army Corp of Engineers. He will give us some insight to the Corps Mission and a look at the development of the Alum Creek Lake/Reservoir. Did you know that the Corp of Engineers was very involved in the development of the Olentangy Park Lands in Worthington in the mid to late 1960s? The work they did, in large measure, gave us the great green space we have today. This meeting should be of interest to all our Nobles and ladies, as well as any guests who might be interested in this topic. Let's have a great turnout for the fall kickoff for Worthington Shrine Club.

Motorcycle Corps

by Larry Bell

The Motorcycle Corp had its July meeting at the MCL in Whitehall. There were 10 members present. President Jerry Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. We discussed July, August and September.

Our July dinner was at Yogi's Bar and Grill in Dublin; another great time was had by all.

We rode in the Bucyrus parade on August 17 and another ride will be on August 25.

The September meeting will be September 6 starting at 6:00 p.m. This is the first Thursday, not the second, please note. This will be our Potentate's visit and it is at Schmidt's Sausage Haus and Restaurant in German Village.

We also will have a dinner on September 27 at PF CHANG'S, 6135 Parkcenter Circle, Dublin. Hope to see all members and anyone interested in the Motorcycle Corp there.

Reception

by Don Owens

The August issue of the *Lamp* should hit the streets in time for the Chicken and Corn Roast/Car Show on August 18. This is always a great event but this year will be special since the Imperial Potentate will be attending. Plan to come and bring the neighbors. Unit Director Jack Bonn has tickets.

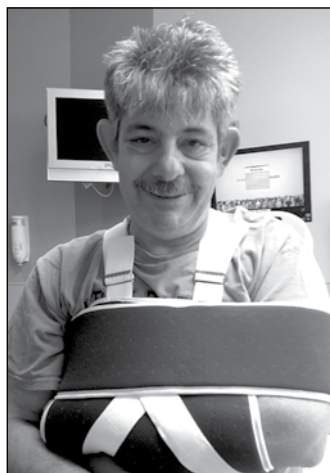
Looking forward to September, Aladdin Shrine Potentate Mike Tyne will visit the Reception Unit on Friday, September 21. Green coats will be in order for the affair, which will take place at the Aladdin Shrine Temple.

R-Unit member Steve Russo, accompanied this year by Linda, is carrying the unit's colors in the Peletonia. The Peletonia is a bike ride to benefit cancer research at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center, the James Cancer Center and the Solove Research Institute. He is doing this notwithstanding a tumble last month in another ride, which resulted in an injured shoulder. He says he's "mostly recovered" and ready to do his bit for a good cause. We can all do our part by supporting Steve at https://www.mypelotonia.org/riders_profile.jsp?MemberID=5435. As of today, Steve and his supporters have rung up \$618.00 for cancer research.

Jack Bonn reports that we are updating our summer uniform. Kris Goodman is now making a new shirt for us that is Kelly green with a white section down either side. Jack says (with a straight face) that the new design will give us a thinner look. We hope to present this new thinner-looking shirt at the September meeting and would like to have everybodys shirt size at that time. This will be our new look for summer 2013. Nothing was said about thinner looking pants.

Our condolences are extended to former Unit member Harold Lyon, whose wife Nancy passed away in mid-July.

August is birthday month for Bill Compton, Melvin Weaver, and Harry Webster. Hope it's a happy one for all.



Thebes Temple

by Terry Smith, Princess Royal

Daughters of the Nile

Wow! What a great time we had in Portland, Oregon at the Supreme Session of Daughters of the Nile. Eight members and two spouses attended this year. If you have never been there, I highly recommend it. The weather in Portland is mild, year round. We awoke to 47° weather our first morning and the warmest it usually gets in the summer is mid 70s. The city is easy to navigate, clean, with a free heart-of-the-city Metro for transportation and scenery unsurpassed anywhere. It is called "Rose City" and while we were there the 100th Annual Rose Parade and Festival was in full swing. Portland sits at the confluence of the Willamette and Columbia Rivers. Did you know that the Columbia River is navigable from the Pacific Ocean to Idaho? I think I'll apply for Portland's Visitors Bureau.


News from Supreme Session: Thebes Temple was recognized as the third of all temples in DON in contributions to Shriner's Hospitals. We were honored to receive three Supreme Appointments for 2012: Past Queens Sarah Platt, Barb Craven and Evelyn Ballou. Our newly elected Supreme Officer is Sharon St. John from Albuquerque, New Mexico and our 2015 Supreme Session will be held in Albuquerque – another wonderful area of our great country.

By the time you read this, the Homemade Chicken & Noodle Dinner will be over for this year, but you will want to put it on your calendar for next year – July 26, 2013. It is always the best in town. So, if you missed it this year, don't make that mistake next year.

Thebes Temple will return from summer recess on September 5. We meet the first Wednesday of the month at Luther B. Turner Masonic Temple. We always have a light lunch prepared by our wonderful members/cooks prior to our stated session. Our sessions begin promptly at 1:00 p.m..

Annual Sub Sale: We are currently taking orders for our Annual Sub Sale. Orders must be in by September 21. They will be ready for pickup or delivery October 2 and October 3. These subs are a hit every year, so order now. They freeze well and are great heated. Still only \$5.00 each for a 9-inch sub. Call Pat Kniffin with your order - 614-581-1961.

Save this Date: Wednesday, November 14 - Thebes Games Party and Luncheon - Men and women are welcome! Look for further information in the next issue of the *Lamp*.



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Aladdin Shrine Band

by Dave Haney

Green Eyes and I are sitting in the garret roasting our tails off. That is very dangerous for cats! For those of you who escape to the cooler regions, I would like you to know it is really hot here. Nothing like the oven out in the "breadbasket." No hope for Noah and the Ark this time around! I can't count all of those degrees on my fingers or my toes and that is a problem for all drummers!

Well, I told Green Eyes that the "tribe" has managed to lose a few games. The June Swoon was delayed but no less devastating! Hear that strange sucking sound? The bus is

approaching the whirlpool at a continuing, increasing rate of speed. I think somebody let the water out of the ball! Green Eyes says that is another stupid human game.

"Chasing a small ball around a ball park when what you are trying to catch isn't even edible makes no sense. You guys are hangin' around with those dogs again, aren't you?"

Speaking of chasing stuff, we had a few brothers doing that in Charlotte this year. It appears that while driving down the highway the tailgate of the vehicle was not properly secured and we left a trail of Bro. Ed Hinton's trumpet, drums and stick bag on the road. The return to the scene of the crime was to no avail so some replacements were in order. Bill Carpenter was the first brother to step up. He gave one of his trumpets to Ed. See the photograph above. That ain't no cheap horn my friend. You are a rare, good fellow, Bill. That is what fraternity is all about! A visit to Columbus Pro Percussion followed.



Schedule Stuff:

August:

18 - Chicken and Corn Roast, Aladdin Dance Band

September:

1 - Portsmouth River Days, Dixieland Band

4 - Band Rehearsal 8:00-9:00 p.m.

11 - Concert First Community Village

18 - Dance Band 7:00-9:00 p.m.

25 - Exec Board, 7:00 p.m.; Band 8:00-9:30 p.m.

October:

2 - Band Rehearsal 8:00-9:30 p.m.

9 - 2013 Calendar Meeting; Band rehearsal 8:00-9:30 p.m.

16 - Exec Board, 7:00 p.m.; Band 8:00-9:30 p.m.

19 - Circleville Pumpkin Parade; Band and Dixieland Band 6:30 p.m.

23 - Dance Band 7:00-9:00 p.m.

30 - Dance Band 7:00-9:00 p.m.

A Word At The End

Here are a few things that make you go "Huh?" from our journalistic, mental giant friends:

"Bridges Help People Cross Rivers"

"Statistics Show that Teen Pregnancy Drops Off Significantly After Age 25"

"County to Pay \$250,000 to Advertise Lack of Funds"

And my very favorite:

"Army Vehicle Disappears" An Australian Army Vehicle worth \$74,000 has gone missing after being painted with camouflage. Police seek public help to find the four wheel drive vehicle.

Somehow, my Army experience tells me, I should not be surprised! I need that paint. There are some politicians that I want to paint with that stuff!

See you next month!

Hillbilly Degree

At The Gallipolis Shrine Club
September 15, 2012

Registration: 2:00 p.m.

Degree: 2:30 p.m.

Cost: \$30 - Men, \$25 - Women

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The Potentate's Baltic Cruise

CRUISE PART 3

by Dick Luckay

Day 5 – At sea all day. Water so smooth you would think we were sailing in a bathtub. Time to relax and enjoy the ship. Plenty to do -- and of course plenty to eat. A group picture was scheduled for the afternoon. The only thing more difficult than getting 90 people to smile at the same time was to get 90 people in the same general area at the same time. It wasn't easy--but it eventually was accomplished. Magic Cruises hosted a free cocktail party later that afternoon and it was the first time we really got to meet and greet all of our Aladdinite friends and their guests. Free was very nice since any regular cocktail rang up at least \$9 on your expense account. Even a Coke on board--or a bottle of water when going ashore--cost extra. Bummer. Evening entertainment was showy, spectacular and loud. But it was a nice relaxing time before more hectic adventures ashore in the days to come.

Day 6 – Tallinn, Estonia. This city was a real surprise. Established in 800 A.D., it served for centuries as a fortress for all the various invading armies. The "upper" part of the city commanded the land and sea approaches while the "lower" city was the center for commerce and trade--as it still is today. The Town Hall and its square date back to 1371. Peter the Great captured Tallinn in 1710 and built a small palace that is now a lovely art museum. A walking tour of the upper and lower city was an educational journey back through time and the country's many occupations.

Today, the National Government is situated in the upper city and the local government is at the foot of the hill--and they do not necessarily agree on much of anything. At one time during the occupation, when the Soviets were governing from the "upper city," the people in the "lower city" actually blocked off the road and the "upper city" was cut off until a compromise was worked out. It is a fascinating city with buildings to match its ancient history. But the overpowering joy and exuberance of the Estonian people is caused by their new-found freedom. Soviet repression for over 45 years could not defeat Estonian love of liberty. Denied any right of public protest against the brutal subjugation of the Soviet Union, in the early '80s, a man and a few of his friends began to sing together out on the street. Little by little, more and more people joined them, until eventually, over 300,000 Estonians expressed their spirit and resolve in the shoreline music festival shell. To the Estonians it was known as the "Singing Revolution," and it was soon followed by the collapse of the USSR. When our guide, Tiina spoke the word "freedom," her face just glowed with pride and happiness. It was a beautiful sight to behold--and a powerful reminder that what we take for granted still has a price. Hopefully, we are still willing to pay it. Three-word description of Estonia--historic, proud, free!

Days 7 & 8 – St. Petersburg, Russia. We docked under threatening skies. Previously, we simply left the ship, boarded our busses and were on our way to our respective tours. But not in Russia. Immigration saw to that. The lines were long and slow (had to show who was in control apparently) and by the time we finally got to our bus, the rains came. Torrential rains--with bumper-to-bumper traffic jams all the way to the Hermitage. Some of our troops were caught in an open canal boat and got soaked in the process. But the rains stopped as we parked near our destination, and we entered a world of art and beauty, second in size only to the Louvre in Paris. How can you describe the feeling of entering a room that the tour guide casually mentions contains 40-some original Rembrandt paintings. The next room showcases the works of Van Gogh, with the following filled with the paintings of Gauguin – then Picasso – and on it goes. Almost overlooked during the tour were the magnificent paintings that covered every ceiling. Some rivaled the more famous works displayed below them. You can not really stop

and truly appreciate what you glimpse because of the hundreds of others crowding in right behind you. But the fact that, for a brief moment at least, you were surrounded by some of the world's greatest works of art is a satisfaction that will remain with you--and grow in importance when you fully realize what you have seen.

That night we joined a group of Aladdinites at the ballet. Again, the traffic was horrendous. Parking was even worse. If you found an open space you took it--be it parking lot, city street or sidewalk. This was not a problem during the Soviet rule since only the bureaucrats had cars and the streets were virtually empty. Not so today. Our bus circled the theatre four times before it worked its way into a tiny gap along the curb. The theatre itself was surprisingly unadorned and austere, but a full orchestra accompanied the "Sleeping Beauty" ballet and the dancing was excellent. A glass of reasonably good champagne (no charge) during intermission was a pleasant extra and helped make it a memorable evening in St. Petersburg.

The next morning started early since we had three palaces to visit before our ship sailed. First stop was Catherine's little part-time abode. We had to wait outside the ornate fence surrounding the palace and wait for the throngs who arrived ahead of us to proceed on inside. But, what we saw through the fence was mind-boggling. The place is immense and without a 180-degree lens, cameras can't do it justice. The landscaping is immaculate and the near-by "servants quarters" would make any up-scale hotel green with envy. To help pass the waiting time, a five-piece brass band provided lively music--including a dance routine or two. But the wait was well worth it. Once inside, you are overwhelmed by the size and majesty of your surroundings. When you enter the grand ballroom, your mind simply can not truly comprehend the grandeur, magnificence and beauty your eyes are beholding. It is truly a "I can't believe my eyes" moment. The room is at least 300 feet by 150 feet. And the longer you can stay, the white walls with their overpowering gold embellishments reflected by the ceiling-to-floor mirrors give you an insight to the lavish and excessive life-style that led to

the downfall of the tsar. The rest of the palace is equally ornate and impressive. After a while, one magnificent room blends into the next and again your mind just can't keep up with your eyes. Overlooking the ceilings again is an unfortunate oversight because each is a beautiful work of art in its own right and worthy of closer examination and appreciation. When you finally leave Catherine's palace, you walk away in a daze of beauty beheld and the realization of your good fortune to have seen it.

From there we walked to the palace of Tsar Alexander--son of Catherine. It was far more modest and much less ornate. It was a seeming attempt to down-play the excesses of the past--but it was too little, too late,--and the revolution wiped out any chance of significant change in the Russian aristocracy and its life-style.

Our final stop was at the palace of Paul I. It is not completely restored, but pictures of "before the Nazis and after the Nazis" identify the work remaining. It has many beautiful artifacts in place and the work continues. What is truly amazing is the quantity of the art-work and historical treasures that were hidden and safeguarded during the German invasion. As the restoration continues, even more of Russia's history will become known and appreciated by the art-loving world. But our Russian guides were concerned that the country could revert back to the immediate past and that real freedom could be a fleeting thing. We can only hope that will not be the case. There is much in Russia that deserves the opportunity to be shared and recognized by the entire world. Three-word description of St. Petersburg--gridlocked, somber, concerned.



Thea Court

by B. J. Gischler, PHP

This year, summer is sizzling by. It is often too hot to enjoy outside activities, so why not come indoors and sew with the Ladies of Thea Court #5, LOSNA.

We will be sewing on Wednesday, August 22. Sewing starts at 10:00 a.m. and lunch is with the Lunch Bunch at a cost of \$9.00, followed by more sewing. You don't need to bring a sewing machine or have special skills; there is work for everyone. Come and join the ladies sewing and have some good company while working to support the hospitals.

Because most of the performing units will be going to Great Lakes Unit Meet (GLUM), September 27 - 30, the regular meeting of Thea court #5 has been changed to Friday, September 2. And because of the visitation of the Grand High Priestess, the October meeting will be on Tuesday, October 2. Be sure to mark your calendars.

Hilltop

by Ron Craven

Well, the summer is almost over and it's time to start marking important dates on your calendar.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 5, at China Bell on Stringtown Road in Grove City and it will be Past Presidents Night. We will be ordering from the menu with your choice of Chinese or American food. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. with meeting at 7:00 p.m. Hopefully, with this choice of location, we'll get many of our members from the Grove City area to attend.

The Potentate's visit to our Shrine club will be Wednesday, October 3, at J. P.'s Party Place at Bolton Field. More information will be coming. Let's have a BIG TURNOUT for our Potentate Mike Tyne's visit. Keep in mind that at our November meeting we will be selecting our new officers for 2013. We will need a first and second vice president, along with finding people to fill other positions. If not, our club may falter.

The applications for scholarship will be coming out in the near future. They need to be completed and returned as soon as possible.



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