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TRADITIONS - A VITAL PART OF OUR FAMILY AND ORGANIZATION

Traditions. Do you and your family have traditions? I'll bet that you do. Traditions come down from our ancestors. They are especially evident during holidays, weddings, birth of a child, and other special occasions. They tend to be passed on from generation to generation.

Our Masonic bodies, including the Shrine, have traditions as well. They might be as formal as the bestowing of a degree or as casual as an annual spaghetti dinner. The key ingredient in our traditions tends to be a recurring event that brings people together for a special activity. Like a family reunion, our traditional Shrine events attract Nobles and ladies from greater distances and in greater numbers than a monthly meeting. These events are especially important as they bring together friends who perhaps have not seen each other for some time. They reinforce the sense of fraternity.

I have just returned from Ft. Myers, Florida, where I attended the 19th Annual Florida Reunion of Aladdin Shriners. These wonderful people are loyal Aladdin Nobles and their ladies who either have become Florida residents or are "snowbirds" seeking shelter from Ohio's winters. Noble Cecil Knapp and his Lady Judy put the event together again this year and did a wonderful job. The event attracted Nobles from all around the state, some driving two to three hours to reunite with their friends. This event has become a wonderful tradition and is eagerly anticipated from year to year.

Aladdin Shriners have many events that have become very traditional and, like the Florida Reunion, they offer the promise of fun and fellowship. Our circus, parades, the Potentate's Ball, the Potentate's trip to far-away places, these are just a few of the activities designed to reunite our members and ladies under the banner of our great fraternity.

Many of Aladdin's clubs and units have evolved special events that reflect their unique membership and culture. The annual Marietta Shrimp Feast is one of the largest, best attended of these activities, attracting Nobles from surrounding clubs and even other Shrine Centers. On a smaller scale is the "Wild Game Feast," (I like to call it the "Beast Feast"). Sponsored annually by the Morgan County Shrine Club, it is, to say the least, a unique but very fun event that I and many others look forward to.

Has your club or unit established traditional activities and a culture that is unique to your location and membership? Has the installation of your officers, the Potentate's visitation, or an annual dinner event become something really special for your Nobility and ladies? Do you look forward to participating in a community event that gives visibility and recognition to our fraternity? Are you and your fellow Nobles promoting traditions which are or will become part of the rich heritage of your club or unit? By all means, recognize that traditions are a vital part of families and organizations like ours. But they must be revitalized from time, kept fresh and exciting, and be attractive to old and new members alike. Above all, they must be fun and exemplify the spirit of Shrinedom.



Potentate Michael D. Tyne

NEWS FROM ERIE

GE Bids for Kids Event Benefits Shriners Hospitals



It's almost time for the annual Bids for Kids event sponsored by GE Transportation. This year's festivities will be on Saturday, February 25, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Bayfront Convention Center in Erie.

Once again this year, Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie will be one of three recipients of the proceeds from the event, along with the Boys and Girls Club of Erie and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. All three charities will have informational displays at the event and staff will be on hand to answer questions. Tickets for the gala are \$50 per person and include dinner, drinks and a live auction featuring many great gift items. Cocktail attire is required. This is a major

fundraising event for the hospital. Last year, the Bids for Kids gala raised more than \$41,000 for the Erie facility and great things are expected again this year. Those interested in attending the 2012 Bids for Kids may contact Bob Howden at (814) 875-8782, or log on to www.BidsforKids.com for more information.

Giving Activities Increase in 2011

The number of visitors to the Shriners Hospitals for Children® web site (www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org) grew 65% in 2011, with 646,383 visiting compared to 339,070 visitors in 2010.

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Current	Yr to Date
Creations	0
Affiliations	0
Restored	10
Associate Members	0
TOTAL MONTHLY ADD	10
TOTAL YEARLY with ADDS	5976
Demits	0
Suspensions	0
Deaths	6
Associates Dropped	0
Reversals	0
TOTAL MONTHLY DROP	6
Membership as of 1/31/2012	5970
Net loss/gain YTD	4

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Burn Injury Research 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.



CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

by Chaplain D. Dee Mowry, PP

March brings on thoughts of spring and the coming warmer weather. March is also the month of St. Patrick. We celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17, the traditional day of his death. It is also the day when lettuce and potatoes can be planted (weather permitting and according to Grandfather Ike!) St. Patrick was born sometime between 388 and 408 A.D. in the village of Bannavem Taberniae in southwest England or Wales, near the sea. His father, Calpornius, was a deacon and a civil official. Grandfather Pontius, was a priest—apparently married.

The family appeared to be what today would be known as upper middle class and not a particularly religious family. At the age of 16, Patrick was abducted by Irish pirates and taken to Ireland where he was put to work as a sheep herder. During this time, which lasted for six years, he tended the sheep and prayed. A voice came to Patrick promising him that he would return to his own country. He made his way of about 200 miles to a ship where the sailors gave him passage to his home. Little is known about his trip home and his subsequent education, but he always said that he was not a learned man.

Eventually, he became a bishop and was sent back to Ireland as an evangelist. There he did the normal "church" things—baptisms, ordained clergy, etc. He died on March 17 sometime around 460 A.D.; some sources say it was as late as 493 A.D. which would have made him quite elderly.

Did he really drive the snakes from Ireland? Probably not as post glacial insular areas such as Ireland, Iceland, New Zealand etc. never had snakes. Did he use the shamrock to teach about the trinity? Perhaps as it was a well known structure to the local people who could relate to it and it was a good teaching tool. Did he convert Ireland by himself? Good question!

The first and second verses of the third chapter of Ecclesiastes (the preacher) say, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted." (RSV).

As we look at the spring season, let us renew Masonic, Scottish Rite, York Rite, and Shrine endeavors throughout, not only the coming year but also during our entire Masonic journey.

Here is a trivia question for you Bible scholars. What *Old Testament* woman bore a child at age 90 and is the most mentioned woman in the Bible (56 mentions)? Answer next month.

Again, my sincere congratulations to Potentate Mike and to the entire Divan team for the year 2012. My best wishes for another GREAT year.



NEWS FROM ERIE

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Online donors increased slightly in 2011 climbing to 25,066 from 23,309 in 2010. Overall online gifts collected were up \$342,809 in 2011. Text to give or "mobile fundraising" is relatively new to Shriners Hospitals, allowing the system to raise money via cell phones. Supporters send a text message to a specific number and a \$5 donation is applied to their cell phone bill. In 2011, 4,000 donors made mobile gifts. Although this may seem a small accomplishment, this program is in its infancy, having just been launched in July 2011. Given the economic conditions in some areas of the country, these numbers are very encouraging and will continue to grow as advertising and promotion of Shriners Hospitals for Children® increases.

Burn Awareness Campaign Materials Available to Temples

Shriners Hospitals for Children and Shriners International are committed to raising awareness about burn prevention and to reducing the number of burn injuries to children. The Burn Awareness Week program is part of that effort. Resources and promotional aids in support of burn awareness and prevention, as well as information about ordering and downloading burn awareness materials are available at www.burnawareness.org.

The 2012 campaign focuses on teaching children safety tips that will help keep them safe from burn injuries. The burn awareness website contains a wide variety of information about burn safety as well as providing information about burn care services available at Shriners Hospitals for Children burn care centers.

Hospital Board Elects New Officers for 2012

A new slate of officers has been elected to lead the Board of Governors of Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie, in 2012. Jeffrey B. Stephenson of the Zem Zem Shriners in Erie is the new Chairman of the board. Stephenson is a Past Potentate of the Zem Zem Shriners and currently serves as their Recorder. Previously he has served the Erie Board of Governors as Vice Chairman and Treasurer. Robert M. Lee of the Moslem Shriners in Detroit has been elected Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors. Lee is the immediate Past Potentate of Moslem, and has served as Secretary of the Erie Board of Governors.

The new Secretary of the Board is Steven A. Withers of the Al Koran Shriners in Cleveland. Withers joined the Erie hospital Board in 2007 as an associate member and became a full member in 2009.

Continuing a second year as Treasurer of the Board of Governors is Robert L. Anderson of the Damascus Shriners in Rochester, NY. Anderson has been a member of the Erie Board since 2008.

NEWS FROM CINCINNATI

Nothing is more precious than a newborn baby. The Chesson family from northwest Ohio cherished their little girl, Seidona. She was cheerful and a delight to be around. As Seidona became a toddler, her mother, Mary soon noticed that the small pea-sized birthmark on Seidona's arm was growing. The birthmark was so troublesome – constantly sore and prone to infections, that Seidona stopped using her arm.

In search of medical answers, her parents traveled to some of the best known medical centers in the country. After multiple trips out of town, Seidona was diagnosed with a rare knix hemangioma. Hemangiomas are always present at birth and are usually benign. Most get smaller and fade away on their own, but in rare cases, they may have permanent and disfiguring consequences.

Medical teams told Mary nothing more could be done for Seidona's birthmark. Frustrated and concerned, Mary continued to look for help. "I thought I was doing the best for my daughter, taking her to such well known facilities," remembers Mary. "I just would not take "no" for an answer and then I found Shriners Hospitals for Children."

Just a few months after being seen by the medical team in Cincinnati, Seidona had surgery to remove the tumor. The Cincinnati hospital has expertise in many plastic surgery procedures, and in fact, the surgical staff has some of the most experienced and accomplished pediatric

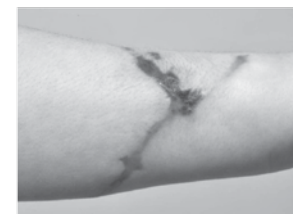
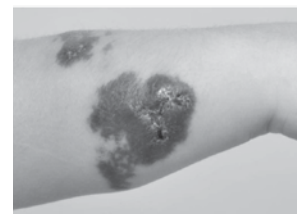
plastic surgeons in the area.

Knix hemangiomas have no established borders, so the team is following Seidona to make sure it doesn't grow back. But with surgery out of the way, Seidona is back to using her arm, happily drawing horses, attending school, and playing with friends.

If you know a child we can help, please call:

Emergency Patient Referrals - 866-947-7840

Non-emergency & Non-burn Patient Information - 513-872-6240 or helpachild@shrinenet.org



A Membership Memo

by Calvin Smith, PP

Have you paid your 2012 dues?

Check the old wallet. Is your Aladdin dues card there? It should be.

If you have not paid your 2012 dues, please do so today. It is important to you, your community, and your hospital program. The Shrine is the fraternity for all Masons; it truly is.

Reflect on these five thoughts:

- Our aid to children has never been greater. Our annual budget exceeds \$800 million. 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.
- Our local efforts 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.
- Aladdin's local clinic at Columbus Childrens Hospital is open and active every day at no cost to our patients. This is your program.
- 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.
- Shrine Savers is a discount program for literally dozens of items you can take advantage of today. Call 866-925-7001 and get the details. It's for you and your family.

These are five very solid reasons for being a Shriner. Stay a Shriner; help yourself; pay your dues.

As you think on these five thoughts, envision how they can be used to recruit a new Shriner. No other fraternity offers what we offer to the growth of a man, to the entertainment of his family, and to the assistance of his community.

START TODAY - SIGN A NEW MEMBER PETITION NOW!

ASHAC Funds Available for Distribution



Each year the Aladdin Shriners Hospital Association for Children, Inc. is pleased to distribute funds back into the community via hospitals, fire departments, schools, MRDD boards, etc. This year we are pleased to announce that for 2012 we have \$90,934.50 available for distribution.

The forms have been mailed to every club president, unit director and club/unit secretary for use. If you are aware of an organization needing a piece of equipment that would improve the life of a child with burn, orthopedic, or spinal cord problems, you may give them a copy of the paperwork, have it completed

and returned to the Aladdin Shrine business office prior to March 10.

Ladies, Strike Up The Band

Do you remember the fun you had playing in a band? Well, let's do it again!

How would we do that? Come join us at the Aladdin Shrine Center at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings. The Lady Oriental Shrine is forming a band. We have the full co-operation and support from Aladdin Shrine and The Aladdin Shrine Band. We can practice along with the men's band until we can stand on our own.

Any lady can join but will have to be a member of Lady Oriental Shrine to perform in public. No Instrument? Not a problem! We have many instruments to choose from and will be provided.

If you can't play an instrument, but know of someone who does, have them contact Jo Carpenter at 614-747-5377 or e-mail: jcarpy713@gmail.com for further information.



In Memoriam

Frederick J. Corcoran

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Chanters

by Deron Ponn

The Chanters started the year off by partying at the Old Bag of Nails in Gahanna for the President's Party. I was pleased to have 25 men join together for fun, food, and drinks. It was a special honor to have five past potentates (Dee Mowry, Gary Parks, Tom Colburn, Dan Stainbrook, and Bill Estell) in attendance. Everyone enjoyed a free meal provided by the Chanters, so now you are all obligated to join us on Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. for our meetings/rehearsals.

A Chanter board meeting was held on January 9. We decided to retain the services of Rosemary and Jenna, discussed plans for the year, and approved appointments to chair various committees for 2012. Some of the appointments follow:

- Parts Captains - Danny Clifford, Brent Wilson, John Ash, Bill Wirsching
- Tabloid Chair - Gus Ruzicka
- Membership Chair - Ralph Hughes and Arnie Fuller
- Roster - Bill Wirsching and Ralph Hughes
- Sing Outs - John Iben
- Muirfield - Bob Larson
- Golf Outing - Brent Wilson and Bob Larson
- Spaghetti Dinner - Gus Ruzicka
- Sunshine Committee - Gus Ruzicka
- Quartermaster - Bill Wirsching
- Circus - John Iben

I am challenging John Iben to schedule more sing-outs throughout the year. We don't raise any money for the hospitals by sitting in the basement of the Shrine Center, so let's get out more and have some fun.

The first sing-out is tentatively scheduled for March 19 at the Oak Leaf Village.

Our Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on April 20, 5:00-8:00 p.m. Gus Ruzicka will be cooking up his special recipe once again. Tickets are already on sale. The person selling the most tickets will win a free dinner for his family (maximum of 6).

Mark these dates on your calendars:

- March 19 - Sing-Out at Oak Leaf Village
- March 29- April 1 - Circus
- May 7 - Potentate's Visit
- May 31- June 3 - Memorial Tournament
- June 29 -July 5 - Imperial in Charlotte, NC

You have probably noticed Gus Ruzicka's name mentioned several times in the article. Gus is a very active and vital part of our unit. To recognize Gus for his service, dedication, and loyalty to the unit for so many years, we have elevated him to emeritus status. Congratulations, Gus! Thank you for all that you do to make our activities successful and enjoyable.

If you have any comments, questions, or ideas, please contact me at the number above or email me at dponn@netjets.com.

Athens

by Fred Stanley

Steve Kane was installed as club president on January 26 at The Plains United Methodist Church. Noble Kane asked me to be the club news reporter. "And now for the rest of the story." ~ Paul Harvey.

Economically and socially, our club had a successful 2011 with Mark Abdella as President.

Noble Kane and I picked up a badly deteriorated float purchased for a small fee from the Belpre Shrine Club. It had originally been used in Kentucky and had set outside in the weather and mud in Belpre for quite some time. One wheel was frozen and Steve and I removed the wheel, hitched it to my truck, and towed it up Route 50 on three wheels at 30 M.P.H. as it was lifting up on the back of my F-150. We passed a state highway patrolman along the highway and we knew he couldn't believe what he was seeing. He was so amazed!

When we got the float to our clubhouse, it received lots of smirks and sneers. It had a big fez, about seven feet tall, and a rusted hospital bed under Masonic pillars and roof. We told our members it was "a diamond in the rough."

Noble Jack Sickles took this monstrosity to his business workplace, and with the help of his workers, it's now a masterpiece. It was finished in time to pull in the Pomeroy Christmas Parade. It was so spectacular, a gentleman from Athens who is with the DaVita Rivers Edge Dialysis Company contacted Steve Kane to let him know what a wonderful float we have (Shriners For Kids). He wrote a check for a \$6,000.00 donation. This goes to prove we need to make ourselves known what we stand for. Again, thanks go to Jack Sickles and his workers for making this the most beautiful float you'll see.

Don't Forget These Dates:

- February 23 - Athens Potentate's Visit
 - April 26 - New Member Night
 - May 24 - Veteran's Appreciation Night
 - July 26 - Green Corn Dinner
 - September 20 - Our Annual Riverboat Cruise on the beautiful Ohio River
- That's all for now - happy trails!

Brutal Brothers

by Ron Martino & Brian Tabit



It is with deep sorrow we mourn the passing of our good friend and honorary member of the Brutal Brothers, Past Potentate George Kosbab. George has been an active Noble for years and was to be the president of the Hilltop Shrine Club in 2012. The Brutal Brothers Unit sends its condolences to Shirley and his entire family.

Our unit's new officers who attended the Officers Seminar were sworn in at the Installation of our Potentate Mike Tyne. Brutal Brothers wish them all a great term in office.

Our own Past Chief Todd Jones was installed as Second Ceremonial Master as he begins his way up the Divan line. We wish him a great time in his years to become Potentate.

The annual Aladdin Florida reunion was held on February 4 at the Araba Shrine Center in Ft. Myers. There will be a full report on this event in next month's *Lamp*.

SUNSHINE: Harold Linebaugh has returned home and is doing much better getting around in his home. One of his boys has been sleeping over each night; I guess he will never get rid of them. HA! I am sure he welcomes their help.

Jim Carle is taking radiation and chemo. He is still fighting a great fight. Keep them both in your prayers.

One more note of news – my own cub reporter, Past Chief Brian Tabit, has been elected as a third-year director of the Washington Shrine Club. He is on his way to becoming president of that club in a few years.

Weather in Punta Gorda has been great with the sun shining every day. Low in 50s. High in upper 70s.

Bucyrus

by Gene Diller

The Bucyrus Shrine Club opened the meeting with prayer led by Noble Jim Gillenwater. The *Pledge of Allegiance* to the flag was lead by President Noble Tim Miller. Gus's and Grog Restaurant Bucyrus catered the meal. The secretary's report was read by Noble Secretary Gene Diller.

Noble Dave Crum gave the Sunshine Report. He reported Noble Ronald Sand had knee surgery. Noble Paul Kibler is in Altercare Nursing Home.

President Noble Tim and Ken Bell attended the Aladdin Leadership Seminar, Annual Meeting and Installation January 14.

The guest speaker for the night was Mr. Steven Mohr, the local schools superintendent. He spoke on the school's Power Wind turbines. The Wynford Schools have two.

The next meeting will be February 27. The Nobles' ladies and widows will be invited. Crazy bingo will be the entertainment. Nobles and guests need to bring a wrapped gift for bingo.

Flying Nobles

by Lee McKelvey

We start the New Year out with a new Potentate. Michael Tyne was sworn in at the installation in January at the Shrine Center along with the officers of the clubs and units. There is a lot of work to look forward to and a lot of help is needed to get through another year. The Circus in March and the Tabloids in May are two of the main projects we need to start planning.

We thank Past Potentate Steve Hathaway for his leadership in 2011. Steve is a pilot and a friend of the Flying Nobles. He has been to our meetings and I hope he finds time to be with us when he can. Our meetings are on Saturday morning and there are other things going on for everyone.

We canceled the January meeting because of the bad weather and we could repeat the same in February if the weather is not good.

The February, March, and April meetings will be at the OSU Airport. When the weather gets better, we might change locations, but nothing planned at this time.

Our Chaplain, Jim Paddock, was unknowingly supposed to be awarded the Meritorious Service Award (MSA) at the Potentate's visit but was unable to attend; so Potentate Hathaway went to Jim's home to present it to him. Jim was surprised and very appreciative to receive the award. We thank Steve for going to a member's home to present the award.

Secretary David Ray had a knee replacement, Operations Officer Don Shartzter and PC George Bell also had knee replacements within the last few months and they are getting a little better every day. "Get well" to you all! I know someone else in the club who might be a candidate for the knee replacement in the near future.

I don't know how accurate this report is, but I was told the Cessna 172 might be an LSA with restrictions. If that happens, then the 152 would be on the list, but this could be a rumor.

I read where a 4-seat Pantera aircraft will be coming in February. It is designed for 200 kts, 1,000 nm range and 10 gph. It is a sleek looking T- tail plane.

The 2012 Lodge inspections are going on and will end on April 17. If you can attend any one of them to see the work needed to keep things going by these dedicated men, it is worth your time.

If you haven't paid your 2012 dues, please send them to David Ray when you can.

Stay warm and spring will be here in March. So, better days ahead!

Pickaway

by Jim Willeford

All our officers were sworn in at the installation dinner; doing the honors was Aladdin Recorder Don Goodman, P.P. The catered meal and the fellowship were both outstanding.

There were some well deserved awards presented. Ned Young received the award for Outstanding Shriner of the Year. Anyone who knows Ned is aware of his abilities, dedication, and devotion to the Shrine.

The other awards should give all of us pause to evaluate our own efforts. Seventy-one, yes, that's right. Seventy-one! That's the number of Shriners Bill Dountz has brought into our organization. You're supposed to replace yourself to keep this philanthropy going.

Now I want to tell you that Bill's efforts certainly don't mean that 70 of us can slack off. Have you talked to that new Blue Lodge Master Mason? As a matter of fact, if you attended your next Blue Lodge stated meeting, how many there would even know you? I'd venture to say that some Blue Lodges have members who haven't been approached.

Bill Dountz, great job! How many diamonds were in that award? We had two new Bill Dountz signed members join our club at the last meeting. We need to welcome Rusty Green and Greg Shires to the Pickaway Shrine.

We started a fund for the purchase of a kitchen exhaust hood in the name of one of our member's mother. Jack Sauners' mother recently passed and this effort is in her name.

A letter of appreciation was received from our scholarship recipient.

Last, but not least, it seems that everyone is relatively well. Rex Emerick is awaiting his last chemo and everything is going as to plan; he made it to both the installation and the stated meeting. It's good to see him. I have no other sickness reports.

Remember two things in this missive—the number “71” and we're all in this for the kids.

Provost

by John Rohal

As usual, the January Provost meeting was very well attended and included Past Potentates Tom Colburn, Steve Hathaway (back in the fold), John Rohal, and Dan Stainbrook. Also attending were Past Directors Bob Cannon, Jon Kinney, and Terry McLaughlin.

Approved for membership into the unit were Richard H. Collins of Columbus, a retired superintendent of the State Highway Patrol; Bryan D. Chorey of Westerville, a project manager for State Auto Insurance; and Jeffrey Falkenstein of Logan, manager of a WalMart store and former Air Force M.P. Also approved for Honorary Membership was Dennis D. Feyh.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were approved without comment, and the Audit Committee report will be presented at our next monthly meeting.

Director Gene Steineman presented the membership badge to Jon F. Rhoades after he completed all requirements. Gene reported that our updated rosters were available at our monthly meeting on February 10.

The Circus Committee report was given by Gary Hamre and Don Campbell. Bob Albright, of the Sunshine Committee, reported that Charles Dozer and Rex Emrich were both feeling much better and both planned to be at our next monthly meeting.

Director Gene presented Past Director Bob Cannon with his Director Emeritus fez. Bob reported on the 2012 Imperial Council Session where he will be Housing Chairman.

The Aladdin Annual Installation and Officers Seminar on January 14 was well attended. The tangerine blazers were very prominent, and in fact, we and our ladies occupied five tables. Congratulations go to our 2012 Illustrious Potentate Michael D. Tyne and his Divan members.

We congratulate the elected and appointed officers including Provost members Jack VanGundy, President of the Aladdin Car Club; Dan Henderson, Treasurer of the Gallipolis Shrine Club; Jeff Falkenstein, Secretary of the Hocking Hills Shrine Club; Jim Bodi, 1st Vice President and Terry McLaughlin, Treasurer of the Northeast Shrine Club; John Demjin, 1st Vice President, and Larry Mosley, Treasurer of the Pickaway Shrine Club; Robert Laird, Vice President of the Southeast Shrine Club and also Director of the Hospitality Unit; and Bob Shaw, 1st Vice President, and Jim Light, Secretary of the Utica Shrine Club.

The tangerine windbreakers were prominent on January 15 at the Sled Hockey Tournament where our contribution was presented in memory of Past Potentate George Kosbab, who worked tirelessly for that organization. After the tournament, we joined the members of the Registrar Unit for lunch at Ted's Montana Restaurant in the Arena District.

Celebrating birthdays in February are George G. Henderson, David H. Huston, Lawrence P. Jones, Angelo O. Marinelli, Harold F. Nairn, Robert B. Radcliff, Larry N. Sanford, Marvin R. Stein, Gene F. Steineman, and George T. Thornton.

Our best wishes go to Treasurer Charles Linek who underwent emergency gall bladder surgery on January 14 and is recovering at home. That will probably slow his golf game.

Hope our snowbirds are all doing well as we finally get to see some snow.

See y'all at our future meetings.

Licking County

by Franklin C. Boner

Licking County Symbolic Lodges have begun their hectic Inspection Schedule which runs through April 2012. Membership and specifically new membership in our fraternity is the life blood of our existence.

In an effort to get our light from under a bushel, when you visit a Symbolic Lodge Inspection, wear your red coat and, when appropriate, mention Aladdin Shrine, the Licking County Shrine Club, and our outstanding support of Shrine and community philanthropies.

Be sure to mark your March calendar and plan to attend our first noon lunch meeting at the Teheran Grotto, Thursday, March 8, 2012 as we lay out our plans for the coming year. Finally, dues are due and may be sent to Secretary Ed Roberts or paid at the March meeting.

KENTUCKY COLONELS

by Ron Fraser

President Bivens opened the meeting by asking Past Potentate Dee Mowry to give the invocation and to lead us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.


Reported on the sick list was Col. Don Shoffstall. Don suffered a stroke and was having surgery to remove a clot at the same time we were having this meeting. A card will help cheer him up. Also reported on the sick list was Colonel Dick Phelps' Lady Betty who has a broken femur. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Don and Betty.

The 30 members and guests enjoyed another wonderful meal. After lunch, President Bivens introduced the officers of the club and asked the past presidents to stand and give the year they served.

After club business was conducted, President Bivens announced that the club books had been audited and found to be in order.

President Bivens asked the incoming officers for 2012 to come forward to be installed. Past Potentate Bill Estell did his usual fine job of installing the new officers. President Jim Smith introduced Past Potentate Dee Mowry who talked about the need to raise funds to establish Alzheimer Units in the Medina and Waterville Masonic Facilities.

President Smith then closed the proceedings by asking P.P. Mowry to give the benediction.



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Hospitality

by Gary Harding

Howdy Gang! We have a new director for the new year, new officers and members, and we can still use a few good men. We are a working unit and tend the bars for events at the Aladdin Shrine Center. It is fulfilling work and you won't find a better bunch of brothers to work with anywhere. Some of the rules and responsibilities that come with being a member of the Hospitality Unit include:

- Attend meetings – 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
- Meals are \$10.00 – No meetings July and August.
- Tend bar at least once a month –You will be fed and given breaks.
- Work the first day of the circus, children's performance.
- Sell programs at circus performances.
- Support the circus – Ticket sales, circus daddy, sell advertisements for programs, etc.
- Work Tabloid days – Money raised goes directly to our Shrine hospitals.
- Attend parades – Ride the unit's fire truck through town.
- Assist with children's Christmas Party – Approximately 500 children attend.
- Pay unit dues – \$10.00 per year.
- Purchase uniform of grey or black slacks and a unit shirt.
- If for some reason you can't work your shift, call your bar captain, assistant director or the director.

Our unit raises a great deal of money for the temple and our tips sponsor the Childrens Christmas Party.

On a sad note, the Black Camel has taken brother Denny Williams. Denny was our director when I came into this unit, and I can't say enough good things about him. If you did not know him, take it from me he was a great American. Denny was well liked and a success at all of his endeavors. Please take a moment of silence in Denny's honor wherever you are. A million thanks to you, Denny Williams.

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Marching WITH THE LEGION *by Dick Luckay*

ALADDIN INSTALLATION – Potentate Steve Hathaway formally turned over the leadership of Aladdin Temple to Ill. Sir Mike Tyne on January 13, 2012. It was a full day of meetings, information reviewing the past year, and looking forward to the future. The Legion was at the front and center as the flags were presented to open the festivities. Commander Jim Rock, PP Willie Fitchett, PC Bob Faber, Lt Co Dave Ozvat, and LN Dick Luckay were on hand to insure the presentation was worthy of the occasion. It was.

A leadership seminar was the afternoon's featured event and it restated the absolute need for all Shriners to redouble their efforts to first stabilize and then increase membership in the coming year. Later in the afternoon Dick Luckay, President of the Aladdin Shrine Hospital Association for Children (ASHAC), was the guest speaker at the Aladdin ladies session. He discussed the history, the accomplishments and the importance of this little known and unique facet of Aladdin's charitable contribution to the area. His remarks were well received. 2011 was a good year for Aladdin, thanks to a lot of hard work by the members and the outstanding leadership of Potentate Hathaway and the Divan.

After the oath of office was administered, Potentate Tyne assured the gathering that 2012 would be another year of fun filled activities and wholehearted support of the Shrine hospital program for Aladdin and its members. He cited the upcoming Baltic Cruise in May and the visit of the Imperial Sir in the fall as two of the highlights of the year. Thanks, Steve, for a great year and thanks, Mike, for the promise of another great one.

SPECIAL DAYS FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE – Wedding Anniversaries are indeed special days and these special people will have the opportunity to celebrate that special day again this year: Guy and Sue White, Sr. (3/2), Terry and Valerie Kitchen and Don and Bev Powell (3/7). May the day bring back some wonderful memories of your togetherness. We send happy birthday wishes to Angelo Marinelli (2/28), Valerie Kitchen (3/3), Ruth Masters (3/7), David Ozvat (3/17), and Linda Rock (3/23). That extra candle just makes the day a bit brighter. Congratulations to all and God Bless!

COMMANDERS COMMENTS – The International Association Legions of Honor Convention will be held March 21-25 in Alexandria, Virginia. Legionobles interested in attending, please contact Adjutant Bob Faber (614) 789-9080 or Commander Jim Rock (614) 889-2362 for additional information. The Aladdin Shrine Circus is March 29 - April 1. There will be nine performances and the Legion will post the colors at each performance. Bob Krieger is in charge of scheduling for those events. If you can participate in any or all of the ceremonies, let Bob know. A large Legion turnout gets the circus off to a rousing, patriotic start. Hope to see you there.

Washington *by Mike Flynn*

The Washington Shrine Club has put the finishing touches on another productive chapter as it prepares for a historical milestone.

The club, founded in 1942, will celebrate its 70-year anniversary in 2012 after completing a year that put some added luster on the organization's legacy.

Tom Shields, who served as the ringleader of the club's award-winning tabloid drive, will lead the Shrine into its seventh decade. Shields, a production supervisor at the Domiar Paper Co. plant in Washington Court House, was installed as the club's president during ceremonies held January 18 at the Paul H. Hughey American Legion Post 25 multipurpose center.

Shields succeeds David Hartley as president of the 230-member club as he attempts to repeat the success Hartley spearheaded during his tenure in 2011.

Confronted with dwindling attendance at slated meetings and feeble turnouts for fund-raising projects, Hartley hunkered down and orchestrated a no-frills approach that resulted in the club restoring its household name status among Aladdin Shrine's organizations.

Employing an iron-fisted resolve and a fiscally responsible approach, Hartley rekindled the membership's interest by not tinkering with any of the club's pet projects and by sidestepping the implementation of wholesale changes in hallmark programs. And with Shields as chairman, the club discarded its "close-but-no-cigar" syndrome and churned out what had been an elusive first-place finish in Aladdin's tabloid crusade.

In addition to finishing atop Aladdin's tabloid rankings, the club also staged a record-shattering pork chop dinner and auction and added some extra sizzle with a number of other prolific fundraising projects.

Aladdin First Ceremonial Master Jon M. Kinney of Circleville installed Shields, who presented Hartley with a symbolic gavel-mounted plaque. Also installed were First Vice-President Benny Jamison, Second Vice-President John Bivens, Third vice-president Sonny Keams, third-year director Brian Tabit, second-year director Keith Lippert, Treasurer Steve Simpson and Secretary Mike Flynn. Additionally, Jeffersonville, Ohio grocer, Jeff Detty, was elected to the board in November and was seated as the first-year director.

Hartley will serve a one-year term on the board as immediate past president.

Ross County *by Dan Riddle*

Who would have dreamed that a short-sleeved shirt and a raincoat would be the proper way to prepare for a meeting of the Ross County Shrine Club in January? We have been lucky in Ross County; the "White Death" has stayed away from us so far. Let's hope February will be more of the same.

The meeting was called to order on January 26 with Noble President Jay Morgan presiding over his last meeting. Noble Jay, you did a tremendous job this past year. We know you will do just as great a job in your new position of Past President. The meal of pan-fried chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, and pie was once again prepared by Noble Brad Burns and his crew. Thanks to our cooks, we ALWAYS eat well in Ross County. The 52 members in attendance donated \$56.00 to the charitable fund.

We were very fortunate to have Assistant Rabban Garol Rogers and his very lovely Lady Dixie as guests. Noble Garol also did us the honor of installing the officers for 2012. This year's officers will be President David Duckworth, Vice President Dan Riddle, Secretary Bobby Anderson, and Treasurer Rob Coolidge. In his first official act as President, Noble Dave presented Jay Morgan with a plaque and a big "thank you" for all of his hard work and dedication this past year as our club president.

The Nobles in attendance showed that they not only are willing to help the children of our community, but also others in need as well. A popular local restaurant, the Olde Canal Smokehouse, caught fire recently and suffered major damage. Dane Straub, the owner, has been very generous to the Ross County Shrine Club and the Aladdin Tabloids over the years. The members literally "passed the hat" and raised over \$300.00 for employees of The Smokehouse who suddenly found themselves without a job. Nicely done, Nobles!

Kambri *by Dick Brixner*

The Kambri Shrine club is still alive and well and has put this year's event schedule together starting with our Annual Euchre Tournament on Thursday, February 23. We will meet at King Pin Lanes at 6:00 p. m. for our bean soup and cornbread meal which will include all the fixins' plus the fun and fellowship that goes with the same.

On Thursday, March 22, we will have our Annual Ladies Night at Southeast Ohio Regional Medical Center. The program, menu, and time are still being determined; watch your mailbox for the details and plan on attending.

Do you like shrimp? Several of our members will be meeting at King Pin Lanes on Monday, March 26, at 4:45 p. m. and traveling south to the Marietta Shriners annual, all-you-can-eat Shrimp Fest. I can guarantee you will come home well fed. Come and join our caravan south.

On May 3, we will have Potentate Michael D. Tyne's visit Cambridge. We will be meeting at the Cambridge Country Club for a social, dinner, and a program by our Potentate and his Divan. This is a ladies event, and we encourage all to attend for the opportunity to become more knowledgeable about our Shrine activities.

On Saturday, May 5, we will be holding our Chicken Barbecue at County Coins. We will need volunteers on the prior evening to rub down 250 chickens, and even more volunteers on Saturday, to prepare, cook, and sell the same. Please put this date on your calendar. And come out and "give a hand."

On Saturday, June 2 we will have our Annual Tabloid Day. We start the day with breakfast at the lodge, then we hit the streets. This is our one day per year when Kambri has the opportunity to hit the streets to raise money for our 22 hospitals. We figure that we need a minimum of 30 Shriners on the streets in Cambridge, New Concord, Byesville, Caldwell, and Senacaville. The more Shriners on the street, the more money we can raise. It is a very simple formula, so please, make every effort to come out and help. If you cannot stand on the street from 9:00 - noon, we can still use help in counting the funds. See you for Tabloid Day on June 2.

In June, we will take part in the hospital's health fair at our city park, and will hold our annual golf scramble at Wildfire Golf Club. In July, we will have our annual joint fish fry with our brothers from Freeport. These dates have not been confirmed at this time, so watch your mailbox for the details.

On October 18, we will have our annual steak fry at the Plumbers & Pipefitters Hall. On November 15, we will hold our annual election of officers for 2013 at King Pin Lanes. On December 6, our annual Christmas party will be held at the Plumbers & Pipefitters Hall.

Shriners, you now have the year's schedule of events, so write the specific dates on your calendars at home and plan to attend.

By now, you have received your notice to pay your dues and a questionnaire on what you would like to see changed. Please fill out the survey and let us know your ideas so our club can become more active for our members.

Just a few reminders from the *Lamp*: the 62nd Aladdin Shrine Circus is March 29 - April 1, 2012. They always need volunteers to help. If you are a fisherman, there is a Walleye Fishing Stag Trip on June 10-11, 2012. Feel free to call the Aladdin office for details.

Shriners, your Kambri Shrine Club is here for you, so please plan to come out and take part in our events. You will enjoy the fun, fellowship, and great food that comes with each event. See you at the next event.

Reception Unit

by Don Owens

The year began badly on January 1 with the passing of our Past Unit Director and Past Potentate George Kosbab. It was therefore fitting that an event close to his heart, the annual Aladdin-supported Sled Hockey tournament, took place on the weekend of January 14 - 15 at Nationwide Arena's Dispatch Ice Haus. Tom Keller led a good turnout of R-Unit members in facilitating access to the facility by the participants and their family members. We held doors open, helped haul equipment, provided directions (hopefully accurate), and fed our own spirits off the excitement and enthusiasm displayed by the great young people participating in the tournament. We're confident that George would have been pleased and proud.

The first meeting of the year was lightly attended, due partly to the snowy evening—a rare event this year, but daunting to many members. Then, many of us head south for warm weather in January. We witnessed the swearing in of our new apprentice, Dave Fultz. Welcome to the unit, Dave, and thanks to Steve Russo for bringing you into the fold.

The next big event for the unit will be the now-annual sale of Vidalia onions. Bill Compton will launch the campaign at the unit meeting in February---Bill is hoping to double our sales of last year.

The Aladdin Shrine Circus will take place this year March 29 - April 1 at the Celeste Center on the Ohio State Fairgrounds. Frank Swiatek reports that Circus Director John Morris is trying a new ticket pricing policy which will result in greater public attendance. In turn, this will translate to a greater need for ushers. Frank hopes that message will get back to the Shrine Clubs and result in the necessary turnout. The need will be urgent, so consider upping your participation this year.

Afflicted with birthdays this month are John Gardiner and Tom Keller. January birthday celebrators, who drew a bye last month due to the length of the monthly article, were Bob Adams, Bernard Daugherty, D.K. Rinehart, and Lowell Robinson. Happy Birthday to all.

Tarhe Shrine

by David Mowry



I hope you all have been having a happy and healthy new year! Starting on February 16, Tarhe will begin our 2012 meeting schedule. Our meetings for 2012 will all be held at the Baltimore VFW and will be on the third Thursday of the month. Food will be provided by Sammy J's in Millersport, the catering company that provided food for our last Christmas party. Speakers will be at each meeting. Unfortunately, names were not available by the due date for this article.

Social hour will be at 6:00 p.m. with dinner and programing beginning at 7:00 p.m. Any exceptions to this well 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>. 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:

- February 16, 2012 – Reservations due by February 11.
- March 15, 2012 – Reservations due by March 10.
- Reservations can be made by calling 740-215-6849 or by email at tarheshrineclub@gmail.com.

Aladdin Temple Clowns

by Don Tootle, PD

Chuck Hedges 1936-2012

There are very few things in life that are any more difficult than saying the final good bye to a loved one and old friend. The Aladdin Clown Unit, collectively and individually, had to do so on February 6, 2012 to our dear and faithful friend, Chuck Hedges.

There wasn't a soul more active and loyal to our unit. Though Chuck had honorary clown status, he participated in about every parade, clown convention, and social gathering. Our events weren't the same when Chuck wasn't there.

One of the highlights of the year for Chuck was travelling with us to the Football Hall of Fame parade in Canton, Ohio. We could always count on Chuck's numerous stories in our many travels all over the country. He was our biggest supporter when we competed and was thrilled when we would win. Chuck even participated on a few occasions in our skits in the circus.

There will be a big void in our unit with Chuck's passing, but we knew that it would happen eventually as it will to all of us when we are called by the Black Camel.

God Bless you Chuck, our faithful friend and fellow "Joey." Thanks for being part of our lives for so many years

PAST MASTERS

by Dick Bull

Congratulations goes to new Potentate Mike Tyne and his Divan. We look forward to working with them in 2012. Our new Divan Rep. is Bill Amspauagh and we welcome him at any of our meetings.

President John Sanborn spent January in Florida while our Secretary Don Lund travelled to the Holy Land. Steve Wasphe has accepted a new job and will be moving to New Hampshire soon.

One of the charter members of our Ladies Auxiliary, Sylvia House, passed away recently in Michigan at the age of 92. She was the widow of Wor. Bro. Wally House and the mother of the late Wor. Bro. Wally House, II. She was a fine lady.

Best Wishes go to the President of our Ladies Auxiliary, Harriett Allen, who was married on December 18 to Dr. Jim Gahman.

Keep our walking wounded in your thoughts and prayers: George Roloson, Al Pettigrew, George Finch, and Ebby Brewer. There may be others too.

Gallipolis

by Frank Petrie, Jr.

LADIES! Do you want to take a little trip this summer? Well, our President Noble Larry Betz is planning a great one. We will be departing by bus from the club on August 7 for beautiful Mackinac Island and Lake Michigan, and then returning August 10.

It is a 4-day, 3-night adventure and the cost is \$499.00 per person (double occupancy). The package includes 3 nights' lodging, 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners, Bronner's Christmas Wonderland, Frankenmuth Village shops, horse-drawn carriage tour of Mackinac Island (no autos allowed on the island), Hydro-jet Ferry, Kewadin Shores Casino, a souvenir gift, luggage handling, taxes, meal gratuities, and motor coach transportation.

WOW! This really sounds like a fun exciting trip. Ladies, talk to your Nobles and let them know you don't want to miss this one.

A deposit of \$25.00 per person is needed by May 1, 2012 to assure your reservation with the balance due by June 15, 2012. For further information you may contact Noble Frank or Lady Carolyn Petrie at 740-245-5371.

Planning is underway for our Third Annual Trail Ride. The date is set for April 28 at the Rio Valley Stables in Rio Grande, Ohio. More details will be coming.

Remember Nobles and Ladies, in the cookies of life, friends are the chocolate chips.

See you for supper Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Hardin County

by Ken Rossman

Our regular meeting was held on January 18 at Veteran's Memorial Park Clubhouse. Total attendance was 44 including one guest, Divan Rep. David Wolfe, who later installed our new officers for 2012. Noble Rossman opened our business meeting with a prayer and President Musselman led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The newly installed new officers for 2012 are:

- President - Gene Longbrake
- First Vice President - Larry Mankey
- Second Vice President - Kevin Ridgeway
- Secretary - Wes Broseke
- Treasurer - Tim Jolliff

President Longbrake then took over our meeting. We observed a moment of silence in memory of Noble Jim Crates.

Secretary Broseke read a letter from Sarah McLaughlin thanking us for her scholarship.

Noble Gilbert expressed that he would like to get out of the kitchen for our meetings and President Longbrake promised to get him some help in this job.

Noble Earl Rice had some back surgery and is doing well. We wish him the best.

Our Divan Rep. David Wolfe said a few words and gave us dates to keep in mind: Tabloid Days will be May 25 - 26 and Aladdin Ceremonial will be December 1.

We gave a big hand to the kitchen crew of Gilbert, Garmon, Scott Good, and Heydinger. Thank you, Nobles.

Noble Dave Brutzer closed our meeting with a prayer. Then we dined on a good meal prepared and served by our kitchen crew.

We offer sympathy to Noble John Krock and family in the death of his mother, to Noble Marshal Wolowicz and family in the death of his father, and to Noble Ken Rossman in the death of his sister.

We wish Happy Birthday to Noble Burke Smith who is 87 and wish him the best.



Aladdin Shrine Band

by Dave Haney

I am sitting here at the personal computer composing the continuing saga for another month. I am getting very paranoid about winter. So far there has not been much of a winter with little or no snow. Lots of rain but I don't have to shovel that stuff! Ok by me as long as you do not have money invested in Ski Ohio. Never was one to get excited about strapping boards to your feet and sliding down the side of a mountain. Green Eyes says that is a really stupid human thing. The trees always get in the way when I do that.

Reminds me of the discovery of tobacco by Sir Walter Raleigh. Bob Newhart did a comedy bit that had Walt calling back to England to announce his discovery. The guy on the other end of the phone (Bob Newhart) asked: "OK, Walt, what do you do with it?"...."You roll it up in a piece of paper, stick it in your mouth and set fire to it!"..."Walt, that doesn't sound like a very good idea to me!" Of course, most of us are much smarter than that. Maybe Walt was a plumber?

I, for one, was recently sent on a used Christmas tree hunt throughout my neighborhood. It seems that we do not have enough trees around to attract birds, so higher management said that she read where I should bring back all of the discarded Christmas trees in the neighborhood and put them in a pile in my backyard for the birds. They are supposed to like that kind of stuff! Green eyes says, "I'll make you a special deal! You get them thar birds in here and I will eat them! And, I will use the cat box for a whole week!"

The neighbors thought that my sanity, or lack thereof, had

finally been confirmed. We didn't get no extra birds neither. Got a raccoon, possum, and a skunk. They liked the trees.

You tell that skunk he can't be in there! Green eyes and I don't do skunks! I think I am going to start rolling up tobacco in paper! Skunks are another matter altogether. My great aunt, Mercy Sprack, from Barph, Ohio, said her late husband, Bennett Sprack, had a skunk hat once. But that is a story for another time.

Speaking of skunks, the new schedule is out and here it is.

IMPORTANT SCHEDULE STUFF:

February:

21 Band Executive Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. - Band Rehearsal 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.

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

March:

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

13 Same as March 6

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

26 Marietta Shrimp Feed, Dixieland Band only. Bread, Beer, and Shrimp. Three of the basic four food requirements!

27 Exec board Meeting Rehearsal 8:00-9:30 p.m.

CIRCUS STUFF:

Get ready for the Circus, you plumbers. Looks like March 29, 30, 31 at 6:30-7:15 p.m. and April 1 at 4:00-4:45 p.m. (Ain't no April fools neither!)

The Great Wheaties Box Caper for 2012: Did any of you varmints come up with the first woman to be featured on the Wheaties Box? Well, it happened in the 1980s. It was Mary Lou

Retton, the Olympic gymnast gold medal winner. Chris Everett made it in 1987. She was the most consistent winner in tennis history. His "airness" Michael Jordan showed up in 1988 and the Cincinnati Reds (yes...them guys!) had the whole team picture on the box. They were the "Big Red Machine" and won the World Championship in 1990. Their manager was an ex-NY Yankee - Lou Piniella. They won 29 of the first 39 games. Four players hit 300. Four pitchers hit double figures in wins! The 1980s also had "Charlie Hustle" on there, too, along with "Sweetness." (Pete Rose and Walter Payton, you dummy!)

IMPORTANT AND UNNECESSARY STUFF: (Part of this is from other people. I forget who, but it is their fault.)

You know you are living in 2012 when:

- You accidentally enter your PIN on the microwave.
- You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
- You get up in the morning and go online before getting your coffee.
- You have a skunk hat.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST STUFF:

- The original point and click interface was a Smith And Wesson.
 - A fool and his money can throw one hell of a party and my personal favorite:
 - Reality is an illusion that occurs due to a lack of alcohol.
- See you in March!

Northeast News by Calvin Smith, PP

OMG! I missed the meeting. I am reporting here are the condensed notes from Frank Haberker's minutes of the January meeting. President Kopp introduced past potentates, present club officers, divan members, and their ladies. He presented Past Potentate Hathaway a life membership in the Northeast Shrine Club.

Cheese Chair Charlie Linek presented his final report for the year. Another outstanding year of sales and profits! Without Charlie and his crew, none of this is possible. A large "tip o' the fez" to them.

We sold 192 bags of nuts [the best damned nuts I ever ate], 601 tubs of cheese, and 895 pieces of cheese which amounts to 2,253 pounds or over one ton of cheese, nuts, and trail bologna.

Our Cost: \$10,881.20 - Sales: \$15,014.90 = PROFIT: \$4,133.70

Leading Sales People: 4th Place - Brian Tabit \$877.00, 3rd Place - Bill and Carol Estell \$1,078.50, 2nd Place - Larry and Ann Bailey \$1,798.00, and 1st Place - Harry Webster (For Roger Nelson) \$3,024.50. The winners were presented awards.

Aladdin Tabloid Chair Tom Rice reported that Aladdin reached last year's goal of \$300,000 and has set this year's goal at \$400,000 with a future goal of \$500,000. Tabloid Training Day will be Saturday, April 14. The Ohio Statehouse Kickoff will be on Thursday, May 24 and Tabloid sales will be on Saturday, May 26.

President Kopp reported that we will continue to meet the third Friday of the month, January - April and September and November. We will meet on the second Friday in May, October, and December. The annual picnic is TBA in July or August.

Potentate Michael Tyne gave the date of March 23 for Shriner's Night at the Blue Jackets with a special deal of \$30 for ticket, hat, drink, and hot dog. He also talked about the Blue Dolphin Pins being sold for \$5 to support his Potentate's Project - funding research at the Cincinnati Shriners Burns Hospital. The Illustrious Sir will formally visit our club on November 16.

By the time you get this, the February meeting will be on us. Hope very much to see you there. You have a few days to contact Frank Habeker.

Worthington

by Bob Stevenson

The year 2012 started on a high note with a visit from our Potentate III. Sir Michael Tyne. Along with members of the Divan, we were pleased to host him at the beginning of what will be a very successful year. We do appreciate the opportunity to be early in his schedule.

For those who missed it, the 2012 Installation of Officers was, as always, an impressive evening. It is always nice to be part of the passing of the leadership of Aladdin Shrine. To top it off, the meal was just super. As Ill. Sir says, "take advantage of some of the excellent socials and service opportunities coming up; you'll be glad you did."

NEXT MEETING PROGRAMS

- **March 1 - Yours truly talking about Tabloid.** This will NOT be about who works where, but more importantly why, now more than ever, every WHO (meaning YOU) needs to be out working some WHERE. I have some excellent updated material from Imperial I think you'll find of interest. We will be talking about the very essence of The Shrine, so if you have a Master Mason friend who is not a Shriner, bring him along. We can make a good case for why he should be a Shriner.
- **APRIL 5, 2012 - The Ohio Nurseryman, our own Noble Fred Hower.** Fred is our biggest draw of the year. He gives the Ladies ideas of what the Nobles should be doing in yards and gardens. It's anybody's guess what props he will bring-one year it was a bag of weeds, another clippings. The man is a constant surprise, so plan to attend and get your job assignment for the next couple of months.

DATES OF IMPORTANCE

- Tabloid Saturday May 26
- Memorial Tournament May 28 - June 3
- Aladdin Shrine Circus March 29 - April 1
- Wade's birthday?

Worthington Shrine Club meets the first Thursday of each month at Brookside Golf Club on Rt. 161.





62nd Aladdin
Shrine CIRCUS
Ohio Expo Center, Celeste Center
March 29 - April 1



PERFORMANCES AT

Thursday, March 29 3:00 & 7:30
Friday, March 30 3:00 & 7:30
Saturday, March 31 11:00, 3:00, & 7:30
Sunday, April 1 1:00 & 5:00

**Child tickets - 12 years and under*

TICKET PRICES

VIP \$25/\$13*
Center Reserve \$18/\$9*
Reserve \$16/\$8*
Value \$10/\$5*

**Child tickets - 12 years and under*

Join us for Good Old Days at The Circus
All tickets on Thursday, March 29 are \$8.00!

Aladdin Shrine Ticket Office

614-475-2609, ext. 23
800-475-3850, ext. 23
3850 Stelzer Road, Columbus

January 30 - February 24

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

February 27 - March 30

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

March 24 - April 1

Celeste Center ticket office will open one hour before each show.



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	_____	_____
[] 1 King Bed [] 2 Double Beds			
Arrival Date* _____ Departure Date* _____			
<i>*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.</i>			
OPTIONAL EVENTS			
NASCAR (Mon.)	\$75.00	_____	_____
Billy Graham (Wed.)	\$39.00	_____	_____
BIG RED	\$50.00	_____	_____
<i>Big Red will be limited to the first 32 reservations.</i>			
INDIVIDUAL EVENT TICKETS			
Parade Afterglow	\$35.00	_____	_____
Banquet	\$60.00	_____	_____

TOTAL

Payment Options

- Payment in Full OR \$150 Deposit Per Person
- Deposit Deadline: April 15, 2012
- Balance must be paid in full by May 30, 2012

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